

WAR VICTIMS MOST PERPLEXING ELEMENT IN EMPLOYMENT PROBLEM

W. J. Ryan, Head of Labor Bureau Here, Tells Associated Charities at Annual Meeting That General Conditions Have Improved Greatly, But That Returned Soldiers' Needs Still Paramount—Plans for Winter Campaign—W. Shives Fisher Re-elected President—Secretary's Comprehensive Report.

Co-operation, which was the keynote of the annual meeting of the Associated Charities in 1921, was a marked feature of the work that was carried on throughout the year, as shown by the report of the secretary, Miss Grace Robertson, at the annual meeting of the Association held yesterday afternoon in the Y.M.C.A. W. J. Ryan, superintendent of the Eastern Division of the Dominion Employment Service, was present and in his address emphasized many features of the work brought out by Miss Robertson. The election of officers took place and the acting-treasurer's report submitted by the secretary, showed a small balance of \$320.13; receipts \$1314.91; expenses, \$1094.13.

W. S. Fisher, president of the Association, was in the chair and spoke appreciatively of the faithful work of the secretary, after which the thanks had been passed on the motion of Father John V. Young, of the Mission Church, seconded by Rev. Dr. David Hutchinson, of the Main St. Baptist Church, and spoken to by Mrs. George Smith and Judge Ritchie. Rev. W. H. Sampson, pastor of St. George's church, thought that the report should be published, and he was assured that that was the intention of the press, which was represented at the meeting.

A resolution of sympathy and of regret was passed by a standing vote regarding the loss sustained by the death of the honored late treasurer William Young, several members speaking to the motion. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, W. S. Fisher; vice-presidents, Messdames George P. Smith and H. N. Stelson; J. Hunter White and Rev. Dr. Hutchinson; secretary, Miss Grace Robertson; treasurer, E. L. Rising; board of managers, Father Young, A. M. Belding, A. C. Robinson, Messdames Thomas Walker, F. B. Marvill and R. A. Carls; Messdames George P. Smith, H. N. Stelson and R. A. Carls were appointed a committee to act with the collector in relation to the Christmas giving. These ladies have power to sign cheques.

The president thought that the collector should go further afield in carrying on his work, as those who have some financial interest in a work are more likely to put personal interest into it. He was given power to appoint a committee of three to look over the lists and assist the collector in this matter.

Employment Situation.

W. J. Ryan, head of the employment bureau here, told of the work since its inauguration last July. The placements have doubled each month and conditions are better by far than at this time last year. He could make the statement as having been made with the D.C.C. and has handled employment work for three years. The past summer has seen greatly improved conditions on account of the building and construction that has been carried on.

When asked by one of the members, as to the unemployment, Mr. Ryan told of the big question that is confronting the service today, namely, that of the unemployed, because of handicaps, caused by the war. Work, he said, must be created for them, and this has been successfully done in Hamilton, Ont., where a large number are employed at making Christmas toys, kiddie carts, etc., which were supplied in large quantities to the T. Eaton Company, Ltd., at Montreal.

The unskilled laborers came into the office about three weeks ago, and now the skilled men are arriving, as building and construction are slackening. The port season was good throughout the summer, there being 121 steamers and 60 sailing vessels in 1922 as against only 59 steamers and 75 sailing ships in 1921. The winter port would soon give opportunities of employment and this would be regulated this year, so that outsiders would not trespass on those already at hand. Work had been found for the men who were in plants that had partly shut down, on the hydro line, and through the labor department of the service a more thorough distribution of the men had been made possible for the woods and on the P. R., he having sent 250 men to Ontario during the summer, many of whom are returning now, with a good supply of money.

There is an annoying percentage of those who are unemployed, because they will not do steady work. He tests, these men have to be ignored. There is work for ten men outside the city, at present, to jobs for, or in its precincts, but the pay in the woods is so small that it does not offer much inducement to those who have homes in the city with a wife and several children to provide for.

As to the Older Men.

