

Bromfield (Cpl-) Frank

## Cpl. Frank Bromfield Retires From OPP Force, 36 Years of Service

Yesterday was a day of hail and farewell occasions for Provincial Police Corporal Frank Bromfield of Belleville.

The veteran OPP officer hailed another birthday — then bade farewell to the force he has served for a record 36 years.

Fellow officers from around the sprawling No. 9 OPP area crowded into Belleville district headquarters to mark personally the twin event.

With the corporal and his wife present, the men showed their appreciation to their veteran officer by unwrapping a table load of gifts, while tribute was paid by senior officers to his record service.

Chief spokesman for the occasion was district superintendent A. McDougall.

"On behalf of the Commissioner and the entire force I wish to thank Corporal Bromfield for his services in regard to the protection of life and property during his service," said the superintendent.

The service started a few years after the corporal arrived in Canada from his native

England in 1923.

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He joined the force in 1929 — when it counted only about 300 men in all ranks. He served nearly 13 years as constable out of OPP headquarters — then at Queen's Park — before being transferred to Niagara Falls in 1942. Other transfers followed to Welland and Hagersville detachments.

In 1947 the force inaugurated its province-wide radio hookup. The following year, promoted to the rank of corporal, he was posted to Belleville, to take charge of the district's communication network.

He has served in that post ever since.

Knowing his beat has more than police significance for Corporal Bromfield. His prime interest has always been classical music. Well known in district music circles, he is a leading member of St. Thomas' Church choir.

The Bromfields, who live at 15 Greenlawn Avenue, have one son — an Ontario Hydro engineer now at Kingston — and three grandchildren.

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