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British Give Up Bailleul Under Great Pressure

Fresh Picked German Troops Used In Desperate Effort

Trying to Drive British From Messines Ridge and Succeed in Compelling Slight Retirement; Heavy Fighting Looked for in Defence of Wytschaete

Tremendous pressure exerted by picked fresh troops in the desperate German effort to drive the British from Messines Ridge has compelled a slight retirement of the British line on the northern side of the Lys battlefront. The town of Bailleul has been evacuated and the British front withdrawn to a line running from north of that town to the north of Wulverghem, and thence to Wytschaete.

Wytschaete occupies the highest point of the easterly ridge system and the British have been firmly established here since the early days of the enemy offensive. The Germans brought their push into the southwest and are now apparently in a more advantageous position to attack it and their expected drive upon it was reported developing this morning. As it forms the pivot of the British lines which bend to the north, an extremely determined defence of it is looked for from Field Marshal Haig's forces.

SOME HIGH GROUND LOST.

Although the loss of Bailleul and some of the comparatively high ground around it such as Mount De Lille and Revetsberg, represents a decided setback for the defence, the British line as it has been withdrawn is still on ground much higher than the Germans occupy. The British artillery thus possesses numerous vantage points from which it can continue to pour in a devastating fire upon the attacking columns.

Chief among these high spots is Mount Kemmel, which towers up more than 400 feet from the low ground about Wulverghem, two miles to the southeast. Apparently Field Marshal Haig's forces still have a firm hold on all this hill region.

AN IMPORTANT FEATURE.

What may be called the frontal attacks of the Germans upon the ridge system back of Messines, Wytschaete and Hollebeke furnish the spectacular feature of the operations as reflected in today's news.

One brief paragraph in Field Marshal Haig's report, however, has an importance attached to it that should not be overlooked. It records the repulse of heavy German attacks southwest of Vieux Berquin.

The German line here runs along the easterly border of Nieppe Wood, and it is by a push to the northwest in this region that the enemy hopes to reach Hazebrouck, some thirty-five miles distant, and take this highly important railway station. Well nigh vital rail communications to the Messines and Ypres regions would thus be cut. The British line is being strongly held in this region, however, and the flanking movement shows no signs of making progress, as the report of the Vieux Berquin engagement shows.

British Statement.

London, April 16—"Last evening, preceded by an intense bombardment, the enemy launched very heavy attacks against our positions between Bailleul and Neuve Eglise. The assault was delivered by three picked German divisions which had not been previously engaged in the battle, and it succeeded after a fierce and bitter struggle in carrying the high ground southeast and east of Bailleul known as Mont Delile and Revetsberg. Our troops on this front have fallen back to new positions to the north of Bailleul and Wulverghem. Bailleul has fallen into the enemy's hands.

"This morning fresh German attacks are developing in the neighborhood of Wytschaete.

"Early this morning the enemy also attacked southwest of Vieux Berquin under heavy artillery and trench mortar fire but was repulsed.

"A number of prisoners were taken by us during the night in a successful minor enterprise southeast of Robecq.

"On the remainder of the British front there was nothing of special interest to report."

French Statement

Paris, April 16—The French official statement follows:—

"In the region south of Mont Didier there was heavy artillery fighting. In the sector of Noyon the French made some progress in a local operation.

"French reconnoitering parties were very active, especially in the region of the Oise Canal. A French detachment crossed the canal west of Pierremande and brought back prisoners in the sector of Corbeny, in the Champagne, near Seicheprey, and in the Vosges. A German raid at Teton was repulsed.

"Everywhere else the night was calm."

Clemenceau Back to Paris.

Paris, April 16—Premier Clemenceau returned to Paris last night from the battle front where he had been getting into close touch with his troops. The impression of the situation which he brought back to the capital with him was a favorable one.

Great Gun Kills Paris Woman.

Paris, April 16—German long range guns continue their bombardment of Paris. Shells killed one woman, wounded one woman and one man in the Paris district last night, according to an official statement issued today.

With the Airmen.

London, April 15—The official announcement on aerial operations tonight says:

"Our airplanes reconnoitered the enemy's lines on the Lys battle front on Sunday and were again obliged by clouds of mist to work at a very low height. They bombed and machine-gunned the enemy's troops in this area. All returned."

