

the breach when the enemy broke the British position near St. Quentin, late in March, and its magnificent exploits have filled many columns of the newspapers. Sergt. Blaikie was killed in action on March 24th. His father, John Blaikie, lives at Woodstock, N.B.

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### Personals.

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W. J. Dick, mining engineer of the Commission of Conservation, has resigned and will take a private position in Winnipeg. On leaving his old office he was presented by the staff with a mantel clock and an address of regret and good wishes.

Peter Connolly, the veteran chief messenger of the House of Commons, has been seriously ill for several weeks, following a collapse brought on by overwork at the commencement of the session.

A. B. Perry, C.M.G., Commissioner of the R.N.W.M. Police, has resigned, owing, it is said, to the decision that the Police would not be permitted to go overseas as a distinct unit of cavalry.

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### OBITUARY.

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H. H. Prosser, one of the original members of the Princess Pats, and, since his return from overseas, a clerk in Station "E" post office, Toronto, died last week of complications resulting from wounds.

Patrick Teevens, who died on April 16th, was the father of L. T. Teevens, of Inland Revenue.

Flt. Lieut. Gerald King, recently killed at the front, was very well known to civil servants in Ottawa and elsewhere. He was at one time a clerk in the postal service. Superintendent Kavanagh, of the R.M.S., Winnipeg district, is an uncle.

Jules Fournier, translator, of the Senate staff, died on April 16th after a brief illness, aged 35 years.

Miss Mary L. Murray, of the A. P. and S. A. Branch, Militia and Defence, died on

April 17th after a brief illness, aged 23 years.

James Brownlee, who died on April 16th, in his sixty-third year, was the father of Miss Mabel Brownlee, of the Department of Finance.

V. V. Rogers, prominent in Ottawa realty circles, who died on April 9th as the result of a fall on the street, was a son of the late Christopher C. Rogers, a civil servant, and brother of Messrs. Gordon, E. E., C. H. and Percy Rogers. He is also survived by his widow, mother and one daughter.

James Brown, of the Department of Public Works, died on April 9th, aged seventy-eight years.

Mrs. Henry Ellement, who died on April 7th, aged sixty-seven years, was the mother of Privates Adam, John and Philip Ellement, all overseas, and of Misses Jane and Mary Ellement.

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### PROGRESSIVE SOUTH AFRICA.

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According to the S. A. Postal and Telegraph Herald, a conference of the P. and Tel. Assn. of S. A., held January 4th, adopted the following progressive motions:

"That full Civil and Political rights be extended to all civil servants."

Mover said that not every one was anxious to exercise these rights, but neither did all the general public.

"That the Conference approves of the principle of federation with other trade organizations, upon the basis of absolute freedom and power being retained by each union affiliated in all matters concerning such union."

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### A PURSE OF GOLD.

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On leaving the Census and Statistics Office to join the Canadian Expeditionary Force, S. S. Swettenham was presented with a purse of gold by other members of the staff. Mr. Swettenham volunteered to enlist in several units, but was turned down as physically unfit. He now comes under Class "B" of the Military Service Act schedule.