

# WORKLESS FOLK NEEDED ON LAND

## Sir Thomas Shaughnessy Discusses Unemployment With the Mayor—Increase Production.

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy is very much alive to the necessity of increased production in the west, and the necessity of formulating some scheme by which proper individuals, accustomed to agricultural life can be placed on farms where they may become producers.

This is what Mayor R. D. Waugh says, who yesterday by appointment had a lengthy interview with the head of the Canadian Pacific railway. "I met Sir Thomas by appointment," he said, "to discuss the back to the land movement, and its relation to the problem of unemployment. Sir Thomas is convinced that a broad policy, comprehensive in all its details, can be worked out that will accomplish this desirable end. He made some very valuable suggestions which will be placed before the conference of mayors, and he also promised the hearty co-operation of the C. P. R. and his own personal co-operation.

### Must Increase Production.

"Before any further programme of extensive construction, either on the part of the railways or the municipalities can be undertaken, the country must be made more productive, and this Sir Thomas realizes very fully, and so expressed himself. He also stated that the C. P. R. was ready and willing to do everything possible to alleviate the present unemployed situation. He believes, however, that conditions will soon be very much improved. The difficulty, he says, in Canada is not that we have too many people—in fact we could stand millions more, but we have too many in the cities and not enough on the soil.

"The whole question of increased production and the means of bringing it about is one that demands the immediate and earnest attention of the business men of Canada, irrespective of politics. It is not a political question at all, but one of national importance."

Sir Thomas, Lady Shaughnessy, Miss M. Shaughnessy, R. B. Angus and party left for the east yesterday at 4 p.m.