

# TORONTO ITALIANS HAVE GONE TO WAR

Rousing Send Off to Reservists  
Who Left This After-  
noon



## IMPOSING PROCESSION

An Enthusiastic Demonstration  
at the Official  
Farewell

Unexpected showers did not dampen the enthusiasm of Toronto's Italian colony on the occasion of the departure of fifty reservists of the Italian army from this city to-day to rejoin their colors. Many prominent citizens and relatives of the soldiers gathered at the Club Nazionale Italiano at noon to take part in the farewell celebration and a parade, headed by the band of the Royal Grenadiers, marched with the reservists from the club on D'Arcy street to the Union Station to give the soldier boys a rousing send-off. This procession included a number of gaily-decorated automobiles bearing the national colors of Great Britain and Italy, while big representations of the various Italian societies were in line with appropriate banners and flags. These societies included the Vittorio Emanuele Terzo, the Umberto Primo, Aperiaia D'Ontario, Trinacria and Club Nazionale Italiano.

### Enthusiasm at Club.

At the grounds of the club a number of speeches were delivered, and considerable enthusiasm was aroused when various utterances were made in the native tongue. His Worship Mayor Church declared that steps would be taken, if possible, to insure every one of the Italian reservists who had been citizens of Toronto. This announcement was greeted with much cheering. Another speaker was Controller Foster, while Dr. Harley Smith, for fourteen years the Italian Consul here, addressed the gathering in Italian. A prominent visitor was Dr. Chellot, of Philadelphia, who also spoke to the crowd of 3,000. Consul Marino gave a number of final instructions to the young men, who are going, while Mr. Morrella, a prominent Italian lawyer, also took part in the proceedings.

Six young ladies of Italian birth mingled in the crowd for the purpose of taking donations for the Italian Red Cross Society. These young ladies, who wore sashes of the Italian colors, were Misses Marfisa Dini, Beatrice Olivero, Lina Zaroni, Minny Dini, Malvina Zaroni and Gemma Otera.

### More Quotas Preparing.

As the procession moved away from the club headquarters the crowds united in bidding ringing farewells to the soldiers. "Adio soldato d'Italia" and "Viva Italia" were the cries that filled the air. A number of young men in the throng were uniformed soldiers of the Canadian Expeditionary force who had obtained leave of absence from Niagara Camp in order to join in the demonstration. These soldiers were, of course Italians who had enlisted here.

The reservists left at 2.25 o'clock this afternoon. They expect to arrive in Italy in fifteen days. Another contingent of Italian reservists will leave Toronto on September 10 and the next quota will include about 200 men. Almost 1,000 reservists are available in Toronto, it was announced and these will be sent forward according to a schedule.