

ITALIANS TO LEAVE SAULT MONDAY FOR THEIR NATIVE LAND

Twenty-Five Have Engaged
Passage and Equal Number
From Copper Cliff Want It.

Monday next about twenty-five Italians now resident in the Sault will leave for their homes in Sunny Italy. Italian Consular Agent Grassi, in conversation with the Daily Star, says that these men are not leaving for their native land to take part in the war, but are departing under the impression that living expenses will be lighter at home with the prospect of a war coming on in which Canada may eventually become engaged. They have figured it out that a shortage of work here in case of reduced staffs at the industries, might result in an expenditure on their part for considerable time with no prospect of a pay envelope, and have accordingly decided to go home, where, according to Mr. Grassi, they are all engaged in farming, growing their own produce, which would obviate the necessity of working for an ordinary wage.

Mr. Grassi also informs the Star that an equal number of Italians at Copper Cliff are anxious to return to Italy, and in all probability he will go down the line Sunday to arrange for their transportation home. He says that in every instance the men are paying their own fare, and that they have not received a cent from the authorities in Italy to return home and engage in the war.

The Italians from the Sault will leave next week and will take passage on the Canopic from Boston on Aug. 20.

It might be remarked here that the citizens of the Sault as a whole are not evidencing the doubt expressed by the Italians. From all appearances the war will not greatly affect the Sault insofar as the price of commodities goes. Of course materials which are imported from countries now engaged in hostilities will be higher and in some cases will not be obtainable at any price, but it would seem that there will be no lack of food, etc., in Canada so long as the war lasts.