Mr. Ryan hesitated an instant in the men, who, having reached middle age, are still able to do light work and would be contented if so employed at light jobs. They are fifteen or eighteen that he can supply, if any one is in need of someone to look after a furnace, or to clean up a yard. If talk is circulated by a few discontented ones, much injury may be done to the work all are trying to accomplish. Several questions were answered in detail about the employment, and Mr. Ryan assured the meeting that there was a large percentage of the returned soldiers, who are getting a grip on themselves and who are settling down to steady work. He was heartily thanked for his very helpful explanations of the subject that touches so nearly that of the Associated Charities.

The new executive will be called together as soon as possible and the plans formulated for the work of the Christmas month. Mr. Fisher announced before the meeting adjourned.

Secretary's Report.

The secretary's report was as follows:



W. S. FISHER

At this the 23rd annual meeting of the Associated Charities, I beg to submit a report of work done during the year. There were eight board meetings and fifteen conferences held. At these conferences the ladies of the board met with the Secretary and dealt with each case separately.

We received 1,426 applications of various kinds, as follows: 298 were seeking employment; 268 were seeking relief; 16 were seeking transportation; 86 were seeking clothing; 10 were seeking nights lodging; six women asked to have their children adopted; employment was found for 187; relief was found for 274; recommended 231; records given, 131; clothing was given to 73; cases investigated, 101; cases investigated for other cities, 34; visits made, 973; transportation was found for 12.

The widest usefulness of a society of organized charity depends on the general knowledge of its purposes and of the ways in which it may be of service. In the spirit of charity must be the spirit of service. To see our applicants is to become interested in them. There are the aged, the widow, the orphan, the unemployed, the deservent, the sick and the needy. All the families that came to us last year presented almost every phase of life and all kinds of problems. We desire to express our heartfelt gratitude to our friends, who have supported us and made us their representatives in this great work. We still need them with us and back of us. Our society is at your service, and we ask you to report a family in distress and persons begging.

We have given emergency relief to a large number of families. We investigate as soon as possible, if the case is reported as one needing immediate care, relief is sent at once, but this is always followed by a personal visit, for to aid wisely one must get acquainted with the family. We must learn their income and their principal expenditure, so that we may know how much aid is necessary. We do not need to continue to aid from our charitable fund alone, as St. John has a number of relief funds to whom one may go with a statement of the facts and of the need. We go also to the church to which they belong. But surviving is a small part of charitable work. We must give personal service in order to help the family to a better way of living. Many good people act as volunteers for our society and to them we extend our sincere thanks.

Most of the cases of distress are due to the inability of the wage earner to meet the additional burden of family maintenance caused by sickness, unemployment, or insufficient wage. Beyond doubt sickness is the predisposed factor in poverty. Desertion and widowhood are prominent factors in our work also, as in social service everywhere. We also have coming to us persons who are incapable of employment by reason of physical disability.

Round about all these cases are the children, large families often of course, which must be protected and cared for. Our chief work is with the children. Here again may we repeat the great need for the mothers' allowances in this province.

Christmas Work.

As usual the Christmas Clearing Bureau was conducted so that various churches and societies might co-operate in distributing Christmas cheer as effectively as possible. We asked that all planning to give dinners or other Christmas cheer, might forward the names of families they proposed remembering. Either directly or through others, the lists were compared, and cases of duplication were brought to the attention of the agencies concerned, and in this way a much larger distribution was effected.

An unusually large number of requests were received for names of families, to whom dinners might be sent and for names of children to receive Christmas stockings from the Empty Stocking Fund of the Standard, and also to a manager of a firm, who sent the children candy, nuts and fruit, a large number were given out in this way and many little ones were made happy by the generosity of their friends.

