



Italian Fallen Workers Memorial

The Italian Fallen Workers Monument & "Terra di Dollari e Dolori"



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

March 21, 2016

After six long years of painstaking work, the Committee for the Italian Fallen Workers Memorial is proud to announce to our Canadian community that construction on the monument honouring as many Italians who were killed by work related incidents as can be verified, will be officially unveiled at Columbus Centre in Toronto, Ontario on April 28, 2016 at 3 pm, the day recognized worldwide as dedicated to the victims of work related injuries, but initiated by the Canadian Labour Congress in 1983. Canada can be proud to have be the country that created this concept, which has now spread to over 80 countries worldwide. The Italian-Canadian community can be proud to have been a powerful impetus to the changes in the laws which protect workers in Ontario.

Eleven prefabricated columns will bear the names and dates of each Fallen Worker discovered by the committee and organized by decade from 1900 onwards, and memorialize them forever. This is a history changing project, which to date, has remain untold.

Through the committed work of volunteer researchers on this project over the last six years, the committee has unfortunately uncovered over **944** verified names of victims of workplace fatalities for people of Italian origin in Ontario, and over **1000** names in total. Sadly, this list is growing and is now estimated to be in the thousands, just like the honourable Chinese-Canadian workers who were profiled in the media over ten years ago, and who were killed building the railroad in British Columbia.

The contribution of Italian Canadians has had a vast impact on the building of this great nation, but sadly, the losses have become an unrecognized part of the fabric of that positive impact. This is a story of Canadian and Italian-Canadian history which has not yet ever been told.

For further information on this incredible project, or to offer any assistance, please check our website: www.ItalianFallenWorkersMemorial.com or check our page on [Facebook](#), or view some of our videos on our Italo-Canadian Heritage on our [Youtube Channel](#), or email us at info@ItalianFallenWorkersMemorial.com.

Please show your support by joining us on April 28, 2016 at 3 pm for the Unveiling of the Italian Fallen Workers Memorial. Columbus Centre, 901 Lawrence Avenue West, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, and to share in this history making event.



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