

400 UNEMPLOYED GATHER AT CITY HALL—WANT JOBS

At Least 250 of These Are Recent Arrivals in the City.

The season's first visible demonstration of unemployment in Edmonton was given Saturday morning at Civic block when some four hundred men gathered around the building and in the old market square. They were waiting for jobs.

Up in the mayor's office, various civic officials were summoned to confer with the mayor. Supt. McCormick of the civic employment bureau, after a talk with a large number of the men, and after looking over all of them, reported to the mayor that about fifty of them were Bulgarians, and possibly another hundred had been in the city all winter. He was inclined to believe that some 250 of the job seekers were recent arrivals in the city.

Work In Jasper Park.

Comptroller Moul suggested that the city get in touch with the government and see if work might not be carried on in Jasper park, opening up roadways and so on. The mayor got in touch with General Manager Smith of the E., D and B.C. railway. Mr. Smith stated that the railway might be able to take one to two hundred men provided he was authorized to start some ballasting. He is waiting word from headquarters. The mayor had heard a story to the effect that the McArthur companies had brought in some two hundred men from Winnipeg within the past three weeks and had sent them north. Mr. Smith stated this was not a fact.

Won't Work for Grub.

No definite action in regard to the unemployment was taken Saturday as the efforts of the civic relief and civic employment bureaus were rather handicapped by a majority of the men refusing to work for "grub." They declared they wanted the cash.