A pleasing feature of the work was the co-operation of the Rotary Club at Christmas and the Telephone Co.'s employees at the New Year. Both of these organizations sent to a large number of families not only dinners but generous supplies of groceries. The Society is much indebted to several firms, societies and a large number of citizens, who sent through your secretary, generous subscriptions at the Christmas season. These sums have been already acknowledged through the press, but would again express the deep gratitude of the society to them, for they made it possible for us to send dinners, loads of coal,

Big Blizzard In Cape Breton Cuts Off Sydney Lines

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Mr. Marr said in giving the news to The Journal, that the business is twenty-two years old and was carrying a heavy stock. It was his intention to close out on the last day of the year. Part of the fixtures were sold, but had not been removed, so have been lost in the fire. The money will have to be refunded for all goods sold, that have been thus destroyed, and the insurance, is not at all commensurate with the loss, Mr. Marr reports. He leaves today at noon for Sydney.

Loss Is Heavy

North Sydney, Nov. 22.—Thousands of dollars' worth of property are represented in the wreck of poles, wires and other appliances used in telegraphs, telephones, wireless and electric lighting, which are spread in ruin at many points throughout Cape Breton tonight. The damage was done by a blizzard, carrying heavy wet snow, which swept over the island, starting at 4.30 yesterday afternoon. Although the wind was mild in comparison to the howling northeasters that frequently create havoc at this time of the year, the wrecking force of the storm was heavier than has been experienced here for at least fifty years.

Sixty foot telegraph poles smashed off like matchwood, and at its worst, the storm broke an inch and a half steel wire cable, the breaking strain of which was thirty-six pounds. The poles were part of the installation of the Western Union cable station, and the cable was part of the Marconi Wireless equipment.

For 24 hours previous to this evening, North Sydney was without communication with any part of Cape Breton or the mainland. Only the cables between this point and Newfoundland and Europe were working, and even these for a time were out of business, owing to the failure of the Cape Breton Electric Company's high tension power line from Sydney which supplies the north side of the harbor with electric current. The cable company is now using its own auxiliary power plant to operate the cables.

Three Hundred Are Rescued From Coal Mine Catastrophe

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The Bessemer fire department was called to prepare all available beds. At 5.30 p.m. seven bodies had been recovered from the pit.

At the mine office, it was stated that 475 men "checked in" this morning. Of this number, it was estimated 75 worked on the outside of the pit.

Rushed To Hospitals
The hospital at Bessemer received word to prepare all available beds. At 5.30 p.m. seven bodies had been recovered from the pit.

Ambulances carrying rescue crews and lung motors are being sent from Birmingham and Bessemer. The rescue parties were instructed to remove the injured before removing bodies. This delayed the work of checking the dead. Most of the dead are believed to be negroes.

Undertakers' assistants entering the pit through the mainway between mines No. 1 and 2, said they saw 40 bodies. Women and children waited anxiously about the mouth of the mine for word of their loved ones.

Experienced miners by the score volunteered to aid in the rescue work.

Funerals

The body of Mrs. Frederick E. Flowering was taken from Chamberlain's undertaking parlors to Oak Point yesterday morning. The funeral will take place at Oak Point on Thursday.

clothing and other gifts to many who would have otherwise gone without any Christmas cheer. We are also indebted to a friend who sent gallons of molasses to be distributed among families known to the society, this also was gratefully received. Our thanks are due to churches, societies and individuals for generous supplies of clothing, which helps in making the work more effective. Children's clothing and shoes are always in demand, as it is so necessary for them to be kept in school.

By the death of Mr. William Young, our treasurer, and Mrs. J. V. Ellis, a member of the Charitable Fund Committee, the board has lost two valued members. They served for a number of years most faithfully and their places will be hard to fill. The courteous co-operation constantly given by other organizations, churches and citizens has been most helpful, and may we ask for a further co-operation, in order that we may do more effective work.

Before closing I would like to thank the members of the board for their loyal support, to all our membership friends for their generous subscriptions and to the press.

Respectfully submitted,
GRACE O. ROBERTSON,
Secretary.

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WORKINGMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT INVOLVED

Arguments Completed in Suit Brought by the Bathurst Co., Ltd.

