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OTTAKAt. March, 1919.

Dear Sir:

Executive Committee of the Canadian Patriotic Fund in Ottawa, on April 9th. As questions vitally affecting the future of this organization will come up for discussion and settlement, it is very desirable that as large and representative an attendance as possible be secured. You are advised thus early of the meeting in the hopes that you may be able to arrange to be present.

In view of the business which is to come before the Executive, may I offer a few observations. It will be remembered that the Canadian Patriotic Fund was incorporated in August of 1914, for the expressed purpose of

"assisting in case of need the dependent relatives of men who, during the present war, might be on active service in the Canadian naval or military forces".

and it was further stipulated, in the last clause of the Act, that

"when the purposes for which the Corporation is created have been fully carried out, completed and finished, the corporate powers of the Corporation shall be deemed to have ceased and the Corporation to be dissolved".

Obviously, then, the Patriotic Fund was at its inception, and has been during the last five years, regarded as a war emergency organization which would withdraw from active operations when the conflict ceased. Technically speaking, our powers might be

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