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# Last Post Fund of Canada, Inc.



## General Instructions to Officers

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### INSTRUCTIONS FROM DOMINION HEADQUARTERS TO PROVINCIAL HEADQUARTERS, BRANCHES, OR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

**Motto.** The well known words of Kipling's Recessional "LEST WE FORGET" have been, and remain, the guiding inspiration of the Funds actions.

**Primary Object.** The first object of the Fund—briefly—is, to prevent the abandonment to a pauper's grave and oblivion, of any ex-Service person, through friendlessness and destitution at death.

**Secondary Object.** The second object, is to act in the capacity of friend and advisor—in obituary matters—to widows and orphans of a deceased Sailor or Soldier, where there may be such in an indigent condition, or as the legal custodian of deceased's personal effects, if there are any.

**Tertiary Object.** The third object of the Fund is—where there are widows and orphans left in a destitute condition, as a result of death—to commend them to such other organizations whose functions are to render them assistance, and to secure for them—by corres-

pondence or personal effort—any rights or dues that are theirs, where the clerical offices of such an association as this can be of any service to them. To endeavour to trace the Next of Kin of those where there were none present at the obsequies, and return to them any personal effects of deceased — conditional upon their proof of identity, and right thereto. Finally, to keep vigilance over the resting places of all Sailors or Soldiers where indifference is shown as to their proper care and unkeep, and to place on file any historical data of interest which may be obtained in connection with ancient military burial grounds.

**Protective Measure.**

Owing to the eleemosynary manner of subsistence of the Fund—until such time as the financial responsibility is assumed in full by the nation—it is imperative, and to be borne in mind, that, if subsequent to burial, relatives of the deceased are traced who are in a position to do so, they must be requested to reimburse the Fund, to the amount of its outlay without prejudice to the Fund, as the Ward of the deceased's mortal remains.

**Organization.**

The method of Dominion-wide organization to be followed in order to deal with any cases that occur from time to time, and to fully cover the Dominion, may be summarised as follows, viz. :—

1. Dominion Headquarters, at Montreal.
2. Provincial Headquarters (subservient to Dominion Headquarters in matters of fundamental principle) in the City of each Province best adapted to deal with the work of the Fund.
3. Branches, or points of Official Representation, may be established wherever advisable in the opinion of Provincial Headquarters; and for purposes of Provincial co-operation and autonomy they will be subservient to Provincial Headquarters; not contrary (in fundamental principles) to the Dominion Charter and By-Laws of the Fund.

**Provincial Representation**

Subsequent to final organization of the respective Provinces, the subject of Provincial representation on the Dominion Execu-

tive will be taken up and dealt with, in order that the best results may be obtained in Convention of the whole of the respective Units composing the Dominion organization.

**Provincial  
Subsidy.**

Subsequent to organization of Provincial Headquarters—and annually thereafter, as long as the Federal Grant continues—a proportionate subsidy (governed by figures given by the proper Government Departments) will be allotted to each Provincial Headquarters, but such subsidy is applicable to assist Provincial Headquarters primarily, in taking care of any case outside its immediate organised district, and within the bounds of its Province, on the per capita basis of cost set out in these instructions, and which come within the defined category of those cases where Form "C" is used. In other words, this provision is to prevent "abandonment" where no Branch or Representative of the Fund exists.

**Special Pro-  
vision for Un-  
organized  
Districts.**

Until Branches are formed in all the principal Cities and Towns of a thickly populated Province, efforts must be made by Provincial Headquarters to appoint a well known, responsible, and resident, citizen therein, to act as the authorised Official Representative of the Fund—supplying him with a copy of these Instructions and necessary Forms—in order that the Fund may put into practice the object for which it exists.

The public may then—when occasion requires—make application to such person on behalf of a friendless and indigent ex-Service man, woman, or Pensioner, either prior, or subsequent to burial, and such application when duly completed, will be forthwith sent forward to the nearest responsible Branch, or Provincial Headquarters (whichever Provincial regulations stipulate) for authority to bury, or consideration of re-imbusement if the burial has already taken place,—always and absolutely—conditional upon complying with the stipulations set out in the draft of this Fund's Forms and these instructions. Where re-imbusement is given, if a headstone has not been placed on the grave a Memorial Marker of the Fund's accepted pattern must subsequently, and invariably be placed thereon by the Fund.

**Marker on  
Unmarked  
Graves.**

**District Financial Assistance.** In order to assist Provincial Headquarters, —or the Branches, where they are called upon to deal with cases outside of their defined districts—the authorised Official Representative, should endeavour to establish an annual "Commemoration Day" in his locality on which occasion, in addition to paying floral or religious tribute to the memory of the local Naval and Military Dead, some form of financial "Benefit" might be organised, such as a Military Tournament, Concert, Flower Sale, Church Parade, etc., the proceeds from which could be applied to this work. Such a thing once a year is not a very serious or heavy undertaking, but may mean much to the Cause.

**Relation of Provincial Headquarters to Branches.** Provincial Headquarters (as also Branches where properly organized) will be governed in the main by the General Constitution and By-Laws of the Fund, as relating therein to "BRANCHES" but also as stated therein, may draft their own Rules and Regulations, not contrary to the fundamental principles in the Dominion Charter, always keeping in mind that Provincial Headquarters and the respective Branches are entirely responsible for their own revenue and disbursement in their defined districts.

**Headquarters Co-operation.** Provincial Headquarters, and any Unit of the Fund, will invariably be accorded the fullest possible co-operation and advice on all matters pertaining to the work and organization, on application to the Dominion Organizing Secretary, P.O. Box 1382, G.P.O., Montreal, P.Q.

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Excerpt from the Dominion Charter and By-Laws, for advice and particularly relating to Organization of "Branches."

**Powers of Charter Trustees.** They will appoint Trustees in each Branch.

**Branch Banks.** Banks for Branches of the Corporation, shall likewise be appointed by the Charter Trustees, but the Branch accounts thereat, shall be in the name of the Corporation and of the Branch Trustees as such, and all cheques shall be signed by the Branch Trustees.

**Branch Organization.** The organization of Branches of the Corporation must be subject to the approval of the Charter Trustees and Executive at Headquarters, and governed by the conditions and By-Laws herein contained. Branches will be subject to the following special conditions:—

**Sub-Charter.** They will be designated as, "Quebec" "Three Rivers"—"Sherbrooke" or any other Branch of the "Last Post Fund," and will be given a Sub-Charter.

**Local Expenses.** They will maintain their own local Burial Plots, and defray all expenses within their allotted district.

**Books & Records.** They will keep similar books and Registers to those kept at Headquarters, and will make a Quarterly Report of their Membership Roll, Finances, and Work to Headquarters, thus enabling the Corporation to send out Reports of its condition and growth.

**Branch Autonomy.** They may make Regulations for their locality not contrary to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Corporation.

**Literature & Insignia.** They may obtain copies of the Constitution and By-Laws, explanatory literature, and the Official Insignia Badge, from Headquarters.

**Branch Fees.** A Charter Fee, and Branch Assessment per annum, will be levied to cover extraordinary Secretarial expenses in connection with the expansion of the Corporation.

**Application for Sub-Charter.** In making application for a Branch Charter, the applicants must submit the names of at least three well known and responsible citizens of their locality for appointment as Branch Trustees by the Charter Trustees; and who may also act as Branch President, Secretary, or other Officer, if desired.

Excerpt from the Minutes of Dominion Executive Meeting, at Headquarters, held in Montreal on January 19th, 1922.

It was Moved, Seconded, and unanimously resolved:—

**Branch Fees and Assessments.** "That the Branch Charter Fee be \$50.00 and the Branch Annual Assessment be \$10.00 per annum for the first part of, or fifty members, and \$10.00 extra for every suc-

cessive part of, or fifty members, payable to Headquarters through the Branch Secretary, on or before the 15th day of March of each year, subsequent to the first payment.

In order to be assured of Provincial representation on the Dominion Executive, assessments must be paid on due date.

**Quarterly Returns.**

The Provincial Headquarters, or Branch Secretaries, as also the District Representatives, must see that the Quarterly Returns on Form "D" supplied them, is mailed direct to, and in time to reach Dominion Headquarters not later than the 15th day of March, June, September and December of each year. It is also well for them to bear in mind the necessity for sending in the annual assessment on due date.

Special instructions, having particular bearing on the manner and conduct of obituaries.

**Classes of Applications.** There are two classes of case where the Fund may be applied to for burial purposes, viz:—

1. The Honourably Discharged friendless and indigent.
2. Pensioners who are friendless, and indigent at death.

**Preliminary Investigation and Procedure.**

Strict compliance with the requirements set out in the draft of the Statutory Declaration (or Affidavit) required in Forms "B" and "C" reduces investigation to a minimum, and while a reasonable measure of credulity must be shown, any attempt at imposition must be dealt with in accordance with the Law, and relentlessly so.

**Distinction of Classes Eligible.**

In order not to use funds that are intended for the class first mentioned, and who are the primary cause of this Fund's existence, it is essential to find out from the applicant, at the outset, whether the deceased was a Pensioner at the time of death, what class of Pensioner—Disability or Long Service—and furthermore, whether he was in receipt of his Pension at time of demise. If it can be established that the deceased was a Canadian Pensioner in receipt of Pension at time of demise, the case may be accepted (on completion of the Form or Forms) and by subsequent application to the

Board of Pension Commissioners accompanied by a copy of the Form or Forms, the Fund can obtain reimbursement under provision of Chapter 62, Article 32 of the Pensions Act of Canada, which says:—

“When a pensioner pensioned on account of a disability has died, and his estate is not sufficient to pay the expenses of his last sickness and burial, the Commissioners may pay such expenses, or a portion thereof, but the payment in any case shall not exceed one hundred dollars.”

**Memorabilia.** Incidentally, and for advice of our Officers, it is well to know, that (due to a revision of the Pension Act., brought about at the instigation of this Fund) it is not necessary that the pensioner should have died of the disability for which he was pensioned, in order to be eligible for this provision.

**Imperial & Long Service Pensioners.** If, however, the case is that of an Imperial, or Long Service Pensioner (either Canadian or Imperial, in the latter class) it had better be treated as if he were merely an honourably discharged person without pension, and application made subsequently to the Officer Paying Pensions — Canadian and Imperial — at Ottawa, who will advise whether there is any possibility of obtaining re-imbusement or not.

Any information required regarding Pensioners may usually be obtained from the nearest Unit of the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment, or on supplying Regimental number and Regiment, by correspondence or telegraph, to The Secretary, Board of Pension Commissioners, Ottawa.

**Honourably Discharged Non-Pensioners.** Where the case is not a Pensioner, it is essential for the representative of the Fund to whom application is made, to satisfy himself by personal inquiry, and a responsible citizen's report of the bona fides of the applicant to subscribe to the Affidavit incorporated in the Forms "B" and "C", or both.

**Publicity and Public Procedure.** In any district where a Contract, or Contracts, have been entered into with an Undertaking firm, to act as the "Official Undertaker" to the Fund, the name, or names of such firms should be made known to the

local Militia Headquarters, the D.S.C.R., the principal Hospitals, Homes for Incurables, Asylums, the City Morgue, and the District Inspector of Anatomy, with whom a few blank Forms should also be left, letting it be specially known that no application will be considered by this Fund, where an Undertaker other than the "Official" one has been employed.

**Application  
Forms.**

Form "B" otherwise designated "The Application for Interment" with the Statutory Declaration—or Affidavit—incorporated therein, constitutes—when fully completed—a guarantee of bona fides and a record of all particulars required at Dominion Headquarters, as well as locally. This Form, (and Form "C" when necessary) must be properly completed in every detail, made in triplicate, and affirmed by a Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, or Commissioner for taking Oaths, before authority for burial is given. The original of such Forms will be kept at the point of interment and the two copies sent forward to Dominion Headquarters, with the Quarterly Return from Provincial Headquarters, Branches, or District Representatives.

**Registration  
Fee.**

For making the necessary investigation, and completing the Forms "B" and "C" (inclusive)—whoever is authorized in the district to do so—will receive a fee of \$5.00. It is, however, to be distinctly understood that no authority for burial be given the Undertaker, unless the aforementioned Forms be completed and affirmed.

**Custody of  
Personal Effects.**

In accordance with Article 2, of the Fund's Dominion Charter, the representative to whom application is made for burial must, at the very earliest possible moment assure himself as to whether there are any personal effects or belongings, left with the authorities of any public institution from which the deceased may have been taken, or with a Boarding house, if he were in such, for sometimes a citizen merely interested in the respectful disposal of the body of one he knows to be friendless, may not be aware of personal effects in possession of such places as above mentioned. In such cases, the Fund acts as Legal Custodian pro-tem.

**Orders for  
Funeral,  
Burial and  
Memorial.**

On completion of the necessary Application Forms duly signed, an order will be given on Form "A" to the Undertaking Firm employed for the Funeral, to which will be attached Form "A.A." authorising the Cemetery Officials to give burial, while a third Order will be sent simultaneously on Form "A.A.A." to the Monument Maker employed, to prepare and place a Memorial Marker of the approved pattern on the grave. Each and all of which Orders must be signed by the Official of the Fund duly authorised to do so.

**Obituary  
Notice.**

Coincident with the other Orders, the draft of an "Obituary Notice" should be attached for insertion in the leading local Paper, the cost of which Notice must not exceed One Dollar.

**Contracts.**

While the Order Forms of the Fund lend themselves to the dual method of individual or contract orders, if at all possible, contracts should be entered into with the most reliable Firms in each City or Town to supply the necessary requirements of the Fund in accordance with the specifications set and the prices agreed upon.

**Memorabilia  
Second In-  
terments in a  
Grave.**

When an initial burial has taken place in a grave, and a second one is to take place—unless for some good reason a second one is prohibitive—only an Order for opening the grave on Form "A.A." and an Order for a second inscription on Form "A.A.A." will be attached to Form "A." It is also well to keep in mind the fact that the underlying motive for the double burial in a grave is SENTIMENTAL not ECONOMICAL, it is inspired by that spirit of fraternal "Comraderie" existing in the ranks,—“Even unto death.”

**Flags for  
Obituaries.**

Provincial Headquarters or the local Branch of the Fund, will supply the Contracting Undertaker with the following flags, one of which will (according to the Branch of the Service to which deceased belonged) be used to cover the Coffin at the Funeral, viz:—

- The Union Jack
- The Royal Naval Ensign
- The Royal Air Force Ensign.

Where there is no Branch and a funeral is conducted under the direction of an authorised Representative of the Last Post Fund, an effort should be made to obtain the use of a Union Jack, for the occasion.

**Representation at Funerals.**

It should be arranged that a representative of the Last Post Fund, or some other local Naval or Military Association, should invariably be present at Funerals—especially where the deceased is quite unknown in the locality of demise—and this might be assured by a system of “Duty” turns arranged by the representatives of different local Societies, Patriotic or National.

**Supervision.**

Care must be exercised, that the grave Certificate of Ownership is returned to the Fund on payment therefor, with the number thereof, and location of the body in the grave, which must be transcribed in the Burial Register.

Should it be known at the time of an initial interment, that for some special reason (such as Board of Health regulations during an Epidemic) that the grave cannot be reopened, the Monument Maker may be instructed at the time to “centre” the inscription on the Memorial Marker, but the dimensions of the stone must not be reduced.

**Deceased's Personal Effects.**

Where there may be personal effects of sentimental value to Next of Kin, such as Medals, Decorations, Documents, or personal papers, these must be taken over by the authorised representative of the Fund, placed in safekeeping and duly recorded, until finally disposed of and receipt taken therefor.

**Obituary Economics, and Distribution of Costs to be Treated as Confidential.**

**Fee for Affidavit.**

The fee for completing and filing the necessary Statutory Declaration, or Affidavit—Forms “B” and “C” individually, or inclusive—shall be \$5.00.

**Funeral Costs**

The cost of Funeral, must in no case exceed Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), and less, where possible, commensurate with the respect demanded in the circumstances. The maximum distribution shall be as follows:—

Removal, and preparation of body, with use of Under- taker's Parlour for Funeral Service .. .. .	\$7.00
Shirt Shroud .. .. .	3.00
Coffin, with nameplate and handles .. .. .	25.00
Hearse .. .. .	10.00
Mourning Coach .. .. .	5.00

**ObituaI Notice.** The cost of ObituaI Notice shall not exceed \$1.00.

**Cost of Burial.** The cost of Burial shall not exceed Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00), and less where possible, commensurate with the respect demanded in the circumstances. The maximum distribution of costs (averaged between initial and second interment) shall be:—

Proportional cost of grave \$25.00 .. .. .	\$12.50
Cost of digging .. .. .	8.00
Vault, or Cemetery fees .. .. .	4.50

**Cost of Memorial Marker** The cost of the Memorial Marker shall not exceed (averaging between initial and second interment) Eleven Dollars and fifty cents (\$11.50), and the maximum distribution of cost shall be as follows:—

Proportional cost of stone (\$8.00) .. .. .	\$4.00
Lettering (approx. 47) at 16 cents each .. .. .	7.50

**Per Capita Percentage Distribution.** Taking One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) as the basis of an interment complete, from "A" to "Z" (exclusive of association "overhead") anywhere in the Dominion of Canada, the distribution of cost should not exceed:—

	P.C.
Funeral .. .. .	50
Burial .. .. .	25
Memorial .. .. .	11½
Unforseen contingency .. .. .	12½
Advertising .. .. .	1

100

**Commentary on Estimate.** The foregoing calculation of costs are based upon thirteen years' actual experience in the Metropolis of Canada, where the costs may be taken as at the "peak".

In some parts of Canada, this work can be

done fulfilling every requirement at less cost than above estimated. Respectful dignity, commensurate with that which is necessary, not lavish, is all that is required, but that must be insisted upon, and carried into effect.

**Transportation.**

It is to be distinctly understood, that no provision is made for transportation by Rail, Boat, or otherwise, of a deceased ex-Service person from one district to another, but that burial must take place in the ground provided by the Last Post Fund.

**Inspection of Contracts**

The Provincial Headquarters, Branch Secretary, or the District Representative, in their respective localities, must see that the Returns and Reports are made regularly to Dominion Headquarters. They will also from time to time, make personal (unanticipated) inspection of Funeral, Burial, and Memorial work, to satisfy themselves and the association, of the faithful execution of the respective Contracts.

**Branch Books.**

The books to be kept by each Provincial Headquarters and Branch, are as follows:—

- Minute Book.
- Membership Book.
- Burial Register.
- Cash Book.
- Journal.
- Ledger.

**Bookkeeping.**

For advice and guidance in book-keeping, it may be intimated that the Headings under which Headquarters annual Financial Statement is submitted, are as follows:—

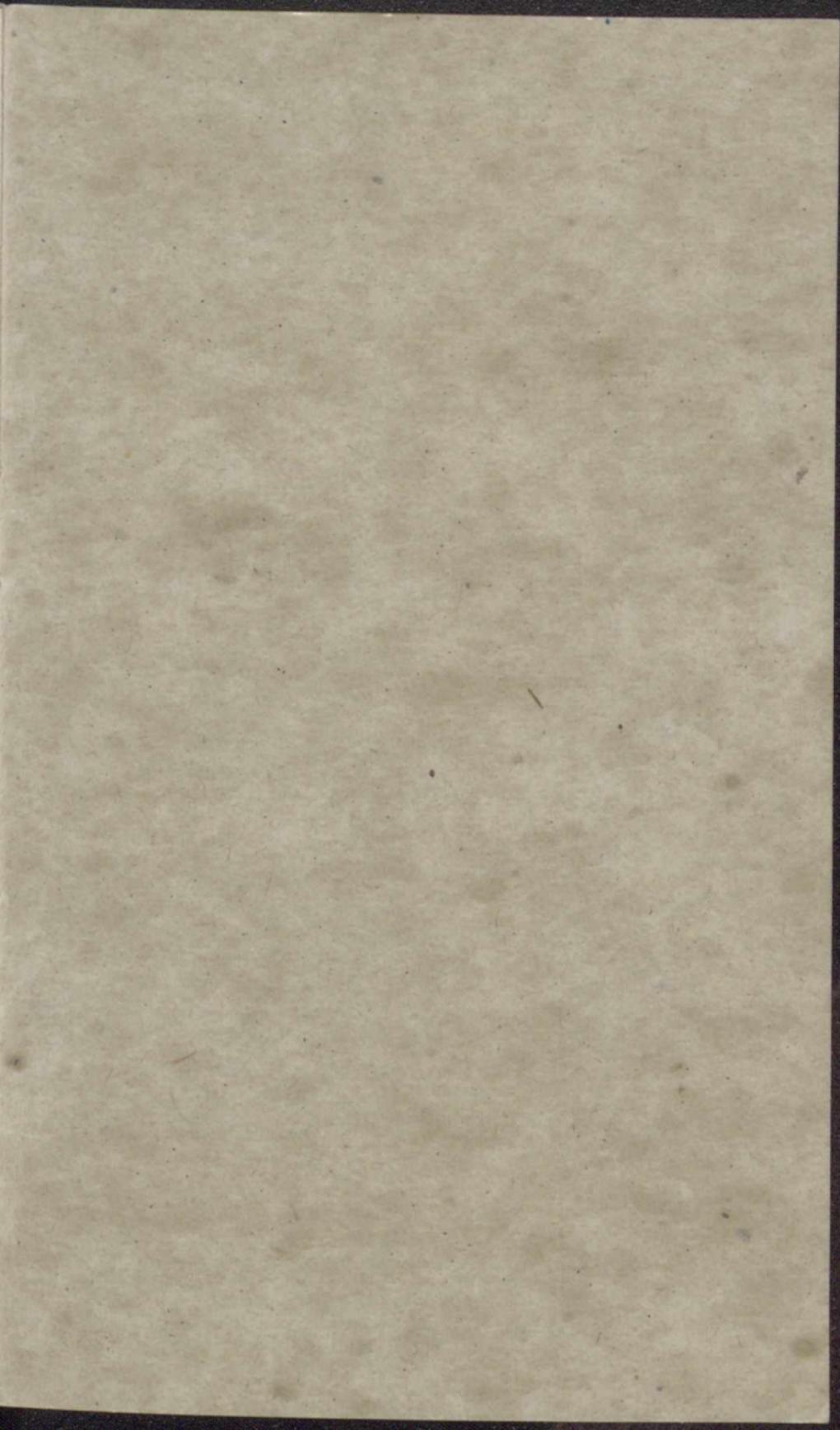
**Receipts.**

- Subscriptions.
  - Personal
  - Funeral.
  - Special.
- Fees.
  - Associate.
  - Active.
  - Life.

**Disbursements.**

- Interest on account.
  - Funerals.
  - Memorial Markers.
  - Cemetery Upkeep (if any).
- Printing & Stationery.
- Postage, Telephone, Office Supplies, etc.
- “Commemoration Day” Expenses.
- Honorariums.

Supplemented by a Statement of Assets and Liabilities.



A PLAIN STATEMENT FROM THE  
LAST POST FUND  
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We are living in an age when people who think at all, think - and very properly too - that the public have a right to know just how much of Government Grants to any worthy Cause is applied to "Organization and Administration" as compared with that which is applied to the actual work for which it is granted.

The purport of this article is to enlighten the public with regard to a Grant made to assist the work of the Last Post Fund for the first time in 1922.

