

# AUSTRIANS IN CAPE BRETON ANXIOUS TO RETURN HOME

## Feared 2,000 Army Reservists May Give Trouble With the Canadian Troops

Sydney, N.S., Aug. 4.—In connection with war preparations in Europe no serious trouble is feared from Austrians in this district, who number less than 2,000.

In conversation with Mr. A. N. McLennan, Austrian consul here, it was learned that so far he has received no official order to assemble the local Austrians, but hourly expects such order.

The majority of the Austrians here are army reserve men, and seem very anxious to leave for the scene of hostilities to fight with their countrymen.

Three companies of the Royal Canadian Regiment have arrived from Halifax, and will be stationed at the cable stations at Canso, North Sydney, and at the collieries of the Dominion Coal Company, Glace Bay. They are under command of Captain Langford.

French Consul Lecroix stated that the cruiser Friant, which replaced the Des Cartes on this station, has been despatched to join the French fleet at Brest.

The French hospital ship Ste. Jeanne, now in port, is being fitted as a transport, and will leave Sunday for France with all the available reserve army now here.

The Austrians here are a peaceful and hard working body, and it is feared by many that on the arrival of the troops from Halifax who are to protect the mines and cable stations, trouble may ensue, but if they are not interfered with there will be no trouble, it is believed.

The report that there were over 5,000 Austrians in Cape Breton is not correct. Consul McLennan gives the number as 1,500 to 1,800 men.