

SCHEME FOR LOCAL RELIEF DECIDED ON BY CITY COUNCIL

Secretary and Investigating Officers Will Attend to Cases Reported.

Last evening the city council sat in committee to discuss the proposal made at the Monday evening session in regard to the formation of a local relief fund. It was agreed by all at the meeting Monday that something should be done immediately to provide for any indigent cases which might arise, the aldermen feeling that the citizens as a whole would take hold of the matter and assist in any manner possible. The meeting last evening had to do only with the local fund which it is proposed to form, the idea being for those who managed it to get in touch with other organized bodies to see that overlapping in the matter of relief did not take place. The duty of the local organization will be to see that such funds raised under its efforts are devoted primarily to the relief work in the city.

The sentiment expressed at the meeting Monday was in evidence again last night, it being apparent that the only thing to be done was to decide upon the best method of administering the relief available through the securing of funds. It was finally decided to appoint a secretary, with an office at the office of the city engineer at the city hall, to receive subscriptions and attend to the necessary correspondence. The money turned in will be placed in the hands of the city treasurer, and the bills for relief work will be paid in the usual way through the municipal machinery, of which by the way the city treasurer is not the most unimportant cog. The members of the council felt that this would be about the best way of keeping in touch with the money spent, as well as that available when occasion arose to use it.

Messrs. John Carroll, city sanitary inspector, and J. P. Reid, Secretary of the Children's Aid Society, were selected as investigating officers by the aldermen, and will act in that capacity. To them all cases of need will be reported, and these will be looked into. These gentlemen will, according to the scheme outlined, act in conjunction with the secretary and the representatives of other organized charities to prevent so far as possible the overlapping which sometimes takes place.

The scheme, devised and decided upon last evening will come into immediate operation, it not being necessary for the council sitting in committee in this instance to report back to themselves.