

SAULT FOREIGNERS PAYING THEIR OWN PASSAGES HOME

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While many foreigners are going home from the Sault at present the condition that exists in some of the eastern cities does not appear to prevail here. According to the despatch reproduced below many are buying their tickets back to the home land with money sent to them from there, but that is not the case here.

Most of the trekking from the Sault is found among the Italians, and while quite a number of them are leaving for Italy these days they are paying their passages with their own money.

It is always the case in the fall here that many Italians after working all summer go back to Italy, but this year on account of the slackness of work the migration has commenced earlier. There are more leaving now than has been the case in previous years at the same season, Mr. W. Grassi says, but it is not likely that the total number to go home from here this year will be much larger than in previous years.

Montreal, July 14.—The statement made in Ottawa that there are more immigrants leaving the country than there are coming in received local confirmation this morning in the offices of Henders and Co. among the biggest handlers of labor gangs in the country.

"They are going back to Europe as fast as money will take them," said Mr. Henders, whose transportation ticket office is working overtime. "But I disagree with the department in Ottawa that it is only the foreign city laborer who is trekking. Some of them are coming in from the West, too, leaving the farm work behind."

"Where are these men betting the money to go home?" was asked.

"Well, they didn't save it, for they haven't got it. There are some pathetic sights round this office. The money that is taking these men home comes from Italy and Austria, hard-earned coin, too. Here is a transportation I am making out for an Italian who received a foreign money Italy. Thousands of others have written home to their friends, wives and relatives. The men we are providing with tickets are in the last stage of want."

Touching upon the farm question, The Star representative asked Mr. Henders why farm laborers were among the returning thousands.

"Have you no orders from Western farmers for harvest hands?" was asked.

"Yes, we have plenty of them," said Mr. Henders, "but these foreigners are not simpletons. They are not going to the expense of an \$80 return trip to the West for a \$15 a month job and that is all they are being offered."

"My men here keep their ears open and as far as we know, these men are not coming back again until times are booming. Nothing less than \$4 a day will induce them to return and when they stand out for a certain figure they stand pat."