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POPPY DAY * CAMPAIGN
ARMISTICE DAY * NOVEMBER 11TH.

Mme. Athanase David
President.

Montreal, October 13th, 1922.

General Sir Arthur Currie,
McGill University,
MONTREAL.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

Your letter of October 11th inst, has been communicated to me by Miss Delisle, secretary of the General Committee. May I say at the outset, that I perfectly understand your views that any Armistice Day Campaign's immediate purpose should be made so to assure the families of returned soldiers their needs as far as possible before the coming winter, and the reason why I accepted the presidency this year is that it had been understood with my committee that the expenses would be reduced at a minimum. And this, I may say, has been done already, as all the poppies to be sold this year, are made by returned soldiers at the War Memorial Workshop corner Ontario and Mance Sts., therefore, even before the date of collection the returned soldiers will receive about $2\frac{1}{4}$ cents on small poppies, while they will receive an amount of 6 cents on the big poppies, the quantity made by this same institution is an approximate number of 100,000 small poppies and 75,000 big poppies.

As the idea of the Poppy Day originated in France and was offered to the Canadian Public by Miss Guérin ~~one~~ year ago, all the benefits, exclusive $1\frac{1}{4}$ cents on small poppies and $3\frac{1}{2}$ cents on big poppies which are to be offered to the Franco-Canadian Orphanage, which orphanage is under the direction of Dr. Pinard, who was here to attend the Medical Congress held in Montreal recently, are to be divided amongst the different returned soldiers associations in the district of Montreal.

Hoping this explanation will be satisfactory to you, dear Sir Arthur, I beg to remain,

Yours truly,

Athanasie David President.