

In placing this report before the Government we are fully conscious of the fact that it contains no complete remedy, but various measures which, after careful consideration, we believe will help our boys over one of the most difficult periods which our country has experienced, and which will assist to fit them for profitable employment when economic conditions improve.

We would point out that our recommendations generally for dealing with the problem are qualified so far as Government assistance, monetary and otherwise, is concerned by reason of our knowledge as members of Parliament of the general economic budgetary difficulties brought about by the fall in prices. Had it not been for this knowledge our suggestions may have been of a very different character, but we are unable to gauge when conditions may improve, nor can we say on what level the Dominion will eventually be called upon to exist.

We desire to express our appreciation of the valuable work contributed by the press of New Zealand in the efforts that have been made to deal with the problem. We also express our appreciation of the courtesy received from officers and committees in all centres visited, and our recognition of the public-spirited and unselfish manner in which they are devoting themselves to the great task of grappling with the important problem of unemployed youth.

Special reference should be made to the importance of the preliminary work undertaken by the Y.M.C.A. and Rotary Clubs in various districts to assist unemployed boys—work which has been of an extremely valuable nature.

Our special thanks are due to the officers of the Labour Department in all centres. Their close contact with the ramifications of the labour laws of the Dominion and their knowledge of local conditions gave added value to their assistance.

We have, &c.,
S. G. SMITH,
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Wellington, 15th December, 1932.
