

RETURN FROM WAR TO BUILD RAILWAYS

Thousands of Bulgarians Coming to **Canada**

AGENTS WENT AFTER THEM

Railway Construction Delayed by Reason of Their Absence—Vessels Chartered to Bring Them Back to Work.

According to local steamship agencies the continental steamship lines will bring between twelve and fifteen thousand Bulgarians to America during June and July. Two-thirds of these people formerly resided in **Canada** and the United States, but when hostilities broke out in the Balkan States they returned to their native land to fight for their country. It is estimated that about seven thousand Bulgarians left **Canada** when the war broke out.

The greater part of these were engaged in railway construction work in western **Canada**. The progress made this year with railway construction work has been hampered to a great extent by reason of the absence of foreign laborers. Railway contractors have experienced great difficulty in filling the places of the **foreigners**, who are hardened to the work and hardships, conditions which keep the native laborer from attempting to compete with the foreigner.

Now that the war is practically over several agents representing Canadian railway contractors, despatched to Bulgaria several weeks ago, have arranged to bring back nearly all the Bulgarians who left here several months ago. The agents have chartered several continental vessels to carry the **foreigners**, and in addition have made complete reservations of trains for the transporting of the foreigners on ocean liners landing at Montreal and Portland, Me.

Local agents say that travel generally so far this year has been very large, especially from across the Atlantic.