

PREMIER SIFTON FACES PROBLEM OF UNEMPLOYED

Investigates Conditions With
Mayor Sinnott in Calgary
—Returns to City

"I am not prepared to make any statement."

This was the response of Premier Sifton when asked if he would make any announcement upon the question of unemployment in the province, a problem which the government is alleged to have been investigating for some time past.

In connection with the inquiry Premier Sifton met Mayor Sinnott and members of a committee investigating unemployment in Calgary last Friday. Conditions existing in Calgary were discussed at that time, but as far as is known no practical remedy to cover the situation generally was suggested.

Numerous representations on the subject have reached members of the government from different parts of the province, it being maintained that the Federal and Provincial governments should render assistance. Just what form this assistance will take is probably what Premier Sifton has not yet decided and can hardly be decided until his government is successful in disposing of the bond issue for \$7,000,000 which was authorized during the last session of the legislature. If the majority of this amount becomes available for public works the province will be able to relieve the employment situation to a marked extent for a time at least.

In the interval the government coffers are not densely populated with bills of exchange or gold, and as these commodities are the essentials required to reduce unemployment, the hands of the province are somewhat tied.