

VANCOUVER'S NATIONAL REMEDY FOR THE UNEMPLOYED SITUATION IN CANADA

Mayor McGreer of Vancouver Sends The Daily Mail a Communication Dealing With the Situation As the Vancouver Council Sees It.

His Worship Mayor Gerald McGreer, K.C., M.L.A., Mayor of Vancouver, B.C., whose name has been before the public recently in connection with the unemployment situation in Canada and its remedy, sends The Daily Mail the following communication in connection with the question.

The Work Crisis

Wherever the discussion of relief and unemployment begins, it always comes back to the same point—the doorstep of the Ottawa government. Unemployment is a national matter. It is on a national scale. It is due to national or international causes. It is accentuated in certain localities—Vancouver perhaps the chief of them—by the fact that unemployed can move freely from city to city and from province to province. It can only be attacked effectively on a national basis. It can only be remedied by national means. Anything the cities or the provinces can do is merely palliative and has to be done over again.

In principle, the Federal government has recognized its responsibility for unemployment in its unemployment insurance legislation. But in practice, it says to the province, "The job is yours. We will help provide salve for the wounds, but we will not seek a radical cure. Leave things alone; they will remedy themselves." Asked for a works programme so that the country may get some return for the money it is expending, so that men may get jobs instead of subsistence, Sir George Perley, acting Prime Minister, has nothing more hopeful to offer than the assistance of the Mounted Police. Meanwhile, just across the international border, President Roosevelt launches his \$4,800,000 programme of work, designed to give jobs to 3,500,000 people, and tells his fellow-citizens the programme is his crusade "to end enforced idleness, the destroyer of the human spirit." Meanwhile, in Great Britain, Lord Snowden, dour master of balanced budgets, and exponent of orthodox finance, endorses Mr. Lloyd George's "New Deal" scheme and urges the nation to borrow and spend to bring prosperity back.

In Vancouver, which is very far from Ottawa, and, apparently, quite

beyond the vision of a complacent and dying government, the unemployment situation has reached a crisis. Vancouver is, in a measure, in the hands of an army of occupation. Some hundreds of men in rebellion against the Dominion Government's relief camp system are in the city, and, if the citizens would let them, would hold the city up to ransom, and would bring other strikers from other cities and provinces to share in the spoil. Vancouver, as Mayor McGreer told the citizens in a sane and moderate explanatory address Saturday evening, is being made the victim in a triangular fight between the camp strikers, the province and the Dominion. There is every sympathy for the strikers in the city, as has been evidenced over and over again in money contribution, in good humored toleration of nuisance parades and in other ways. Vancouver is close enough to the camps to realize the need for a change of system and its authorities have been pressing and will no doubt, continue, to press for a change. But as Mayor McGreer stated quite plainly, Vancouver can not accept responsibility for the men from the camps or undertake to provide for their needs, and if force is attempted or disorder comes, the city, of course, will have to take steps to protect the prosperity of its citizens. But the hammering at the door of Ottawa can not continue to bring no response. The hammering has grown louder and must bring results.

And while we are giving advice to long-suffering camp men who know from experience the destruction of the human spirit which enforced idleness brings, we should like, if it is not presumptuous, to despatch a little to that government on Parliament Hill which awaits its end with such dignity and fortitude. It is a government which has great hopes and great plans for Canada. It has a fine programme of social security. It has ambitions for Canada. It would banish unemployment and despair. It would outlaw business abuses. It would make the Dominion happy and prosperous and secure—in the future. But while it dreams of the future, it forgets that there is a fire burning now that must

Science Master Makes Radio Debut As Vocalist

John Goodger B. Sc., M.R.S.T., who is a member of the teaching faculty at Upper Canada College, imparting the intricacies of mathematics and science to the senior students of this famous old school, will shortly make his radio debut as a vocal artist.

Mr. Goodger, who is tenor soloist at Grace Church on the Hill, Toronto, and who has had considerable experience in the operas of Gilbert and Sullivan, has never until recently contemplated radio work. A few weeks ago he was auditioned at the Commission's studios in Toronto, and was at once assigned to the "Concert Caravan" program which will be heard on Wednesday, May 29 under the baton of that popular theatre maestro, Jack Arthur. Mr. Goodger will be associated with Marguerita Nuttal, who made her stage debut under Mr. Arthur's direction some years ago, with Irving Levine, one of the best known radio baritones in Toronto and Amy Fleming, contralto.

