

UNEMPLOYED PROBLEM

Dominion Government Urged to Deal with it Properly.

Ottawa, July 30.—A deputation representing the Social Service committee, the Builders' exchange, Trades and Labor council, the city council and other local bodies waited on the government this afternoon to strongly urge that active steps be taken at once to relieve the present unemployment in various parts of the Dominion of Canada and to prevent worse conditions during the winter of next year. The cabinet ministers present were—Hon. C. J. Doherty, Hon. T. W. Crothers, Hon. J. D. Hazen, Hon. J. D. Reid and Hon. W. B. Nantel.

The government was asked to establish labor bureaus in all the principal centres, and also to find employment, through public works or otherwise, for the men now unemployed. One suggestion was that they be put at the improvement of lands which could afterwards be sold at a reasonable price to those coming to settle on farms. It was remarked that when the government was able to help the C.N.R. to the extent of \$45,000,000, it should be able to do something for the unemployed.

Hon. C. J. Doherty, acting premier, replied that the government had given and would continue to give serious consideration to the question of government employment bureaus, and also that of finding some means to relieve the distress caused by unemployment. The government, he said, should not be criticized for aiding the C.N.R., but should be given credit for doing something that would aid in the condition of the unemployed. Whatever other criticisms might be aimed at the bill, this was one of its best features, and was one of the primary reasons for passing it.

Hon. Mr. Doherty added that the government was heartily in sympathy with the desires of the deputation, and would do whatever it could to provide the largest possible amount of employment during the coming year.