

# 400 UNEMPLOYED WANT WORK BUT NOT CHARITY

## Motley Gathering of Out-of-Works on Market Square —Appeal to Mayor

Commencing Friday afternoon when a deputation of four of the men waited on Mayor Henry, and all this morning, gangs of men, most of them of foreign nationality, massed on the old market square, in the corridors of the civic block, sitting on the stairs of the civic building, in fact, anywhere and everywhere, so that they could attract attention.

Some 400 of the men sent five of their number to interview the civic authorities. The mayor was the man they wanted to see. They had a meeting in the Ukrainian hall, and the result of the gathering was a peculiarly worded petition to anyone—no one in particular—asking that they receive work, get paid for their work and no "grup."

The mayor received the men on Friday afternoon and promised to see what could be done. The men stated to him that some of them had gone to the Alberta & Great Waterways line, paid \$1.50 for fare, and when they got to the construction part of the line found no work there for them. Some of them alleged that 300 men had been brought from Winnipeg some ten days or two weeks ago for the E., D. & B. C. line. The mayor took the matter up with Engineer Smith who denied both the accusations, further stating that only 150 men had been sent to the grade.

Among the 400 men who have gathered together are about fifty Bulgarians who have been fairly well looked after during the winter. About 100 of the men all told have been in the city all winter, while the remainder have come from goodness knows where. Supt. McCormack of the Civic Employment bureau went among the men and had a good look at them and the figures given above are his own calculations.

As the city has gone out of the relief business, Mayor Henry said it was the work of the Welfare board to look after these men now and he sent the delegation that again waited on him this morning to the Welfare offices.