In 1909 the Founders of the Last Post Fund took the stand - in which they have been very strongly supported by people of note from all parts of the Empire - that such a slight indication of gratitude for Naval or Military service performed, as to save an ex-sailor or soldier from abandonment to the charity of a paupers grave in the last extremity of death and friendlessness, is one from which an Empire of our importance should not shrink ~~from~~, but should assume the financial responsibility for cheerfully, as a national debt of gratitude.

With that ideal in view as their ultimate goal, the group who initiated the Last Post Fund in 1909 composed of a very small but energetic membership organised on a systematic, but purely voluntary basis in the Province of Quebec, to prove that the work could be accomplished when the need arose, and that from point of magnitude, it is not the serious problem it might appear in prospective at first sight to some of our Political Economists.

The Society confined its activities to the study and work connected with post-military-service obituaries in its various phases, ~~and~~ with which, the average citizen through a very human disinclination, is non-conversant and quite embarrassed when faced with the inevitable duty of making respectful (not lavish) adequate, ~~and~~ economic provision.

For thirteen years - the latter seven of which took in five of the war, and two of the post-war period - the Society without Federal, Provincial, or Civic assistance threw itself open to take care of all cases that required its assistance in the whole of the Province of Quebec, which amounted to over two hundred and fifty. All Executive work during those years was done absolutely free of cost to the society, neither salary, or honorarium being expended from the funds. Funds were raised to carry on the work, by Membership fees, by the organization of "Benefit" Entertainments, by private subscription, and "any method consistent with the dignity of the Cause" though certain methods were taboo.

During this period however, the fundamental principle of the nation assuming the financial responsibility was not lost sight of for a moment, and the governments Federal, Provincial, and Civic, were periodically importuned on the subject with no greater success than repeated promises of 'consideration' until 1919, when owing to certain developments resulting from increasing post-war military mortality amongst ex-service men who had no direct claim on the government but which were occurring generally throughout the Dominion, the Special Parliamentary Commission on Pensions and Soldier Civil Re-establishment took the system of the Last Post Fund together with other efforts, under 'serious consideration' which resulted in the Special Parliamentary Committee of 1922 making recommendation to Parliament that an annual Grant of \$10,000 be made to the Charter Trustees of the Last Post Fund to assist them in carrying out this work under Dominion Charter granted the Society in 1921.

Thus the object of existence, in principle, was recognized by the Dominion Government of Canada, and a noble example set the other parts of the British Empire.

This Federal assistance however, does not mean for a moment that the financial problem is settled, as it does not commence to meet the requirements, ~~of the Society~~, it is governed by certain stipulations

which assure each Province getting its proportionate share of it on the basis of the total of enlistments and discharges in the respective Provinces bulked and halved, and which works out as follows, from figures supplied the Last Post Fund by the government, viz:- British Columbia 10% Alberta 7% Saskatchewan 6% Manitoba 11% Ontario 42% Quebec 13% New Brunswick 4% Nova Scotia & Prince Edward (combined) 7%.

In order to enable the Society to expand and properly organize its system Dominion-wide, it was decided by Order-in-Council that for the first year ~~MMMM~~, 50% of the Grant should be earmarked for that purpose and any unexpended balance returned to the Dominion Consolidated Revenue Fund. The Fund is now represented by Provincial Headquarters in Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia, in addition to Quebec, while there are also district Branches in Ontario and Alberta. The Maritime Provinces are temporarily being administered through direct personal representation, and in case of necessity the organization is such that a case can be taken care of in any part of the Dominion, direct from Dominion Headquarters at Montreal.

It can be readily understood that with such an important organization effectively covering the whole Dominion a permanent Executive of some kind is essential to its continued existence. That Executive 'Staff' consists of a Dominion Organizing Secretary whose salary is divided between the Dominion, and Quebec Provincial, Headquarters.

The employment or remuneration of any Provincial or Branch Secretary, where it is not done in an Honorary capacity, is a matter for local adjustment from the Branch funds.

In 1923 \$1500 has been set aside for Headquarters administration \$1200 of which has been received by the Fund, and \$300 placed in suspense, the balance of \$8500.00 being distributed for application in the respective provinces on the percentages already described.

Another condition of the Grant, is that audited financial Reports be rendered the Department of Soldiers Civil Re-establishment by the Last Post Fund at the call of that Department, and the Society must show by its returns that on the basis of \$100 per capita it has exceeded in expenditure for funerals the total amount of the Grant for the year.

As an example, for the first year under government assistance - six months only of which could really be taken into consideration - the Fund had \$5000.00 to apply to \$7500.00 expenditure for funerals, not administration, from which it is readily seen that supplementation is necessary.

The government Grant in its entirety only represents the cost of 100 interments, while experience has already shewn that in the two provinces of Quebec and Ontario alone in 1921 there were that many.

The cost of dealing with cases has by a combination of several years experience and systematization been reduced to the minimum, consistent with that which is adequate and essential - not unnecessarily lavish - but reverently respectful, and every grave is marked with a Canadian Granite Marker 1ft. 4 in. by 10 in. by 6 in. polished on the surface and inscribed with the rank, name, regiment, and age of deceased.

All work is done for the fund by Contract and in accordance with its specification. In the absence of National Military Cemeteries interments are made in the Last Post Fund, or Civic Cemetery Reservations where they exist, and elsewhere, individual graves with perpetual care are purchased.

Very complete records of every case are filed locally and Quarterly Returns made to Dominion Headquarters of the Fund, from which in turn distant relatives are communicated with and reports transmitted to the Military Records Office at Ottawa, which facilitates the completion of their mortality records and cooperates.

The Last Post Fund is not a Charity Organization, it was specifically conceived to defeat that stigma being applied to an honourably discharged warrior in the last extremity of death, neither is it a "Veteran" Organization, for it owes its existence to the inability of such Organizations to take care of those outside of their membership, it is distinctly a patriotic organization, acting as a "Vigilance Committee" in the final contingency of death amongst our ex-warriors and to prevent the ingratitude of abandonment through friendlessness and indigency.

As every case assumed by the Fund involves a definite financial responsibility of \$100 it behoves the Fund's officials to convince themselves of the bone-fides of the applicant who may be any responsible citizen, but who must produce the military papers and identification therewith, of deceased, and make a Declaration under Affidavit before the properly authorised Court Official on a Form supplied by the Fund.

The Dominion Headquarters Executive of the Last Post Fund - all of whom, with the exception of the Organizing Secretary, are Honorary Officials - is composed of three Charter Trustees, and an Executive Council of fifteen members, eight of whom are elected from the Quebec Provincial Headquarters - the Parent Branch - and seven from the other provinces of the Dominion.

The Charter Trustees are Colonel (Rev) J.M. Almond C.B.E., C.M.G. Captain J.T. Walsh R.N.R. and Brig-Gen. C.J. Armstrong C.B., C.M.G.

The Executive Officers of the Council for 1923 are, General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., L.L.D. President, Brig-Gen. A.E. Labelle 1st Vice President, Dr A.H. Abbott 2nd Vice President, and the Organizing Secretary-Treasurer, Arthur H.D. Hair.

The Members of the Council are, E.H. Scammell (Ontario) A.S. Clarson (Quebec) Pemberton Smith (Quebec) Lt-Col. C.B. Price D.S.O. (Quebec) Lt-Col. F.H. Osler (Manitoba) Howard Stutchbury (Alberta) Lt-Col. H. St J. Montizambert (British Columbia) Members yet to be appointed from Saskatchewan, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

The Society is patronised and supported by the leading citizens in Victoria, Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Regina, Winnipeg, Toronto, London, Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, St John N.B. and Halifax, and the nobility of its purpose has received commendation from all parts of the Empire.

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THE GAZETTE, DECEMBER 28th 1908

A British Soldier's death

To the Editor of The Gazette:

Dear Sir,

Will you permit me to narrate the following incident, the facts of which, I personally vouch for, in the hope that it may prevent a recurrence in any city that has a strong representation of British ex-army men.

A few days since, a British Pensioner without friends or relatives within location sank in a doorway, ill and comatose,

The police removed him to an hospital where he died shortly afterwards without regaining consciousness.

Another soldier approached a "British" soldier's organization, who expound the "theory" of good comradeship with a view to respectable interment at a minimum cost, and was told by one of the Executive that there were "no funds" for such a contingency, and that not being a member, or having contributed to the funds, they could do nothing in the matter. Consequently the body was handed over to the Inspector of Anatomy for disposal.

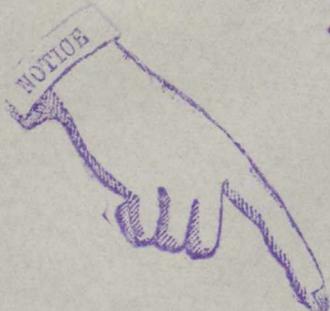
The Executive member's retort was presumably prompted by this particular man not being a member, but as an ex-member of that particular organization I have heard the sentiment expressed that they should never allow an ex-British soldier or sailor to fall ill and die without decent burial, if brought to their notice.

I would strongly advocate a "voluntary" burial fund being organized for this purpose, which, from my experience of British soldiers and sailors, I feel confident would be kept in such a condition as to meet such local contingencies, and provide a resting place for the Empire's fighting "derelicts".

Arthur H.D. Hair



C O P Y



Montreal

To Colonel J. Hambury Williams, C.V.O., C.M.G.  
Military Secretary to  
His Excellency Earl Grey, K.G.C.  
Governor-General of Canada

Sir:-

A recent and deplorable incident relating to the death of an ex-army man in this City, and the spirit of fellowship commensurate with the honour of the Naval and Military profession of the British Empire, has caused some representatives of military sentiment in Montreal to amalgamate in an effort to organize a voluntary Fund to cope with the inadequacy of existing provision for the christian burial of honourably discharged soldiers and sailors of the Empire's Home and Colonial Fighting Forces, who through dire misfortune die in a distant land far from friends or relatives that if opportunity afforded would bear the expense of burial, rather than commit the body to the disposal of the Inspector of Anatomy.

It is felt that a public appeal to the sentiment of soldiers and sailors particularly, and others in general who are imbued with the military spirit of good comradeship and patriotism, in the manner we propose, backed by the Honorary Patronage of His Excellency the Governor - General, and other influential people, could not possibly fail to obtain the desired results.

Incidentally we respectfully desire to submit and emphasise that our appeal to His Excellency is not to solicit a subscription, but his consideration of the advisability of giving this worthy Fund his nominal Patronage, and thus show that His Majesty's Representative approves of our action and its purposes.

Our proposition in detail, is to establish a Fund to be known as the "Last Post" Imperial Naval & Military Contingency Fund, its primary object being as herein stated, to give christian burial and sanctuary to the socially abandoned ex-members of the Empire's Forces, as commensurate with the most honourable of professions.

The Treasurership we would like to place in the hands of a local British Banking Firm, the Executive to be under the direction of Trinity Church of Montreal, (the Military Church used by the Imperial Garrison when here) and to include in its members an Official Undertaker whose business it would be to report and undertake cases that are brought to his notice by the public, Civic, or Institutional authorities.

It is proposed in connection with the Fund, to obtain a large plot of ground, probably in the new Cemetery at Bout-de-l'Isle and erect an appropriate United Service Monument thereon, the names of those interred therein to be inscribed on it with the designation of their respective regiment or ship; the plot could also be available for private Naval or Military interments in cases where there are relatives to meet the cost and are desirous of having them interred in the "Soldiers and Sailor's Plot".

The efforts of the Executive will be to extend the fund throughout the Dominion and watch for cases that require its application.

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It is roughly estimated that at least \$1,000 will be required to organize and place such a Fund on an immediate working basis, but we anticipate little difficulty on that score provided we enlist the nominal sympathy and patronage of His Excellency Earl Grey, and others we intend to approach.

With this end in view we humbly and respectfully crave the consideration of His Excellency's sanction of his name as "Honorary Patron-in-Chief".

We have the honour to subscribe ourselves:-

(sgd)

Hugh Grahame  
J. Ellegood  
John M. Almond  
Grace Hensley  
James Edwards  
W.H. Leach  
Henry Birks  
W.F. Marsh



Arthur H.D. Haig

Acting Secretary, pro tem

C O P Y

GOVERNMENT HOUSE  
OTTAWA.

17th March 1909

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter undated, forwarding a request signed by Sir Hugh Grahame and others, to His Excellency for his Patronage to the proposed "Last Post Fund".

Lord Grey is in full sympathy with anything which can tend to assure the spirit of good comradeship and patriotism in regard to soldiers and sailors, and to guarantee the proper burial of late members of either service who may die in Canada.

His Excellency would suggest that Brigadier General Buchan be consulted with a view to the proposal made, and if he, as holding the chief Command at Montreal, agrees to the suggestion, Lord Grey will be glad to give his name as Honorary Patron.



I am,

Yours faithfully

(sgd) J. Hanbury Williams  
Col.

Arthur H. D. Hair Esqr  
Secy. Organising Committee  
67b Drummond Street  
Montreal.

C O P Y

67B Drummond Street

Montreal

March 26th 1909

To:-

Cel. Sir John Hanbury Williams  
C.V.O., C.M.G.  
Military Secretary to  
His Excellency Earl Grey K.C.G.  
Governor-General of Canada.

Sir:-

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of yours of the 17th inst, relating to the request for the Organizing Committee of the "Last Post Fund" to obtain the nominal Patronage of His Excellency the Governor General in connection with the same.

In compliance with His Excellency's suggestion, and on behalf of the Committee, I have conferred, and discussed the organization of the Fund with Brigadier General Lawrence Buchan, who concurs with us in the advisability and feasibility of the Fund on the understanding that it is to be a distinctly Naval and Military Fund, applicable in all Naval and Military Institutions or Encampments only - and not in any way to be organized as a Public Charity - on this understanding, it is felt its organization and maintenance will be consistent with the dignity of the Sister Professions and it is hoped will meet with the required support, and thus accomplish the end desired.

As an appropriate Executive to the Fund it is suggested that three Trustees be appointed in the following manner:-

The General Officer Commanding this Military District  
A resident Naval Officer (Active or retired), and  
The Rector of Trinity Church of this City

thus representing the most desirable interests.

Having obtained the approval and concurrence of Brigadier General Lawrence Buchan, on behalf of the Committee I respectfully beg to submit the hope that His Excellency may deem it his pleasure to give the Fund his nominal Patronage.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I have the honour to remain, Sir,

Yours respectfully

(sgd) Arthur H.D. Hair

Secy Organising Committee  
"Last Post Fund"

GOVERNMENT HOUSE

OTTAWA.

27th March 1909

Dear Mr Hair,

I have to thank you for your kind letter of 26th March, which clears up all the points which were raised by me in my last communication with you.

His Excellency is glad to give his patronage to the "Last Post Fund", and wishes it every success.



I am,

Yours faithfully

(sgd) J. Hambury Williams  
Col.

Mr Arthur H.D. Hair  
67b Drummond Street  
Montreal.

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.



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Minutes of inaugural meeting cont'd

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9. The third Trustees being yet to be appointed, and it being desirous to have a Naval representative, the Secretary took the opportunity to suggest the consideration of Commander J.F. Walsh (Ret'd) R.N.R. - by the existing Trustees - it having been intimated to the Secretary that Commander Walsh was an enthusiastic worker in any Naval or Military philanthropy. It was decided by Brig-General Buchan and Rev. J.M. Almond to make representations to that end.
10. 'Proofs' of the intended Subscription Lists, Circular letter, Appeals etc, were submitted by the Secretary for approval, and on confirmation by the Chairman, he was instructed to proceed with the printing of the same.
11. Two letters were read by the Secretary - one from His Excellency Earl Grey Governor-General through his Military Secretary Sir John Hambury Williams, and the other from Lieut-Governor Sir A. Pelletier - Province of Quebec - giving official sanction to use their names as Patrons of the Fund - the sanction and sentiment expressed in their communications was duly appreciated by those present, and the Secretary instructed to write to that effect.
12. A copy of the letter calling for Tenders for the post of 'Official Undertaker' was submitted by the Secretary, and the same ordered to be mailed to the leading Undertaking Establishments in the city and reported on at next meeting.
13. This completing the immediate business, the Secretary was instructed to call another meeting as soon as business necessitated it, and this meeting was declared closed by the Chairman.

(sgd) Arthur H.D. Hair  
Secretary

Confirmed.

(sgd) John M. Almond  
Chairman & Trustee  
Last Post Fund.

FUNCTIONS & POWERS OF THE CHARTER TRUSTEES

Extract from the original By-Laws of the "Last Post" Fund, as a Provincial Organization, 1909

1909

I. This Fund is to be known as the "Last Post" Imperial Naval & Military Contingency Fund, and is to be administered under the Executive supervision of a permanent and representative Committee of three members as Trustees, viz:- The General Officer of the Quebec Command, a Naval Officer (Active, or retired) and the Rector of Trinity Church (one of the City's oldest military churches) .

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Extract from the By-Laws enacted under the National re-organization of the "Last Post" Fund, in 1921.

The Charter Trustees shall hold in trust for the Corporation all monies and property of the Corporation, and shall be vested with the power (by a majority vote of their own number) to veto any finance or legislation considered by them detrimental to the interests for which the Corporation exists.

The following will be the Charter Trustees:- I. Brigadier-General Charles J. Armstrong C.B., C.M.G. General Officer Commanding Military District No. 4, during the tenure of his Command, and on retirement, the Trusteeship will pass to his successor conditional upon acceptance. 2. Colonel (Rev) J. Macpherson Almond C.M.G. of the City of Montreal. 3. Commander John T. Walsh R.N.R. of the City of Montreal.

No Charter Trustee shall at the same time be a Director.

The Charter Trustees shall not be liable for, or by reason of, any failure or defect of title to any encumbrance upon any of the property of the Corporation, and as to all the matters and things in these By-Laws referred to, the duty and responsibility shall rest upon the Corporation and not upon the Charter Trustees, and the failure of the Corporation to discharge such duty and responsibility shall not in any way render the Charter Trustees liable, or cast upon them any duty or responsibility for breach of which they would be liable.

It shall be the privilege of the Charter Trustees, and that of their successors, in perpetuity, to nominate their respective successors in office, subject to the ratification of the remaining Trustees and Board of Directors. The vacancy of a Trusteeship by death or otherwise, without provision for a successor, must be dealt with by a convention of the members of the Corporation, who will nominate and elect one by ballot, with full privileges.

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Extract from By-Laws enacted in substitution of those of 1921, which were repealed in 1924.

1924

4. The first (Charter) Trustees shall be:- Brig-General C.J. Armstrong, C.B., C.M.G. Colonel (Rev) J.M. Almond C.B.E., C.M.G. and Commander J.T. Walsh R.N.R. who shall hold office during life, or until resignation. They shall have no personal responsibility for any debt or liabilities of the Corporation.

Vacancies among the Charter Trustees shall be filled by nomination of the Trustee vacating office by will, or otherwise, or in default of such nomination, by the remaining Trustees. If a Director is appointed a Trustee he will cease to be a Director.

5. The Charter Trustees shall hold in trust for the Corporation, all monies and property of the Corporation, and shall be vested with the power (by a majority vote of their own number) to veto any finance or legislation considered by them detrimental to the objects for which the Corporation exists. They will appoint Trustees in each Branch on proper nomination thereof.

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# LAST POST FUND

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### CANADA Inc.

#### DOMINION CHARTER

- Name.** The Corporation shall be named "LAST POST FUND."
- Purpose.**
- a) To give honourable sepulchre to any ex-service members of the Empire's Naval, Military and Air Forces, who might at death be in destitute circumstances, friendless, indigent, or liable to become a public charge, thus treating their remains with dignity and gratitude.
  - (b) To act on behalf of the deceased in cases of abandonment, through friendlessness, destitution or indigency at death.
  - (c) To claim the mortal remains of such as aforementioned in conformity with the laws, Federal, Provincial, or Municipal, existing in that behalf.
  - (d) To acquire by gift, or purchase, hold, mortgage, sell and convey, any real estate or other property requisite for the carrying on of the undertaking of the Corporation.
  - (e) To take over by purchase or other agreement and to own, hold and enjoy the rights, privileges, concessions, property and assets, and assume the obligations and liabilities of the Last Post Imperial Naval and Military Contingency Fund, a Corporation having its chief office in the city of Montreal, Province of Quebec, and, further, to take over by purchase or any agreement, and own, hold and enjoy any rights, privileges, concessions, property and assets owned, held and enjoyed by, and assume the obligations and liabilities of the Trustees appointed by and acting for said THE LAST POST IMPERIAL NAVAL & MILITARY CONTINGENCY FUND.
  - (f) To interest itself in the restitution, marking, and care of neglected and forgotten graves of deceased naval and military persons and generally interest itself in all matters affecting naval and military obsequies throughout the Dominion of Canada.
- Chief Place of Business.** The Chief Office of the Corporation shall be situated in the city of Montreal, in the Province of Quebec.
- Applicants.** The names of the applicants who are to be the first provisional Directors of the Corporation, are as follows—
- 1.—Brig.-General Charles J. Armstrong, G. O. C., Military District No. 4.
  - 2.—Colonel (Rev.) J. McPherson Almond, Clergyman.
  - 3.—Commander J. T. Walsh, Manager.
  - 4.—William H. Atherton, Professor.
  - 5.—Lt.-Colonel J. T. Ostell, Gentleman.
  - 6.—Arthur H. D. Hair, Secretary.
- Membership**
- LAST POST FUND OF CANADA**
1. The following shall be members of the Corporation entitled to vote and eligible for office:—
 

**ACTIVE MEMBERS,** shall be those who have been duly elected by any Branch and have paid an annual fee of \$5.00 covering the Corporation year from the 1st of April to the 31st of March following. If any member shall not have paid such fee on or before the 31st March, he shall cease to be a member, but may, by resolution of the Branch Executive or Dominion Council, be re-instated on the payment of his fee.

**LIFE MEMBERS,** shall be those who have subscribed a fee of \$100.00.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS,** shall be those who have subscribed \$1.00, or less than \$5.00 per year to the funds of the Corporation, but shall not be entitled to vote, or be eligible for office.

**HONORARY MEMBERS,** or Patrons, elected by the Council or any Branch, shall not be entitled to vote, or be eligible for office.
  2. The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a Council consisting of:—
    - (a) Three Charter Trustees
    - (b) Fifteen Directors.
  3. The Officers shall be chosen by the Council from among the Directors as follows:—
 

President.  
Two Vice Presidents.

These Officers shall not hold office for more than two consecutive years, except with the unanimous consent of the Council, but any, or all of these Officers at the expiration of one year after vacating office, may be re-elected.

A Secretary-Treasurer shall be appointed by the Council, who shall be paid such salary as the Council may determine. It shall be the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer to keep the Books and Records of the Corporation, to conduct all correspondence, to act as Secretary at all meetings and to carry on such other work as the Council may from time to time direct. The Secretary-Treasurer may be a Director.

An Honorary Secretary or Honorary Treasurer may also be appointed, who shall hold office on the same conditions as the other officers chosen by the Council.
  4. The first (Charter) Trustees shall be, Brig.-Gen. C. J. Armstrong, C.B., C.M.G., Colonel the Rev. J. M. Almond, C.B.E., C.M.G. and Commander J. T. Walsh, R.N.R. who shall hold office during life or until resignation. They shall have no personal responsibility for any debt or liabilities of the Corporation.

