

MUELLER YOUTH IS WIRELESS OPERATOR

One of Three in Charge at the
Island is Son of German
Professor

SOLDIERS THERE COMPLAIN

Young Man is Frequently on
Duty Alone at
Station

A formal complaint has been registered with the military authorities that a son of Rev. Paul W. Mueller, the ex-professor of German at the University of Toronto, is one of the three operators in charge of the wireless plant at the Island and an investigation by representatives of the Militia Department, is anticipated. It will be remembered that Professor Mueller, who resides at 52 Warren road, was compelled to resign from the staff of the University by reason of his German birth. The discovery has now been made that one of his sons is in partial charge of the wireless station at the Island, which has been under heavy military guard since the outbreak of hostilities.

The complaint has been registered by the soldiers themselves and in their protest the statement was made that it was the height of nonsense for them to be guarding the station when a son of an alleged pro-German was right inside the station where he could do considerable damage or work considerable confusion in case of a crisis. The operator himself might not be a pro-German, but then, again, it was unwise to take any chances. The officer in charge of the guard at this point is Major William of the Queen's Own Rifles and Principal of the Riverdale Collegiate Institute.

Knows of Protest.

When interviewed to-day by a reporter of The Daily News, Lieut.-Col. W. T. Chisholm, the commanding officer of the new 92nd Battalion, declared that he had knowledge of the protest from the soldiers forming the guard at the Island wireless station. He himself had been the officer in charge of the guard at this station last winter and he was in touch with the situation there. Mueller had no been one of the operators at the station last winter. Col. Chisholm understood that Mueller is now on duty alone frequently during the night.

This station is a relay in a chain of wireless plants extending from Montreal to Fort William, and sometimes important marine messages are flashed along the line. No Government messages are sent through the wireless, however.

Police Have No Complaint.

Another feature of the situation is that it is possible for an operator here to get in touch with a possible hidden wireless plant in New York State or elsewhere when communications of a certain nature could be exchanged with ease and with speed.

Officers of the local police department would not admit to-day that the presence of Mueller at the Island wireless station had been reported to them. They were not aware of any complaint, they declared, and they had not been interfering with the protection of any place which is guarded by military forces. The home of Rev. Mr. Mueller on Warren road was not being watched, they said, and the neighbors had not made any complaints.