

M E M O R A N D U M .

The itmes marked "R" in the report are dealt with in Mr McAra's reply. With regard to the items marked in red ink, 1,2,4,5 and 6, I have seen the Secretary of the Canadian Legion here who looks after this matter for Colonel McAra, and he gave me the following explanations, which have since been confirmed by Colonel McAra,

1. H.W. Button, August 7/23. \$80.00. He informs me that this matter was handled from Montreal and that it was charged at \$100.00, and that the balance over \$80.00 was remitted to this office. The reason that it was put through the books here was that it should have been handled from here. I am informed that this was done as they thought it to be in accordance with Mr Hair's wishes. It is a case of cross entry.

With regard to the next item, October 29)23, H. Tyler, \$85.00. This matter was handled by Captain R.W. Pearson M.C. of the National Trust Company, Saskatoon. He is a lawyer by profession and had long and gallant service at the front, and anything he did can be relied upon to be correct.

With regard to the next item, December 4/23. T. Friar. The explanation I have received is the same. This matter was handled by Lieut-Colonel O'Leary M.C. of Prince Albert, the Chairman of the Soldiers' Settlement Board. He is a perfectly reliable and competent man and had gallant service at the front and can be relied upon to have done what was right in the matter.

With regard to the next item, April 3/23 A. Garey, \$100.00. My information regarding this case is that is is perfectly regular and proper.

With regard to No.6 J. McDonald. This was a sum which was paid out by the Weyburn Branch of the G.W.V.A. and was considered to be a proper charge against the Last Post Fund. Is there any reason why expenses which were incurred a short time previous to the creating of the fund should not be paid ?