Vacancies among the Charter Trustees shall be filled by nomination of the Trustee vacating office by will, or otherwise, or in default of such nomination by the remaining Trustees. If a Director is appointed a Trustee he will cease to be a Director.
  5. The charter Trustees shall hold in trust for the Corporation all monies and property of the Corporation and shall be vested with the power (by a majority vote of their own number) to veto any finance or legislation considered by them detrimental to the objects for which the Corporation exists. They will appoint Trustees in each Branch on proper nomination thereof.
  6. The Directors shall be elected at the annual general meeting of the Corporation, by ballot, from among the duly qualified members of the same, and in the following ratio:—
 

Seven shall comprise one representative nominated respectively from each of the Provinces other than the Province of Quebec, except Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, which Provinces shall be represented together by one Director between them.

Seven shall be residents of the Province of Quebec.

One shall be a representative of the Federal Government Department from which the annual Grant is made, and he shall be elected de facto.

Directors will retire automatically each year, but are eligible for re-election, and no Director shall vacate office until the Directorate for the ensuing year has been duly elected. Vacancies occurring during the year in the Directorate shall be filled by the remaining members of the Council at any of their meetings.
  7. Nominations for Directors by those qualified to vote will commence on March 15th of each year, and must be in the hands of the Secretary-Treasurer not later than April 5th, on the expiry of which date the list will be closed. The consent of the Nominees in writing, and of the Provincial Branch where they are resident must be forwarded with the nomination. Should insufficient names be received by April 5th for the number of Directors required, the Council will be empowered to complete the deficiency only.

- Functions of The Council** 8. The Council shall have the authority to enact all regulations necessary or desirable for the proper conduct of the affairs of the Corporation, and shall notify the same as requisite, to all concerned.
- Meetings:— Council, Special And Annual** 9. Meetings of the Council may be called at any time by the President or Secretary. Special General Meetings may be called by the President or Secretary at any time, and shall also be called by the Secretary on the written request of any Trustee, member of the Council, or any five members; but only that business for which the special meeting is called may be dealt with thereat. One month's notice in writing shall be given for all General meetings, and the Annual General Meeting shall be held during the third week of the month of April.
- Definition of 'Council' and 'General' Meetings** 10. The conduct and powers of meetings of the Council and of general meetings shall be respectively those of meetings of Boards of Directors and of meetings of Shareholders of a Commercial Company incorporated under the Dominion Companies Act (Canada) except as herein or by law otherwise provided.
- Quorum** 11. Three members shall constitute a quorum of the Council, and fifteen members, that of a General or Annual Meeting.
- Proxy** 12. Only those Directors representing Provinces other than Quebec, may vote by proxy.
- Raising Funds** 13. It shall be permissible for the Corporation or any Provincial or District Branch or any Committee to raise funds for the purpose of the Corporation by collection or subscription or by grants from governments, Federal, Provincial or Municipal, or by grants from patriotic or other societies, or by any other method consistent with the dignity of the cause.
- Banking and Financing** 14. The funds of the Dominion Headquarters shall be deposited in a Chartered Bank subject to the conditions required by such Bank in certification of the names and authority of such officers of the Corporation as the Council may designate to represent the Corporation in negotiation with such Bank.  
The administration expenses of Dominion Headquarters shall be liquidated by a pro rata deduction from the annual government grant, on the basis of Provincial distribution thereof.
- Signing of Cheques and Official Instruments** 15. All cheques or instruments issued at Headquarters must be signed by the President and Secretary-Treasurer, and countersigned by any one of the three Charter Trustees of the Corporation.
- Audit** 16. At the Annual general meeting there shall be appointed as Auditor, a Chartered Accountant, who shall annually make report of his findings to the Council, in time for the annual meeting.
- Withdrawal of Members** 17. Any member may withdraw from the Corporation on giving written intimation to the Corporation of desire to do so.
- Removal of Officers** 18. Any Officer of the Corporation may be suspended or expelled therefrom, for reasonable cause.
- Seal of the Corporation** 19. The Seal of the Corporation shall be of such design as the Council approves of in resolution, and shall be kept in the custody of the Secretary-Treasurer who shall affix it to all instruments issued by the Corporation and signed by the authorized officials.

**BRANCHES**

- Formation of Provincial or District Branches** 20. Organization of Provincial or District Branches of the Corporation may be effected through application to the Council, which application shall be on the form and in the manner prescribed by the Council, and shall include the names of three proposed Trustees. Application for organization of District Branches must be made through, and approved by the Provincial Branch. Should the application be granted, the proposed Branch will be given a Sub-Charter, and forthwith shall become responsible for carrying out the objects of the Corporation within its allotted district, provided that the Bank account of any and each Branch shall be in the name of the Corporation, and that no Branch may in any way engage the credit of the Corporation as a whole, and further: that its local regulations regarding interments shall only be effective upon a resolution of the Council approving the same.
- Local Committees** 21. Local Committees may be formed, if in the opinion of a Provincial Headquarters Branch the formation of District Branches would be too cumbersome, or such may be formed by the Council in any Province where Provincial Headquarters do not exist; and such local Committee subsequent to their authorized formation, shall be subject to report to Provincial or Dominion Headquarters in the same manner as District Branches.
- Women's Auxiliaries** 22. A Women's Auxiliary may be formed by any Branch and may make such By-Laws and regulations as it deems necessary.
- Vacancies in Branch Trusteeship** 23. Vacancies amongst the Trustees of a Branch shall be filled by the Council on nomination of the Branch.
- Records and Branch Returns to Headquarters** 24. All Provincial and District Branches must keep similar books and Registers to those kept at Headquarters and must on due date, make Quarterly and Annual returns to Headquarters on the Forms, and in the manner prescribed by the Council.
- Branch Autonomy** 25. Branches may make regulations adaptable to their local conditions, but not contrary in principle to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Corporation.
- Provincial and District Branch Relationship** 26. Provincial Headquarters Branches to which allotment of the Federal Grant is made by Dominion Headquarters must assist therefrom District Branches within their Province, in proportion to the work accomplished by such District Branch or Branches. District Branches subsequent to the granting to them of Sub-Charter by the Dominion Headquarters will make the required returns to Dominion Headquarters through their respective Provincial Headquarters Branch.
- Notices to Branches** 27. After the formation of any Branch, notices herein provided to be given by the Secretary, shall be sufficiently given, if given to the Secretary of such Branch who shall transmit the said notices to the members within one week after their receipt by him, but his failure to transmit any notice shall not invalidate the procedure at a meeting of the Corporation and such committee as shall be formed according to By-Law 20
- Financial Statement to Headquarters** 28. It shall be obligatory for all branches of the Corporation to show in their annual Financial Statement to Headquarters, that they have, by membership fees, solicitation, or other means, augmented the financial assistance given them from Dominion Headquarters, through the Federal Grant.
- Revocation of Sub-Charter** 29. Any Sub-Charter granted by Dominion Headquarters of the Corporation may be revoked by resolution of the Dominion Council, for cause.
- Perpetual Care and Marking of Graves** 30. All graves bought by the Corporation or its Branches (wherever possible) must be such as are under perpetual care of the Cemetery Authorities, and every grave must be marked within six months after interment, if possible, by which ever Branch is responsible therefor, with a Memorial Marker, the design, material, and maximum cost of which must be as consistent as possible with the standard set by the Council in its regulations.
- Proviso** 31. Branches already formed, shall be deemed to have been formed subject to these By-Laws and shall continue to operate thereunder.
- Repeal of Previous By-Laws** 32. All previous By-Laws of this Corporation as enacted in 1921, are forthwith repealed.
- Amendment of By-Laws** 33. These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members of a Council meeting specially called for that purpose, provided notice of the proposed amendment or amendments is given to the members of the Council at least one month in advance, but such variation or amendment shall not be in force or acted upon until the approval of the Secretary of State of Canada has been obtained.



# Last Post Fund

(PROV. QUEBEC 1909)

(INCORPORATED)

(FEDERAL 1921)

Patron-in-Chief—Field Marshal H. R. H. The Duke of Connaught, K. G. etc.

Hon. President—His Excellency Lord Byng of Vimy.

## "LEST WE FORGET"

### DOMINION EXECUTIVE OFFICERS [1923]

### MEMBERS OF DOMINION COUNCIL [1923]

#### President

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

#### Vice-Presidents

Brig.-Gen. A. E. Labelle  
Albert H. Abbott, Esq., Ph.D.

#### Sec.-Treas.:

Arthur H. D. Hair

#### Charter Trustees:

Col. (Rev.) J. M. Almond, C.B.E. C.M.G.  
Captain J. T. Waisff, R.N.R.  
Brig.-Gen. C. J. Armstrong, C.B., C.M.G.

#### Hon. Legal Advisor

Major Louis Gosselin

#### PATRONS

His Honor The Lt-Gov. Prov. of Quebec  
His Honor The Lt-Gov. Prov. of Nova Scotia  
His Honor The Lt-Gov. Prov. of Manitoba  
His Honor The Lt-Gov. Prov. of Saskatchewan  
His Honor The Lt-Gov. Prov. of Alberta  
His Honor The Lt-Gov. Prov. of Brit. Columbia  
His Worship The Mayor of Montreal  
His Grace The Archbishop of Montreal (R.C.)  
His Lordship The Bishop of Montreal (Ang.)  
His Grace The Duke of Devonshire  
The Rt. Hon. Lord Atholstan  
Gen. Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., L.L.D.  
Lt-Col. Sir H. Montagu Allan, C.V.O.  
Sir Mortimer B. Davis, K.B.  
Brig.-Gen. A. E. Labelle  
Hon. J. J. Guerin, M.D.

#### General, Sir Arthur Currie

Mrs. C. J. Armstrong  
Brig.-Gen. A. E. Labelle  
Lt-Col. C. B. Price  
A. S. Clarson  
E. H. Scammell  
Pemberton Smith  
A. H. D. Hair  
Albert H. Abbott [Ontario]  
Lt-Col. H. F. Osler [Manitoba]  
Howard Stutchbury [Alberta]  
Colonel H. St. J. Montizambert [B. C.]

#### Bankers:

Bank of Montreal.

#### Auditors:

George Durnford & Co., Montreal.

#### Funeral Directors:

Joseph C. Wray & Bro., Montreal.

DOMINION HEADQUARTERS  
MONTREAL - P.O. BOX 1382

July 23rd 1923.

General, Sir Arthur Currie  
G.C.M.G., K.C.B., L.L.D.  
Dominion President  
Last Post Fund.

Dear Sir Arthur,

I attach herewith copy of the communication I propose to send out to each of our Provincial Secretaries, for your approval, or alteration, omitting the Province of Saskatchewan pro tem, and the Maritime Provinces which we are administering from here pending the appointment of a complete Executive Personnel. The remittances to send forward

will be, viz:-

Principle for distribution - \$8,500.00

Ontario  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 42% - \$1,785.00

Manitoba  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 11% - 467.50

Alberta  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 7% - 297.50

B.C.  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 10% - 425.00

Que:  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 13% - 552.50

\$3,527.50

If in accord with your wishes Sir, I would thank you to initial and return the original, to forward with cheques to the Charter Trustees for signature.

Faithfully

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer

LAST POST FUND

August 20, 1923.

A.H.D.Hair, Esq.,  
Last Post Fund,  
P.O.Box 1392,  
Montreal.

Dear Mr.Hair:-

I am in receipt of your  
letter of August 17th and, as requested, have  
signed the enclosed form, which I am returning  
herewith.

Yours faithfully,



# Last Post Fund

(PROV. QUEBEC 1909)

(INCORPORATED)

(FEDERAL 1921)

*Patron-in-Chief*—Field Marshal H. R. H. The Duke of Connaught, K. G. etc.

*Hon. President*—His Excellency Lord Byng of Vimy.

## "LEST WE FORGET"

### DOMINION EXECUTIVE OFFICERS [1923]

#### President

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

#### Vice-Presidents

Brig.-Gen. A. E. Labelle  
Albert H. Abbott, Esq., Ph.D.

#### Sec.-Treas.:

Arthur H. D. Hair

#### Charter Trustees :

Col. (Rev.) J. M. Almond, C.B.E. C.M.G.  
Captain J. T. Walsh, R.N.R.  
Brig.-Gen. C. J. Armstrong, C.B., C.M.G.

#### Hon. Legal Advisor

Major Louis Gosselin

#### PATRONS

His Honor The Lt-Gov. Prov. of Quebec  
His Honor The Lt-Gov. Prov. of Nova Scotia  
His Honor The Lt-Gov. Prov. of Manitoba  
His Honor The Lt-Gov. Prov. of Saskatchewan  
His Honor The Lt-Gov. Prov. of Alberta  
His Honor The Lt-Gov. Prov. of Brit. Columbia  
His Worship The Mayor of Montreal  
His Grace The Archbishop of Montreal (R.C.)  
His Lordship The Bishop of Montreal (Ang.)  
His Grace The Duke of Devonshire  
The Rt. Hon. Lord Atholstan  
Gen. Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.L.L.D.  
Lt-Col. Sir H. Montagu Allan, C.V.O.  
Sir Mortimer B. Davis, K.B.  
Brig.-Gen. A. E. Labelle  
Hon. J. J. Guerin, M.D.

### MEMBERS OF DOMINION COUNCIL [1923]

General, Sir Arthur Currie  
Mrs. C. J. Armstrong  
Brig.-Gen. A. E. Labelle  
Lt.-Col. C. B. Price  
A. S. Clarson  
E. H. Scammell  
Pemberton Smith  
A. H. D. Hair  
Albert H. Abbott [Ontario]  
Lt.-Col. H. F. Osler [Manitoba]  
Howard Stutchbury [Alberta]  
Colonel H. St. J. Montizambert [B. C.]

#### Bankers:

Bank of Montreal.

#### Auditors:

George Durnford & Co., Montreal.

#### Funeral Directors:

Joseph C. Wray & Bro., Montreal.

**DOMINION HEADQUARTERS  
MONTREAL - P.O. BOX 1382**

Montreal

August 17th 1923

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

President

Last Post Fund, of Canada.

Dear Sir Arthur,

Would you be kind enough to authorise payment in this case recommended to us by the Red Cross Branch of Andover N.B. and which subsequent to my own investigation, I feel justified in accepting for recommending for your endorsement. I have typewritten an endorsement for your signature on the back of the Form, which is subsequently retained on our files.

Believe me, Sir Arthur,  
Faithfully

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer  
Last Post Fund

P.S. I enclose a rough diagram of our present 'organization' system which may prove of interest.

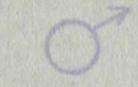
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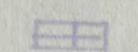
Dominion, & Quebec Provincial Headquarters General Contractor functioning anywhere in the Dominion if necessary.



Provincial or District General Contractor functioning within the Province.



Provincial or District Sub-Contractor acting in cooperation with Prime Contractor at a distance.



LAST POST PLOT



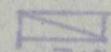
L.P. & GOVT. PLOTS



CIVIC DOTTED, & GOVT. PLOTS



PUBLIC & GOVT. PLOTS



CIVIC DOTTED PLOT

DIAGRAM SHOWING LAST POST FUND SYSTEM OF DEALING WITH INTERMENTS

District No 4 shows method of functioning either directly or indirectly outside of a City, by the Dominion, or any Provincial Headquarters.

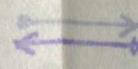
'D' or 'P.' H. - Dominion or Provincial Hqs

'B' or 'R' - Local Branch or Representative

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Distant Village communicable by letter only, & dealt with by reimbursement, if warranted.



Phone, or wire inter-communication



Provincial representation on Dominion Council.



Percentage guide for distribution of Fed. Grant. Subject to amendment.

MIL. DIST. 11.	MIL. DIST. 13	MIL. DIST. 12	MIL. DIST. 10	M. DIST. 1.	M. DIST. 2.	M. DIST. 3.	M. DIST. 4.	M. DIST. 5.	M. DIST. 7.	M. DIST. 6.
<u>BRIT. COL:</u>	<u>ALBERTA</u>	<u>SASK:</u>	<u>MANITOBA</u>	<u>ONTARIO</u>			<u>QUEBEC</u>		<u>N.B.</u>	<u>N.S. &amp; PEI</u>
  Vancouver *   Victoria 10%	  Calgary *   Edmonton 7%	  Regina * 6%	  Winnipeg * 11%	  London	  Toronto * 42%	  Kingston *	  Ottawa *   Montreal *   Sherbrooke 15% 15%	  Quebec * 4%	  St John * 4%	  Halifax * 7%



**LAST POST FUND OF CANADA**

ORDER FOR BURIAL, OF.....  
 In the City (or Town) of.....  
 Province of .....  
 Date, .....19.....

To:—  
 Messrs ..... Funeral Contractors  
 Address .....

You are requested to conduct the funeral arrangements of the above mentioned person, who will be buried under the auspices of this association, and under the following conditions, viz:—

**SPECIFICATIONS.**

*PREPARATION OF BODY.*—While Embalming is not required, the body of deceased must invariably be prepared in a manner (best known to the Embalming Profession) whereby the features of deceased will be quite presentable for observation at the time of funeral, unless—from some unpreventable cause—disintegration has set in, and made it impossible to expose the features at that time.

*SHROUD.*—A plain shirt shroud must be supplied, when the clothes of deceased are either unobtainable, or unsuited for use.

*COFFIN, NAMEPLATE and HANDLES.*—A rosewood Coffin,—or its equivalent in wood value and appearance—of natural finish, and polished, shall be provided, with engraved nameplate, and plain plated handles. The Coffin shall be nailed together, not glued alone.

*HEARSE.*—A Hearse will invariably be used when there are those present who express a desire to follow it, though the Contractor's Transfer Waggon may be substituted, when nobody is present to follow, except the Contractor's representative.

*MOURNING COACH.*—A Mourning Coach shall be at the disposal of the Clergy, representatives of the Fund, or any friends who might care to go to the Cemetery, but only in such circumstances.

*FUNERAL SERVICE.*—The use of the Contractor's Parlours are required for the Funeral Service, and effort should be made to obtain a Naval or Military Chaplain, if possible, to conduct the Service.

*UNIT PRICES TO BE PAID.*—The prices the Fund is prepared to pay for the material and work herein specified, are as follows:—

Obtaining, and preparation of body and use of Parlour for Service .....	\$. .....
Shirt Shroud .....	\$. .....
Coffin, nameplate and handles .....	\$. .....
Hearse .....	\$. .....
Mourning Coach .....	\$. .....

The above amounts, in accordance with the maximum prices set out in the Secretary's "Instructions" must be filled in before giving the order.

*CONDITIONS.*—Each unit must be charged for separately, but—conditional upon the Contract being at all times fulfilled to the entire satisfaction of the Last Post Fund and its representatives—any deductions such as might occur (through non requirement) in the case of Hearse, Coach, or Shroud, will be accredited to the Contractor, though the Fund reserves the right to make deduction on any unit, where the Contractor fails to comply with the specifications in every detail.

*PERSONAL EFFECTS OF DECEASED.*—Any personal effects, or Documents belonging to deceased must be turned over to the authorised representative of the Last Post Fund.

.....  
 Conditional upon agreement to the foregoing specifications and prices, you are hereby authorized to proceed with the obsequies of the person herein named.

(Stamp or seal)

.....  
 Secretary, or authorized representative of the Last Post Fund.

N. B.—The duplicate of this Contract Order must be signed by the Contracting Firm and returned to the representative of the Fund, before proceeding with the order, unless a standing Contract exists.



### LAST POST FUND OF CANADA

ORDER for BURIAL of .....  
In.....Cemetery, Section.....  
Province of .....  
Date, .....19.....

To:—  
The Officials of .....Cemetery

You are requested to supply, (or open, in the second instance) a grave, No. ....Section.....  
in.....Cemetery, for the burial of.....  
who will be interred under the auspices of this Fund and in accordance with the following conditions, viz:—

#### SPECIFICATIONS.

*LOCATION.*—The location must be where other graves immediately alongside, can be reserved at the price herein stipulated, and for the purposes of this organization, which is patriotic in character. The ground must be cared for in perpetuity, if such provision exists with your Company.

*BURIALS IN EACH GRAVE.*—Graves shall be dug deep enough, and permit of two interments therein, and as each interment takes place, the position of the body—as No. 1 or 2 from the bottom of the grave—shall be recorded in the Cemetery Register, and inscribed on the Ownership Certificate.

*TIME OF BURIAL.*—The time of burial—where digging is not conducted during severe weather—will be subordinate to the minor cost thereof if there is any difference, but if not, then the burial should take place at once.

*NOTICE OF TRANSFER FROM VAULT.*—Due notice in writing under registered cover, shall be given the association, of the time of transfer from the Vault to the grave for burial, where the method of procedure is to await mild weather.

*PRICES TO BE PAID.*—The prices the Fund are prepared to pay, are as follows:—

- Grave, (with perpetual care, and right to place a Memorial Marker flush with ground.).....\$.....
  - Digging Fee .....\$.....
  - Vault, or Cemetery fees (where necessary only) .....\$.....
- (The above amounts subject to the maximum prices set out in the Secretary's "Instructions" must be filled in before giving this order)

.....  
Conditional upon agreement to the foregoing specifications and prices, you are hereby authorized to proceed with the burial of the person herein named.

(Stamp or seal)

.....  
Secretary, or authorized representative of the Last Post Fund.

N. B.—The duplicate of this Contract-Order must be signed by the Contracting Cemetery Company, and returned to the representative of the Fund, before burial takes place, unless a standing Contract exists.



LAST POST FUND OF CANADA

ORDER FOR MEMORIAL MARKER FOR.....  
 In the City (or Town) of.....  
 Province of .....  
 Date, .....19.....

To:—  
 Messrs .....  
 Address .....

You are requested to supply a Memorial Marker and inscription (or inscription only, in the second instance) for the above named deceased ex-Service person, who is to be buried under the auspices of this Fund.

The inscription thereon, is to be .....

The grave Number is.....the Section is.....in ..... Cemetery  
 The following is a facsimile of the manner of inscription to be cut on the stone:—

1871 GNR. JOHN JONES. 1922  
 15TH BATTERY C.F.A., C.E.F.  
 1876 SGT. F. HACKETT. 1921.  
 1ST. ROYAL DRAGOONS (IMP.)

SPECIFICATIONS.

**QUALITY AND DIMENSIONS.**—It is to be of hard Canadian Granite, 1ft. 4in. by 10in. by 6in. and polished on top.

**INSCRIPTION.**—Where the Cemetery Regulations permit of only one burial in a grave, the inscription shall be centred on the stone, but when a second burial may take place in the same grave, the first inscription shall be cut in such a manner as to leave space for a second inscription on the upper part of the stone. Each inscription shall not exceed 50 letters and numerals, inclusive,—except by special order.

**LETTERING.**—The size and depth of lettering shall be as follows, viz:—

- First line of inscription 7/8".
- Second line of inscription 5/8".
- Depth of letter 3/16".

**DELIVERY.**—The stone, the inscription,—or either, and both—must in no case exceed three months in preparation and delivery from date of issue of this order, and subsequent to the same being submitted for approval, it must be placed at the head of the grave designated and flush with the ground.

