

CITY RESOURCES FOR UNEMPLOYED HAVE BEEN SPENT

Mayor Henry Thinks \$250,000 Between Great Lakes and Rockies Would Suffice

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OTTAWA, Ont., May 27.—A deputation of the western mayors, who have been here to interview the government, went to Montreal this afternoon to see Sir Thomas Shaughnessy and urge that the C. P. R. continue its constructive work in the west until the harvesting of the crops provides work for the unemployed.—FORD.

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OTTAWA, May 27.—Following the interview with Sir Robert Borden and his colleagues yesterday the members of the municipal delegation had a long conference with the members of the government whose departments are most deeply concerned with the problems arising out of unemployment in Canadian cities. The eight recommendations contained in the memorial presented to the premier were discussed in detail but no definite conclusions were arrived at, the ministers present making it clear to the delegation that they should not commit the government to any declaration of policy. All the western mayors emphasized the desirability of steps being taken to provide relief for the unemployed at least until harvest time and to inaugurate some permanent policy owing to the likelihood of the war being followed by at least a short period of commercial depression.

Mayor W. T. Henry, of Edmonton, said that in his city \$100,000 had been spent in giving relief. He thought that the outlay of \$250,000 by the dominion government between Winnipeg and the Rockies between now and harvest time would do much to relieve the situation.

Mr. Burrill: "What do the provincial governments think of your proposals?"

Mr. Henry said that the provincial government had provided \$50,000 and it had been spent.

Prof. Bedford, of Winnipeg, said that Manitoba last season had succeeded in growing its supply of alfalfa seed hitherto purchased from Germany. The seed produced was of the very best quality. He thought that Canada might be equally successful in branching out into other lines.

Mayor Young, of Fort William, urged the necessity of a permanent organization for relief being established. The cities, he said, were at the end of their financial resources and something must be done.

The conference closed with an assurance from the ministers that they would do anything they could in the direction of bringing about a betterment of existing conditions.