

# ITALIANS HASTEN TO REGISTER NAMES

All Are Enthusiastic in Cause of  
Their Country and  
the Allies

## OFFICERS READY TO GO

Unemployment Situation Will  
be Somewhat Relieved by  
Call to Colors

The offices of the Italian Vice-Consul, on Agnes street, presented a busy sight to-day as a long line of Italian reservists awaited their turn to be registered, following the official proclamation issued yesterday asking all reservists to hold themselves in readiness for a call to the colors. All manner of Italians presented themselves to Vice-Consul Primo Nordello, from the prosperous business man to the soberly-garbed laborer. They were all filled with enthusiasm for their country's cause and the hope was expressed on all sides that they would soon be called to fight for Italy. Included among them were several officers. These will return at the earliest possible opportunity, as soon as some arrangements are made for their transportation, as the proclamation stated that all officers of the navy and army were to immediately return to Italy.

Apart from the fact that every Italian who goes back to fight for his country will mean another thorn in the Kaiser's side, there is the unemployment situation among Toronto's Italian colony, which will be greatly eased when the Italian reservists are gone. In all there are about twelve thousand Italians in the city and during the last six months there has been great distress among them owing to the scarcity of employment. There are about two thousand reservists in the city, and with another thousand or so of Italians, who are expected to volunteer, out of the way, the conditions in the local Italian colony should be greatly improved.

Vice-Consul Nordello told The Daily News that he had received no further word from the Consul-General at Montreal.

### Expects Further Orders.

"Arrangements have not yet been completed regarding the transportation of the reservists," he stated, "but I expect another communication almost any moment. The men are turning up in goodly numbers and I hope to have them all registered within the next few days."

The scene in the Ward and West Toronto, where the majority of the Italians live, was a lively one to-day. Every street corner was occupied by little groups of Italians discussing the proclamation. Indications are that a number far exceeding that expected by the Italian authorities in Canada, will return to fight for Italy.