

Minutes of the inaugural meeting of the "Last Post" Imperial  
 Naval & Military Contingency Fund, held in Trinity  
 Church Vestry, Montreal, April 19th 1909, at 8 p.m.

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1. There were present at this gathering for the purpose of appointing an Executive Committee and discussing matters relative to the organization of the Fund, and its future - the following ladies and gentlemen:-

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| 1. Brig-General Lawrence Buchan | C.V.O., C.M.G., A.D.C.      |
| 2. Rev. J. Macpherson Almond,   | M.A.                        |
| (Trustees)                      |                             |
| 3. Mrs R. Hemsley, Representing | The Daughters of the Empire |
| 4. Miss Berthwick               | " " "                       |
| 5. Mr Lucien O. Vallee          | The S. Afr. Vet. Assn       |
| 6. Mr W. Marsh                  | The Brit. A. & N. Vet. Assn |
| 7. Mr Alex. McKay               | The Imp. S.A. Vet. Assn     |
| 8. Mr Arthur H.D. Hair          | The Local Militia           |

2. The Rev. J.M. Almond was unanimously nominated and asked to accept the position of Chairman which he accepted, but on the arrival of Brig-Gen. Buchan (who came in a few minutes after the meeting opened) he expressed a wish to withdraw in the General's favour - this, General Buchan with courteous deference declined to allow, and sustained the appointment.
3. It was then moved by Rev. Mr Almond, seconded by Mr Marsh - "That Mr Hair be appointed Secretary" which motion was carried Mr Hair acquiescing.
4. Subsequently, Moved by Mr Hair, seconded by Mrs Hemsley - "That Mr Vallee be appointed Treasurer - a Motion in amendment was moved by Mr Vallee seconded by Mr McKay - "That Mrs Hemsley be appointed - but Mrs Hemsley being indisposed to accept and favouring Mr Vallee's appointment, the original Motion carried, Mr Vallee accepting.
5. Moved by Mr Marsh seconded by Mr Vallee - "That this Committee be appointed to remain in office for one year, and in addition to the foregoing appointments, the Executive members to be:- Mrs R. Hemsley, Mrs F. Slater, Mr A. McKay, Mr W. Marsh, and one other to be appointed to represent the Permanent Forces of the Province. This Committee was appointed with power to add to its numbers, and will meet from time to time to act and further the interests of the Fund - Motion Carried
6. The proposed Rules of administration of the Fund were taken up, discussed, and passed one by one - the whole finally being approved of by the Trustees and Committee as they now stand.  
It was also suggested by Brig-General Buchan and generally approved of, that this Fund be duly Registered and Incorporated under the designation of - The "Last Post" Imperial Naval & Military Contingency Fund" - It was decided to act on the suggestion.
7. It was suggested by Brig-General Buchan that Sgt-Major T. Leblond be approached in an effort to obtain his cooperation as an Executive member of the Committee to represent the Permanent Forces, and the Secretary was requested to communicate with him on the subject.
8. In order to obtain the full and unqualified interest and support of the Roman Catholic persuasion, and to act in consistency with the laws and etiquette of that religious Denomination, the Chairman suggested that an "Interviewing Committee" be appointed to seek a personal interview with Archbishop Bruchesi and endeavour to obtain his sanction to the Consecration of a portion of a subdivided Plot, or obtain his views on the matter. The suggestion met with unanimous favour, and the Chairman thereupon nominated Mr Hair and Mr Vallee as an "Interviewing Committee" the nomination being sustained by all present. They were asked to report at next meeting.