LATTER OBJECTS TO PAYING \$20,852.12

Big Pulp and Lumber Corporation Holds That Assessment Unwarranted.

Fredericton, Nov. 22.—The Court of Appeal resumed today before Sir J. D. Hazen, C. J., and Justices White and Grimmer, when the appeal of the Bathurst Company, Ltd., from the decision of Justice Barry, directing the sum of \$20,852.12 to be paid to the Workmen's Compensation Board, was taken up. Geo. Gilbert, K. C., Bathurst, appeared in support of the appeal, while Dr. W. B. Wallace, K. C., St. John, is appearing for the Board. The appeal is being made by the Bathurst Company, Ltd., as successors to the Bathurst Lumber Company, from the decision directing payment of the balance of the 1920 assessment, amounting to \$37,016.94, made by the board against the Bathurst Lumber Co. This total assessment was the second to be made by the Workmen's Compensation Board under the act of 1918, and was reduced by cash payments totalling \$16,164.82. The decision awarded the Board the full amount of the balance asked.

In appealing the Company claims the right to certain deductions from the assessment or surpluses, and that the assessment was unwarranted by the Act as levying large amounts for pension and disaster reserve. Argument was completed at the afternoon session. George Gilbert, K. C., for the defendant company supported the appeal. M. G. Teed, K. C., was heard on the same side. Dr. W. B. Wallace, K. C. spoke for the Compensation Board and J. A. Sinclair, its chairman.

The arguments dealt with the construction to be placed upon the compensation act. The court took the case under consideration. Hon. J. P. Byrne, K. C., Attorney General, was in court watching the progress of this case, which involved the legality of the Workmen's Compensation Act in this province.

Will Case Heard
Argument in the case of the provincial secretary-treasurer vs Schofield et al, executors, et al, was opened this afternoon and will only conclude this afternoon and Thursday.

Mr. Byrne, attorney general, and E. Allison MacKay appeared for the provincial secretary-treasurer. George Gilbert, K. C., for the defendant legatee and M. G. Teed, K. C., for defendant executors of the will of Elizabeth Wilson. This is a stated case. The attorney general opened his argument this afternoon and was not finished when court rose. This appeal concerns succession duties. The point is whether the rate on the Henry Gilbert estate fund should be eight or thirteen per cent.

SLAYS MOOSE WITH KNIFE

Uno Park, Ont., Nov. 22.—A deadly duel between a lone canoeist and an enraged bull moose on a lake near Uno Park, northern Ontario, resulted in the death of the moose and the addition of that much deer meat to the larder of Dave Dukes, a prospector, the hero of the fight.

Dukes was canoeing on the lake when he observed a two big bull moose on the shore engaged in violent combat. He paddled up close to shore and gave an imitation moose grunt.

Then both animals, giving up their private fight, took to the water to get the man in the canoe. Dukes paddled into the deep water with all possible speed. One of the moose quit the chase, but the other continued after Dukes, and came up with him.

The prospector grabbed the moose by the hair at its rear quarters, plunged his hunting knife into the animal's back several times and finally despatched it.

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GRAND EVENING AT ARMORIES

The reorganized Sergeants Mess at the Armories held a meeting last evening and at the conclusion of the business the soldiers with Sergeant Major Ross enjoyed a delightful program. It is needless to say that the boys of the mess were all artists and delighted their comrades with numerous songs and choruses, while Band Master Casey with the Sergeants Mess Jazz band was ready and most willing to deliver a number of most choice selections. It was a program that was

continuous until Eugene Emmett and his players from the Opera House made their appearance and then some thing real was presented that more than pleased the soldier boys. Jim Daley, the piper, played some selections on the pipes that the boys heard overseas and delighted them all. Elbert Baldwin, Buddy Emmett, Eugene Emmett, himself and Eugene Howland, the pianist were most willing with many selections and the program by these talented artists made them friends for ever with the soldiers. It was a real assembly and one that pleased all present.

Gone are the days when a man who didn't need a shave was a dude.

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