

FOREIGNERS IN OTTAWA WILL BE PENNILESS

Austrians and Serbs Cannot Return to Fight For Their Country.

The mass meeting of the Austrians which was slated to take place on Rochester street last night did not materialize owing to the fact that the Austro-Hungarian consul in Montreal sent communications to Mr. John Martin and other prominent Austrians stating that it is now impossible for the men to return to the Old Country, as the steamship lines are not running.

There are over eight hundred foreigners in the city, all of whom are not only willing but anxious to go back to the Old Country and fight for their kings. They are about equally divided, there being about as many Austrians and Hungarians, as there are of Ukrainians and Russians and other nationalities in sympathy with Serbia.

On account of the war the lumber business has become less active than in the past few weeks, and there will not be work enough for the many foreigners who are idle and penniless in Ottawa for some time to come.

The task of feeding these men devolved upon the charity office, and Mr. John Keane superintends the distribution of hundreds of loaves of bread daily to these men and their families.

It was feared by the police that an open riot might occur between the opposing factions, but so far the men appear exceptionally peaceable.