

# AUSTRIANS IN CANADA LIABLE TO CALL HOME

**Thousands of Men From Dual Empire  
Are Scattered All Over Cana-  
dian West**

That Canada is a good deal interested in the present European war, apart from the British Empire's direct interest, is shown by the fact that there are in the neighborhood of 200,000 citizens and ex-citizens of Austria-Hungary living in Canada today, of whom probably 150,000 are men capable of bearing arms. Just what portion of these are Austrian reservists is not known, since the Austrian birth rate is so great that only about a fourth of the men arriving at the age of military service are drafted into the army. It is, however, certain that a good proportion of these 150,000 Austrian men in Canada have undergone military service, and are liable to be called to the colors, just as many Greeks and Bulgarians were called back during the recent Balkan war.

It was specially provided in their instructions on completing their military course that in such eventuality they must hasten back to serve the Fatherland, no matter where they might be. Even those who had taken out citizenship papers in Canada would not be exempt from such a call, since such duties were specially reserved from their new citizenship here.

As to the number of citizens of the Austrian Empire in Canada, it is said that the last Canadian census was totally at sea. It showed 123,000 for all Canada, and only 2,000 in Quebec Province.

From reliable sources it has been found that there are in Montreal alone at least from 17,000 to 20,000 Austro-Hungarians, and 10,000 Austrian Jews—so that the total population in Montreal alone is between 23,000 and 30,000.

A large proportion of the Austrians in Canada are men engaged in mining and railway construction. There were 2,000 in the mines and steel works at Sydney, N. S., nearly 4,000 in Port Arthur, and large numbers at the Soo, Sudbury, Porcupine and other mining centres, so that there are at least 150,000 Austrian workmen in Canada.

The Austrian Consul-General in Montreal said recently on this point: "As to the number of these who might be called to the colors, I can make no estimate. You see with our population of 55,000,000 and high birthrate there is always such a large crop of men coming to military age that only about

one in four is drafted to the army." So it would be hard to conjecture how many reservists are scattered amongst the Austrians in Canada."