



EDMONTON - ALTA.
February 25th, 1925.

Right Honourable Arthur Meighen,
House of Commons,
OTTAWA - ONT.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

I have your letter of the 20th inst.,
enclosing copy of P.C.No.1596.

The facts in this case are as follows:
The Dominion Veterans' Alliance is supposed to be representative of the various ex-soldiers' organizations in Canada. It is, however, dominated by McNeil and the G.W.V.A. The contributions from the G.W.V.A. have not for some years been equal to the elaborate organization, pretensions and undertakings of the Dominion command of the G.W.V.A. and that body is continually in trouble for funds.

Your Government divided the interest on the Canteen fund between the various soldiers' organizations proportioned to their alleged strength, the money to be spent for charitable purposes.

With respect to the army and navy veterans, the money in question was divided amongst the units throughout Canada.

With reference to the G.W.V.A. however, the whole of a very large sum was taken up in paying past due bills of the Ottawa headquarters and they are, no doubt, in the same difficulty at the present time.

Last year in connection with the Canteen Bill, it was proposed to hand the Veterans' Alliance in effect \$100,000.00, but the Bill did not carry in the Senate. The present P.C. merely anticipates the passing of the Bill this year and is a high-handed proceeding, for the Canteen Bill may be again rejected.

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