John Goodger used the family name of his mother. Prere, when he appeared in England with the famous Brentwood Operatic Society as leading tenor. He was on the teaching staff at the Brentwood, which is one of the best known boys' schools in Great Britain, for nine years before coming to Canada to join the staff of Trinity School, Port Hope. He has been at U. C. C. for three years.

Fred Waring, whose popular musical show is a weekly CBS feature, recently received the following fan letter:

"Dear Mr. Waring: I am writing about my son. He is an ardent fan of yours and he worked in a drug store. The other night he turned your program on at the drug store and his boss turned it off. He then turned it on again and again the boss turned it off. He then hit his boss, and then his boss fired him. Can you give him a job in your orchestra? He plays the ocarina".

He extinguished or there will be no future of the sort it dreams about.

There is an unemployment emergency—NOW.

There is an unemployment crisis—NOW.

And it demands a remedy—NOW.

And the remedy can not come through a futile squabble between Ottawa and Victoria over jurisdiction. It can only come through an honest and effective attempt to apply the waiting labor to the millions of dollars of work that is crying out to be done.

ADVERSITY IS ROAD TRAVELLED BY BRADDOCK

New York, May 27. — What a spot for a Shakespeare-quoting heavy-weight! Shakespeare thought up the perfect theme song for James Jay Braddock, the Jersey Jolter who through an amazing sequence of happenstances finds himself definitely dated to fight Max Baer for the heavy-weight title on June 13.

Acquaintance With Bad Breaks

"Sweet are the uses of adversity," sang Avon's bard, and if James Jay were the Tunney type he'd have that on his family crest by now—for probably no boxer in modern history owes as much to adversity as does Jimmy, admittedly and a bit proudly. Not many have had such extensive acquaintance with it, either, as he.

The story of Braddock is, briefly: a smashing, "right-hand crazy" light-heavyweight (and light for that division) through 1926-29..... a neat licking by Champion Tommy Loughran in a title bid the latter year..... fading interest in boxing while he started reading his family.... broken hands.... hard labor on the docks which he took to keep body and soul together but which gave him a sounder body than he'd ever been able to build through gymnasium work.... a comeback as a "light" heavyweight... three wins, in trial horse roles, in a year... political and financial complexities, a default—and here he is in the challenger!

Always A Jerseyman

Born on Forty-eighth street in New York city, just a few blocks from where Madison Square Garden now stands, Braddock has lived virtually all his life just across the Hudson river in Jersey City or one or another of the many small towns that run undistinguishably together opposite Manhattan. Jim now gives his natal date, as June 7, 1907—though the boxing record book of 1929 had it Dec. 6, 1905, and the 1934 book moved it up to Dec. 6, 1906.

He drifted into amateur fighting, then going strong in Newark, and, at 162 pounds (just over the middle-weight limit) won both the light-weight and heavyweight state amateur titles in 1925 and 1926.

Then one day he got into a family battle with Joe, four years his senior and a pro boxer. He licked Joe. So Joe became Jim's manager.

He fought only twice under his brother's management before Joe Gould came along to strike up one of the most refreshing manager-fighter friendships the boxing game has known. Gould came to Hoboken to peddle one of his fighters. In a trial bout attending the deal, James mused up Gould's property something scandalous.

So Gould sold his boy for half what he'd intended to get, then said to James: "You need a full-time manager." From that day to this the Braddock-Gould alliance has stood, with never a ruction, and never a written contract until a few weeks ago, when the New York commission ordered one drawn just to keep the record straight.

Braddock's explosive right hand cleared the way for a brilliant victory march through the light-heavy underbrush in the rest of 1926, and in 1927 and 1928. In 1926 he scored 11 knock-out (nine of them in the first round), won three decisions and had one no-decision bout.

The next year he scored five knock-outs in a total of 10 rounds, bagged eight decisions, drew with George LaRocco and Joe Monte, and had three no-decisioners.

Stopped Tuffy Griffiths

In 1928 he stepped definitely among the better boys of the cruiser class with a second-round knockout of Tuffy Griffiths, who had been laying 'em low in the midwest, and decisions over Pete Latzo, Paul Swiderski and Jimmy Francis. He lost a 10-round decision to Joe Sekyra for his first reverse.

Then came 1929. Braddock didn't wait until that famous Oct. 28 to start his personal depression. It was on July 18 that he got his title chance again Loughran, and the Philadelphia dancing master taught our James that it takes two to make a fight—two hands to make a fighter.

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Premier and Minister of
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May 28, 1935,
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