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Dominion Headquarters
Montreal
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The Director of Administration
Department of Soldiers' Civil
Re-Establishment
Headquarters - Ottawa. Ont.

Dear Sir,

I am deputed by the Dominion Council of this Society to advise you that our Toronto Branch recently received a request from your local Unit there, to report to them all cases of Pensioner's deaths brought to our attention for assistance in burial arrangements before proceeding therewith, in order that you may decide whether your Departmental Contractor, or the Last Post Fund shall conduct the funeral. Such provision we understand resulting from a difference in the costs to you and us.

Our Council respectfully desires to submit and express the hope that:-

- (a) The foregoing ruling of your Department may be confined to the City of Toronto.
- (b) That in all cases an expeditious decision may be given to prevent a very undesirable delay in making the funeral arrangements, which decision we would ask might be entirely waived in favour of our proceeding with the arrangements when a case comes to our attention between your office hours of Friday evening and Monday morning, or at any time where your Toronto Unit Office is closed for 48 hours or more.
- (c) That we may be given a ruling, as to whether your Department will re-imburse this Society at the amount of your own Toronto Contract price, or ours, where this Society may inter a deceased ex-service person in good faith as a non-pensioner, and subsequently discover that he was eligible for the provisions of Chap. 62 Art 20 (revised Chap. 43 Art. 32) of the Canadian Pensions Act.

In fact, our Council would further respectfully submit, that prior to your ruling on the foregoing and on second consideration, you may possibly deem it in the best interests all round, to revoke the request made to our Toronto Branch, and deal with the 'Pension' cases at death as heretofore and elsewhere throughout the Dominion.

"LEST WE FORGET"