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## Rector's Final Message, "Let Us Go On"

**Rev. P. N. Knight Bids Farewell**

**Feted by Congregations and Many Friends**

**NEW MINISTER ARRIVED ON TUESDAY**

**Will Preach at St. Andrew's, St. Sunday**

"Let Us Go On," these were the last words of Rev. P. N. Knight as he stepped out of the pulpit at St. Andrew's Church here on Sunday evening after his final sermon to the congregation of the parish in his farewell address.

On the eve of his departure from Alliston, the church was filled with people to bid him farewell. The Rev. Knight, who has been in the parish for the past two weeks, was feted by the congregations of the parish and many friends. He will leave for his new home on Tuesday morning for St. John's, Nfld., where he will be the rector of the parish. He will be succeeded in the parish by Rev. P. N. Knight, who will arrive on Tuesday morning.

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## WOMAN'S WORLD SET OF PRAYER

Sponsored by the Ladies' Aid of the Women's Missionary Society of Canada, the annual service of the Women's World Day of Prayer, observing the Women's World Day of Prayer, will be held in St. Andrew's Church at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 12. The service will be held in the church at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 12. The service will be held in the church at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 12.

## Big American Friends Come to Simcoe Co.

**CHANCE TO HELP OUT WAR EFFORT**

**Alliston May Assist in Attracting Tourists**

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## Civil Guard Have Gala Party at Hunter's Hall

**POT LUCK SUPPER FOR LARGE CROWD**

**Camp Bodies Orchestra Supplied Music**

During the past winter season the Alliston Volunteer Civil Guard had been in a most excellent condition as far as their activities are concerned.

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**American and Canadian Men Were the Victims**

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Sunday evening the news was broadcast that the plane on which Sir Frederick was journeying to England, was missing somewhere off the coast of Newfoundland. During Monday the news was flashed that the plane had been discovered grounded on the shores of Bonavista Bay, ten miles from the small town of Musgrave.

Citizens of Alliston and West Essa, where Sir Frederick was born, were buoyed with hopes during the afternoon only to have them dashed to the ground with the sad news of the report that their native son, together with two travelling companions, had been killed in the crash which, it is believed occurred early on Thursday morning.

A stilled House of Commons Monday afternoon learned that Sir Frederick Banting, Canada's world famous discoverer of insulin, had died in a plane crash on the remote shores of Newfoundland. He was on his way to England at the time.

The news was given by Defense Minister Ralston two hours after an earlier report from Munitions Minister Howe had roused hopes that the great scientist might have survived the crash. The wrecked plane had been sighted from the air and writing in the snow revealed that at least one man had survived, Mr. Howe said.

One man did survive. It was Capt. Joseph Creighton Mackey of Kansas City, pilot of the plane. His letters in the snow beside the wreckage told the story that Sir Frederick and two others, Navigator Wm. Bird, Skiddeminster, England, and William Snailham, Bedford, Nova Scotia, were dead.

In the House, where party leaders had united to pay him honor after his great discovery, party leaders again united to honor Sir Frederick's memory. Prime Minister Mackenzie King and Conservative Leader Hanson paid tribute to the man who had done so much to advance medical science in Canada; who was doing so much as the key man in war medical research work when he died.

Mr. King revealed for the first time that Sir Frederick's destination on the fatal trip was England. He had been to England previously since the war started, correlating Canadian and

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REV. P. N. KNIGHT  
Rector of St. Andrew's, Alliston, and St. Peter's, West Essa, who completed over fourteen years ministry in this parish on Sunday and exchanged duties with Rev. P. B. Smyth, the rector of Innisfil Parish

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L.A.C. W. A. Shortt, 21 year old student pilot, was instantly killed, and Sergt. Instructor B. J. Smith, 29, seriously injured when their dual instruction training plane crashed at the Alliston airfield, four miles south of here on Sunday afternoon.

A few minutes after taking off from the field, the motor of the Yale training plane was heard missing. The plane was seen to turn with the evident intention of landing. Suddenly the craft stalled and crashed to earth. Smith was dragged from the wreckage unconscious and was rushed to hospital at Camp Borden.

Short was born in Oshawa, and his next of kin was given as his brother, D. J. Shortt, 612 Christie Street, Oshawa. He was well known in hockey circles and played with the Oshawa Generals in 1937-39. Until his transfer to Camp Borden from Fort William, two weeks ago, he played with the Fort William Hurricanes in the Thunder Bay League. He was stationed at Camp Borden for six weeks last fall and in December was sent to Fort William.

Sergeant Instructor Smith was a member of the United States Naval Air Service from October, 1939, until



# VICTIM OF PLANE CRASH

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British wartime research. This time he chose to fly so that he could study at first hand aviation problems which he had been working on.

Mr. King said the 49 year old Sir Frederick was proceeding to Britain on a mission of high national and scientific importance.

