

CROWDS SWARM TO DEPOT AS GALLANT 44TH PASSES ON THEIR WAY TO FRONT

Silent Well-wishers Grip Hands
Of Nation Defenders and
Wish Them God-speed

FORTY-FOURTH IS AWAY TO FRONT

PASSED PORT ARTHUR AT AN
EARLY MORNING HOUR AND
FEW FRIENDS OF THE BOYS
WERE AT DEPOT



With the recruitment process complete and training fully underway, the 44th Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF), received word that mobilization to Europe would commence in October 1915. At 4am on October 19, 1915, the train carrying the 44th Battalion (as well as the 46th Battalion) passed through the Lakehead on its way to the Atlantic coast where it would embark to Europe. Many citizens of Port Arthur and Fort William were on hand to greet and say their goodbyes to the local Port Arthur and Fort William soldiers attached to the 44th.