



WHAT IS THE "LAST POST" FUND?

The **Primary** object, is to prevent the ignominy and ingratitude of the abandonment to a pauper's grave at death, of any man of whom it can be proved that he had served his country honourably, either in the Army, Navy, or Auxiliary Forces.

For the past ten years, within the Province of Quebec, it has been made absolutely unnecessary for any friendless ex-service man to reach a pauper's grave, through the existence of this organization, and by legislation, obtained and put into execution by this Fund, though the fact is not fully realized by the general public.

The Fund receives no Federal, Provincial, or Civic grants, and, has no salaried officials, nor does it pay any gratuities for work accomplished, and its work is unique throughout the whole of the British Empire.

This **national obligation**, of respectful interment of our defenders, this Association seek to eventually place,— where it rightly belongs—**with the government.**

The **Secondary** object, provides the privilege of interment in its burial plots, of any honourably discharged deceased soldier or sailor **for whom request may be made**,—not through pecuniary, but for military and sentimental reasons—on condition that those applying, contribute to the funds of the Association and abide by the regulations governing the burial plots; thus the Fund renders a public service of which ample evidence of appreciation has already been given.

In this, the Fund is also fulfilling a **national need** as a direct result of the present war:—(1) That of providing Naval and Military burial grounds where deceased soldiers and sailors (whose relatives and friends are in many instances in the Motherland, or other Overseas Dominions) may rest together in death, as they fraternized in life, and (2) by keeping a proper record of their location.

In regard to this dual office, proof of appreciation has been offered by the fact that the local military authorities have availed themselves of the privilege to the extent of burying over fifty returned deceased men, in the two "Last Post" plots, who otherwise would have been scattered hither and thither without record of their location, through the failure of the government hitherto to deal with this subject seriously.

A **Third** object, consists of historical research, relative to the old military burial grounds of the Province and Dominion, and perpetuity of the memory of those who sleep their last sleep therein, as also the collection and accumulation of all data possible relative thereto, and of the institution of efforts to get the government to restore those old landmarks which have suffered through age or desecration.

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses row and row
That mark our place. And in the sky
The larks still bravely singing fly,
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe,
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch. Be yours to hold it high;
If ye break faith with us who die,
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

late Lt.-Col. John McCrae, C.A.M.C.

Rest ye in peace ye Flanders dead,
The fight that ye so bravely led
We've taken up. And we will keep
True faith with you who lie asleep
With each a cross to mark his bed,

And poppies blowing overhead
Where once his own life blood ran red.
So let your rest be sweet and deep
In Flanders fields.

Fear not that you have died for naught,
The torch ye threw to us we caught,
Ten million hands will hold it high,
And Freedom's light shall never die;
We've learned the lesson that ye taught
In Flanders fields.

R. W. Lilliard.