Mr. Howe, replying to a question from Mr. Hanson early in the afternoon, said the missing plane had been located. He told of the writing in the snow as seen by aerial searchers. There was no indication of its message at this time.

Best known throughout the world as the co-discoverer of the insulin treatment of diabetes, Sir Frederick was also chairman of the associate committee on medical research and a member of the National Research Council as well as head of the Banting Institute.

Dr. Banting was credited with being the leader in his experiments with Dr. J. R. MacLeod and Dr. Chas. H. Best of the University of Toronto that led to discovery of the insulin treatment. Announcement of the discovery in 1922 brought honors from many lands, including the Nobel prize for medicine which he received jointly with Dr. MacLeod in 1923.

The findings that use of a pancreatic hormone helped diabetes sufferers was greeted at first with considerable doubt by medical authorities, but its speedy and undoubted merits won it general acceptance.

The Canadian government granted Sir Frederick an annuity of \$7,500 to enable him to pursue an uninterrupted program of research, as medical men the world over hailed his discovery as the greatest since those of Pasteur. Through it all he remained loyal to his fellow workers. He thought it an injustice that the Nobel Prize committee had not given equal recognition to Dr. Best, and shared with that scientist his own half of the prize, amounting to \$5,600.

In 1938 Sir Frederick received recognition for work on cancer, to add to his laurels on the field of diabetes. Late that year, Dr. Wm. Ewart Gye, director of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund in London, claimed the findings of Dr. Banting as "substantial contributions to the problem."

Dr. Gye added that "Dr. Banting is one of the world's really great men" an opinion shared by medical workers from Sydney to Victoria in Canada.

Dr. Banting received his early education in Alliston and at Victoria College, Toronto. He graduated in medicine from the University of Toronto in 1917. He won the Military Cross during the first Great War, after he was wounded in France while serving as medical officer of the 44th Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force.

In 1924 he married Marion Robertson of Elora Ont. They had one son and were divorced in 1922. He married Henrietta Ball, a graduate of Mount Allison University, Saskatoon, N.B., in 1939.

Knighthood was bestowed on Dr. Banting in the King's birthday honors published June 4, 1934.

Discovery that removal of the pancreas resulted in diabetes in animals was made as far back as 1889, two years before Dr. Banting's birth. It remained for Banting and Best, working under the direction of MacLeod, to extract insulin from the pancreas and to discover that lack of insulin caused diabetes.

Dr. Banting's achievement won early recognition in his own country. In 1922, soon after the discovery of insulin, he was awarded the Dr. R. A. Reeve Prize for the worker in the University of Toronto showing greatest aptitude in medical research. In May, 1924, the American Philosophical Society gave him the John Scott medal.

Dr. Banting did not go to Stockholm to receive the Nobel Prize until 1925, when he was asked to deliver the Nobel lecture. He was the first Canadian honored by such an invitation.

In 1927 Dr. Banting investigated the feasibility of establishing in the Canadian Arctic hospitals and other facilities for giving medical care to the Eskimo. He went north for three months aboard the Dominion government steamship Beothic. He found it would not be feasible to establish hospitals for the Eskimo because of his roving life.

During his trip to the north the doctor had time to indulge his favorite hobby, painting. With A. V. Jackson, member of the former Group of Seven, he came home with numerous pictures of Arctic scenes which attracted wide notice.

From 1919 to 1920 Dr. Banting was resident surgeon at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. For the next year he practiced medicine in London, Ont. and was part time assistant in physiology at the University of Western Ontario. A considerable time after he had left London it was revealed by a British surgeon that Dr. Banting had made a cast for the deformed foot of a 7 year old boy which was described as a masterpiece. His skill in that department of surgery was not generally known until then.

In recognition of his services to medicine and humanity he was made life member of the Canadian Clubs of Toronto, New York and London.

Government chartered planes are now flying back and forth between Canada and the scene of the fatality. At a late hour on Wednesday of this week radio reports said that it was expected that the body of Sir Frederick and those of his companions who died with him would be brought out on Wednesday but later reports said that weather conditions in Newfoundland prevented this for the present.

It is quite possible that Sir Frederick will be brought to Toronto but what arrangements will be made for the funeral have not yet been disclosed.

In all probability the body of Sir Frederick Banting will be cremated and the ashes placed along with those of the great scientists of the world, possibly in Westminster Abbey in London, England.

Fred Banting's parents were the

late William Thompson Banting and Margaret Grant. His mother is said to have been the first white person to have been born in Alliston. His birthplace was on the east half of lot 2, concession 2, Egan Township, almost a stone's throw from this town. He attended Alliston public and high schools before going to Toronto University.

He is survived by his wife, Lady Banting, and one son, Billy, and two brothers, Nelson of the Scotch Line of Egan and Thompson on the homestead on the third line.