

# ITALIANS REGISTERING

Preparing to Get Away to Fight Germany.

The official recall of Italian reservists is expected at any moment. Yesterday up to a late hour and to-day, over three hundred Toronto reservists have registered at the consulate at 53 Agnes street, and after work-hours to-night as many more are expected. Vice-Consul Nardello is busy at the work and is more than delighted at the promptness with which the men are throwing up jobs to "get in line."

The Toronto Italians are confident that the Mother Country wants them and will take them as soon as possible, regardless of the expense of mobilization. Consul-General Chiesotti at Montreal is still negotiating with the Dominion Government and railways to collect Italians all over Canada and bring them to some central point.

The three hundred who are registered so far leave their names, addresses, age, and military standing, so that when the call comes a post-card will bring them to the consulate for their transportation. Vice-Consul Nardello has sent a number of the formal notices of preparation to different centres and to Italians in points around the city. With three hundred so far, it is expected that over a thousand will be in by Saturday night.

Many pathetic sights are to be seen in the Italian colony these days. Owing to the hard winter many of the men have had to run up heavy bills for groceries, coal, and clothing with the Italian merchants, who, it must be said, have practically become bankrupt with credit accounts and I. O. U.'s. To these merchants come the reservists who are registering to go home, to make arrangements for the payment of their long-overdue accounts. They usually sign a witnessed statement at the foot of the bill, notifying all whom it may concern that this bill is bona fide. The object of this is, that should the brave debtor fall in battle, the bill may be collected from the Italian Government.