## FIGHTING BRAVELY BRITISH CONTINUE TO FALL BACK

London, April 12.-Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig in a special order of the dy "Iressed to "all ranks of the British army in France and Flanders," say:
"Three weeks ago today the enemiy began his terrific attacks against us ona liffy mile front. His objects are to separate us from the French to take the channel ports and to destroy the British army.
"In spite of throwing, already, one hundred and six divisions into the battlennd enduring the most reckless sacrifice of human life, he has yet made little progress towards his goals.
"We owe this to the determined fighting and self-sacrifice of our troops. Wordstal me to express the admiration which I feel for the splendid resistance offered by all ranks of our army under the most trying circumstances.
"Many among you are tired. To those I would say that victory will belong to the side which holds out longest. The French army is moving rapidly and in great force to our support. There is no other course open to us but to fight it out.
"Every position must be held to last man. There must be no retirement. With our backs to the wall and believing in the justice of our cause each one of us must fight to the end. The safety of our homes and the freedom of mankind depend alike upon the conduct of each one of us at this critical moment."

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St. John Bankers Object to Having Accounts of their Depositors Inspected-Motion Picture Men Object to Proposed Tax Rate-Telegraph Companies Think St. John Should Not Get Tixes go Basiness in Whole Province.
Canadian Pacific Railroad Representative Points Out that Tax Rate Here Should Not be as High as in Other Centres where Local Traffic is More
7 Profitable - Hon. Mr. Baxter Points Out that Objectors Failed to File Statistical Statements Showing Inability to Pay.

Special to The Standard.
Fredericton, April 12.-Before the municipalities com mittee this afternoon the St. John Assessment Act was considered when representatives of various interests affected chairman of the committee, presided and there was a large chairman of the committee, presided and andere was a members and others interested. The assessment commission was represented by Dr. J. Roy Campbell, Mayor Hayes and Mr. W. E. Sculley. Commissioners Fisher and McLellan were present representing the city; F, R, Taylor, the N. B. Power Company, the C.P.R., the Dominion Express Company and C.P. R. Telegraph Company; T P. Regan, the motion picture theatre interests, and J. L. Su grue the labor unions of the city. Messrs. Charies Coster, merchants of the city.

Dr. J. Roy Campbell, the first speaker, said the bill was before the Legislature last year and withdrawn, as represen tatives of the Board or The commision was enlarged b the addition of representatives of the Board of Trade and gave as much consideration as possible to all the phases of the question. Then they drafted another bill which was be fore the House this year.

To Mr. Foster, Dr. Campbell said that the commission had given ample opportunity to all persons interested to be heard before them.

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(By Arthur S. Draper.)
pecial Cable to N. Y. Tribune and St. John Standard.
London, April 12.-Under terrific pressure the British ontinue to retire between Civenchy and Messines, the Gerans having reached a maximum penetration of 12 miles. the latter a railway and highway junction, are within easy ange of the eney's guns.

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