GOES DOWN WITH COTTON MARKET

Further Slump Today and Prominent Broker is Crushed

New York, April 16—Upon the opening of the New York cotton market today at another severe decline in prices, the failure of Gay L. Schiffer, one of the best known floor brokers on the exchange, was announced. It was said his liabilities were not large. Schiffer became a member of the exchange in 1893.

Initial prices today showed breaks of from 45 to 110 points. May opened at $28.50, July $27.75 and October at $26.30.

Although the market continues extremely nervous, a quick recovery followed, selling up to $26.90.

Liverpool cabled heavy selling orders here, the market there recording the maximum decline permitted in one day.

UNIVERSITIES ASKED FOR MEN FOR TANK UNIT

Quebec, April 16—Major Theo Paquet called today on the students of Laval and asked for volunteers to form a tank unit. The proposal will be given consideration, although no one stepped up to enlist immediately. All universities in Canada will be asked to do likewise.

MISS MARY B. LAWRENCE DEAD

Miss Mary B. Lawrence, daughter of the late Joseph W. and Ella B. Lawrence, died this morning at her residence, 91 King street. The news of her death will be learned of with general regret, as she was a well-known resident who took an active part in those things which make for the betterment of a community. She was a member of St. John's (Stone) church, and was for more than twenty-seven years connected with various church societies. It will be remembered that when the movement was on foot for the building of the Free Public Library, Miss Lawrence was one of the most prominent workers, and for a considerable time acted as secretary.

She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Fred H. Nichols of this city. The funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon from Stone church.

USED THE MOVIES AGAINST BRITISH

Los Angeles, Cal., April 16—Robert Goldstein, a motion picture producer, charged with violation of the espionage act, was found guilty last night and will be sentenced later. He was charged with exhibiting scenes intended to incite hatred against the British

"MEN WE NEED NOW"

A. J. Balfour Speaks of German Effort to Crush British and French Before American Force is Effective

London, April 16—Germany stands today as a predatory nation and is trying to destroy the British and French armies before the American forces can be brought into the field, said Arthur J. Balfour, minister for foreign affairs, in responding to a toast at a luncheon to the American labor delegation yesterday.

Pointing out that the destruction of Germany has never been an Allied aim, and desired, so far as he knew, by "no sane man," Mr. Balfour said that the Germans had made many miscalculations but none more grievous than to underestimate the power of America. Great Britain, he said, is confident that America will be able to send over her "indomitable troops in a way that no German general staff officer has ever calculated."

"It is men we need now," he concluded.

FOR MILLION DRESSINGS

More Than Enough N. H. S. Juniors Volunteer To Gather Sphagnum Moss

William McIntosh, curator of the Natural History Society, yesterday afternoon addressed a gathering of the junior members of that organization for the purpose of getting volunteers for collecting of moss for sphagnum dressings this summer. Fifty workers were needed and more than that number have offered their services. Many girls from outside have asked to be allowed to go, but, if possible, it is the desire of Mr. McIntosh to keep that work wholly inside the N. H. S. junior society.

Until Professor Porter of the University of Toronto arrives in the city to make definite arrangements concerning the method of picking and cleaning the sphagnum, nothing can be done, but Mr. McIntosh this morning said that in the two or three weeks he expected that the fifty workers would be able to collect sufficient moss to prepare 1,000,000 dressings. It is proposed to commence operations in August.

C. W. MITCHELL DEAD

Newcastle Man Who Had Part in C. P. R. Survey in Far West

Vancouver, B. C., April 16— C. W. Mitchell, one of the few survivors of the C. P. R. who ran the first survey along the valley of the Fraser River and through the mountains to a point where it linked up with the Transcontinental Railway, died here yesterday. He came to Vancouver thirty-seven years ago from Newcastle, N. B., where he was born sixty-four years ago. He is survived by his wife, two daughters and four sons.

Hon. Mr. Carvell's War Tax.

Ottawa, April 16—Hon. F. B. Carvell, minister of public works, appeared before the local court of revision last night and secured exemption from payment of $6.80 war tax. He said this amount would be paid by him in his home town in New Brunswick.

It is reported that Emperor Charles and Count Czernin had a lively half hour yesterday.

Phelix and Pherdinand

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meterological service

Synopsis—The barometer is highest to the northward of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence and the low area which was in Arkansas yesterday is now centred in Minnesota. The weather is showery in the western provinces; elsewhere fair.

Forecasts.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Easterly winds, fair, followed by some showers at night; Wednesday, showery.

