

# ITALIAN CONSUL

## LIVE TO INTERESTS OF HIS COMPATRIOTS

### Asks Employers That Men be Retained on Staffs at Reduced Pay.

William Grassi, the Italian Consul in the Sault, is taking a decided interest in the welfare of the Italian colony in the Sault, and has directed letters to the principal employers of labor in the city asking that some action be taken to guarantee employment to those who may be temporarily thrown out of work owing to the war. The letter reads as follows:

Dear Sir,—I beg to call your attention to the fact that a great deal of poverty and distress exists among Italian residents of this city. The present depression has continued for such a long period that the small savings of the laborers have become exhausted, and many thousands are actually in want of food. If this depression were local only, these people could go elsewhere, but conditions generally in Canada are such that they cannot better themselves by changing their residence. If employers of labor would give the preference to married men with families, the women and children would be relieved to quite a considerable extent. If also instead of employing a limited number of men on full time, arrangements could be made to engage double the number on half-time only, many people who are now actually in want would at least be able to provide themselves with food. I hope you will be able to give this matter your attention and that of your charity you will do all in your power to alleviate these conditions. Yours respectfully,

WM. GRASSI,

Royal Italian Consular Agent.

Among those to whom the letters have been addressed are:

Messrs. J. Frater Taylor, President Algoma Steel Corporation; W.C. Franz, President Algoma Central Railway; C. H. L. Jones, General Manager Lake Superior Paper Co.; Mayor T. E. Simpson; His Honor Judge Stone, Chairman Parks Commission; S. W. Fawcett, President Organized Charities; Mayor Wm. Lethbridge, Steelton.