

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

April 25th 1924

LAST POST FUND, OF CANADA

To:-

The President, Trustees & Members

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My President, Ladies & Gentlemen,

In submitting this fifteenth annual report it is the first time that we have incorporated the cases dealt with through out the Dominion, as last year - the first of our existence as a national institution - our Branches were unable to get their reports to us in time to be included, I therefore propose to give you a tabulation of the two years to the 31st of March respectively, as follows:-

Province	1923	1924	Total	Distribn \$
British Columbia	17	34	51	10
Alberta	6	7	13	7
Saskatchewan	1	6	7	6
Manitoba	7	29	36	11
Ontario	16	56	72	42
Quebec	27	27	54	13
New Brunswick	1	2	3	4
	<u>74</u>	<u>161</u>	<u>235</u>	<u>93</u>
N.S. & P.E.I.	0	0	0	7
	<u>74</u>	<u>161</u>	<u>235</u>	<u>100</u>

The details of all cases are recorded here at Headquarters as well as locally and in book form would make an interesting if pathetic volume, for to use the words of one of our supporters, it is the history of those "humble and unknown heroes through whose cheerful obedience to orders and willingness to suffer; great names emblazon the pages of British history" and to use the words of another, "To honour and protect in death, seems but a small return to him, who protected the nation's honour in life"

Memorial markers have been placed on the resting places of all those interred at Headquarters, and in the Province of New Brunswick, and our representatives from the other Provinces report that arrangements and financial committal have been made to that end by them, and all will be marked in due course as that is a cardinal principle with this Fund.

There have been three cases during the year taken care of by this Association which strictly speaking, were outside our jurisdiction, but a combination of special circumstances warranted our Executive's action to prevent abandonment and an especially undesirable reflection, and as reimbursement has been, or is in progress of being received in each case the Society has incurred no expense in regard to them. The precedent however, will form the basis of a ruling by our Dominion Council for future guidance. One of the cases was in Montana U.S.A. and arranged for by the Ontario Provincial Headquarters, and the other two were arranged for from here, one in Detroit and the other Denver Colorado, U.S.A.

In Detroit, the local Post of the American Legion held a special ceremony at the grave on the occasion of the placing of the Memorial Marker, and in Denver full military honours were accorded the deceased by order of the Commanding Officer of the district, which I am sure you will agree is an indication of a most commendable spirit of international comradeship.