**PRICES TO BE PAID.**—The prices the Fund is prepared to pay, are as follows:—

Marker .....\$  
 Letters or Numerals .....\$

(The above amounts—subject to the maximum prices set out in the Secretary's "Instructions"—must be filled in before giving this order.)

.....  
 Conditional upon agreement to the foregoing specifications and prices you are hereby authorized to proceed with the work required, for the person herein named.

(Stamp or seal) .....  
 Secretary, or authorized representative of the Last Post Fund.

N. B.—The duplicate of this Contract-Order must be signed by the Contracting Firm, and returned to the representative of the Fund before commencing the work, unless a standing contract exists.



**WARNING! DO NOT COMPLETE THIS DECLARATION UNTIL YOU HAVE CAREFULLY READ IT, AND ARE SATISFIED THAT YOU CAN CONSCIENTIOUSLY MAKE THE DECLARATION REQUIRED. WILFUL MIS-STATEMENT THEREIN CONSTITUTES PERJURY, AND IS PUNISHABLE UNDER THE CRIMINAL CODE.**

**APPLICATION FOR INTERMENT.**

City, or Town, of.....

Province of.....

Date, .....

I, the undersigned, make application to the Trustees of the Last Post Fund of Canada, (subject to their Rules and Regulations) for the burial of the late:—

SURNAME ..... CHRISTIAN NAME.....  
(print, or typewrite distinctly)

REGIMENTAL NUMBER ..... RANK ..... RELIGION ..... AGE.....

REGIMENT .....  
(state fully, and clearly)

WAS HE A PENSIONER AT TIME OF DEATH, AND IN RECEIPT OF PENSION? .....

WAS HE A CANADIAN, OR IMPERIAL PENSIONER? .....

WAS IT A 'DISABILITY' OR 'LONG SERVICE' PENSION? .....

DATE, AND PLACE OF DEATH .....

CAUSE OF DEATH (AS STATED ON DEATH CERTIFICATE) .....

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH .....

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN .....

.....

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION (Approximate) .....  
(note especially, tattoo, birth, or wound marks.)

.....

WAR SERVICE RECORD .....

PERSONAL EFFECTS, OR DOCUMENTS OF DECEASED KNOWN TO APPLICANT .....

.....

(List every article)

GENERAL REMARKS .....

.....

**DECLARATION** I, the undersigned, Solemnly Declare that the above described Ex-Service person, is identified by me with the Military Documents herewith presented and is the person referred to therein. I further Solemnly Declare, that there are insufficient funds, or immediately convertible assets belonging to the deceased, wherewith to meet the cost of interment, neither is there any Insurance, or friends, or relatives, able to accept the responsibility therefor.

I make this Solemn Declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and knowing it to be of the same force and effect, as if made under oath, and by virtue of the Canada Evidence Act.

Declared before me, at Name of Applicant .....

this ..... day of Address .....

19 .....

J.P.—N.P.—or Com. of the Sup. Court

District of.....

Date of burial ..... Cemetery..... Section .....

Grave Number ..... Position in grave.....

This information must be filled in as soon as obtainable.

N. B.—Under no circumstances whatever is an application to be considered without the Discharge Documents of the deceased and identification of deceased therewith. If the Discharge has been lost and indisputable proof of Service can be obtained from the Records Office, that alone, may be accepted in lieu of the original documents.

Form "B" must be supplemented with Form "C" when the case is outside the bounds of a Branch district.

In the case of Canadian Sailors or Soldiers who may be "Disability" pensioners and whose estate is insufficient to meet the cost of last illness and burial, re-imbusement to a maximum of \$100.00 may be obtained on application to the Board of Pension Commissioners, at Ottawa, under provisions of Chapter 62, Article 32, of the Pensions Act of Canada.

The case of a "Long Service" pensioner who may be indigent at death must be treated as though no pension existed, whether he be a Canadian or Imperial Service member.

In the case of Imperial Disability Pensioners of the Navy or Army who may be indigent at death, they will have to be treated in the initial stage, as though no pension exists, and application made to the Admiralty, of War Office, for re-imbusement, through the Officer Paying Imperial Pensions at Ottawa, who will forward the application to the proper authorities.



### LAST POST FUND OF CANADA

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#### SPECIAL APPLICATION SUPPLEMENTARY TO FORM "B"

##### DECLARATION

I, the undersigned, Solemnly Declare that I have personally assumed the costs in the matter of the burial of the late:— .....  
details of whom I have given on Form "B."

The attached accounts herewith submitted I certify to be true and those paid by me; in full.

I further Declare that I am financially unable to bear this expense without causing myself distress.

I therefore now make appeal to the Trustees of the Last Post Fund, for consideration of re-imburement under the "CONDITIONS OF SURRENDER" set out hereunder on this Form as supplementary to the Statutory Declaration.

And I make the foregoing Solemn Declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and knowing it to be of the same force and effect as if made under oath, and by virtue of the Canada Evidence Act.

Declared before me, at

Name of applicant .....

this day of

Address .....

.....19

.....  
J.P.—N.P.—or Com. of the Sup. Court.

District of .....

##### CONDITIONAL SURRENDER

Conditional upon re-imburement to the amount prescribed in the unit prices of the Last Post Fund's lical Contracts for their Obitual work, I herewith transfer the certificate of ownership of the grave of the said .....and also surrender the Headstone or Marker thereon (if any) each and both of which are subsequently to become the property of the Last Post Fund. I also give waiver of any responsibility accruing to the manner and conduct of the obituaries in question prior to this date, assuming the same myself.

Name of Applicant .....

Address .....

N. B.—In cases such as come under the provisions of Form "C" the maximum prices set out in the Secretary's "Instructions" must be agreed to, and absolutely no account that has not been paid in full by the applicant may be considered for re-imburement. This Form may not be used by the Wife, Father, Mother, Brother or Sister of the deceased ex-Service person.



# LAST POST FUND OF CANADA

## QUARTERLY RETURN.

From Provincial Headquarters, Branches, or Official Representatives in unorganized districts.

From the city, or town of.....

Military District, No .....

Province of .....

Date, .....19.....

1. How many funerals have taken place in your district during the Quarter just ended, under your direction? .....
2. Have Memorial Markers been placed on all graves?.....
3. How many remain without Markers?.....which are they? (give a supplementary list) with your commentary in connection therewith.)
4. Do the attached Forms "B" (and "C" if any) represent all cases that have occurred in your district during the last Quarter .....
5. What is the present membership of your Branch?.....
6. Do you know of any locality where another Branch of this Fund is likely to form, if given encouragement to?.....if so, where?.....
7. During the Quarter just ended, have you inspected the work and contracts entered into by the Fund in your district, and satisfied yourself that they are being effected faithfully?.....
8. Have you had any attempt at imposition, and how did you deal with it?.....
9. Have you had any complaints, or compliments regarding the work of the Fund?.....  
.....  
(if necessary, give a supplementary report.)
10. What is the present financial condition of your Branch, giving active assets and liabilities?  

Bills Payable \$	Bills Receivable \$	Bank Balance \$
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11. Are your members active and appreciative of the Cause they represent?.....
12. Have you managed to organize an annual "COMMEMORATION DAY" in your district?.....
13. What financial results have you had therefrom?.....

(Stamp or seal)

Provincial (or Branch) Secretary, or District Representative.



FORM "E"

## APPLICATION FOR A SUB-CHARTER OF THE LAST POST FUND OF CANADA, Incorporated

We, the undersigned, acting pro-tem as the Chairman and Secretary respectively representing a gathering of citizens of..... convened for the purpose of establishing Provincial Headquarters or a Branch of the Last Post Fund of Canada in this locality, hereby make application for a Sub-Charter of that Fund, pledging ourselves to be governed by the Special By-Laws of the said Corporation governing the conduct of Branches of the Fund.

In submitting application, we also herewith submit the names of those gentlemen proposed by us to act as our local Trustees.

**PROPOSED TRUSTEES:—**

..... Chairman—pro-tem.

Address..... Secretary—pro-tem.

..... City (or Town) of .....

Address..... Prov. of.....

Address..... Date .....

**IMPORTANT**

Form "F"

City of: \_\_\_\_\_

Province of: \_\_\_\_\_

March 31st 19

LAST POST FUND OF CANADA  
ANNUAL PROVINCIAL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & REIMBURSEMENTS  
TO DOMINION HEADQUARTERS

RECEIPTS

Federal (proportion) Grant  
Provincial Grant  
CIVIC GRANT  
Private Subscriptions & Fees  
Re-imbursments -(from any source)

Total

REIMBURSEMENTS

Funerals Ground and Cemetery fees paid  
Commitments for above to 31-3-24.  
Memorial Markers placed, and paid for  
Commitments for above to 31-3-24  
Re-imbursments made  
Commitments for above to 31-3-24

Total

Balance

Total of cases dealt with directly during the year:-

Total of re-imbursments as per special provision :-

Grand Total

The above is a full and correct statement of Receipts and Reimbursements for the year ending March 31st 1924.

Secretary-Treasurer

N.B. The above is not to include "Overhead" or Branch administration expenses.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

April 25th 1924

LAST POST FUND, OF CANADA

To:-

The President, Trustees & Members

.....

My President, Ladies & Gentlemen,

In submitting this fifteenth annual report it is the first time that we have incorporated the cases dealt with throughout the Dominion, as last year - the first of our existence as a national institution - our Branches were unable to get their reports to us in time to be included, I therefore propose to give you a tabulation of the two years to the 31st of March respectively, as follows:-

Province	1923	1924	Total	Distbn \$
British Columbia	17	34	51	10
Alberta	6	7	13	7
Saskatchewan	1	6	7	6
Manitoba	7	29	36	11
Ontario	16	56	72	42
Quebec	27	27	54	13
New Brunswick	1	2	3	4
	74	161	235	93
N.S. & P.E.I.	0	0	0	7
	74	161	235	100

The details of all cases are recorded here at Headquarters as well as locally and in book form would make an interesting if pathetic volume, for to use the words of one of our supporters, it is the history of those "humble and unknown heroes through whose cheerful obedience to orders and willingness to suffer; great names emblazon the pages of British history" and to use the words of another, "To honour and protect in death, seems but a small return to him, who protected the nation's honour in life"

Memorial markers have been placed on the resting places of all those interred at Headquarters, and in the Province of New Brunswick, and our representatives from the other Provinces report that arrangements and financial committal have been made to that end by them, and all will be marked in due course as that is a cardinal principle with this Fund.

There have been three cases during the year taken care of by this Association which strictly speaking, were outside our jurisdiction, but a combination of special circumstances warranted our Executive's action to prevent abandonment and an especially undesirable reflection, and as reimbursement has been, or is in progress of being received in each case the Society has incurred no expense in regard to them. The precedent however, will form the basis of a ruling by our Dominion Council for future guidance. One of the cases was in Montana U.S.A. and arranged for by the Ontario Provincial Headquarters, and the other two were arranged for from here, one in Detroit and the other Denver Colorado, U.S.A.

In Detroit, the local Post of the American Legion held a special ceremony at the grave on the occasion of the placing of the Memorial Marker, and in Denver full military honours were accorded the deceased by order of the Commanding Officer of the district, which I am sure you will agree is an indication of a most commendable spirit of international comradeship.

(2)

There was also what proved to be the first "Test" case that we have had in our existence, it occurred in this city, and was that of one who died in indigency and in the shadow of serious crime. After having made careful inquiries which showed that deceased was sound of mind, but in addition to being at the time of death under arrest, there was a very regrettable ~~announcement~~ 'official record' against him we declined the application made to us. I take opportunity to mention this case because the object of our existence is to honour in death those who by reason of their services to King and Country, but who through the normal adversities of ~~human~~ life might otherwise suffer abandonment and dishonour. We carry that principle to ~~the~~ what we consider to be the extreme limit of justification, but when we are confronted with evidence that proves a man lived and died in crime, we do not feel justified in placing him on a par with those we honour.

In conclusion, I very much regret to report that during the year and quite recently, the Resper has touched the homes of both our Dominion, and <sup>Quebec</sup> Provincial Presidents, to whom our most sympathetic condolences go forth, we have also lost three of our members during the year, in the persons of the Rt. Hon. Lord Shaftesbury, Sir Edmund Walker, and Mr William Currie.

The whole respectfully submitted.

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A/Dominion Registrar  
L.P.F. of C.

PROPOSED BY-LAWS

LAST POST FUND

1. The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a Dominion Council consisting of:-

- (a) Three Trustees
- (b) Sixteen Directors.

2. The first (Charter) Trustees shall be Brigadier-General C.J. Armstrong, C.B., C.M.G.; Colonel the Rev. J. M. Almond, C.M.G., C.B.E.; and Commander J. T. Walsh, R.N.R.; who shall hold office during life or until resignation. They shall have no personal responsibility for any debt or liabilities of the corporation.

3. Vacancies among the Trustees shall be filled by nomination of the Trustee vacating office, by will or otherwise, or in default of such nomination, by the remaining Trustees. If a Director is appointed a Trustee he shall cease to be a Director.

4. The Directors shall be elected at the annual general meeting of the Corporation from among the duly qualified members of the same, eight Directors shall be residents of the Province of Quebec, one each shall be elected from members resident in each of the other Provinces, except that Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island shall be represented together by one Director; one Director shall be a member of the staff of that Government department most closely connected with the fund. Vacancies during the year shall be filled by the remaining members of the Council at any meeting.

PROPOSED BY-LAWS (Continued)

5. The annual general meeting shall be held during the third week of the month of April in each year. Annual and special general meetings may be called by the Secretary or President at any time on giving one month's notice in writing, and shall be called by the Secretary on the written request of any trustee, member of the Council, or any five members.
6. Meetings of the Council may be called at any time by the President or Secretary. A Director may appoint a trustee as his proxy and may instruct such proxy how to vote on his behalf. Five members of the Council shall constitute a quorum.
7. The conduct and powers of meetings of the Council and of general meetings shall be respectively those of meetings of Boards of Directors and of meetings of Shareholders of a Commercial Company incorporated under the Dominion Companies Act (Canada) except as herein or by law otherwise provided.
8. No by-law or resolution shall have any force or effect unless or until approved in writing by at least two of the (Charter) Trustees.
9. The Council shall have authority to enact all regulations necessary or desirable for the proper conduct of the affairs of the Corporation and shall notify the same as requisite to all concerned. Such regulations shall provide that the cost of each interment shall not exceed \$100. and that each grave must be clearly marked.
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PROPOSED BY-LAWS (continued)

With the exception of the Secretary-Treasurer no officer shall hold office for more than two consecutive years, but at the expiration of one year after vacating office may be re-elected.

11. The members resident in any Province may make application in writing to the Dominion Council for the formation of a Provincial Branch. This application shall be in the form specified by the council and shall, in any case, include the names of three proposed Trustees, and on resolution of the Dominion Council approving the formation of such Branch and appointing such trustees, the said Branch shall be responsible for carrying out the objects of the corporation within the said province, provided that the Bank account of each Branch shall be in the name of one or more such trustees, and that no Branch may in any way engage the credit of the Corporation as a whole, and that its regulations regarding interment shall only be effective upon a resolution of the Dominion Council approving the same. Each Provincial Branch shall elect the following officers:

President,  
(Vice-President or Presidents)  
Secretary  
Treasurer

A Women's Auxiliary may be formed by any Branch and may make such by-laws and regulations as it deems necessary. Vacancies among the Trustees of a Branch shall be filled by the Dominion Council on nomination of the Branch.

After the formation of any Branch all notices herein provided to be given by the Secretary shall be sufficiently given, if given to the Secretary of such Branch who shall transmit the said notices to the members within one week after their receipt by him, but his failure to transmit any notice shall not invalidate the procedure at a meeting of the Corporation.

PROPOSED BY-LAWS (continued)

12. The Branches already formed shall be deemed to have been formed subject to the by-law and shall continue to operate thereunder.

12a. The Quebec Branch shall have an Executive Committee consisting of the members of the Dominion Council resident in the Province of Quebec which Committee shall elect from its own numbers the Officers of the Quebec Branch, and that the Charter Trustees shall be the Trustees of the Quebec Branch.

13. The funds of the Dominion Council shall be deposited in a Chartered Bank or Banks and all cheques or other instruments shall be signed by at least two trustees as well as by such officers of the Corporation as may be named by resolution.

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PROPOSED BY - LAWS (continued)

14. By-Laws numbered 1,2,3, & 4, shall become effective forthwith, and the balance as they may be approved or amended by the Dominion Council which shall also have authority to amend By-Laws 1.2.3.&4. and all By-Laws so enacted approved or amended shall be building and effective until the next annual general meeting.

PROPOSED BY-LAWS

LAST POST FUND

1. The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a Dominion Council consisting of:-
  - (a) Three Trustees
  - (b) Sixteen Directors.
2. The first (Charter) Trustees shall be Brigadier-General C.J. Armstrong, C.B., C.M.G.; Colonel the Rev. J. M. Almond, C.M.G., C.B.E.; and Commander J. T. Walsh, R.N.R.; who shall hold office during life or until resignation. They shall have no personal responsibility for any debt or liabilities of the corporation.
3. Vacancies among the Trustees shall be filled by nomination of the Trustee vacating office, by will or otherwise, or in default of such nomination, by the remaining Trustees. If a Director is appointed a Trustee he shall cease to be a Director.
4. The Directors shall be elected at the annual general meeting of the Corporation from among the duly qualified members of the same, <sup>seven</sup> ~~eight~~ Directors shall be residents of the Province of Quebec, one each shall be elected ~~from members resident in~~ <sup>by</sup> each of the other <sup>ial Branches</sup> Provinces, except that Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island shall be represented together by one Director; ~~one Director shall be a member of the staff of the~~ Government department most closely connected with the fund. Vacancies during the year shall be filled by the remaining members of the Council at any meeting.

*any notice of which shall be given  
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PROPOSED BY-LAWS (Continued)

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By-Law re Secretary-Treasurer to follow By-Law No. 10.

A Secretary-Treasurer shall be appointed by the Dominion Council, who shall be paid such salary as the Council may determine. It shall be the duty of the <sup>Secretary</sup> Secretary-Treasurer to keep the Books of the Corporation, to conduct all correspondence, to act as Secretary at all meetings and to carry on such other work as the Council may from time to time direct. The Secy. Treas. may be a director.



# Last Post Fund

(PROV. QUEBEC 1909)

(INCORPORATED)

(FEDERAL 1921)

*Patron-in-Chief*—Field Marshal H. R. H. The Duke of Connaught, K. G. etc.

*Hon. President*—His Excellency Lord Byng of Vimy.

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

## "LEST WE FORGET"

DOMINION SECRETARY - TREASURER

P. O. BOX 1382, MONTREAL

September 5th 1924

General Sir Arthur Currie  
G.C.M.G., K.C.B., L.L.D.  
President  
Last Post Fund of Canada

Dear Sir Arthur,

Further to my communication to you of August 26th with enclosures - as yet unanswered - I beg to enclose some further accounts for authorisation, as follows:-

Mrsrs J.C. Wray & Bro	\$115.00	
Mount Royal Cemetery Company	5.00	
Lake View Cemetery Company	40.50	\$160.50

The case of the late Stevenson was one where I felt we were bound to act, and will receive re-imbusement under provision of Art 32 Chap. 62 Canadian Pensions Act, but before burial I discussed the propriety of burial in our ground or otherwise with Colonel Bovey, and we decided it would be in the best interests to bury in a separate grave, hence the purchase of one in Lakeview Cemetery.

I should appreciate your authority to call a Provincial Executive meeting (at your convenience) for disposal of considerable work that has occurred during the summer months.

Believe me, Dear Sir,  
most respectfully

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer  
Last Post Fund of Canada

For advice of Sir A. Currie

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Would appreciate return of this  
style. 

Supplementary  
Exhibiting distribution of Federal Grant to Provinces  
1923-4

From Provincial Returns made to Dominion Headquarters

Provincial distribution	\$8,500.00
Headquarters Administration	1,200.00
Reserve by D.S.C.R.	300.00
Authorized Grant	\$10,000.00

Province	Allotment	No of cases	Maximum cost per capita	Commitment on foregoing basis	Amount to be raised by voluntary subscription	Actual expenditure and commitments	Basis of distribution of Grant
Brit. Columbia	\$ 850.00	34	\$100.00	\$3400.00	\$2550.00	\$ 975.50	10%
Alberta	595.00	7	,, ,,	700.00	105.00	( 308.00 140.00)	7%
Saskatchewan	510.00	6	,, ,,	600.00	90.00	( 505.03 120.00)	6%
Manitoba	935.00	29	,, ,,	2900.00	1965.00	1762.70	11%
Ontario	3570.00	56	,, ,,	5600.00	2030.00	4300.10	42%
Quebec	1105.00	27	,, ,,	2700.00	1595.00	( 180.00 2107.86)	13%
New Brunswick	340.00	2	,, ,,	200.00		140.97	4%
N.S. & P.E.I.	595.00						7%
	\$8500.00	161		\$16100.00	\$8335.00	\$10540.16	100

The above is compiled from returns made by the respective Provincial Headquarters, and represents the application of the distributable portion of the authorized Grant, as applied to interments, exclusive of any administration disbursements.



*Arthur H. D. Fair*  
 Dominion Secretary-Treasurer  
 L.P.F. of C.

N.B. The actual and verified disbursement and commitment of \$10540.16 includes the cost of funeral, ground, and digging in all cases, as well as Markers, except in the case of B.C. who having had 34 cases, if we add the full allotment of 25% per capita, would increase the total disbursements 850.00

Grand total \$11390.16

An average per capita cost throughout the country of \$70.75 ★  
inclusive of everything.

April 30th 1924

E.H. Scammell Esqr  
Asst. Deputy Minister S.C.R.  
Ottawa. Ont.

Dear Mr Scammell,

I thank you for the compliment of 'ingenuity' you pay me, as also for the kindly criticism and advice tendered, with regard to what you term ~~an~~ 'an extravagant and misleading statement' made by me in my annual Report.

I regret that you should have received the latter impression, though I cannot personally concur in it, and am prepared to stand by my original statement.

Your own statement, that "the reason our costs were kept so low in Montreal is owing to the fact that we bury two in a grave" defeats its own end, and elucidates your error, when I tell you that had we only buried one in a grave, we would still be \$5.00 below the maximum estimate allowed by us for that purpose, as the graves so far, have only cost us \$20.00 and we go as high as \$25.00 including digging.

Your references to the I.W.G.C. Headstone, and the manner of 're-imbusement' from the Pensions Department are too circumfluent to discuss in detail here, but when I speak of costs in this subject, I do not speak of it in parts, but as an entirety from "A" to "Z" including the marking of the grave - which latter is even more essential than the funereal part, and I repeat most emphatically, that if the whole subject had been placed in our hands in the early part of the war, I am convinced we would have saved 35% per capita.

If we were to discuss Montreal alone as it affected government costs, I venture, the result would not be very good reading.

Perhaps, if I put my personal interests before that of my Cause and my Country, I would be a little more discreet in just what points in my Reports I emphasise, but whatever my position in the future may be, as either Officer or Member of this Society, I shall endeavour to express myself in accordance with the dictates of Truth as it presents itself to me.

With kind regards.

Believe me, very sincerely

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer  
Last Post Fund, of Canada



CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF  
SOLDIERS' CIVIL RE-ESTABLISHMENT

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO FILE NO.

