

WORK FOR THOUSANDS

Railways, Government and City Confer as to Unemployment Crisis.

The Canadian Pacific railway will shortly employ about 3,000 extra men on its western lines, of which about one-third will be drawn from Winnipeg. The Canadian Northern will put on about 1,500 men and the Grand Trunk Pacific about 300 men, commencing after May 1.

The Greater Winnipeg water district will be able to take from 400 to 500 extra men within two weeks.

This was the sum and substance of the deliberations yesterday between the railways, the mayor and the provincial government. D. C. Coleman appeared for the C. P. R., Morley Donaldson for the G. T. P., and A. E. Warren for the Canadian Northern.

Premier Roblin pointed out that the harvest would probably be an early one this year and thus the present situation as regards the unemployed would largely adjust itself, expectal-

ly with the relief measures already started by the provincial government and the city.

Controllers Cockburn, Shore and McArthur, with Mayor R. D. Waugh, made up the contingent representing the city, while members of the cabinet in addition to the premier were Hon. George Lawrence and Hon. Dr. Montague.

Work as stone breakers and tillers of the soil is to be given to the unemployed today.

For 1000 single men there will be four hours' work each at the old Agricultural college grounds, preparing the land for a potato crop. They will receive no money for this labor but will be given three meal tickets and a ticket for a bed as remuneration.

The married men will be given work in the city yards in Elmwood and on Ross avenue. A trainload of stone was brought from the quarries yesterday and the stonebreakers will be put to work either today or Wednesday. They will receive \$1 a cubic cord for the work.

There has been much discussion as to whether or not a large share of the men who have participated in the recent unemployed demonstrations would accept work if they had it offered them. "There is no need for the cry, 'Work or bread' in Winnipeg," exclaimed Mayor Waugh yesterday. The new plan will demonstrate whether or not the men will work if they have a chance.

Mayor Waugh yesterday said that in addition to the men the three railways and the Greater Winnipeg Water district will be able to use, J. D. McArthur will also take from 900 to 1,000 men for railroad construction work in the west.