

1363 Greene Avenue
Westmount

May 3rd 1926

General Sir Arthur Currie
G.C.M.G., K.C.B., L.L.D.

Dear Sir,

From time to time cases of real and urgent distress amongst widows and orphans of ex-service men, and the physically incapacitated present themselves where there appears to be no source of relief other than any funds collected from the general public, in the manner for instance of the "Poppy Day Campaign".

Unfortunately for the past couple of years the contributing public from reasons of dissatisfaction exposed in the press, have become somewhat apathetic towards this annual appeal, and unless the public are reassured, there is a danger of losing this opportunity of collecting a large sum of money that can be used to real good purpose.

I have taken the liberty to submit to the Municipal Regent of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire, who for the past few years have organized this campaign, certain suggestions in concrete form that might possibly be helpful in re-organization, furthermore, I felt that - quite justifiably - the proportion of the collection applicable to the non-member of a Veteran Organization might be administered through the medium of the Canteen Funds Executive, and thus form a source of annual replenishment.

In any case the enclosed copy is merely a suggestion given for what it is worth to the organizing Executive, and I am sending one to the following gentlemen, who in the past have lent their support to the Campaign and who no doubt will be consulted again, viz:-

General, Sir Arthur Currie
Brig-Gen. C. J. Armstrong
Brig-Gen. Eric McCuaig
Col. (Rev) J. M. Almond
Lt-Col. Wilfred Bovey

Please do not bother with acknowledgement of this, as I repeat it is merely a suggestion in the passing, for what it may or may not be worth.

Faithfully

Arthur H. D. Fair