O t t a w a ,  
April 29th, 1924.

Dear Mr. Hair;

I have your letter of the 26th instant and must congratulate you on the somewhat ingenious manner in which you have arrived at the figures quoted by you.

2. I cannot say anything regarding the burial costs of the Department of Militia & Defence. These may, or may not, have exceeded \$100. in each case. I doubt very much whether they reached anything like that sum.

3. With regard to the burials by this Department since the 1st April, 1918, you will note that the average cost has been just under \$80. each. You mention the cost of the headstone put up by the Imperial War Graves' Commission. This is a matter dealt with entirely by arrangement between the Dominions and the Imperial Government. Each Dominion contributed a certain amount for headstones in France, Australia, Canada and elsewhere. Whether 100 or 5,000. were erected in Canada would make no difference to the Canadian contribution, therefore I do not see where the Last Post Fund could have effected any saving in this regard had the work been turned over to you.

4. With regard to the burial reimbursements by the Board of Pension Commissioners, this is a matter of reimbursement entirely. The man dies and is buried by his friends. Days, weeks or months later a demand is made on the Board of Pension Commissioners for payment of last sickness and burial expenses. You will note that the reimbursement is towards the cost of sickness as well as burial with a limit of \$100.

5. You claim that you could have saved 35% of these expenditures, in other words that it would have cost the Board of Pension Commissioners \$65. per case instead of \$100. for the expenses of last sickness and burial and that it would have cost the D.S.C.R. \$52. per case instead of \$80. This contention is absurd.

6. The only way in which the Last Post Fund in Montreal has been able to keep expenses down as low as they have been is by reason of the fact that two bodies are buried in one grave. This cannot be done by the Government as a matter of policy and further, the other branches of the Fund are also finding it impossible. The



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average cost of interment, including the purchasing of graves by the Department will compare favourably with the average cost of the Last Post Fund all over Canada even if an amount were added to cover the purchase of a headstone.

7. I am sorry that you marred what was otherwise a most excellent report by introducing an extravagant and to my mind, an entirely misleading statement. I can assure you that you do not further the interests of the Fund by actions of this character but on the contrary entirely genuine claims are thereby discounted.

8. I did not refer to the matter in the meeting as I did not wish to introduce anything of a controversial nature but I do hope that you will not make any similar statements in future. You are such an enthusiastic fellow that sometimes you allow your great love of the work which you have done for so many years, to carry you away. No one realizes more than I what your enthusiasm has meant to this cause so that I hope you will not mind my calling attention as I did privately after the meeting, to what I considered an unfortunate exaggeration.

Yours faithfully,

E. H. Scannell,  
Assistant Deputy Minister.

A. H. D. Hair Esq.,  
Dominion Secretary-Treasurer,  
Last Post Fund,  
P. O. Box 1382,  
Montreal, P.Q.

April 26th 1924

E.H. Scammell Esqr  
Asst. Deputy Minister S.C.R.  
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr Scammell,

Replying to the question you put to me last evening regarding the basis on which I arrived at the statement I made in my report about saving that I claimed could have been effected on military obituaries.

In your communication of April 10th you gave me the following statistics of Funerals of returned deceased men for whom the government has been responsible - since the beginning of the war of 1914, and in the Dominion of Canada:-

Militia & Defence	3,569	
Dept. S.C.R.	3,554	
Pensions Re-imbs'mts	528	Total cases 7,651

I based my estimate on the following:-

- (1) In Militia & Defence cases, I am convinced from experience that we could have effected a saving of 50%
- (2) Unless your Department is given free ground, to bury and mark the grave, you would be committed to the following cost:-

Funeral - Contract price	\$ 65.00	
Burial - Grave and Cem: fees (fair average)	30.00	
Headstone - I.W.G.C. Contract	50.00	\$145.00

Our maximum for all, is \$100.00

- (3) Unless administered by someone who understands justifiable costs, 50% of the maximum re-imbursment allowance is 'absorbed' because government funds pay for it.

On the above basis, I estimate that an -over all - saving of 35% could have been effected through a universal system of administration and costs, which represents 7,651 multiplied by .035 and equals \$267,785.00

I note from the disbursements you quote in your own Department that the per capita cost has been approximately \$80.00, but that does not include the cost of grave and Cemetery fees in many cases, and never the Headstone, so if you add the cost of the stone to the \$80.00 it brings it up to \$130.00.

I shall be interested to receive any counter remarks you may feel disposed to make, and trust you will accept the above in the spirit of amity it is submitted in.

With kindest regards.

Faithfully

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer  
L.P.F. of C.



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IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO FILE NO.

O t t a w a ,  
April 15th, 1924.

Dear Mr. Hair;

I have your letter of the 14th instant. The figures quoted by me in my letter of the 10th instant include all disbursements made by this Department for burials inclusive of the cost of graves and headstones where such have been provided by the Department. They do not include the cost of ground where such has not been paid for out of the funds of this Department. In the case of Montreal certain graves were purchased by the Department prior to the acquisition of the main lots in the Mount Royal and the Cote des Neiges cemeteries. Payment for the latter was made out of an appropriation granted to the Department of National Defence and therefore is not included in the figures quoted.

2. With regard to the grant for 1924-25, I am of course unable to state anything definite until after the estimates have been passed by Parliament but the sum of \$10,000. has been included by the Department in its estimates. You can communicate this information to the president.

3. I hope to be with you at the annual meeting on the 25th instant.

Yours faithfully,

E. H. Scammell,  
Assistant Deputy Minister.

A. H. D. Hair Esq.,  
Dominion Secretary,  
Last Post Fund,  
P. O. Box 1382,  
Montreal, P.Q.

April 14th 1924

E.H. Scammell Esqr

Asst. Deputy Minister S.C.R.  
Ottawa. Ont.

Dear Mr Scammell,

Many thanks for your kind favour of April 10th answering an inquiry I addressed to the Officer in Charge of Military Records regarding death and burials of returned ex-Service men in Canada since the commencement of the Great War. Your statement, while I quite understand is approximate, is also very interesting.

As it is my intention to submit these figures to Sir Arthur Currie, I do not wish to make any 'rash' statements, in consequence of which I would thank you to further advise me if I am right or wrong in assuming that the amounts of disbursements submitted by you for 'burials' actually mean Funerals, exclusive of cost of graves, and Headstones, where your Department may have incurred liability for either, or both, of the latter?

Does it, for instance, include the cost of the ground purchased by the government in this City?

I should also be much obliged, if you would kindly let me know, what information I may transmit to our President if I am asked anything with regard to the Grant for 1924-5 as I have inquiries from the Western Provinces.

Hoping you will be able to be with us on the occasion of the annual meeting, and with kind regards.

Believe me, faithfully

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer  
Last Post Fund, of Canada



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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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Assistant Deputy Minister.

A. H. D. Hair Esq.,  
Dominion Secretary,  
Last Post Fund,  
P. O. Box 1382,  
Montreal, P.Q.

*81.00 ✓ sent  
100.00 P.B.*

March 20th 1924

The Officer In Charge  
Military Records  
Headquarters - Ottawa

Dear Sir,

Can you advise us, how many returned men have died in Canada since the Great War commenced, to date, for whom the government has had to assume funereal costs?

We should appreciate this information if available.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Faithfully

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer  
Last Post Fund, of Canada

May 26th, 1924.

E. H. Scammell, Esq.,  
Assistant Deputy Minister,  
Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment,  
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Scammell:-

I beg to acknowledge and to  
thank you for your letter of May 22nd.

I fully agree with what you  
have pointed out to the United States Veterans'  
Bureau.

I am enclosing herewith a  
copy of the proposed by-laws, which I think are  
sufficient and which I hope will meet with the  
approval of the Council.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,



DEPARTMENT OF  
SOLDIERS' CIVIL RE-ESTABLISHMENT

DEPUTY MINISTER'S OFFICE

O t t a w a ,  
May 22nd, 1924.

Dear Sir Arthur Currie;

I recently received an inquiry from the United States Veterans' Bureau as to whether any provision was made in this country for the burial of indigent ex-soldiers of other than British nationality in national cemeteries. It appears that an Army regulation was issued in the United States under an Act of April 15th, 1920, which authorizes the burial in national cemeteries in that country of any citizen of the United States who served in the army or navy with any Government in the world's war with Germany and Austria and who died in the service or after honourable discharge therefrom. I enclose a copy of the regulation on this subject.

2. In writing to the United States Veterans' Bureau I have pointed out that in this country there are no national cemeteries so that it is not possible to reciprocate along quite the same lines. I stated however that the Last Post Fund would be prepared to provide honourable burial for any ex-member of the American Forces who has become a citizen of Canada should he die in indigent circumstances and his family require the assistance of this fund.

3. I raised the following question however. There are now numbers of ex-members of the Canadian and British Forces in the United States who have not become naturalized American citizens. There are also doubtless a number of citizens of the United States in Canada who have not taken out papers here. I suggested that it might be desirable to extend the provisions to those who served whether they had become naturalized or not if the circumstances seemed to demand it. I expect to be in Washington within the course of the next two or three weeks when I propose to discuss this question with the United States authorities.

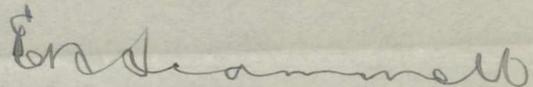
4. Permit me to say how much I regretted the unfortunate situation which arose at the recent adjourned meeting of the Fund, and further, how much I appreciated personally, your decision not to withdraw from the presidency. I hope that a set of by-laws

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simple in form and so framed as to be capable of operation in any province of Canada, will shortly be approved.

With kind regards, believe me,

Yours sincerely,



E. H. Scammell,  
Assistant Deputy Minister.

General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,  
Principal,  
McGill University,  
Montreal, P.Q.

WAR DEPARTMENT,  
Washington, June 6, 1923.QUARTERMASTER CORPS.  
NATIONAL CEMETERIES.

Paragraph

Burials in national cemeteries -----1

1. Burials in national cemeteries - a. General - All soldiers, sailors, or marines dying in the service of the United States, or dying in a destitute condition after having been honorably discharged from the service, or who served or hereafter shall have served, during any war in which the United States has been, or may hereafter be engaged, and, with the consent of the Secretary of War, any citizen of the United States who served in the Army or Navy of any government at war with Germany or Austria during the World War and who died while in such service or after honorable discharge therefrom, may be buried in any national cemetery free of cost. The production of the honorable discharge of a deceased man in the former case, and duly executed permit of the Secretary of War in the latter case, shall be sufficient authority for the superintendent of any cemetery to permit the interment. Army nurses honorably discharged from their service as such may be buried in any national cemetery, and, if in a destitute condition, free of cost. The Secretary of War is authorized to issue certificates to those Army nurses entitled to such burial. ACT APRIL 15, 1920 (41 Stat. 552).

b. Who can be buried in a national cemetery; authority required.

(1) Under the law, quoted in a. all officers, cadets, and enlisted men of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, United States Coast Guard, and Army and Navy paymasters' clerks, dying in the service of the United States, or dying in a destitute condition after having been mustered out or honorably discharged from the service, or who served, or hereafter shall have served, during any war in which the United States has been, or may hereafter be engaged, are entitled to burial in any national cemetery free of cost. The same rights will be accorded to Army nurses who are honorably discharged or pensioned. In all such cases the presentation of the commission, warrant, or honorable discharge of the deceased officer, enlisted man or Army nurse, or the letter of appointment of the deceased Army or Navy paymaster's clerk, signed by the Secretary of War or Navy, as the case may be, will be sufficient authority for the interment.

(2) Authority is also contained in a, for burial of any citizen of the United States who served in the Army or Navy of any Government at war with Germany or Austria during the World War and who died while in such service or after honorable discharge therefrom, free of cost upon presentation of a duly executed permit of the Secretary of War. In these cases the superintendent will ascertain the correct name, rank and military organization and Army in which the decedent served and communicate with the Quartermaster General, by telegraph, for the necessary permit of the Secretary

of War before interment is made.

c. "Free of cost" defined. - The words "free of cost" are held to apply only to the expense of opening and closing the grave.

(A.G. 300.33 (3-3-22).)

By order of the Secretary of War;

JOHN J. PERSHING

General of Armies,  
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May 16. 1924

General Sir Arthur Currie  
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Dear Sir Arthur:

On behalf of the Last Post Fund I beg to  
acknowledge your kind donation to our work &  
we thank you very much for your kind sympathy.  
We regret however that your previous engagement  
has deprived us of a pleasure - we believe you  
also. But we are gratified to see that you  
will be willing to cooperate with us on a  
future occasion.

Believe me

Yours respectfully,

W. H. Atherton.

May  
Thirteenth  
1921.

Professor W.H. Atherton, Ph.D., LL.D.,  
51 Common Street,  
Montreal.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt this morning of your letter in which you have done me the honour of asking me to preside at the National Decoration Day ceremonies on May 24th.

I would like to be associated with your organization in the functions to be held that day and I regret that I cannot be with you because I have accepted an invitation to unveil a Memorial out of town. Perhaps, on some future occasion the Committee may feel disposed to renew the invitation. If so, I shall be glad to accept.

Will you please accept the accompanying small donation to your fund.

Yours faithfully,

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Principal McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur,

The Directors of the Last Post Fund would be very pleased, if you would kindly preside at our National Decoration Day on May 24 & say a few words on behalf of our main tent - that every ex-service man, if he dies ungranted, deserves at least six feet of the earth for which he was ready to sacrifice his life.

The function is a very important one & great preparations are being made this year, to equal the successes of past years & probably to surpass them.

We shall be glad to receive your favourable reply in as short time as possible, since we wish to make our printing arrangements etc. I send you a programme of last year's function which will give you some idea of this year's

Believe me dear General  
Yours respectfully

Wm H Atherton  
Pres "Last Post Fund"

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May 18th 21

General Sir Arthur Currie K.C.M.G., etc,

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Dear Sir

Acknowledging your kind favour of the 13th inst to our President, in which you express your regret at inability to be with us at our "Decoration Day" function May 24th, on behalf of our Executive I beg to intimate our appreciation of your sympathy with our Cause, and further, to express our very sincere thanks for your kind and generous subscription towards it, for which I take pleasure in enclosing a receipt herewith.

We also, most certainly regret your inability to be with us on this occasion, but thank you for your kind offer to cooperate with us at some future time, which offer we shall be most happy to avail ourselves of.

Believe me, Dear Sir

most respectfully

*Arthur H. A. Hair*  
Hon. Organiser

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Montreal.

Dear Sir,

On behalf of our Executive, I beg to direct your kind attention to the work of this association, which possibly may not be altogether unknown to you.

The accompanying leaflet is explanatory of its purpose, and ultimate objective.

May we be permitted to hope that in company with many other prominent persons, we may also have your endorsement, and also your personal patronage, of our endeavours.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Believe me,

Dear Sir

most respectfully

*Arthur H. D. Hair*  
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Dear Sir,

It affords me very much pleasure on behalf of our Executive, to acknowledge receipt of your application for membership in this association, and to enclose our receipt herewith, which will be followed in due course by your membership card.

May I say we should very much appreciate your kind permission to add your name to our list of Patrons and also to receive a personal approbation of our principle, which we might add to the long list of representative people from all parts of the Empire who endorse it, — viz:— TO ASSURE EVERY HONOURABLY DISCHARGED EX-SERVICE MAN OR WOMAN HONOURABLE SEPULCHRE IN THE HOUR OF DEATH AND FRIENDLESSNESS, AS A MARK OF NATIONAL REGARD FOR SERVICES RENDERED, AND AS A NATIONAL OBLIGATION, NOT PUBLIC CHARITY.

Thanking you in anticipation.

I have the honour to be

Dear Sir

very sincerely

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Professor W. H. Atherton,  
51 Common Street,  
Montreal.

Dear Professor Atherton,-

Let me acknowledge  
receipt of your letter of October 12th.

I should have answered it  
sooner but this has been an extremely busy  
week.

I regret very much that it  
will be impossible for me to act as you  
suggest, because it so happens I have an  
engagement for every night of that week.

With all good wishes for a  
successful function, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.



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## AN HISTORICAL EXHIBIT

Interesting Project by Last Post Fund

An exhibit of naval, military and historical objects in private possession in this city is being held in the

Ladies' Ordinary at the Windsor Hotel from the 25th to the 29th of this month. The exhibition, which is being conducted by the Last Post Fund will show the many wonderful phases of evolution in warfare from the time of the crossbow down to the most modern weapons, while pictorial art, the medalist, and sculptor, as well as the manufacturer will each contribute to make this exhibit both instructive and interesting. In September, 1914, the Last Post Association conducted a similar enterprise with great success in favor of the Patriotic Fund. The public are invited to loan anything of historic interest for exhibit, and those wishing to do so may telephone St. Louis 5952 when they will be advised where and when their loans will be received and returned.

### Organizing Secretary-Treasurer

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## "LEST WE FORGET"

Gen. Sir Arthur Currie G.C.M.G., K.C.B., LL.D.  
Montreal

Oct 12. 1921  
51 Common St.  
Montreal

Dear Sir Arthur:

The Last Post Fund, (of which you are one of our esteemed Patrons) are preparing an exhibition of war trophies as the accompanying notice in today's Gazette will explain. The exhibition will take place in the Windsor Hotel Oct 25-29 (inclusive) and the official opening will be held on Tuesday Oct 25, at 7.30 PM.

I am writing to ask you, if you could favour us by acting as the official opener. This would please us all and we shall be glad to receive your early reply of acceptance, since otherwise we shall, with regret, have to make other arrangements as the date of the exhibition is not far off.

Hoping that your engagements at that period will not prevent your acceptance

Believe me Sir Arthur  
Yours respectfully  
W. H. A. Brien Esq. LL.D.

Certified Copy of a Report of the Committee of the Privy Council,  
approved by His Excellency the Governor General on the 5th August 1922.

The Committee of the Privy Council have had before them a report, dated the 26th July 1922, from the Minister of Soldiers' Civil Re-Establishment, submitting that the Second and final report of the special Committee appointed by the House of Commons of Canada to consider questions relating to pensions, insurnace, and re-establishment of returned soldiers and any amendments to the existing laws in relation thereto which may be proposed or considered necessary by the Committee, contains the following:

"The Committee has considered that certain adequate provision should be made for the burial expenses of ex-members of the forces who die in destitute circumstances and in whose cases burial is not otherwise provided for under the Pension Act, including ex-members of the Imperial Forces. It is considered advisable also that military honours of a certain character should be accorded.

"In this connection the Committee has considered the petition received from the Last Post Fund and has also considered the evidence submitted before the Committee which met in 1920. It is understood that the Fund has carried on excellent work for the past 14 years and is organizing its system throughout the Dominion. Its desire is that no former member of the Forces who dies in destitute circumstances should reach a pauper's grave.

"The petition of the Trustees of the said Fund made certain requests. It is not deemed advisable by the Committee that these requests be entirely granted, but it is considered that some action should be taken along the lines suggested by the petition in question.

"The Committee therefore recommends that the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-Establishment be authorized to enter into an agreement with and to make a grant of \$10,000.00 per annum to the Trustees of the Last Post Fund for the purpose of assisting towards the provision of burial expenses of former members of the forces of Canada and her Allies who die in destitute circumstances and for whom no other provision is made. It is not intended that such payment shall in any way apply towards the burial of dependants of former members of the Forces.

"It is considered that the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-Establishment should before payment of the Grant in question be fully satisfied that the proceeds thereof shall proportionately be applied for burial of ex-soldiers in all the Provinces of Canada, and that the organization of the Last Post Fund is sufficient to carry out the intended purpose.

"With regard to military honours during burial, the Committee recommends that where facilities exist the Department of Militia & Defence should furnish a gun carriage and a Bugler"

The Minister states that the Directors of the Last Post Fund are desirous of cooperating with the Department in every possible way. It is proposed that the general secretary of the Fund should visit the various provinces ~~where there is no provision for the burial of indigent~~ and arrange for the establishment of branch committees in order to carry out the objects of the Fund in those Provinces where there is no provision for the burial of indigent ex-members of the forces who have no claim on the Government.

In order to carry out the recommendation of the Parliamentary Committee, the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-Establishment has been granted an appropriation of \$10,000.00 by Parliament for the year 1922-3, a portion of which will be required for organization purposes.

(2)

It has been considered that the basis of division among the Provinces should be not only the number of enlistments, but the number of discharges. Approximate figures have therefore been taken of the numbers in question and division has been made accordingly.

The Minister therefore recommends:

1. That the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-Establishment be authorised to pay to the Last Post Fund the sum of \$5000.00 to be used by the Directors of the Fund in organizing the necessary branches so that the Fund may become operative in all the Provinces.
2. That the Department be authorised to pay to the Fund as soon as branches have been formed, the balance of \$5,000.00.
3. The Last Post Fund shall make reports to the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-Establishment in such form, and with such frequency as the Department may from time to time require.

The Committee concur in the foregoing recommendations and submit the same for approval.

(Sgd) Rodolphe Boudreau  
Clerk of the Privy Council

The Honourable  
The Minister of Soldiers' Civil Re-Establishment  
P.R. secy.

April  
Second  
1923.

Arthur H.D. Hair, Esq.,  
P. O. Box 1382,  
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Hair:-

Thank you very much for your letter of March 31st advising me of the date of the annual meeting of the Last Post Fund, which will be held in the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, on Thursday, April 26th at 8.p.m.

I have made a note of this date and will be very glad to attend if it is at all possible.

Yours faithfully,



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General Sir Arthur Currie

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Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur,

Adverting to the conversation you favoured me with some few weeks ago in which we discussed your connection with our Dominion Council in the coming year, and your kind consent to act thereon.

I respectfully beg to advise you that our annual meeting will take place in the Ritz-Carlton Hotel on Thursday April 26th at 8.P.M. when the Reports of the year will be submitted, and election of Officers for the ensuing year take place.

Knowing how much you are called upon, I am taking this opportunity of letting you have advance notice in addition to the formal one, as we are particularly anxious to have you with us on that occasion, if at all within your ability to arrange it.

I have the honour to be

Sir Arthur

most respectfully

Dominion Secy-Treasurer

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April  
Nineteenth  
1923.

Arthur S. Clarson, Esq.,  
P. O. Box 1382,  
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Clarson:-

With reference to your letter  
of April 18th, I thank you for your invitation  
to speak at your Commemorative Ceremony on  
Sunday, May 27th.

It will give me much pleasure to  
comply with your request.

Yours faithfully,



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April 18th 1923

General Sir Arthur Currie

G.C.M.G., K.C.B., L.L.D.

Principal

McGill University

Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur,

You are no doubt aware that this Society annually conducts a Commemorative function at the Burial Plots of this Fund, usually on May 24th, but this year changed to Sunday May 27th - the more or less religious aspect of it, lending itself to such a day as Sunday, and the feeling being that it is a more convenient day for those who would like to attend.

I desire on behalf of the Association, to ask you if you would do us the honour of addressing us on that occasion at 2.30 in the afternoon of that day, and should be pleased to hear from you in that connection.

In anticipation of your kind acquiescence.

Very sincerely

President

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May 1st 1923

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

Principal

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PERSONAL

Dear Sir Arthur,

In accordance with your kind consent intimated to me personally some time ago, that you would act on the Dominion Council of this Society this year, I duly submitted your name at our recent elections and you were elected.

