

FOREIGNERS GET OUT EASE LABOR MARKET

Reports Received From Several Larger Cities Are Hopeful.

The labor situation is being much relieved by the emigration of foreigners from Canada. According to reports made to Ottawa in the Toronto and Hamilton districts alone since Nov. 11, over 5,000 laborers have left for Continental Europe, mostly via New York. The majority of these are Italians, Serbians, Bulgarians, Rumanians and Austrians. Most of these men have been working in munition factories during the past three years and have saved sums which will make them independent in their native lands. This emigration has helped greatly to relieve the unskilled labor market.

Reports received by the Department of Labor show that outside of several of the larger cities the situation is not serious and munition workers, as well as soldiers, are being absorbed faster than was anticipated. It was expected there would be a certain amount of unemployment, but Canada is passing from a war to a peace basis with less disturbance than was anticipated. The labor situation is probably the worst in Montreal. In Toronto, there are reported to be in the neighborhood of eight thousand unemployed, most of them machinists and men formerly engaged in munition factories.

The Labor Department is rapidly organizing its Dominion-wide system of employment agencies, and there will soon be a chain of bureaux from Halifax to Victoria. Mr. Bryce Stewart, of the Labor Department, has been appointed director of the work. He is leaving in a few days for Winnipeg to open a clearing house in that city and to consult with the western provinces in regard to the organization. Mr. Thomas Malloy, of the Labor Department of the Saskatchewan Government, has been loaned to the Dominion and is organizing the four western provinces.