

# ITALIAN CONSULAR AGENT WM. GRASSI ASKS ASSISTANCE

Says Many Now Out of Work  
Brought Here by Canadian  
Employment Agencies.

Yesterday Royal Italian Consular Agent William Grassi sent through the mail to the city council a letter, of which the following is a copy, touching upon relief for certain employees of local industries who are now out of work:

Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario,

October 7th, 1914.

To the Mayor and Council,

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

Sirs,—A short time ago I had occasions to write to the Mayor and to the heads of the various companies and charitable organizations in this city with reference to the conditions prevailing in the Italian settlement here. Since that time these conditions have become very much worse. The small savings of a large number of these people are entirely exhausted and large numbers of married men with families are out of employment. I know of many instances where women and children verge on starvation. The Italian people were brought to this country on representations made by Canadian Employment Agencies as to the state of the labor market here. The country at that time was in need of their services and they furnished a class of labor not obtainable in Canada. They have been of very material advantage in this country in the construction of railroads and of manufacturing plants. Now, that economic conditions have changed, they are perhaps no longer required, but it seems to me that the principles of justice and charity should be applied to their case and that they should not be left to starve. The present state of affairs calls for immediate relief, and I hope that your council will see its way clear to take some action in this matter. Yours respectively,

WM. GRASSI,

Royal Italian Consular Agent