

# ASK COUNCIL TO PROVIDE WORK FOR UNEMPLOYED

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## The City Engineer Has Been Instructed to Give the Preference to Married Men Who Are in Need of Work.

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James Baxter and Ensign Smith addressed the City Council on Monday night upon the necessity of providing more work at once for the unemployed. They came from the Civic Aid Committee, and impressed upon the mayor and aldermen the fact that this year was going to be a very hard one—not merely in the winter but right into next summer. Mr. Baxter said that the \$1,000 to be spent on the breakwater would not go far. Why not build the breakwater of concrete at once, and spend a larger amount.

Ensign Smith said that he did not know what they were going to do with the unemployed. Men wanted work, not charity. Three men had called upon him that very evening to ask for work. They said they did not want charity, but labor. It was going to be hard on the children of the unemployed, Ensign Smith said.

Ald. McCann stated that he would favor a larger expenditure on the breakwater. The City Property committee, he intimated, hoped to be shortly able to provide some work for the unemployed by having some repairs done to the fair buildings.

Ald. Stroud asked if preference was going to be given to married men when work was provided.

Ald. Graham replied that he had instructed the city engineer to give jobs first to married men actually in need. He did not think \$1,000 would be enough for the breakwater, but when that money was expended, the Board of Works would likely come back and ask for another \$1,000. Probably twenty-five or thirty men could be employed at the breakwater and as many more at the Ontario street retaining wall and railway siding.

Mayor Sutherland said that full consideration would be given the delegation's request.