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General Sir Arthur Currie, K.C.M.G.,
President, McGill University,
Montreal, Quebec.

Dear Art:-

I am writing you on behalf of Mrs. Bertha M. Kelly widow with 3 children, who is a victim of T.B; now temporarily residing at Monrovia, California. Her late husband who died during the recent war, at Port Arthur, died of T.B. here, having contracted a cold during his military career, going to and from the elevator, which finally developed into Tuberculosis. Mrs. Kelly writes to Mr. W. H. Arnold, past-President of the Port Arthur Liberal Association, in part as follows: "You are doubtless aware about my protracted illness, and while not a bit interested, in my financial situation, it is to get some relief that I am writing you about. I put in a claim for pension before the former Pension Commissioners, but was refused on the ground that my husband's disability, preexisted enlistment. However, I have again appealed to the new Federal Appeal Board for reconsideration, and am hopeful that I may receive justice. I am given to understand, however, that it will require "some strings" pulled to get it. The main reason given for all the trouble, is because Dr. G.W. Brown of Port Arthur, feels he cannot certify that my husband's illness was due to service, but on the contrary was aggravated, which should be sufficient. I do not want to take any chances on it, hence my letter to the Liberal Association through you. Neil Campbell of Port Arthur can give you much information. I understand that the Honorable Mr. Low, has been interested in the matter and I wondered if the Liberals there, would give him a boost. Through the Canadian Tuberculosis Association, Colonel Woodhouse, M.D., Ottawa, is acting before the Appeal Board for me, but I presume you could work direct with Mr. Low. I feel that I am contributing to the public funds of Canada just the same, as though I were living there, and when I reflect on all the years my father gave in the public service of the Country, that some compensation, should be rendered his child, who is a victim of T.B. "

Signed Bertha M. Kelly."