

# WORK, NOT CHARITY GIVEN UNEMPLOYED

## Government Will be Urged to Use Men in Clearing the North

## OLD HOSPITAL OFFERED

## May be Used as Lodging House for Homeless This Winter

Alleviation of distress in the city occasioned by unemployment was the subject under consideration at last night's meeting of the Executive Committee of the local branch of the Ontario Industrial Association. Those present were Controller McCarthy, in the chair; Mrs. L. A. Hamilton, Alderman Robbins, and Messrs. Frederic Nicholls, W. H. Price, M.P.P., Rhys D. Fairbairn and A. L. Malone, K.C.

A number of practical suggestions were made, but it was the view of the meeting that nothing could be done until the questions of finance and the source of supply were settled. It was decided that the wage standard created by the city must not be deviated from, and that the recognized scale of wages should obtain in all work paid for by the general city accounts.

It was agreed, however, that the relief work, which would be created by the work committee, should not come under the minimum wage scale.

No charity will be distributed by the relief fund; all money dispensed must be earned. The idea was emphasized that relief of distress was the object to be reached and that it would be impossible to give all the unemployed jobs at the regular scale of wages.

### Open Northern Ontario.

In the matter of providing work the suggestion was made that the Ontario Government be urged to undertake the clearing of areas in Northern Ontario and that the proceeds be employed for the development of agricultural lands; also that the Cabinet should establish agricultural employment bureaus.

Chairman McCarthy announced that the governors of the General Hospital had offered the old hospital building on Gerrard street for lodging house purposes during the winter, and that the services of seven sisters of charity to take charge of the kitchen work had been tendered.

It was decided that a central employment bureau should be opened, and that a manager and sub-committees should be appointed to take charge of the various phases of the work.