

Last Post Fund

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Sir Arthur Currie, G. C. M. G., K. C. B.,
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Dear Sir Arthur:

I am very pleased to have your letter of the 23rd ultimo., and to be able to say unreservedly that the Saskatchewan people interested in Last Post work are entirely in accord with your ideas, and will assist in every possible way in carrying out their work in the closest harmony with the Last Post Fund (Incorporated).

When we noticed in the press that you had accepted the Dominion Presidency, we all felt that in a very short time it would be possible for our organization to settle its differences with Montreal and to use the name " Last Post " once more. The Resolution of May the 21st came to hand and its terms are acceptable and official acceptance has, I believe, been sent forward by Captain Rowan, our Secretary. Since that time Colonel McAra has been instrumental in organizing a Branch at Saskatoon and I am sure that in a very short period of time Branches will be arranged in every important centre of this Province.

In your letter you speak of the Government grant. May I suggest that, inasmuch as there will always be some trouble in getting the grant renewed from year to year, it might be advisable to follow the line of least resistance and endeavour to get a portion of the canteen moneys set aside for Last Post work. When the Royal Commission were here, they asked for suggestions as to how canteen moneys could be spent and I represented the united veterans of Saskatchewan in outlining a scheme whereby a considerable portion of the moneys could be set aside and placed in the hands of the D. S. C. R., for use from time to time whenever necessary in carrying out the work of the Last Post organizations throughout the country. I believe, if a united effort were made, that a half a million dollars could be secured for the purpose, the interest from which would be far more than we could ever hope to obtain from Government sources.