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Certified copy of a Minute of a Meeting of the Committee of the Privy Council approved by His Excellency the Governor General on the 16th September, 1924.

The Committee of the Privy Council have had before them a report dated 12th September 1924 from the Minister of Soldiers' Civil Re-Establishment representing that the Assistant Deputy Minister of the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-Establishment is the trustee of a fund known as the Disablement Fund which was contributed by patriotic citizens mainly during the years 1915 and 1916 and that this fund is being used generally for the purpose of small loans to pensioners and others who are in need of immediate assistance and who, in the opinion of the departmental investigations would benefit by such assistance.

The Dominion Veterans' Alliance, which represents the various veterans' organizations throughout Canada has for a considerable time past maintained a service bureau in Ottawa for the purpose of assisting former members of the Forces in the presentations of claims in respect of pension, medical treatment and other matters. It is stated by the officers of the Alliance that the service given involves considerable expenditure.

On the introduction of a bill to Parliament at the last session to deal with the Canteen Funds now in the hands of the Government provision was made for the setting aside of the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars to be applied by a Board of Trustees to the maintenance of an adjustment bureau in the city of Ottawa. It was intended to utilize the Dominion Veterans' Alliance as the adjustment bureau under the provisions of that bill. Owing to the fact that this measure was introduced during the last few days of the Parliamentary session it failed to become law and consequently the monies which would have been available for the assistance of the Dominion Veterans' Alliance still remain in the hands of the Receiver-General. It is proposed to re-introduce the bill early next session.

The Minister further represents that in order to enable the Dominion Veterans' Alliance to continue its activities a loan of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) was made by the Trustee of the Disablement Fund in June 1924 and that it is now proposed that a further loan of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.) be made, subject to reimbursement of the Disablement Fund should any monies be appropriated by Parliament for the benefit of the Alliance or should the proposed allocation from the Canteen Funds be made.

The Minister states that a further loan of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) is being made out of the Disablement Fund to the Dominion Veterans' Alliance, payable as to Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.) on the 1st of October 1924 and as to Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) on the 1st of January 1925 and he recommends that the trustees who may be appointed after the passage of the Canteen Funds Bill at the next session of Parliament be requested to reimburse the Disablement Fund the amount of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.) out of any monies transferred to such trustees under the authority of the said Bill.

The Committee concur in the foregoing recommendation and submit the same for approval.

(Sgd) E.J.Lemaire,

Clerk of the Privy Council.

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