

UNEMPLOYED ARE FORCED TO SUBMIT TO POLICE SEARCH

Large Deputation Waits Upon City Relief Officer Turnbull

There was evidently "something doing" in unemployed circles in the city this morning and by the noon hour there was a crowd of several hundreds of men in the neighborhood of the market square. A big deputation waited upon City Relief Officer Turnbull, whereupon he and Mr. McCormack arranged with Major Hay for the use of the Salvation Army Hall, and announced to the unemployed that a meeting would be held there at 1.30 o'clock.

At the hour arranged the hall was crowded and Mr. Turnbull addressed the men shortly, saying that if there were any men in actual want and destitute and had no money and were willing to be searched, they would be assisted.

The searching was carried out in what is known as the Junior hall. Here, in batches of six, they were received by a squad of police under Inspector Haig. After an interpreter had explained to them the situation and asking them if they were willing to be searched, this operation was carried out by the police. As a general rule, the men were found to be absolutely penniless, though in several instances small sums were found on the men's persons. In one instance, hidden in an unexpected place \$50 was brought to light, much to the disgust of the searchee. In any instance where a man refused to be searched, he would be put back and inquiries made regarding him, by the police. When the announcement of the proposed searching was first made in the big hall, about a score of the men left.

Those who survived the search were passed on to representatives of the Welfare league and their names taken with a view of supplying their immediate needs.