



CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF
SOLDIERS' CIVIL RE-ESTABLISHMENT

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO FILE NO.

SCR 8-14-B.

O t t a w a ,
April 10th, 1924.

Dear Mr. Hair;

Your letter to the Officer in Charge of Military Records, of the 20th ultimo asking how many men died in Canada since the Great War commenced, has been passed to me for reply. The available figures are not absolutely reliable as I have no means of making a division in respect of figures compiled by the Department of Militia & Defence between the men who died in camp and those who died after return from overseas. Up to the 31st March, 1918 the figures given by the Department of Militia & Defence show 3,569; from the 1st April, 1918 to the 21st December, 1923, deaths on the strength of the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-Establishment numbered 3,554, or a total of 7,123.

2. I believe that you asked me some time ago for the cost of burial grants made by the Department. I find that the Board of Pension Commissioners has made 528 such grants from November, 1919 to date and that the approximate expenditure has been \$52,000. The cost of burials to the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-Establishment, of the men who died on its strength, from the 1st April, 1918 to the end of February, 1924, was \$282,855.02.

Yours faithfully,

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