

RESERVISTS LEFT THE CITY TODAY TO FIGHT FOR ITALY

Monster Turnout Went With the Men to the C. P. R. Station

Evviva l'Italia! There was great enthusiasm combined with the sorrow of the farewell to the Italian reservists who left at noon today to return to Italy to their places in the army that is fighting against the common foe of Italy and the British Empire and their allies. There were 104 in the party that left the Sault for Montreal and others will be picked up at various points along the line. To say good-bye to them several hundred people, Italians and English speaking citizens, had gathered at the C. P. R. station, and the platforms were crowded, while the cheering continually mingled with the playing of the bands.

The party marched down to the station from the Italian Theatre on Murray street, the procession being headed by the band of the 51st regiment and the service companies of the regiment followed. The Italian band and the reservists came along right behind.

They passed along the greater portion of the business section of Queen street, and scenes of enthusiasm marked their progress at various points along the route.

At the station the reservists were addressed by Rev. Fr. Martinez and by Mr. William Grassi, the local Royal Italian Consular Agent, the latter of whom will accompany them to Montreal. Fr. Martinez, Mr. V. Vincenzetti, Mr. A. di Pietro, Mr. J. Luzzi, and Mr. L. Pasquantonio went with the party as far as Thessalon.

Major C. H. L. Jones, of the 51st Regiment, spoke also, greeting the departing reservists as comrades who were going to fight with the allies for the most righteous cause in the greatest war in history. Italy, he said, had prepared carefully, and he bespoke an early and decisive success for Italian arms, a remark which was received with great applause. He saw many in the party, he said, who had worked for him, and he urged them to take care of themselves that they might come back to the Sault to get their old jobs back.

Mr. Grassi speaking English expressed the thanks of the men for work done by the ladies who had prepared the lunches they took with them today, and to the mayor and council for a gift of tobacco and cigarettes.