

FROM FOREIGN LANDS

IMMIGRATION IS VERY BRISK

Two Pilgrims From Portugal Attract Attention, Because of Their Rarity.

Yesterday and to-day have easily been record-breakers in the way of amount and variety of immigration into the twin cities. Six entire passenger cars were brought in from Chicago. A part of these were left in the railroad yards at St. Paul to be picked up and taken by outgoing trains for distribution in all part of Minnesota and neighboring states. Many of the travelers were brought to this city. Some intend to reside here, while others are busy to-day securing employment in and about town. A good-sized party went this morning to Duluth and West Superior with the intention of securing work in the mines.

To-day's arrivals included almost every nationality. The major portion were Norwegians and Swedes, but there were many Irish, Germans, Austrians and a few French. There were also two Portuguese. It is probable that the latter are among the first of the emigrants from this country that have come into the northwest this year. In fact, there are known to be but a few Portuguese in the entire northwest.

Local emigrant agents say that the Portuguese are the greatest "stay-at-home" people they have ever known. Of late years, however, they have been more disconcerted with their country than before, because of the compulsory military service. It is reported from New York that the greater portion of the immigrants from Portugal or the neighboring islands under the control of that country, come here for the sole purpose of avoiding service in the army.

Only about one-half the immigrants expected in the twin cities had arrived this afternoon. Large parties have been waiting at the depots for friends and relatives expected from abroad, and according to their reports, several hundred more foreigners will come into the northwest before the end of the week.