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Sharbot Lake

The Habits of the Natives of the Sunny Land - A Very Peculiar Race - Very Frugal

Working on the Ontario and Quebec Railway, in the vicinity of Sharbot Lake and village of Arden, are many natives of sunny Italy. They are olive in color and peculiar in habits. They are great workers and are most frugal in their style of living, making a dollar extend farther than many men can make two go. From several gentlemen in the City Hotel yesterday we learned that the Italians live much to themselves. They do not reside in the shanties provided but camp out. Each man provides his own grub, and used neither butter, tea nor coffee. The ordinary food is bread and pork. If the bread becomes hard they soften it by pouring water over it. When they visit a store to make purchases they "beat" the storekeeper down to as low figures as possible. They dress strangely and their dialect is as queer as everything else about them. All their earnings after paying for the bare necessities of life they send to their friends and families in Italy. The postmaste at Arden is often considerably troubled in dispatching their orders. The money is sent to an Italian banker in New York and by him forwarded to the parties for whom it is intended. The men have an idea that they are only temporarily living here; that as soon as they become rich they can return to their native land and spent the balance of their days in comfort and happiness. They belong, of course, to a musical race and their nights are made melodious by guitar and violin playing. They also dance very gracefully, and with a motion most pleasing to the eye. They drink lightly, but have not become accustomed to the custom of treating. When they enter the taverns each man pays for the liquor he consumes. They all wear big boots, eights or tens, though their feet are quite small. For a time a camp of Hungarians was located at Sharbot Lake; and an inhabitant states that the people were the very opposite to the Italians being fastidious and living on the best fare they could secure. They drank Mocha coffee, sweetened with granulated sugar, eat beef and fish and such delicacies as were to be purchased. Storekeepers in the rear of the county would be pleased with such customers all the time

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If the young lads who hang around the CPR station on Sundays smoking and chewing tobacco and using language that is anything but choice, were to attend Church or Sunday School, it would be more to their credit.

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Bathurst

Bathurst station on the C.P.R. has been reduced to a flag station. All part of the CPR's economy plan.