

TO RELIEVE UNEMPLOYMENT, MAYOR CHURCH TELLS HOW

Everybody to Give Day's Pay, Factories to Re-open, Employers to Look After Men They Laid Off.

The real work of grappling with the unemployment problem will face the special committee of the City Council to-night, when they meet at the City Hall. A number of citizens, chiefly those who are suffering from unemployment, have sent in suggestions to the committee, which will have to be carefully considered. The Board of Trade, Manufacturers' Association, Trades and Labor Council, and other bodies have been invited to send representatives to the meeting, and these representatives will be asked to offer suggestions of plans of work to relieve the present situation.

It is pointed out that the City Council will have a large number of practical schemes submitted to them, but that the great difficulty will be the financing of work that is purely municipal in character. Already some of the heads of departments are stating that their estimates of this year will greatly exceed last year's estimates, and if this is general in all the departments, the Board of Control will find it difficult to keep the rate down and at the same time find work for the unemployed.

In addition to preparing the estimates for the regular work of their departments the officials are asked to suggest to the special committee at to-night's meeting any special work that can be done to relieve the unemployed situation. The same officials were asked by last year's Board of Control to report special relief work, and confessed that they had reported all the work that could be done under the "special" head.

Mayor Church has added the following suggestions to those sent in by private citizens as to ways and means of providing work for the unemployed. As he is now the executive head of the city, a large share of working out suggestions, as well as making them, of course rests upon his shoulders.

Wants Million Dollar Fund.

1. Start a give-a-man-a-job campaign. All over the city, every one get the plan going. Use St. Andrew's Hall in the west end, St. Lawrence Hall in the east end. Plan a thorough canvass of the city, with co-operation of all outside organizations. Suggest G. A. Warburton as honorary organizer.

2. Get up a big fund of \$1,000,000 for relief of unemployed and work. Canvass railways and all the other big corporations and factories and large and small employers of labor. Ask some of the gentlemen and teams who acted in the Patriotic Fund to undertake this and set aside a week for it. City could contribute \$200,000 in work such as cleaning up and improving such eye-sores as the Don ravines, Catfish Pond, High Park swamp, parks work grading and leveling in advance of the estimates, and other works to beautify the city, including

adding of more playground space to existing park areas.

3. Get co-operation of Post-Office.

4. Boy Scouts, women's associations, church and other organizations join in thorough organized canvass campaign for work to start on Monday, January 25th, urging everyone to provide some work for odd jobs, or subscribe.

5. Organize to have everyone who has a permanent job give voluntarily, no compulsion, a day's pay to relief of unemployed—a sort of voluntary relief income tax for the relief of unemployed.

6. Organize churches of the city in organized effort to relieve the situation.

Would Copy the United States.

7. Urge on the Government that Departments of Labor of Dominion and Province and Post-Office be used and utilized to aid in campaign the way the United States Government is using these agencies to aid the big cities solve the problem.

8. Use of letter chain as an aid to get jobs and free relief. The letter plan will not interfere with personal appeals and city canvass for jobs. One write 150 letters and ask each recipient thereof to write ten each.

9. Representatives of the Board of Trade, Manufacturers' Association, the Builders' Exchange, Trades and Labor Council, different Ratepayers' Associations, Retail Merchants' Association, church, social and other organizations to appeal to employers to create jobs. Volunteers could make a house-to-house canvass with aid of police and city inspectors, and for odd jobs to be done around Toronto homes.

10. Immigration Department and Ontario and Dominion Governments could assist re jobs among farmers, who can use help and can furnish names of farmers and details.

11. Open civic rooms where women can be given work (sewing and similar work) under auspices of different women's organizations, or in Sunday schools or other civic buildings.

12. Local ratepayers' associations to have use of schools at nights for aid in thorough campaign.

Make Employers Do Big Share.

13. Get different factories and employers of labor to care for all former employes, temporarily, who apply to the civic bureau; standard form of card to be used by mail in lieu of personal visit.

14.—(a) If you want a man or a woman to work, skilled or not, for an hour, a day, or a week, telephone Adelaide 3388 and ask for City Free Employment Bureau, open day and night.

15. Line-up of workers and entire membership of all civic and other organizations wanted for the huge canvass and campaign, and church and women's organizations and Ontario Motor League be asked to aid.

16. Efforts to be made to get factories now closed to open for a part of the time.

17. Federal and Provincial Governments should aid in work.

18. Army of Boy Scouts could assist labor bureau, notifying unemployed where to go for a job and distributing for the bureau.