

First Manager of NE Here Retires

Well-known in Belleville circles in the late 40s, Dr. A. Brewer Hunt is retiring from the Northern Electric Company with a total service of over 40 years. Early in 1947, he was given the task of setting up the first company plant outside of Montreal. Belleville was the site selected for the move of the electronics division, an organization which had grown from almost nothing during World War II.

In order to get manufacturing operations under way as soon as possible, Dr. Hunt arranged to rent the Water Street plant of J. J. Morch and Co. and late in the same year the company's radio receivers began to roll off the first production line.

The products of this plant expanded to include Hammond Organs and broadcast equipment, while a big new factory was being built on Sidney

Street. In the spring of 1948, the big influx took place into the new plant, and Belleville became an important spot on the Northern Electric map.

Dr. Hunt and his wife Marion quickly became known and liked in Belleville circles, and their house on Mount Pleasant saw many delightful gatherings. He became a member of Rotary, the Chamber of Commerce, the Belleville Club, the Bay of Quinte Golf Club and of St. Thomas' Church.

His wife interested herself in church and golf club, as well as in the Home and School, as one of the founder members of the Pine Street School Association.

An important post in Montreal took Brewer Hunt and his wife away. Since promotion to Montreal Dr. Hunt has been general manager of three different divisions of the company, and since 1960 he has been vice-president of research and development, in charge of the rapidly expanding laboratories with their headquarters in Ottawa. He has seen this organization grow until now it is the largest industrial laboratory in Canada, and among the top one percent on the North American continent.

A fitting climax to his distinguished career was reached on April 10 this year, when Carleton University awarded him the honorary degree of doctor of engineering in recognition of his contributions to Canadian engineering.

At a party held in their honor in Ottawa, Dr. and Mrs. Hunt were presented with gifts and mementos by a large gathering, many of whom were present or former Belleville residents. J. C. R. Pouchard and R. H. Tanner were among those making presentations.



Dr. Brewer Hunt Examines Satellite Antenna