The nomination of the eight Directors to the Dominion Council from the total of fifteen, has been left in the hands of our Charter Trustees.

I have very good reason to know that some of our most representative Officers will approach you in the near future, with a view to inducing you to do us the very great honour of becoming our Dominion Executive President.

I am taking the liberty to express the very sincere personal hope that you Sir, will do us that honour, and thereby materially add to the future success of this Cause.

I have the honour to be

Sir Arthur

most respectfully

*Arthur H. D. Hair*

May  
Seventh  
1923.

Brigadier-General C. J. Armstrong,  
M. D. No. 4,  
Montreal.

My dear General:-

In the Gazette this morning I noticed that the Last Post Fund ceremonies held annually at the cemeteries have been slated for May 27th, apparently the day on which the Montreal Garrison parades.

I have written to Mr. Hair saying that I hope something might be done to avoid the conflict, which I am sure would result in much disappointment to many people. Have you any suggestion to make?

Yours faithfully,

May  
Seventh  
1923.

Arthur H. D. Hair, Esq.,  
P. O. Box 1382,  
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Hair:-

I have your letter of the 5th of May intimating that the adjourned meeting of the Last Post Fund will be held next Thursday afternoon at 5 p.m. at the Ritz Carlton Hotel. I shall attend if at all possible.

In this morning's Gazette I notice that your ceremonies on Sunday, May 27th conflict with the Annual Church Parade of the Montreal Garrison. I think this is a great pity and I hope that something may be done to avoid disappointment to many people.

Yours faithfully,



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May 5th 1923

General, Sir Arthur Currie

G.C.M.G., K.C.B., L.L.D.

Principal

McGill University

Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur,

The adjourned annual meeting of this association will convene in the Vice Regal apartments of the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, on Thursday next at 5.P.M.

BUSINESS:-

1. Confirmation of Dominion Council and election of Officers
2. Election of Officers to joint Dominion-Quebec Headquarters
3. Special meeting of Trustees and all Directors re "Saskatchewan"

This is a very important meeting.

I have the honour to be  
most respectfully

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer

May  
Seventh  
1923.

Arthur H. D. Hair, Esq.,  
P. O. Box 1382,  
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Hair:-

I beg to acknowledge and to  
thank you for your letter of to-day's date  
with reference to my addressing your Society  
on Commemoration Day.

The sentiments expressed therein  
are very gratifying to me and I would ask you  
to kindly convey to Lieut.-Colonel L.A. Sylvestre  
my appreciation of the attitude of my French-  
Canadian comrades.

Yours faithfully,



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May 7th 1923

General, Sir Arthur Currie

G.C.M.G., K.C.B., L.L.D.

Principal

McGill University

Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur,

It has been the custom of this association on the occasion of our annual "Commemoration Day" ceremonies to invite an outstanding French Canadian to address us as representing our French-Canadian comrades who served in the Great War, but in view of your very kind consent to address us on that occasion, we have been specially requested by our French-Canadian Chaplain - Lt.-Col. (Rev) L.A. Sylvestre - to present his most respectful compliments to you in the name of the French-Canadian soldiers who served under your Command in the Great War, in the fullest appreciation of your representing them, and to invite no other to do so.

I therefore have the honour of conveying these sentiments of loyalty and appreciation of their Commander in the Field, to you Sir Arthur, in consequence of which, no other person will be invited to address the gathering.

I have the honour to be  
most respectfully

*Arthur H. D. Hair*

Secretary-Treasurer

May  
Tenth  
1923.

Arthur H. D. Hair, Esq.,  
P. O. Box 1382,  
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Hair:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of  
your letter of May 8th with reference to your  
"Commemoration Ceremonies" and the Annual Garrison  
Church Parade.

I am very glad to hear that  
arrangements are being made so that these two  
events shall not clash. I shall be glad to  
keep Sunday, the third of June free.

Yours faithfully,



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May 8th 1923.

General, Sir Arthur Currie

G.C.M.G., K.C.B., L.L.D.

Principal

McGill University

City

Dear Sir Arthur,

I have your favour of the 7th inst, in which you refer to the confliction of our "Commemoration Ceremonies" with the Annual Garrison Church Parade, and hope that something may be done to avoid disappointment to many people.

Perhaps I may be permitted to submit that the confliction of dates was not of our making, for when we made our arrangements we had no intimation of the date of the Church Parade, and incidentally were endeavouring, in changing the date from the 24th to the 27th, to avoid confliction with the National Societies Empire day Celebration, and it was imperative that we make our arrangements well in advance.

However, at the suggestion of yourself, and General Armstrong, I have no doubt that some alternative can be found, in which case, I am sure I am voicing the most sincere wishes of this Association that the date may be made to suit you, and consequently would ask if the following Sunday - the King's Birthday - would be convenient, or what other date ?



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Thanking you in anticipation of your kind advice in the matter, and also assuring you that I will forthwith convey your message of appreciation to Lt-Col. L.A. Sylvestre.

I have the honour to be

Sir Arthur,

most respectfully

Secretary-Treasurer

May  
Fourteenth  
1923.

Arthur H. D. Hair, Esq.,  
P. O. Box 1382,  
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Hair:-

I beg to thank you for your letter of May 11th advising me officially that the members have done me the honour of electing me Dominion President of the Last Post Fund. I am willing to accept this position for a year and hope that I may be of some use to the Society.

Yesterday I ran across Mr. Herbert Marler, M.P., who told me that a group in Saskatchewan wanted a share in the \$10,000. granted by the Dominion Government to the Last Post Fund. I did not have much time to discuss the matter with Mr. Marler, but he intimated that unless we fell in line with the request of the Saskatchewan body the appropriation of \$10,000 might not be continued. He advised that we acquiesce if only for this year, in order that there might be no interruption in receiving the appropriation.

Regarding the afternoon of May 24th I very much regret that I cannot join your ceremony as I shall not be in the city. I was forced to make a similar answer to the Empire Day Society.

Yours faithfully,



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General, Sir Arthur Currie

G.C.M.G., K.C.B., L.L.D.

Dominion President, Last Post Fund of Canada, Incorporated  
McGill University

Dear Sir Arthur,

I have the honour to advise you, that at the election of the Dominion, and Provincial Officers of this Society, held yesterday afternoon at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, you were unanimously elected our Dominion President, which office I am advised by our Trustees you have graciously consented to accept.

For your advice, I have therefore pleasure in submitting that the Officers and Members of the Dominion Council, are as follows, viz:—

President - General, Sir Arthur Currie

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2nd Vice Pres.— Albert H. Abbott Esqr Ph.D. (Queen's - Toronto)

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the President, or acting President, fourteen days notice of which must be given in advance of such meetings.

With regard to the local "Commemoration Day" ceremonies, the matter was discussed in meeting, the Resolution calling for it on the 27th of May rescinded, and a new Resolution passed setting it definitely for 3.P.M. of the afternoon of May 24th - the old date; and I am requested to express the very sincere hope that you Sir, can see your way to keep that date for us instead of Sunday June 3rd.

We very much regret the trouble we are giving you, in the change of dates, which has also upset certain arrangements we had made, and as the time at our disposal now, is very short, I should thank you very much for a reply by return.

I have the honour to be

Sir Arthur,

Faithfully

Secretary-Treasurer



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May 18th 1923

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

McGill University  
City

Dear Sir Arthur,

Further to your kind communication of the 14th inst, and your intimation regarding May 24th.

We are extremely sorry at your inability to be with us, and in consequence have decided to eliminate the usual ceremony at the Cartier Monument, proceeding direct to the Cemetery plots, and we trust that we shall be honoured with your presence at some future time.

I have the honour to be  
Sir Arthur  
most respectfully

Secretary-Treasurer

May 19th, 1923.

Arthur H. D. Hair, Esq.,  
P. O. Box 1382,  
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Hair:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of  
your letter of yesterday.

I regret that I cannot attend the  
meeting on Monday, as I have an important meeting  
of the Athletic Board of McGill University.

I hope you will find the time soon  
to let me know the full details of the difference  
of opinion with Saskatchewan.

Yours faithfully,



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Dominion President, Last Post Fund of Canada  
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur,

I beg to acknowledge, and thank you, for your favour of the 14th inst, and to say that this Society feels greatly honoured by your kind acceptance of its Presidency, and we shall endeavour to make the occasions necessary to add to your already heavy duties, as light as possible.

I note your reference to Mr Marler, and the Saskatchewan situation, and I was earnestly in the hope that a basis of arrangement would have been reached ere this, but unfortunately Saskatchewan is asking something extremely difficult - in fact it is even doubtful whether we have the power to grant them.

They want absolute Provincial autonomy with the right to continue the use of our name, and their share of the Federal Grant from the parent organization.

The question therefore resolves itself into deciding whether a dignified surrender of our Dominion Charter forthwith, or official recognition of a precedent that will eventually wreck the Dominion organization, is the better course to follow ?

The source of the whole trouble is the "Red" element amongst the returned soldier, augmented by the introduction of politics now.

An adjourned meeting of the "Committee of the whole" held at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel on May 10th subsequent to the elections, under the Chairmanship of Brig-Gen. A.E. Labelle has been called to re-assemble at 5.P.M.



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on Monday May 21st in the Green Room of the Ritz-Carlton "To receive a report prepared by a Special Committee composed of:— Major Louis Gosselin, Lt-Col. J.T. Ostell, and Mr Pemberton Smith, on the subject" for subsequent action by the Dominion Council.

To be perfectly candid Sir Arthur, we wished to come to a definite plan of action before submitting it to the Dominion Council for ratification, in consequence of which, I did not send you formal Notice of Meeting, though it goes without saying, that if it is convenient for you to be with us, your advice on the subject will be greatly appreciated.

If there is anything further you would care to be advised upon with regard to the subject, I should be very glad to either call or write you upon it, at your request.

I have the honour to be

Sir Arthur

most respectfully

Dominion Organizing Secretary-Treasurer

July 23rd 1923.

Copy for authorization

To the Secretaries, Provincial Headquarters  
LAST POST FUND, OF CANADA, Incorpd

Dear Sir,

Pending the next meeting of the Dominion Council, and receipt of your next Quarterly Report (Form "D") due September 15th, I am instructed to forward you herewith a draft for 50% of the Federal assistance applicable to this work in your Province for 1923-4, payable to the local Trustees, and being \$

Should your disbursements in the interval, (on the per capita basis set out on pages 10 and 11 of our book of "Instructions to Officers" of this Association) exceed the amount of this remittance, kindly forward an interim statement, when the matter will be dealt with forthwith, with a view to further assistance immediately.

We desire to take this opportunity of pointing out, and emphasising the fact that this Federal assistance is given by the Government conditional upon supplementary funds being raised in each Province, to make sure that all cases are looked after where they come within the category of the provision made by this Association. In other words, in order to assure repetition of this Federal assistance in the future, the Dominion Headquarters of the Last Post Fund must be able to show that on the basis of \$100 per capita, the expenditure for funerals of friendless and indigent in each Province has been in excess of the Federal allotment to each Province for the year.

For example, viz:- assuming your Provincial proportion of the Grant to be \$500 it must be shown that you have dealt with at the very least six cases during the fiscal year.

Will you kindly let us have a receipt on account, for the amount herewith remitted, as we have to make returns to Ottawa, at their request.

Faithfully



Dominion Secretary-Treasurer  
LAST POST FUND

Approved July 24th, 1923.

A.W. Currie

July 24th, 1923.

Arthur H. D. Hair, Esq.,  
2372 Park Avenue,  
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Hair:-

General Currie has asked me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 23rd enclosing copy of proposed letter to Provincial Secretaries.

In compliance with your request I am returning same herewith, duly approved by the General.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

July 23rd, 1923.

Captain F. B. Bagshaw,  
Regina,  
Sask.

My dear Captain Bagshaw:-

As you know last Spring I consented to accept the Dominion Presidency of the Last Post Fund organization. I did so because I was much impressed by the work that organization has done in Montreal since its formation fourteen years ago.

There can be no doubt of the necessity for some such organization everywhere and I am in sympathy to making it Dominion-wide. I think if it bears that character it will have more influence with the Dominion Government, which, as we all know, is not helping to the extent it should. We can bring more pressure on the Government if organizations dealing with such matters work in harmony and unanimity.

Furthermore, organizations in different places ought to be of great help one to the other in the advice that ~~we~~<sup>they</sup> can give to each other from time to time as to the cases with which they have to deal. It also must help individual organizations a great deal to learn how organizations in other places are supplementing the Government grant. I am glad that the Dominion Government has made a start in helping this work. The amount already given is more likely to be increased, and increased sooner, if the Government is impressed with the necessity of the work they are doing and with the co-operation ~~we~~<sup>we show</sup>.

*shew*

Capt. F.B. Bagshaw - 2 -

But I know it is a waste of time giving arguments to you as to why a Dominion organization is desirable. Shortly after I assumed the Presidency I was very sorry to learn of the difference of opinion that had arisen between what might be called the parent body and the organization doing the same work in Saskatchewan.

Frankly, I think a little more tolerance might have been shewn on both sides. I cannot agree with the action taken by the Dominion organization in the notices inserted in Saskatchewan papers. Technically they may have been right, but politically it was a very short-sighted movement. I believe they did it from the best of motives and I believe they are sorry their act provoked so much hostility. It must have given outsiders a wrong impression. Here were two organizations engaged in the really splendid work and noble service of giving indigent soldiers a decent burial and they fall out amongst themselves. It is not a very good example to set before our fellow-citizens, to whom we are always preaching the doctrine of co-operation, tolerance and goodwill and finding our examples in the relations which existed between comrades "over there".

I have been informed that the Dominion organization sent you a resolution which they passed on the 21st of May 1923. I know it was forwarded with the best goodwill in the world and I believe its terms are such that the Regina organization can subscribe to it. I am writing to you as an old friend and as an old comrade to ask you to use your influence to get the Regina fellows to become part of the Dominion organization. Won't you do this? I shall be very glad if you shew this letter to Colonel McAra, whom I remember very well.

Capt. F.B. Bagshaw - 3 -

Incidentally, I may say that the division of the Dominion grant is made arbitrarily by the Department of Soldiers Civil Re-establishment and not by the Dominion Executive.

With all good wishes and hoping to hear from you soon, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

P.S. I have almost pledged my word that harmony could be brought about between your organization and the Dominion one, believing that for old times' sake your fellows would respond to an appeal.

Last Post Fund

H. B. Bagshaw  
BARRISTER AND SOLICITOR  
REGINA - CANADA

August 6th, 1923.

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

Dear Sir Arthur:

I am very pleased to have your letter of the 23rd ultimo., and to be able to say unreservedly that the Saskatchewan people interested in Last Post work are entirely in accord with your ideas, and will assist in every possible way in carrying out their work in the closest harmony with the Last Post Fund ( Incorporated ).

When we noticed in the press that you had accepted the Dominion Presidency, we all felt that in a very short time it would be possible for our organization to settle its differences with Montreal and to use the name " Last Post " once more. The Resolution of May the 21st came to hand and its terms are acceptable and official acceptance has, I believe, been sent forward by Captain Rowan, our Secretary. Since that time Colonel McAra has been instrumental in organizing a Branch at Saskatoon and I am sure that in a very short period of time Branches will be arranged in every important centre of this Province.

In your letter you speak of the Government grant. May I suggest that, inasmuch as there will always be some trouble in getting the grant renewed from year to year, it might be advisable to follow the line of least resistance and endeavour to get a portion of the canteen moneys set aside for Last Post work. When the Royal Commission were here, they asked for suggestions as to how canteen moneys could be spent and I represented the united veterans of Saskatchewan in outlining a scheme whereby a considerable portion of the moneys could be set aside and placed in the hands of the D. S. C. R., for use from time to time whenever necessary in carrying out the work of the Last Post organizations throughout the country. I believe, if a united effort were made, that a half a million dollars could be secured for the purpose, the interest from which would be far more than we could ever hope to obtain from Government sources.

**F. B. Bagshaw**  
BARRISTER AND SOLICITOR  
REGINA - CANADA

August 6th, 1923.

Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., - 2.

Trusting that you and Lady Currie are enjoying the best of health, and with all good wishes in which Mrs. Bagshaw joins, I remain,

Yours faithfully,

F. B. Bagshaw

FBB/S

August 13, 1923.

F. B. Bagshaw, Esq.,  
Suite 2, Temple Building,  
11th Avenue,  
Regina, Sask.

My dear Mr. Bagshaw,

Thank you very much for your letter of August 6th. The harmonious outcome of the little difference of opinion regarding the Last Post Fund is most satisfactory indeed, and I may say gives great pleasure to those of us in Montreal.

I note your suggestion regarding the setting aside of certain Canteen Money for the work of our organisation. I shall bear it in mind and bring it up before the Dominion Executive at their next meeting which takes place some time during the Autumn.

Most heartily reciprocating your good wishes on my own behalf and on behalf of my wife, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

August 14, 1923.

A.H.D. Hair, Esq.,  
Last Post Fund,  
P.O. Box 1382,  
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Hair:-

Sir Arthur Currie has asked me to return the enclosed letter to you; it was apparently sent to him by mistake. There was no enclosure as referred to in the letter.

Yours faithfully,

Principal's  
Secretary.

August 16, 1923.

A.H.D.Hair Esq.,  
Secretary, Last Post Fund,  
P.O.Box 1382,  
Montreal.

Dear Mr.Hair,

Replying to your letter of yesterday,  
I have reserved the date, Thursday, November 15th, for  
the benefit concert at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in aid  
of our Fund.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,



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August 15th 1923

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

President

Last Post Fund

Dear Sir Arthur,

Further to your kind consent to give us your personal patronage on the occasion of a Benefit Concert to be given this Autumn in the Ball Room of the Ritz-Carlton Hotel by the Stanley Quartette and other Montreal talent, I beg to state that we should like to have it on Thursday November 15th, conditional upon that date being convenient to you, but should that date not suit you, we will endeavour to get a vacant date that will, if you would kindly state one or two alternative evenings, as bookings are already made that far ahead for the Hall.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Believe me, Sir Arthur  
Respectfully

Dominion Organizing Secretary  
LAST POST FUND

July 23rd, 1923.

Dr. W. H. Atherton,  
51 Common Street,  
Montreal.

My dear Dr. Atherton:-

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 19th and to say in reply that the Last Post Fund will most gladly co-operate with the Knights of Columbus in any ceremony appropriate when the latter body place a wreath on the Cross of Sacrifice in the cemetery.

Mr. Flaherty's suggestion is a very thoughtful one and I am sure the idea will be well received not only by the friends of the Last Post Fund organization, but by the citizens of Canada generally. As to any details to be decided upon, will you please get in touch with Mr. Arthur H. D. Hair, the Dominion Secretary, to whom I have spoken and who is quite prepared to co-operate in every possible way.

Yours faithfully,

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Sir Arthur Currie G.C.M.G., K.C.B., Lt.D.  
Dominion President "Last Post Fund"

July 19, 1923

Dear Sir Arthur:

The Hon. Mr. G. H. Bowden M.P. (Speaker of the Dominion House of Commons) in his position as one of the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus of this Continent, has asked me to inquire of you, if it would be possible, during the approaching great convention of the Knights of Columbus of this Continent to have a wreath placed by the supreme directors on the base of the Cross of Sacrifice standing in the Last Post Plots & overlooking the military burial grounds around.

The thought came originally directly from the Supreme Knight, Mr. James Flaherty of Philadelphia U.S.A. who desired to place a wreath to commemorate the sacrifices of the Canadian soldiers & to hold a simple ceremony. It was suggested that the Last Post Ground with its monument would both be appropriate for such an occasion - It has been suggested that it should be to the "unknown soldier" but the details of the nature of the ceremony, beyond the general idea of the commemoration of the Canadian sacrifice in the great war, have in no way been studied.

The date suggested would be either Sunday August 5<sup>th</sup> or Monday August 6<sup>th</sup> next - both dates very near at hand. I am entrusted with the privilege of asking you whether such a plan is agreeable to the "Last Post" & if so would the "Last Post" also kindly cooperate? Please write me yours respectfully,  
W. H. Atherton  
Past Dominion Pres. "Last Post Fund"

## DOCKET STARTS:

HAIR , A.H.D with enclosure



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July 28th 1923

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

Principal  
McGill University

Dear Sir Arthur,

I have your kind favour of yesterday's date in which you reply to mine re "Saskatchewan" and I note your wishes in the matter which I shall comply with at once.

Re "Letterheads" I did leave a small supply one day with Mrs Chesley as I thought you might care to use it, but I regret to hear that Mrs Chesley is unwell, and in consequence, I am sending a little here-with which I shall be glad to renew on request.

Believe me, Sir Arthur,  
Faithfully

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer  
Last Post Fund

July 27th, 1923.

Mr. A. H. D. Hair,  
Sec'y.-Treasurer,  
Last Post Fund,  
P.O. Box 1382  
Montreal, Que.

My Dear Mr. Hair,

Will you please forward to  
me a small supply of Last Post Fund letter paper  
and oblige,

Yours faithfully,

July 27th, 1923.

Mr. A. H. D. Hair,  
Sec'y.-Treasurer,  
Last Post Fund,  
P.O. Box 1382  
Montreal, Que.

My Dear Mr. Hair,

Let me acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th of July, and to express my pleasure that the men in Regina have indicated their decision to accept the offer of affiliation made to them.

I would forward to Mr. F. J. Rowan, their portion of the Grant for this year. I am very glad that the matter has had such an agreeable termination.

Yours faithfully,



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July 25th 1923

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

Dominion President  
Last Post Fund

Dear Sir Arthur,

I hasten to forward you herewith a communication received by me this morning from Regina, which indicates that they have decided to accept the offer we made to them of affiliation.

The names of the gentlemen, given in the attached list are undoubtedly a guarantee of bonâ-fides, but I feel in duty, bound to point out and emphasise the fact that you Sir, recognized yourself, i.e. we as an Incorporated Association, cannot acquit ourselves of those legal responsibilities which attach to us as such, and that was my reason for hesitating to give any other Body our Corporate rights, without their formal recognition of responsibility to us.

Have I your authority Sir, to forthwith remit their proportion of the Grant for this year, to Capt. F.J. Rowan - ?

Thanking you in anticipation of your advice, and the return of original communication for our files, copy of which I enclose for yours.

I have the honour to be

Sir Arthur  
Faithfully

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer  
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20th July 1923

Arthur H.D. Hair Esq.,  
Secretary,  
Last Post Fund of Canada,  
Montreal, P.Q.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your telegram addressed to F.B. Bagshaw, please be advised that at a hastily called Meeting of as many of the Committee as possible, it was decided to accept the offer of affiliation as outlined in your Resolution. I attach herewith a list of our Officers as requested.

Yours faithfully,

*J. Rowan*

Secretary,  
Last Post Fund, Regina.

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THE GREAT WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA  
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REGINA.

20th July 1923.

Arthur H.D. Hair Esqr  
Secretary  
Last Post Fund of Canada  
Montreal. P.Q.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your telegram addressed to F.B. Bagshaw, please be advised that at a hastily called Meeting of as many of the Committee as possible, it was decided to accept the offer of affiliation as outlined in your Resolution.

as requested.

I attach herewith a list of our Officers

Yours faithfully

(sgd) F.J. Rowan

Secretary  
Last Post Fund, Regina

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I certify that the above is a true copy of the inscribed communication.