Upper St. Lawrence and Ottawa Valley—Easterly winds, fair and a little cooler today and on Wednesday.

Lower St. Lawrence, Gulf and North Shore—Northerly winds, fair and cool today and on Wednesday.

Fair and Cool.

Maritime—Fresh northerly winds, fair and cool today and Wednesday.

Superior—Strong easterly winds, unsettled and showery today and Wednesday.

Manitoba—Showery and cooler today and on Wednesday.

Saskatchewan—Cool and showery today and on Wednesday.

Alberta—Fair and cool today and on Wednesday.

New England—Fair tonight; Wednesday increasing cloudiness, light variable winds becoming south

GODFREY-GOULD.

In St. Peter,s church yesterday morning at six o'clock, took place the wedding of Miss Margaret Gould, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gould of 98 Cedar street, to Private James Godfrey of Dalhousie, a member of the 1st Depot Battalion. The attendants were Douglas Harquare and Corp. Wm. McNulty. The wedding was solemnized by Rev. P. O'Hare, C. SS. R. at nuptial mass.

YEAR'S HONOR ROLL WAS THIRTY SEVEN

That Number of N. B. Orangemen Killed in Action in 1917

GRAND LODGE MEETS

Grand Secretary Morrison Reports 132 Primary Lodges—Soldiers' Memorial Proposed — Meeting in Fredericton

Fredericton, N. B., April 16—(Special)—The Grand Orange Lodge of New Brunswick convened in annual session in Fredericton at 2.30 o'clock this afternoon, the grand master, H. G. Wadman, presiding. After presentation of the annual reports by the grand master and the grand secretary, the lodge proceeded to the appointing of committees. General business will be undertaken this evening, and the lodge will be in session all day and part of the night tomorrow. Large numbers of delegates were in the city for the opening, and it is expected that the total attendance will be about 200.

In his annual report the grand secretary, Neil J. Morrison, in opening, welcomed the delegates to the session and referred briefly to the splendid part the members had taken in the war. While so many were at the front it was the duty of those at home to work to keep the lodges in good standing, so that when the boys returned they could be given the welcome they deserved. Largely owing to the war, the order has not made the large gain in membership during the year that characterized other years, but he expressed confidence as to the future. Referring to the proposal for an organizer, who would be in the field for the whole year for the maritime provinces, the grand secretary referred to the work which has been done in that connection, and said that owing to friction in Nova Scotia regarding their share of the organizers' salary nothing definite has been decided on. The N. B. executive had engaged Rev. B. H. Penwarden, P. G. C., who for two months visited the lodges in York and Carleton counties. The work was carried on under great difficulties, but the secretary was glad to report that one lodge had been resuscitated.

Returns showed 132 primary lodges, two district, seventeen county and twelve royal scarlet chapters, with twenty primary and one county lodge yet to hear from.

The Chipman Volunteers, L. O. L., 150, at Chipman, Queens county, was the banner lodge for 1917, returning 171 members. No. 27, St. John, was in second place.

Owing to the difficulty in transportation there was no general celebration on July 12th, but local celebrations were held in many places and were most successful. The death list for the year was 102, of which number thirty-seven had been killed in action.

Referring to the Orange Sentinel, the grand secretary paid a tribute to the work it was doing in the cause of the order, and extended a warm welcome to Alex. Hall, of the Sentinel staff, who was in attendance as a special representative to the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

The committee on a soldiers' memorial was organized in July, and since then has been active in work of preparing for a suitable memorial for those who have died overseas. The grand secretary had prepared an honor list of all members of the order who had died in the war in 1917.

He strongly urged that grand lodge should not relax the work of assisting the weak primary lodges and in this connection suggested periodical visits from an organizer or some other specially deputized brother. The expense of such a campaign must be met by grand lodge, for he did not believe that a satisfactory arrangement could be made with the other maritime provinces. He also recommended that grand lodge demand as its right a fair portion of the money set aside for propagation work by the Grand Lodge of British America.

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The grand secretary urged the claims of the True Blue and Orange Orphanage, which he said provided the only refuge to which Orangemen of New Brunswick could send destitute children. There are at present ten from this province in this institution.

In conclusion he thanked the grand master and officers for the assistance they had given him during the year and referred especially to the work of the grand treasurer, Robert Wills. He hoped when the meeting ended and "we part for another year the new enthusiasm created by this gathering will send us back to our lodges with more earnest zeal to advance the order and its principles."

