

CARRY TROUBLE TO GOVERNMENT

Unemployed Wait on Cabinet and Ask Relief from Conditions —Premier Sees Mayor.

The problem of the unemployed of Winnipeg has been shifted back to the shoulders of the civic authorities. Premier Roblin yesterday told a deputation that he was not in a position to hold out any promises of relief. "I don't know as I can promise you anything," he said, "but I will communicate with mayor of Winnipeg as soon as possible and see what he has to say. I don't know as I can promise you anything, however."

Following the deputations of the unemployed to Sir Rodmond Roblin, the premier held a conference in the afternoon with Mayor Waugh. He recognized the fact that Winnipeg had done its full share for the unemployed during the winter, and suggested that it would be wise, before holding a conference of the mayors of the principal cities, to notify the Dominion cabinet of this move in order that the members of the cabinet might have time to give the matter full consideration.

Formed in Market Square.

About a thousand of the city's unemployed, composed, as they were Monday, largely of foreigners, which had gathered in the market square, formed in orderly ranks, and silently went down King street, crossed over to Garry, thence to Broadway and west to the parliament buildings. The police, who were present in large numbers about the city hall, had forestalled the arrival of the marchers, and when the front of the column reached its destination there were six stalwart constables, who had arrived in the patrol wagon, waiting them at the edge of each of the cement walks leading through the lawn to the building themselves.

Members of the cabinet, however, had been notified of the crowd's arrival and it was announced that Attorney-General Howden would appear in a moment. Meanwhile the crowd persisted in surging onto the boulevards and the sidewalks. The constables had great difficulty in keeping them all in the street.

The attorney-general, finally bidding several men who thought they

could represent the crowd, to follow him, headed back to the parliament buildings and the rest of the men packed closely in the vacant lot adjacent. Leading the way, Mr. Howden mounted the staircase and entered the office of the minister of public works, Hon. Dr. Montague. Here was seated, beside the occupant of the office, Premier Roblin. Towards the close of the interview Hon. Joseph Bernier came in.

Before the premier, the minister of public works and the attorney-general, a young Ruthenian, who spoke excellent English, acted as spokesman. He started by saying that the unemployed men in the city could not get work on the farms because they had no money for transportation to them. He said that there must be at least 12,000 men in the city at this time who had no employment and many of them and their families were in a bad condition. "I am unmarried," said he, "and if I had as little as \$20 I could live here in Winnipeg for two months." He said that one of the city aldermen had sent the men to the parliament buildings.

"Who was the alderman?" asked Premier Roblin, and the informant

replied that he thought it was Ald. Skaletar.

"The people out here are all residents of Winnipeg, are they?" asked Attorney-General Howden.

"Yes, I guess they are."

Premier Speaks.

"Yours is the second deputation which has waited on me this morning in connection with unemployment," said Sir Rodmond. "I have had before me a delegation of the British-born unemployed in Winnipeg, which it was represented, numbers 2,000. They are also out of work and have nothing to live on. They are in a very serious condition. Therefore, it is clear that work in this city is very scarce."

The deputation represented to Sir Rodmond that they were willing to go out on the farms, if they could secure a little financial assistance from the government. They thought that a scheme could be worked that the government could give them a start and take as security mortgages on the land and on their chattels.