*A. H. D. Hair*

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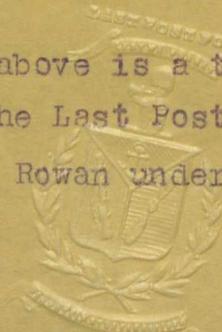
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*H. H. D. Hair*  
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**DOCKET ENDS:**

HAIR, A. H. D., with enclosure.

July  
Thirty-first  
1923.

Arthur H. D. Hair Esq.,  
Dominion Secretary-Treasurer,  
Last Post Fund,  
P. O. Box 1382,  
Montreal.

My dear Hair:

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of  
your letter of July 30th.

I am returning herewith Mr. Scammell's  
report together with a letter from Miss Beardmore. I am  
also sending you Mr. Scammell's letter to me. I think it  
is just as well to keep it on file at your office.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

3 encls.



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July 30th 1923

General, Sir Arthur Currie  
G.C.M.G., K.C.B., L.L.D.  
Principal  
McGill University  
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur,

I received a letter from Mr E.T. Scammell, our Ontario Prov. Hqrs Secretary, on Saturday, in which he enclosed Form "D" Quarterly Report together with a Supplementary Report addressed to you, and which for your information I enclose herewith. I also received a letter this morning which I was on the point of opening, when I noticed it was addressed to you and therefore also enclose it herewith. Subsequent to your perusal thereof, I would appreciate it, if these Reports may be returned to me for reference at our next Council Meeting.

With respectful regards,

I have the honour, to be

Sir Arthur

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer

LAST POST FUND

July 31st, 1923.

Mr. E. T. Scammell, F.R.G.S.,  
Secretary Treasurer,  
Ontario Provincial Headquarters  
Last Post Fund Incorporated,  
583 Church Street  
Toronto, Ont.

My dear Mr. Scammell:

Let me thank you for your letter  
of July 27th.

It is very gratifying to note the  
active organization that pertains in Ontario. I know just  
what that means to the Secretary who must be chiefly responsible.  
I shall have much pleasure in bringing your letter to the  
attention of the General Executive when it meets next.

With all good wishes and many thanks,  
believe me,

Ever yours faithfully,

"No man who has given his services for the defence of his Country should be buried as a pauper"

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PHONE NORTH 7466

TORONTO,

Aug(?)  
Sept. 1/23.

General Sir Arthur Currie, C.M.G. &  
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur, I am very much obliged to  
you for your kind & appreciative letter. It will  
encourage me & please my Executive.

I am, Yours sincerely  
E. T. Scammell.

THE LAST POST FUND INCORPORATED

August  
Twenty-second  
1922.

Arthur H.D.Hair, Esq.,  
Organizing Secretary-Treasurer,  
Last Post Fund,  
P. O. Box 1382,  
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Hair:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 21st with reference to the use of the McGill Stadium for a Concert in aid of the Last Post Fund.

If you are able to make arrangements with the West India Regiment's Band we will be pleased to allow you the use of the Stadium gratis. On such occasions the University usually employs a man to see that no damage is done, but this charge will be nominal and I shall defray it myself.

It will give me much pleasure to be considered your patron on this occasion.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Principal.



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Phone Rockland 4753

Montreal. August 21st 1922.

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

Principal

McGill University  
Montreal.

Dear Sir,

You are no doubt already aware, that a measure of financial assistance has been recommended by the Special Parliamentary Committee on Pensions, and Soldier Civil Re-establishment towards this work, and an amount of \$10,000.00 has been appropriated for the whole Dominion, with explicit stipulations that it is to be distributed and applied pro rata in each Province, added to which is the stipulation that we must forthwith put our system into effect in each province. The amount, and the conditions, are such as will give us considerable thought in order to avail ourselves of its benefit. However, we are both grateful and delighted to have succeeded at last in getting the country to recognize our principle, and permit me to say Sir, we are also grateful to you as one of the signatories to the Petition that brought success.

We are however, not yet in receipt of any of the amount voted, and we fear that owing to certain political technicalities it may be some time before we get it, and in the meantime we are very hard pressed for funds which we must find 'ways and means' of raising.

An idea has occurred to us, in which we are taking the liberty to turn to you Sir, as a sympathiser with our Cause, in the hope that we may be honoured with your personal patronage, and cooperation, if it is within your

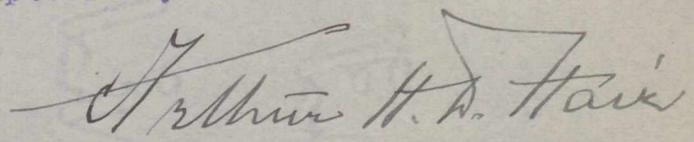
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power to assist us. The West India Regiment's Band (Coloured) has just passed through Montreal en route to Toronto for the Autumn Exhibition and it occurred to us - that as we not very long since looked after the obituaries of one of their number who died friendless in this city - that we might possibly arrange with them to give us a Concert on their return in which we might share the returns equally, if we could secure a place large enough to accommodate them and the audience without eating up the proceeds for rent.

To that end Sir, we are taking the liberty before approaching them, to ask if you think we could secure the use of the McGill Stadium gratis, and also if you would be so gracious as to patronize us for the occasion ?

Your very kind consideration and reply will be much appreciated.

I have the honour to be, Dear Sir,  
most respectfully



Secy-Treasurer



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Montreal. August 23rd 1922

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

Principal  
McGill University  
Montreal.

Dear Sir,

I am today in receipt of your very kind and gracious letter in which you express your desire to help us if we can arrange the Concert of the British West India Regiment's Band when returning from the Toronto Exhibition.

Permit me on behalf of our President and Executive to express our gratitude to you, and also to say that I am forthwith writing in an endeavour to succeed in arranging the Concert, trusting that we may receive the same measure of cooperation that we have from you Sir.

As soon as I have a definite reply I shall again communicate with you as to the result.

I have the honour to be  
Dear Sir,  
most sincerely

Secy-Treasurer



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General Sir Arthur Currie G.C.M.G., K.C.B., L.L.D.  
Dominion President, Last Post Fund, of Canada  
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur,

Possibly the enclosed press notice may have been seen by you but in case not, and in view of a repetition of the criticism by the same person given publicity to in last night's Star, I enclose it for your advice, together with the resultant correspondence, which is self-explanatory.

Such persistent and malicious falsification - for a very obvious purpose, but to no good end - is certainly very galling, but unless in your opinion it calls for rebuttal, I purpose ignoring it.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir Arthur  
most sincerely

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer

LAST POST FUND, OF CANADA

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September  
Seventh  
1922.

Arthur H.D.Hair, Esq.,  
P. O. Box 1382,  
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Hair:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 6th addressed to the Principal.

Sir Arthur left on the Board of Trade continental tour last Friday and will not return to Montreal until the end of September. I shall then bring your letter to his attention.

Yours faithfully,

Principal's Secretary.



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Phone Rockland 4753

Montreal. September 6th 1922.

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

Principal  
McGill University  
Montreal.

Dear Sir,

I very much regret to have to advise you that after almost concluding arrangements to bring the West Indian Band here for a Concert before sailing for the West Indies, something has happened to delay them in Toronto until the evening before sailing, and Major Leader the Band President regrets his inability to cooperate with us.

I however, on behalf of my Executive desire to repeat our appreciation of your desire to help us, and trust that we may be honoured and favoured by you on some other occasion.

As a signatory to the petition submitted to the recent session of Parliament, I am enclosing herewith for your information, a copy of the Order in Council recently passed, which I think I am safe in saying constitutes a precedent in Parliamentary history of the Empire, as the acceptance of the principle involved and which we have so long fought for has never previously been recognised by any Imperial Parliament. Therefore, while the amount in the aggregate is very small, I trust that we may prove our ability to function Dominion-wide therewith, and induce the Government in the end to assume full responsibility for the work.

With most respectful regards,

I have the honour to be

Dear Sir

Faithfully

Arthur H. D. Hair  
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September 10th 1923

Mrs M.M. Chesley

Private Secretary

General, Sir Arthur Currie

McGill University

Dear Madam,

Thank you very much for your acknowledgement and advice of the 6th inst.

I would thank you very much to endeavour to obtain an interview for Mr Leach and myself, on Sir Arthur's return.

Permit me to express the hope that you have quite recovered from your physical indisposition.

Faithfully

Secretary-Treasurer

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General Sir Arthur Currie  
G.C.M.G., K.C.B., L.L.D.  
President - Last Post Fund, of Canada  
Montreal

Dear Sir Arthur,

Mr W.H. Leach (one of our original members) and I, would very much appreciate a brief interview with you at your convenience, to obtain your kind advice with regard to some action to endeavour to prevent the City Authorities getting permission to cut through the old Military Cemetery on Papineau Avenue for the purpose of obviating a slight detour in Logan Street.

Efforts have been made at various times to effect this by the city, but have been frustrated as a result of opposition to it.

This time, a very determined and well organized effort is going to be made by the City at the coming Session of Parliament to gain their end, and as Mr Leach is one of those who has a special and personal interest in that historic Cemetery, he would very much appreciate your giving us your valuable advice in the circumstances.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Faithfully

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer

LAST POST FUND, OF CANADA



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## LAST POST FUND APPEAL CRITICISED

G.W.V.A. Ready to Do Work Without Charge

ST. CATHARINES, Ont., Sept. 4.—(Canadian Press) — Hearty approval was unanimously given last night at the convention of the Ontario command, G.W.V.A. to the resolution passed at the Dominion convention in Vancouver with reference to amalgamating all the associations of ex-service men. The executive was authorized to take such steps as they may consider will best advance this.

The resolution maintained that the question of determining a mutually acceptable policy should not precede but follow amalgamation, all questions of interior economy to be placed in the hands of the Dominion amalgamate executive.

E. T. Scammell, Ottawa, made an appeal for the Last Post Fund, which received little favor from President Sharpe. Dr. Sharpe maintained that the G.W.V.A. is willing to administer this fund without expense. The Government grant, he charged was being largely used to pay salaries.

"There are now a whole lot of secretaries across the province receiving salaries, while the G.W.V.A. is willing to do the work without charge."

The convention endorsed efforts to remove the pensions board and D.S. C.R. as "having proved themselves unworthy of the confidence placed in them by the people of Canada as guardians of the interests of ex-service men."

Alarm was expressed at the tendency in some political quarters to return to the patronage system.



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August 27th 1923

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The Great War Veterans Ass'n of Canada      P.O. Box 384 - Ottawa.  
The Grand Army of United Veterans  
The Imperial Veterans in Canada      August 31st 1923.  
The Tuberculous Veterans Association  
The Canadian Legion.

Arthur H.D. Hair Esqr  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Last Post Fund  
P.O. Box 1382 - Montreal P.Q.

Dear Sir,

The administration of the Last Post Fund was brought under discussion at a recent conference of the Western Ontario District Council of the Dominion Veterans' Alliance. In a press report, certain remarks were attributed to Dr Sharpe to which you have replied in the press.

I have asked for a full report of the proceedings of this conference that I may know exactly what occurred. In the meantime I received a communication from Mr E.H. Scammell, which I have passed for the attention of Dr Sharpe.

It occurred to me that perhaps you should furnish <sup>me</sup> with a statement in this matter with whatever information you may care to reveal regarding salary arrangements for the Province of Ontario. This will be passed to our Officials in anticipation of a discussion on the Last Post Fund at the approaching Provincial Convention of the G.W.V.A. at St Catherines.

Yours truly

(sgd) C.G. MacNeil

Secretary  
Dominion Veterans' Alliance

*Tom T. Williams*

Montreal  
September 1st 1923

C.G. MacNeil Esqr  
Secretary  
The Dominion Veterans' Alliance  
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir,

Replying to your communication of yesterday's date, you are right in assuming that I - justifiably - replied to the wild and erroneous remarks attributed to Dr Sharpe in criticism of our administration and broadcasted by the Canadian Associated Press, and I am very glad to know that you have instituted inquiry thereto.

I am at a loss to understand just why the Veterans' Alliance should have taken upon themselves to 'sit in judgement' on the administration of this Society whose personel and work enjoys the public confidence and makes no attempt to conflict with them.

At our next Council Meeting I will submit the request contained in the last paragraph of your letter and act on instructions, but the nature of the inquiry is such as to compel me to decline to accede to it on my own initiative with the same measure of courteous diffidence that would urge me to refrain from making a similar request regarding the internal administration of those Societies the Dominion Veterans' Alliance purports to represent, and who very naturally might resent such, as intrusive inquisition from any but their own Executives.

Yours truly

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer  
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**DOCKET STARTS:**

HAIR, WITH ENCLOSURES

Last Post

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

President - Dominion Council  
Last Post Fund, of Canada

Re Accounts payable

Dear Sir Arthur,

I beg to recommend for your endorsement, the following accounts payable by the Dominion Headquarters, together with the transfer to Account No. 77250 - Quebec Provincial Headquarters - from Account No 79848 - Dominion Headquarters - of the \$1200.00 set aside by Order-in-Council as applicable to general administration, viz:-

Transfer of account	\$1200.00
Stationary requirements T.V. Bell	2.10
"    "    "    Rush Printing Coy	3.14
Telegrams - C.P.R.	1.81
Office requirements - Brass Plate W.&C.	15.68
"    "    "    I/2 cost of Speedograph	58.13 - \$1280.86

Our present Bank balance, is \$5.696.16

Thanking you in anticipation.

Faithfully

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer  
LAST POST FUND, OF CANADA

September 27th, 1923.

Arthur H.D. Hair, Esq.,  
Sominion Secretary-Treasurer,  
Last Post Fund,  
P. O. Box 1382,  
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Hair:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of  
your letter of September 25th, with the enclosure  
mentioned.

With regard to a visit to the  
Military Cemetery, I should like very much to go  
if I can find the time. I shall let you know as  
soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

Scammell objects

(1) to scheme for turning over  
L.P. to C.W.V.A.

(2) to Dr Sharpe's criticisms

Reports good progress



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September 25th /23

General, Sir Arthur Currie  
G.C.M.G., K.C.B., L.L.D.  
President, Last Post Fund

Dear Sir Arthur,

The enclosed Reports came to hand in a covering communication to me, and I am forwarding them for your observation.

In further reference to the subject of the Papineau Avenue Military Cemetery, and the point raised with reference to the death of Lieutenant Weir, I am taking the liberty to enclose an excerpt from a Treatise on the subject, and at your convenience - before the fine weather goes, - I should appreciate the honour of taking you down to Papineau, and possibly Mount Royal, which would afford you an opportunity of first hand knowledge of both places.

With respectful regards,

I have the honour, to be

Dear Sir,

sincerely

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer  
Last Post Fund, of Canada

THE DEATH OF LIEUTENANT WEIR  
Canadian Rebellion of 1837  
From  
Chronicles of Canada, by :-  
Alfred D. Descelles

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THE ATTACK ON ST DENIS  
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"An episode in connection with the attack on St Denis left a dark  
"stain on the Patriote escutcheon, and embittered greatly the re-  
"lations between the two races in Canada. This was the murder  
"on the morning of the fight, of Lieutenant Weir a Subaltern in the  
"32nd Regiment, who had been sent with dispatches to Sorel by land.  
"He had reached Sorel half an hour after Colonel Gore and his men  
"had departed for St Denis. In attempting to catch up with  
"Gore's column he had taken the direct road to St Denis and had  
"arrived there in advance of the British troops. On approaching  
"the village he was arrested by Wolfred Nelson's orders and placed  
"in detention. As the British attack developed it was thought  
"better by those who had him in charge to remove him to St Charles.  
"They bound him tightly and placed him in a waggon. Hardly had  
"they started when he made an attempt to escape. In this emer-  
"gency his Wardens seem to have lost their heads. In spite of  
"the fact that Weir was tightly bound and could do no harm, they  
"fell on him with swords and pistols and in a short time dispatched  
"him. Then, appalled at what they had done they attempted to hide  
"the body. When the British troops entered ~~the~~ St Denis a week  
"later, they found the body weighted down with stones in the Riche-  
"lieu River under about two feet of water. The autopsy dis-  
"closed the brutality with which Weir had been murdered, and the  
"sight of the body so infuriated the soldiers that they gave the  
"greater part of the village of St Denis to the flames.  
"In the later phases of the Rebellion, the slogan of the British  
"Soldiers was 'Remember Jack Weir' ".

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Excerpt from the latter part of Chapter VIII.

"No man who has given his services for the defence of his Country should be buried as a pauper"

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TORONTO, September 17th, 1923

Sir Arthur Currie, C.C.M.G., K.C.B., L.L.D.,  
President of the Dominion Executive of the Last Post Fund Incorporated,  
Montreal P.Q.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

I beg to forward the current quarterly Report (Form D.) of the work done by the Ontario Headquarters Branch of The Last Post Fund Incorporated, from which you will see that we have had only one interment case in Toronto during the last three months. This speaks well for the health of the city and of our Ex-Service men. But the winter is coming. There are, however, several cases pending in the Province, one of which is reported in this morning's paper, see enclosed cutting. I am not sending the B. forms for this case, as the arrangements with the undertaker have not been fully completed, but he appears to have carried out the instructions given him by our Funeral Director, very satisfactorily.

I am enclosing some letters relating to the Convention of the Great War Veterans' Association held in St. Catherines from 1st to 3rd inst., at a meeting of which I attended by invitation of the President Dr. W.D. Sharpe of Brampton, Ontario. What arose on that occasion is made clear in my letter to Dr. Sharpe. On my returning to Toronto, Mr. Conroy, Secretary of the Toronto G.W.V.A., who had been present at the Convention, phoned for an interview with me, at which he stated fully and frankly that he and other comrades of that Association were not in sympathy with the action of their President. He was very emphatic on the point and asked me to send him copies of the letter of invitation I had received from Dr. Sharpe and of the letter of September 1st I had written the President. This I have done, as you will see from the enclosed copy of my letter to Mr. Conroy, who purposes taking the matter up at a meeting of his Executive to-day. I will keep you informed as to the further development of the matter on which it may be desirable to be advised by Headquarters.

We are having a meeting of our Executive Committee on the 25th inst., at which the arrangements for our proposed Autumn Campaign will be discussed. The delay in starting a definite campaign

Sir Arthur Currie.

until now has been necessitated by the recent Provincial Elections and the holidays, as well as by the completion of our Board as explained in my letter of July 27th.

We have had several cases of attempted "imposition" but without avail. In dealing with these our Funeral Director, Mr. Burgess, as in all the branches of our work, has been of the greatest service to the Fund.

The visit of Dr. Abbott and myself to Montreal at the end of April was most interesting and useful. The hospitality and kindly greeting extended to us, by Headquarters, were much appreciated. The visit I subsequently made to Ottawa and Kingston is likely to lead to definite action in the interests of the Fund. Mr. Frank Beard of Hope Chambers, Ottawa, has consented to act as Secretary-Treasurer for the Committee or Branch that may be formed for that district.

We are receiving further promises of co-operation from a number of Ontario Municipalities, which will result, we have every reason to hope, in the definite co-ordination of our Provincial work, and so to a large increase of membership and funds.

I am, dear Sir Arthur,

Your obedient servant,

*E. T. Scammell,*

Secretary-Treasurer,  
Ontario Provincial Headquarters  
LAST POST FUND.

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C O P Y

THE GREAT WAR VETERANS' ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

ONTARIO PROVINCIAL COMMAND  
907 Kent Bldg.  
TORONTO.

August 24th, 1923.

Mr. E. T. Scammell,  
Provincial Secretary,  
"The Last Post Fund",  
583 Church Street,  
TORONTO.

Dear Sir:

I have been instructed by our President, Dr. W. D. Sharpe of Brampton, to extend to you, on behalf of the Ontario Provincial Command, a cordial invitation to attend Convention of the G.W.V.A. being held in St. Catharines September 3rd-4th-5th and to advise you that he would be very pleased if you would address the Convention on behalf of your Organization.

I would ask you to please advise me as to which date would be the most convenient for you to address the delegates.

Yours very truly,

(00) *E. Burridge*

For  
PRESIDENT G.W.V.A. (ONT. PROV. COMMAND)

S.B.

NOTE

The above letter was followed by a telegram received at St. Catharines on Saturday afternoon, September 1st, from Dr. Sharpe:- "Please address Convention Monday afternoon." *E.T.S.*

COPY

Garden City Inn,  
St. Catherines, Ont.

September 4th, 1923.

Dr. W.D. Sharpe,  
President,  
Ontario Command,  
G.W.V.A.

Dear Dr. Sharpe,-

On arriving at the meeting of the Convention yesterday afternoon, which I attended at your kind invitation, I was at once called upon by the Acting Chairman to speak on the Last Post Fund. I should have preferred waiting until your arrival, as it would have shortened my remarks ~~in~~ my personal interest in Ex-Service men, and their problems, which had been rendered necessary, in my opinion, by certain observations as to my personal relation to the Fund, which had been made by you at Hamilton.

Further it would have enabled me to deal in some measure, with the views you expressed, after your arrival, as to the desirability of the work carried on by the Fund being placed in the hands of the G.W.V.A., in regard to which I venture to make the following observations:-

1. The principle that "No man who has given his services for the defense of his country should be buried as a pauper" is one that concerns or should concern the general public, who may well be called upon to assist in finding the necessary funds, as the Government grant, which has been made at the solicitation of the Last Post Fund, Montreal, and is, or may be, of a temporary character, is utterly inadequate for the purpose.

2. Any such appeal for public support would come with much greater force from an Organization or Society formed by the public itself, than of an Organization representing any distinct or separate class of the Community, upon which the public, as such, has no representation.

3. If, therefore, The Last Post Fund, which was established 14 years ago, in Montreal, as a local organization and has now become National in its scope, has proved, as it has done, its efficiency, and is capable, from an economic and effective point of view, as I know it is, to deal with the work, why interfere with it? Surely it should be possible for the G.W.V.A. or other Ex-service men's Societies ~~at~~ the projected alliance, if formed, to co-operate with the Fund, so that the fullest effect may be given to the humane object we all have in view.

Dr. Sharpe.....2

The last point, however, raises the question of your strictures on the management of the Fund, particularly in regard to the salaries alleged to be paid to its Secretaries. On this, I think it right to say that the Dominion Secretary Mr. A. H. D. Hair does receive a salary of \$2,400, half of which is paid out of the Government Grant and half by the Quebec Branch, while the Ontario Branch gives its Secretary an honorarium - please don't call it a salary - of \$60.00 per month covering the provision of office, telephone, and services, which is paid out of the subscriptions and donations of its members, - and that is all. No other payments of the kind are being made. M

In regard to Mr. Hair, it should be remembered that he is the Founder of the Fund and for 13 years he served it without remuneration, and that he is an ex-service man. Further, it is due to him and his co-adjutors that the Government has given the Fund its countenance and support. He certainly deserves his salary.

It is stated that one or more cases in this Province have been brought before the Fund by the G.W.V.A. without securing the required aid. On that point I should like to say that I shall be pleased to submit the whole correspondence to any accredited representatives of your organization, dealing with any such cases or to discuss with him any other matters of joint interest.