The following honor roll was appended to the report giving the name, number of lodge, and its location:—Alex. Clide, No. 3, St. John; Q. P. McAndrews, No. 11, St. John; Sergt. A. H. Boddington, No. 20, Fredericton; Ivan Bunker, No. 22, Fredericton; John O'Leary, No. 22, Rusiagornish; Eugene Clark, No. 24, St. John; H. Bernard Ferris, and Joseph Semple, No. 27, St. John; Gordon Westle, No. 32, Nashwaaksis; Ross Eldon Murphy, 33, Bass River; Andrew Patterson and N. W. Slater, No. 36, Patterson's Settlement; George A. Patterson and T. J. Bovaird, No. 39, Moncton; Horace Robinson and Percy MacFarlane, No. 45, Gaythorne, Northumberland county; Arthur McMurray, No. 47, Newcastle; H. V. Hawkins and A. H. Giberson, No. 53, Four Falls, Victoria county; William Fullerton, No. 54, Williamsburg; Fred Broad and Lucius McDougall, No. 69, Mineral, Carleton county; Cecil Curwin and Duncan Willister, No. 90, Chatham; John Ash and Harry Myles, No. 91, Markhamville; Fred McKenzie, No. 98, Westfield; Gilbert Crane, No. 101, Eggett's Landing; Arthur N. McLeod and George Gulty, No. 104, Penobsquis; John Phillips, No. 138, Rolling Dam; Samuel Beristo, No. 148, Loggieville; Howard Bryenton, No. 147, McKinleyville, Northumberland county; William Fowler, No. 151, Eldon; George Power, Percy McFarlane and Edward Randall, No. 62, Moncton.

The grand secretary also submitted statements showing the scarlet chapters which had made returns, the quantity of supplies sold and the amount received therefor, and a summary of the supplies on hand, April 18.

BRITISH SWEEP CATTEGAT AND SINK TEN TRAWLERS

London, April 16—The admiralty announces ten German trawlers have been sunk by gun-fire in the Cattegat (between Sweden and Denmark. Their crews were saved by British ships. There were no British casualties.

The operations were undertaken by the commander-in-chief of the grand fleet. The statement follows:

"The commander-in-chief of the grand fleet reports having undertaken to sweep the Cattegat on April 15. Ten German trawlers were sunk by gun-fire, their crews being saved by British ships. There were no British casualties."

In view of the recent rumors of possible naval activities by the Germans to accompany their land offensive, the news from London today shows that British naval forces have been operating in the Cattegat, the strait between Sweden and Denmark, and have sunk ten German trawlers there, is significant.

Still more significant seems the form of the British announcement, which comes in a report from Vice Admiral Sir David Beatty, commander-in-chief of the grand fleet. This would appear to indicate that the grand fleet is out, and possibly presages most important naval developments.

The operation was undertaken yesterday for the purpose of sweeping the Cattegat of mines, the report shows, and may still be in progress. What further British effort, if any, the operation implies, cannot well be forecast. It is indicative of intensified British naval activities, at any rate, if not preliminary to far more important operations on the part of the British naval forces.

POWER BILL IS UP AGAIN TODAY

Mayor and Dr. W. B. Wallace Heard

A LIVELY SESSION

A Good Deal of Questioning of F. R. Taylor When he Speaks for the Company — City's Case Improved

Fredericton, N. B., April 16—The next move in the power company fight now rests for decision with the corporations committee of the legislature. At a meeting of this committee, Mr. Burchill presiding, arguments were presented by W. B. Wallace, K. C., Mayor Hayes and Commissioner Fisher for the city and F. R. Taylor for the company. The committee will consider the arguments at their next meeting, either on Wednesday or Thursday morning.

This morning the city's case was strengthened considerably as a result of the questions asked and answers given or evaded by counsel for the company.

When the corporations committee met this morning a bill providing for appointment of a commission in the matter of the N. B. Power Company, a bill to empower the company to increase its rates and the city's bill to reduce the trackage in Union street were considered.

Commissioner Fisher was heard regarding the double tracks in Union street to which the city objects on account of traffic conditions. He said that the original permission was to double track Union street and as they did so only on one block the permission was secured through misrepresentation. The people had suffered from the mistake made in 1907.

