

## THE ITALIANS REPLY.

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To the Editor of The Daily Star:—

As residents of this city and Canadian citizens of Italian birth, we think we have a right to enter a protest against the insulting remarks that were made about our race by some of the speakers at the supper of the Rotary Club and printed in your paper on Saturday evening. The Italian people are to be found all over the world and they have been a benefit to every nation where they have settled.

Here in Canada as you know they provided most of the "labor" which built the railways and nearly all of the public works of the country, and this is the first time we have ever known our race to be publicly insulted. Besides that, Italy is today fighting for the freedom of the world alongside of Great Britain and the other allies, and that alone should have been enough to stop the tongues of

the speakers who slandered us at the Rotary Club supper. The Italians of this city are learning the English language as well as their circumstances will permit, and some of the speakers thought that was a good thing, while others said that learning English made agitators and bad men out of us. Some people make fools of themselves when they try to make a speech, and we think there must have been some of that class at the supper on Friday night tomlwyp toh supper on Friday night. We work, pay our debts and taxes, earn an honest living and do our share in building up the city, and then we are told that we should not be accepted as citizens because we would degenerate the Canadian race. We do not think that remarks like that coming from a public servant whose salary we help to pay would make better citizens out of anybody. And then some of the speakers referred to us as being open to be bribed with liquor and money at elections. In answer to that we can say that we had prohibition when the last election was voted, so there was no liquor, but as to the money, if any was spent it did not affect the vote as we vote according to our principles and cannot be bought as they would try to make the public believe.

Thanking you for space, Mr. Editor, the agitators who have a spattering of the English language:

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Vincent Vincenzetti.

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Joseph Amantea.

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