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Mlle. Marguerite Delisle,  
Secretary of General Committee,  
Poppy Day Campaign,  
Room 335, Windsor Hotel,  
Montreal.

Dear Madam:-

On behalf of Lady Currie and myself let me acknowledge with profound thanks your kindness in asking us to be members of the Honorary Committee of the Poppy Day Campaign.

I do not know what my wife would care to do in this connection, but as for myself, I regret I cannot serve. I know I hold peculiar views re the Poppy Day Campaign. I contend that this is a day that belongs peculiarly to the returned soldier and I believe that funds collected on that day and known as 'Poppy Day funds' should be used for the help of returned soldiers and their families who are in need of help. There were a great many of such families last winter and there will be, I believe, a great many more this winter. Towards the help of these families I do not think that the City of Montreal, as a municipality, or the Province of Quebec as a Government have done their full share.

I am not in favour of a collection of funds in the City of Montreal on Armistice Day, such funds being known as 'Poppy Day Funds', if the money collected is to be sent out of Canada, in view of the use to which it could be put in Montreal on behalf of worthy returned soldiers in distress. I believe, and from my experience of the Poppy Day Campaign of last year have come to the conclusion, that too much money is spent in providing poppies and in other overhead expenses.