F. R. Taylor opposed the bill, saying that the double track was necessary in order to operate a regular schedule. The double track had cost $10,000 and it would cost the same to reduce to single tracks, beside the inconvenience which would result. He said the change was being asked at the request of Thomas Driscoll, who formerly ran a barroom and now a beer shop in Union street.

Mayor Hayes said that the street was too narrow for double tracks. The city council and the citizens generally favored the change.

Commissioner Fisher indignantly repudiated the suggestion that Mr. Driscoll had inspired the request. "I never have taken a drink in his barroom. I do not think the counsel's remarks were called for," he said.

Consideration was promised by the committee.

Power Company Bill.

The power company bill to increase the rates was next taken up and Mayor Hayes was heard in opposition. He said that there was a general feeling that there had been considerable manipulation in the company's affairs. The service was of the poorest kind and the cars inadequate. There was very strong opposition in St. John against even a temporary increase in rates. It was the general feeling that the company wanted to increase rates to provide dividends on watered stock. The citizens asked for a commission to secure an impartial report from men not hampered by political considerations. He also referred to the strong demand in some quarters that the city should eventually take over the public utilities owned by the company.

Dr. W. B. Wallace reviewed the provisions of the citizens' bill asking for a commission. He suggested that the commission be appointed by the premier and the leader of the opposition. He also advocated the consolidation of all acts relating to the company.

In reply to a question, he said the city's idea was that the commission should be of three members.

Dr. Wallace showed that the appraised value of the company's property, $2,184,847, was less than the valuation of $2,414,000 submitted in the report of R. A. Macintyre, the city's auditor.

The gross income for ten months of 1917 was $590,754 and the Eastern Electric show a profit of $2,000 a month. Both companies showed increased earnings as compared with the previous year,

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CITIZENS MUST ACT NOW IF THEY WANT HARBOR COMMISSION

The board of trade, which has affirmed the principle of harbor commission, and which offered its hearty co-operation to the city council and to the federal members in pressing the question to a conclusion, received the followed telegram this morning from Messrs. Elkin and Wigmore:

Ottawa, April 15.

R. E. Armstrong,
Secretary Board of Trade,
St. John, N. B.:

"Mayor Hayes wires council voted against taking plebiscite. Government will take no action without favorable expression from citizens towards harbor commission. Our responsibility therefore ceases. Any further action must come from the citizens."

SOLDIERS IN TROUBLE IN CAPITAL; YEAR IN JAIL FOR ONE

Fredericton, April 16—Harvey Franklin Dow, a soldier belonging to the draft of the Central Ontario regiment, quartered at the Exhibition building here, appeared before Police Magistrate Limerick yesterday afternoon, on a charge of being an absentee. His Honor imposed a sentence of one year in jail.

A soldier was arrested by the city police yesterday afternoon on a serious charge. The informants are two young women belonging to this city. He was remanded till the 23rd. He belongs to the Central Ontario draft.

Robert W. J. Morton died at his home in South Devon this morning, aged sixty-nine years. He is survived by his wife and one son, Larkin Morton, of Cross Creek.

REAL ESTATE NEWS

Transfers in real estate have been recorded as follows:—

St. John County.

Louis Cohen to John Murray et al, property in Simonds street.

J. F. Rowley to David Magee, property in Simonds.

Kings County.

Thomas Bell to L. E. Bell, property in Sussex.

A. B. Holder to R. L. B. Holder, property in Kingston.

John Jackson to Ernest Lewis, property in Sussex.

Phoebe Kilpatrick to Annie M. O'Dell, property in Upham.

R. R. Sheldrick to Trinity church, property in Kingston.

A. M. Saunders to Maud M. Jackson, property in Rothesay.

BURIED TODAY

The funeral of Mrs. Maria Canning took place this afternoon from the residence of her son, Ernest Canning, 8 Paradise row. Services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Williamson, and interment was made in Greenwood cemetery. The funeral was attended by many friends and the floral offerings were many and included a broken circle from Joseph Basset, sheaf of lilies from Mrs. A. M. Philips, carnations from Norman Chamberlain, mixed flowers from Mr. and Mrs. Harry Earle, carnations and roses, Mr. and Mrs. W. Earle; crescent, Mr. and Mrs. H. Northrup; crescent and carnations, Mr. and Mrs. S. Wood; crescent of roses and carnations, Mr. and Mrs. Melanson; carnations and roses, Miss Harris; roses, Mrs. Scott; roses and carnations, Mr. and Mrs. Coates; roses and carnations, Fred Miller; wreath, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Hunter, St. Stephen; sheaf of roses, B. F. Hamilt Company; roses and lillies, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kirkpatrick; sheaf of roses, Mrs. F. Palmer, Poine de Chene; pillow, son and daughter, of Portland, Me.; pillow, son, Ernest and family. Mrs. Fred Palmer, of Point de Chene, and William Canning and Mrs. John Coyne of Portland, Me., came to the city to attend the funeral.

