

UNEMPLOYED MARCH TO THE CITY HALL

Many Women Take Part in Procession From Labor Temple

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Meeting of Heads of Depart- ments to be Called

Two thousand unemployed marched from the Labor Temple to the City Hall to-day flying a banner with "Made in Canada" inscribed thereon and carrying a plan to the Board of Control to raise \$1,000,000 to provide work for the 20,000 unemployed in the city at the present time. A couple of hundred women marched in the procession and a slight young girl bore an end of one of the banners.

While the committee interviewed the Board of Control within, two of the leaders harangued the crowd on the outside. Mayor Hocken had a plan to raise \$100,000 from the city, \$100,000 from the Provincial Government and \$100,000 from the Dominion Government and to put the men to work drilling at 25 cents an hour. "This would give 30,000 hours work," said the Mayor.

"Thirty hours for every man registered at the Labor Bureau," replied Mr. Stewart, the spokesman of the deputation.

The deputation was invited to suggest any work that could be done in the city. The Mayor didn't know of any himself. Controller Simpson thought it was the Board's business to suggest the work. The Mayor asked him what could be done. "The boulevard," replied the Controller. "Where could we start? We haven't the property. You can't start work on private property," answered the Mayor.

Suggestions for Work.

Controller Church was anxious to get on with viaduct plans and thought that this and the Union Station would be more practical than discussing relief work. Controller McCarthy got mixed in his figures as to the proportion of Toronto residents registered at the Labor Bureau and decided that there were more than he thought. Controller Simpson believed that Mr. Stewart's proposition was a sound one, but could make no suggestion as to work that could be carried on. Works Commissioner Harris said that the work on the North Toronto Waterworks might be started any day, but that it would employ at most only 400 men.

"You are talking in hundreds while the unemployed are in thousands," said Mr. Stewart.

It was decided on Controller McCarthy's motion to call a meeting of the heads of departments and members of the Board of Trade for Friday at twelve o'clock. The deputation then suggested that if work could not be supplied they be provided for in other ways and wanted to know what had been done about the lodging house at the old General Hospital which had been promised them immediately at the last meeting.

Work Test Necessary.

"You can't find work but you go on pauperizing us at the stone pile at the House of Industry," he complained. The Mayor pointed out that in normal times the work test was necessary for most of the men who applied there as they didn't want work.

"The Sociologist, Dr. Johnston up at the university says a man can't go six weeks without without becoming a hobo," said Mr. Stewart.

"Well he's an ass as well as a Sociologist," replied the Mayor. "I've gone six weeks without work without ever becoming a hobo."

When the unemployed returned to the Labor Temple, several speeches were made. It was decided to parade to the House of Industry to-morrow.