The funeral of Mrs. George E. Evans took place this afternoon from her late residence, 83 Seely street, to St. Mary's church, where burial services were conducted by Rev. R. Taylor McKim. Interment was made in Fernhill.

THE 'PHONE CABLE.

The cable of the New Brunswick Telephone Company across the harbor is still out of order, although men worked all last night in a fruitless attempt to locate the trouble. They were hampered by the tides, as work can be done only at certain times. They stopped work this morning for rest, but will continue this afternoon and it is hoped that the cable will be repaired in a day or so. One smaller cable is still in commission and the West Side service will continue, although it will not be a full one.

ANTIS GAIN IN BRITISH HOUSE

Opponents of Irish Conscription More Numerous

PROCEEDINGS IN COMMONS

Some Concessions in The Bill—Statements by Carson and Asquith — Nationalist Cheers As Growing Opposition to Bill Is Shown

London, April 16—Sir George Cave, home secretary, having repudiated Joseph Devlin's suggestion that the government wanted to provoke civil war in Ireland, said that the government wished to treat England and Ireland alike in the matter of tribunals. The only object of proposing a limit to the right of appeal, he said, was to diminish delay. More time was needed before tribunals could be set up in Ireland, but he had no doubt they would be appointed on recommendations from the local Irish government board.

Herbert Asquith, former premier, welcomed further concessions announced by Sir George, but still urged the government to go cautiously. Only a careful, sympathetic consideration of the special conditions of Irish life, he said, could surmount the almost insuperable difficulty. He still considered the government's decision as ill-timed and unnecessary.

Sir George, in behalf of the government, announced that clergymen would not be conscripted. He also accepted an amendment providing that regulation of recruiting and tribunals would be controlled by local government boards instead of, as proposed in the bill, by royal proclamation.

After these concessions had been announced the clause under discussion was carried by a vote of 276 to 134, the announcement of the figures showing an increasing minority. This growing opposition to the bill was loudly cheered by the Nationalists.

A rather unexpected attack on the government by Sir Edward Carson arose during the discussion of a clause giving the government power by proclamation to override military exemptions already granted by tribunals. The government had already made some concessions to meet the adverse sentiment of the public over the proposed dimunition of the power of tribunals, but many members demand still further safeguards.

Sir Edward, amid applause from both the Nationalists and Ulsterites, declared he distrusted the government and felt they were keeping Ireland dangerously in the dark.

"The government is playing with the right honorable gentlemen opposite," he said, "and is playing with us. Whatever they intend to apply to Ireland they ought not be ashamed of." He appealed to the government to deal frankly with all the Irish members in the house and tell them plainly what kind of machinery they intended to set up. He said

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GOING TO TORONTO

Fredericton, N. B., April 16—George McKnight, former city engineer of Fredericton, will remove to Toronto on May 1. He will be engineer for Wetthaufer Bros., distributors of concrete-making machinery, by whom he has been employed for about a year past. He is now superintending the removal of the plant of the Fredericton Concrete Company to the plant of Concrete Builders, Ltd., in Devon, the latter company having absorbed the other.

PRESENTATION

Many members and friends of the Newfoundland Benefit Society met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Clark last evening to bid farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Butt of Duke street, who are to leave this evening for Toronto. Isaac Mercer, president of the society, on behalf of the members, presented to Mr. Butt a dress suit case and pipe. Speeches were made expressing regret that Mr. and Mrs. Butt were leaving the city. Mr. Oldford, Mr. Curtis, Mr. Milley, Adjutant and Mrs. Green, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Sparks and Mrs. Clark, spoke. Mr. and Mrs. Butt and their niece leave for Toronto this evening.

INQUIRY THURSDAY NIGHT

The investigation into the death of James Vanwart, who was apprehended by the dominion police and died soon afterwards in the military hospital in St. James street is to be opened by Commissioner McLellan on Thursday evening at eight o'clock in the court house.