I must ask you to have the kindness to read this letter to the members of your association, as I think it is due to me that my views should be placed before them, now that I have had the opportunity of carefully weighing the statements made by you yesterday and in view also of the reports appearing in the press this morning. I purpose submitting a copy of this letter, or the substance of it, to our Executive, on my return to Toronto and to make such further use of it as may be deemed necessary in the interests of the cause we both have at heart.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) E. T. Scammell.

Copy.

September 13th, 1923.

Mr. J. V. Conroy,  
Secretary, Toronto District G.W.V.A.,  
907 Kent Building, TORONTO.

Dear Mr. Conroy:

In view of the course adopted by Dr. W. D. Sharpe, President of your Provincial Organization, at the meeting of your Convention held on the 3rd instant at St. Catharines, at which I was present by invitation, in relation to myself and the Last Post Fund, I have deemed it wise to forward, for your information and that of your Executive, copy of a letter I wrote Dr. Sharpe the day after the meeting, to which I have so far received no reply.

I am also enclosing copy of the letter written by Dr. Sharpe's Secretary inviting me to the meeting, which was of so friendly a nature as to justify the hope that my presence at the Convention and any statement I might make on the work of the Fund would be courteously and kindly received. But, as you know, the President took the opportunity of attacking the Fund and myself in particular, as its representative. In so doing he treated me, I consider, very discourteously and also acted most unwisely in the interests alike of the G.W.V.A. and the Last Post Fund.

You and I have been in frequent consultation on the work of the Fund and I have also corresponded with a number of your Branches in the Province, and in every such case (not excepting Welland which was referred to at the Convention as an illustration of the want of readiness on our part to render aid - an utterly unfounded charge) I have sought to show our desire to act in friendly co-operation with the G.W.V.A.

I shall be glad to have your opinion and that of your Executive on Dr. Sharpe's action, so that in <sup>my report,</sup> ~~reporting~~ at a meeting of my Executive, which is being called for the 25th instant, I may be in a position to say what we may consider the views of your Organization are likely to be, on the subject of our mutual action in dealing with Last Post Fund cases.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

(2) E. T. Scammell,

Enc.



## LAST POST FUND OF CANADA

### QUARTERLY RETURN.

From Provincial Headquarters, Branches, or Official Representatives in unorganized districts.

From the city, or town of... *Toronto*.....

Military District, No *1, 2 & 3*.....

Province of ... *Ontario*.....

Date, *September 30<sup>th</sup>*... 19*23*.....

1. How many funerals have taken place in your district during the Quarter just ended, under your direction? ... *One in Toronto... See Report*.....
2. Have Memorial Markers been placed on all graves? ... *No*.....
3. How many remain without Markers?..... which are they? (give a supplementary list) with your commentary in connection therewith.)
4. Do the attached Forms "B" (and "C" if any) represent all cases that have occurred in your district during the last Quarter ... *Yes*.....
5. What is the present membership of your Branch? ... *43*.....
6. Do you know of any locality where another Branch of this Fund is likely to form, if given encouragement to?..... if so, where?..... *See Report*.....
7. During the Quarter just ended, have you inspected the work and contracts entered into by the Fund in your district, and satisfied yourself that they are being effected faithfully? ... *Yes*.....
8. Have you had any attempt at imposition, and how did you deal with it? ... *See Report*.....
9. Have you had any complaints, or compliments regarding the work of the Fund? ... *See Report*.....  
.....  
(if necessary, give a supplementary report.)
10. What is the present financial condition of your Branch, giving active assets and liabilities?  
Bills Payable \$ *Estimated \$300.00* Bills Receivable \$ — Bank Balance \$ *1723.95*
11. Are your members active and appreciative of the Cause they represent? ... *See Report*.....
12. Have you managed to organize an annual "COMMEMORATION DAY" in your district? ... *No*.....
13. What financial results have you had therefrom?.....

(Stamp or seal)

*E. T. Scammell*

Provincial (or Branch) Secretary, or District Representative.



**DOCKET ENDS:**

HAIR, WITH ENCLOSURES



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Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur,

It affords me very much pleasure to enclose herewith complimentary tickets for yourself and Lady Currie on the occasion of the Benefit Concert to be given this Society November 15th under your kind patronage, and at your suggestion, we should like to send further complimentary tickets to any friends you or Lady Currie might care to have accompany you.

Naturally, no exchange of these tickets will be necessary, as intimated thereon.

thanks

Believe me, Sir Arthur

Sincerely

*A. S. Clarson*

President - Quebec Provincial Headquarters  
Last Post Fund

October 15th, 1923.

Arthur H. D. Hair,  
P. O. Box 1382,  
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Hair:-

With reference to our conversation  
of this morning and your letter of October 10th,  
I am very glad to give my approval to the proposed  
expenditure.

Yours faithfully,

October 10th, 1923.

Arthur H.D. Hair, Esq.,  
P. O. Box 1382,  
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Hair:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of  
your letter of October 10th.

Before, however, undertaking to  
agree to this expenditure I should like to have  
a talk with you and would be very much obliged  
if you would come in to see me on Monday next  
at 11 A.M.

Yours faithfully,

*With ref. to our conversation this morning and  
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General Sir Arthur Currie  
G.C.M.G., K.C.B., L.L.D.  
President, Dominion Council  
Last Post Fund

*My Justice*  
Hon. John Matheson  
Charlotte Town

Dear Sir Arthur,

At the suggestion of those temporarily representing us in the Maritime Provinces, and on due consideration I feel it is in the best interests of the Fund for me to revisit that quarter and endeavour to form a more active Personel, and as this seems the most favourable season, I inquired of Mr E.H. Scammell - Asst. Deputy Minister S.C.R. through whom the Grant is being paid to the Fund - if the expense could be born from a proportion of this years Grant held in suspense for contingencies, to which he replied in the affirmative under date of the 5th of this month.

I should appreciate your acquiescence in this action, and also a letter of introduction from you Sir, to someone in the cities of St John N.B. Halifax, N.S. and Charlottetown P.E.I. whom you think might be good enough to assist me in convening a meeting of the most public spirited and patriotic people locally.

In anticipation of your kindness in this connection.

I have the honour, to be

Dear Sir,

very respectfully

*Arthur H. D. Hair*  
Dominion Secretary-Treasurer

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October 23rd 1923

General, Sir Arthur Currie  
G.C.M.G., K.C.B., L.L.D.  
Principal, McGill University  
City

Dear Sir Arthur,

I beg to acknowledge, and thank you, for your communication under date of the 15th inst, together with the enclosed letters of introduction.

I purpose attending to this matter at the very earliest moment possible, and again thank you.

Believe me, Sir Arthur

most respectfully

*Arthur H. D. Hair*  
Dominion Secretary-Treasurer  
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November 21st 1923

General, Sir Arthur Currie  
G.C.M.G., K.C.B., L.L.D.  
Dominion President  
Last Post Fund, of Canada

Dear Sir Arthur,

Would you be kind enough to authorise payment of the enclosed accounts, chargeable to the Dominion account, and distributable as follows, viz:-

Province of New Brunswick - Brunet Ltee	\$11.93	
Red Cross Soc.	1.04	\$12.97
Organization - Printing		7.58
		<u>\$20.55</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$20.55</b>

Our present Bank Balance in the Dominion Account is \$4251.53

I also beg to intimate that I am leaving tonight for Charlottetown P.E.I. and will report as soon as I return from the Maritime Provinces.

Believe me, Sir Arthur  
most respectfully

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer  
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December 27th 1923

General Sir Arthur Currie  
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McGill University  
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur,

You will no doubt be pleased to peruse the accompanying copy of a Resolution passed by the Executive Committee of the City of Montreal, as a result of our many and persistent representations to them.

This is the second stage of our ultimate goal - to place the financial responsibility for this work with the joint Federal, Provincial, and Civic governments of the country - and encourages us to believe that by continued effort we may ultimately attain that goal.

You will no doubt also be pleased to learn that the net returns from the Benefit Concert held in November under your kind patronage was \$222.12.

May I take this opportunity of tendering you Sir, the compliments of the season, and sincere wishes for a very happy and prosperous New Year in 1924.

Believe me, most respectfully

Secretary-Treasurer

L.P.F. of C.

C O P Y

EXTRACT from the Minutes of a meeting of the Executive Committee of the City of Montreal, held on WEDNESDAY 31st OCTOBER 1923.

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A delegation of the Association known as "Last Post Fund" appeared before the Committee and asked that the City contribute to the work carried on by them in all cases where the City is relieved by the said Association from the obligation of having deceased destitute persons buried, such contribution to be 25% of the average cost per capita in all cases.

In this connection, submitted a report from the Director of the Health Department.

After due deliberation, it was,

RESOLVED:-

to comply with the request made by the "Last Post Fund" on the following conditions :-

- (a) the sum granted by the City shall not exceed \$25.00 per person.
- (b) an application shall be made in each case by the "Last Post Fund" to the Municipal Assistance Branch of the Health Department.
- (c) an investigation shall be made in each case and a permit shall be issued to the Association when the City shall be legally responsible for the deceased person.
- (d) the payment of the contribution shall be made to the Association on presentation of an invoice, in the same manner as in the case of the payment of accounts for the burial of the poor and unknown persons, and the amount required shall be taken out of the appropriation voted for the burial of poor and unknown persons.

(CERTIFIED)

(sgd) Rene Bauset  
CITY CLERK

Translation

MEMO OF AGENDA FOR COUNCIL MEETING - L.P.F.

1. Report on expansion of Dominion Organization, by the Organizing Secretary. "Saskatchewan"
2. Ratification of Sub-Charters granted, and granting of others.
3. Provincial representation. "Proxy"
4. Distribution of balance of 1923 Federal Grant.
5. Proposed amendment of By-Laws to meet expansion of the organization.
6. Other business.

*A. H. D. Hall*

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Secretary



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December 21st 1923

General Sir Arthur Currie  
G.C.M.G., K.C.B., L.L.D.  
President - Last Post Fund, of Canada  
McGill University - Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur,

I respectfully beg to advise you of my return from the Maritime Provinces on Friday last, which I immediately intimated to your Private Secretary, in order that I might comply with your wish, to report to you on my return, and presume that it has not been convenient to give me an appointed time yet.

Owing to the rapid flight of time, and the fact that at the New Year we shall enter on the last quarter of the Fiscal Year without having met in Council since the last Annual Meeting, and the further fact that 50% of the 1923 Grant still remains to be distributed, with inquiries for it from some of the Provincial Headquarters, I feel prompted to respectfully suggest Sir, that - in view of fourteen days notice being necessary - you permit me to call a Council Meeting on a day and at a time convenient to you, not later if at all possible, than the second week in January.

Your kind consideration of the foregoing will be appreciated, and I attach herewith a memoranda of Agenda for the meeting.

I have the honour to be,

Sir Arthur,

most respectfully

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer

Last Post Fund, of Canada

18th

Last Post

January 3rd, 1924.

Arthur H. D. Hair, Esq.,  
P. O. Box 1382,  
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Hair:-

I beg to acknowledge and to thank  
you for your letter of December 27th.

It is gratifying to observe that  
the City Council are willing to work with the Last  
Post Fund organization.

In accordance with our conversation  
of this morning I have reserved the evening of  
Friday, the 18th of January, for the meeting of our  
Executive. Will you please come to my office that  
afternoon in order that we may go over together the  
Agenda for the evening.

Yours faithfully,

January 14th, 1924.

Mrs. Thomas G. Hodge,  
Apt. 5, The Drummond,  
Montreal.

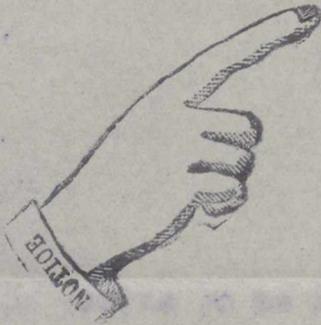
Dear Mrs. Hodge:-

I beg to acknowledge and to thank you for your letter received this morning inviting me to be present at the Annual Meeting of The Last Post Fund Women's Auxiliary, at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, on Friday, the 18th instant at four o'clock p.m.

I regret that it will be impossible for me to be with you at this time as I have an important Committee meeting at the University at the same hour. Will you please convey to the members of the Auxiliary my appreciation of the invitation and assure them of my sincere sympathy with the work of the Last Post Fund.

Yours faithfully,

*Copy*  
*Re Dr. Sharpe Criticism*



Ref. 10/CK

January 22nd 1924

C.G. McNeil Esqr  
Secretary  
The Dominion Veteran's Alliance  
Ottawa. Ont.

Dear Sir,

Further to your communication of August 31st 1923, and my reply thereto, of September 1st 1923.

I now beg to advise you that the question submitted in the last paragraph of your letter was dealt with at a Dominion Council Meeting of this Society on January 18th 1924, and I am to advise you that you will be supplied with copy of our Financial Statement, duly Audited, at the end of our year - March 31st 1924.

I am also to tender you a very cordial invitation - at your convenience, and when in this City - to peruse our books, and advise yourself of our system of administration, for the information of those of your Officers who desire to be acquainted therewith.

Believe me, sincerely

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer  
Last Post Fund, of Canada

January 22nd, 1924.

Arthur H. Hair, Esq.,  
Dominion Secretary-Treasurer,  
Last Post Fund.

Dear Mr. Hair:-

I am returned <sup>with</sup> herewith the cheques  
for the various Provincial Headquarters duly  
approved, as requested.

I was very pleased to be able to  
attend the Council meeting last Friday night and  
was much impressed by the personnel of the Committee.

Yours faithfully,



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January 22nd 1924

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

Dear Sir Arthur,

I beg to enclose herewith cheques made out to the various Provincial Headquarters for the balance of amounts due them of the 1923 Federal Grant, which I would thank you to kindly "O.K." on the top left hand side of the receipt where I have made a black pencil tick.

In accordance with the Resolution passed at the recent Council meeting, I shall have to request further particulars from Vancouver before remitting their cheque, but I am doing that at once, and before the cheques get round through the regular routine of submittal to the Trustees no doubt the matter will be adjusted, if not, I will forthwith advise you.

Trusting that you Sir, were satisfied with all that transpired at the Council Meeting.

Total of cheques \$3624.53

Present Bk Bal \$4232.68

I have the honour to be  
Faithfully

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer  
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February 4th 1924

General Sir Arthur Currie  
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McGill University  
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur,

Would you be kind enough to sign the accompanying Sub-  
Charters, for which application has been made, and authority granted for  
their promulgation.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Believe me, faithfully

*Arthur H. D. Hair*

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer

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*Done  
Feb 24  
Hair*



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

President

Last Post Fund, of Canada

Dear Sir Arthur,

Will you be kind enough to authorise payment of the two accounts enclosed, and oblige.

The postage is a cross entry and credit back to the Provincial Hqrs, and the Forms were required for the respective Provinces for which we will be re-imbursed by them in proportion to the number they requisition.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Believe me, most sincerely

Dominion Secy-Treas  
Last Post Fund of Canada

Colonel Basil Price,  
C/o. Elmhurst Dairy,  
Montreal West, Que.

Dear Sir:-

At Sir Arthur Currie's request  
I am enclosing herewith letter received from Dr.  
Abbott with reference to the proposed new by-laws  
for the Last Post Fund.

Before a meeting is held Dr.  
Abbott's proposals should be considered.

I would be glad if you would  
return the letter and enclosures to me.

Yours faithfully,

For the Principal.

**DOCKET STARTS:**

ABBOTT, A. H.

April 3rd, 1924.

Dr. Albert H. Abbott,  
410 Sherbourne Street,  
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Dr. Abbott:-

I have taken up the question raised in your letter of the 27th of March regarding the annual meeting of the Last Post Fund.

There is one point which must not be overlooked and which you, yourself, hint at in your letter to Mr. Clarson. The Dominion Council has, in reality, no existence and no authority to pass on the new By-laws until after it has been brought into existence by these By-laws themselves. Further, it should be noted that as the By-laws stand at present, and it is under the present By-laws that the meeting must be called, there is no Quebec Provincial Branch, so that the meeting is correctly called as an annual meeting of the Last Post Fund, the only body which could bring the new organization into effect.

In order, however, to meet your suggestion so far as possible I have proposed that a clause should be added providing that sections 3 and 4 of the By-laws with some slight modifications shall become effective immediately and that the remainder shall become effective and replace the old By-laws as determined by the Dominion Council.

Dr. Albert H. Abbott - 2 -

While I do not think there is any likelihood of a serious difficulty, this provision would give the protection necessary.

Yours faithfully,

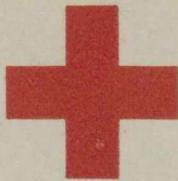
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Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., L.L.D.,  
McGill University,  
Montreal, Que.

My dear Sir Arthur:

I am this morning in receipt of a letter from Mr. A. S. Clarson of the By-laws revision Committee of the Last Post Fund. I am enclosing a copy of the letter written to him for your information.

I may say that the point which I raise with regard to the jurisdiction of the "15th Annual Meeting" to be held in Montreal will, I am sure, appeal to you as having some force, in view of the possible attitude of the Provincial Branches to the authority which seems to be assumed by what is in reality the Quebec Provincial Branch. I am satisfied that, quite apart from the right in the existing By-laws to deal with the matter, it would be good policy for this Annual meeting to do no more than make a recommendation to the Dominion Council.

I know what this means to our Provincial Branch, and I think you will recognize that we are not likely to feel nearly so keenly on the matter as, for example, the Western Branches. However, in the meantime, I submit the matter merely for your consideration.

Yours faithfully,

*Albert H. Abbott*  
~~General Secretary~~

AHA/JM

C O P Y

A. S. Clarson, Esq.,  
Last Post Fund,  
Box 1382,  
Montreal, Que.

March 26th, 1924.

My dear Mr. Clarson:

I have your letter of the 24th inst.

I am very sorry that I have been so exceedingly busy with our Annual Meeting that I have not been able to get my suggestion with regard to the By-law written out. I am going to make a serious attempt to do so to-night, and if I succeed, I shall hope to let you have it within a day or so.

I am not just clear as to the Annual meeting to which you refer in the opening paragraph of your letter and its right to pass on the revision of the By-laws until these have been proved by the Dominion Council. It may be that this meeting will have to be held under the old By-laws, in which case the Dominion Council may not have complete jurisdiction until the revision has been fully adopted. I venture to suggest however, that the meeting referred to is in reality the Annual meeting of the Quebec Provincial Branch, and I feel sure that it would <sup>not</sup> be good policy to adopt a revision of the By-laws at that time, which would be binding upon the Dominion Council. If a motion could be adopted, recommending a certain <sup>ain</sup> form of revision for the consideration of the Dominion Council, it would seem to me to meet the situation and to be on the whole, better policy. However, Sir Arthur Currie is in Montreal and you will be able to consult with him. I am sending him a copy of this letter for his information.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) Albert H. Abbott.  
General Secretary.

AHA/JM

DOMINION CHARTER CONT'D

By-Laws

4. Provincial Branches. It should be interpreted that they have primary subject only to such general conditions as the Dominion Council may wish to impose upon them, and these branches shall have:

1. The Charter Trustees, their duties, and responsibilities:

Ans. Section 3.

2. The Dominion Council, its composition, functions, and responsibilities.

Ans. See Section 4. Sub-sections 3. to 7.

3. The Dominion Executive, its composition, functions, and responsibilities.

Ans. See Section 4. Sub-sections 1. and 2.

4. Provincial Branches, their scope, functions, responsibilities and relation to the Dominion Council, and Dominion Executive.

Ans. See Section 12. noting particularly Sub-section 6.

5. Local Committees or Branches, their organization, functions and relation to the Provincial Branches.

Ans. See Section 12, noting particularly Sub-section 15.

6. Financial responsibilities of :- Dominion Council (a)  
Provincial Branches (b)  
Local Committees (c)

Ans. See Section 12 Sub-section 8 for (a) and the latter part of Sub-section 8 of the same Section for (b & c)

7. Meetings of the Dominion Council.

Ans. See Section 7. Sub-sections I. - (III) (a) of Sub-section 2. and Sub-section 6.

8. Returns from Dominion Headquarters from Provincial Headquarters.

Ans. See Section 12. Sub-section 4. (latter part)

REMARKS REGARDING ABOVE

WITH COUNTER REMARKS

1. Under each of these general headings of By-Laws there should be stated all that pertains to the subject which it is necessary to mention - e.g. Composition (number of persons and their qualifications), Election or formation etc.

Counter remark

That has been our aim in the draft submitted

2. Under Membership it should be made clear that there can be members of Local Committees and Provincial Branches only - that is there can be no members in any Province or locality who are not in the first instance members locally and their fees or contributions no matter to whom sent, must go to the local organization, if such there be, and where there is no local organization, such member, or members should be asked to constitute such.

Counter remark

We interpret that to mean, that no person may contribute membership fees to a Branch outside of the Province in which they reside, but must have their membership transferred if moving from one Province to another - ?

3. There should be provision made also for "Contributors" who may not desire membership as such.

Counter remark

The point is not clear to us.

While that may present itself to some minds as the initial stage of organization, as the "beginning" and the "beginning" in the mind of the public, the birth of the organization or the system of local Headquarters, will be proper.

4. Under Provincial Branches it should be clearly stated that they have autonomy subject only to such general conditions as the Dominion Council may wish to impose upon them, and these Branches shall have complete control of all Committees or Sub-Branchees within their territory.

Counter remark

The above would appear to be pretty thoroughly covered by Sub-sections 1.6. and 15. of Section 12. and protected by the supreme powers vested in the Charter Trustees under provision of Section 3. sub-section 2.

5. The Provincial Branches shall have the right to adopt the By-Laws under which the work in their territory shall be done, though these may be suggested by the Dominion Council if this is thought wise or desirable.

Counter remark

Sub-section 6 of Section 12 makes that provision conditional upon such By-Laws being fundamentally in accord with the principles of Headquarters.

6. The Provincial Branches should purchase from the Dominion Council all Booklets, forms etc, which they may require, and therefore the only financial obligation they have to the Dominion Council is to contribute to the upkeep of the central office where this may be necessary. (as at present provided each Provincial Branch contributes in effect its pro rata share of the salary of the Dominion Secretary, and they should be asked to contribute further amounts only as such may be required).

Counter remark

The principle of purchase of booklets, forms, etc, from Headquarters is set out in Sub-section 7. of Section 12. It must be borne in mind that contribution 'to the upkeep of the central office' necessitates more than the bare salary of the Secretary, which latter, while for the moment being in effect contributed by the respective Provinces pro rata from their proportion of the Grant, does not make provision for Office, Light, Heat, Meeting Room, Postage, Printing and Stationery, or stocking of material for supply to the Provincial Branches, irrespective of any essential Travelling Expenses that might occur. During the first two years of the Fund's existence as a national institution, a measure of assistance has been afforded by appropriation from the Grant, but as we have no guarantee that an 'administration' allowance in addition to the 'salary allowance' will be forthcoming, we have no alternative but to resort to the customary method of levying a Membership Assessment. Section 12, Sub-section 8.

7. The financial year of the Provincial Branches as of the Dominion Headquarters, must be the same as that of the Dominion Government so long as the grant is made.

Counter remark

Our financial year ends the 31st of March (that of the Dominion government) and Reports are requested from Provincial Headquarters in order to enable a Chartered Accountants Audit to be prepared for the annual Headquarters meeting the fourth week in April.

8. Provincial Branches must be able to make their own regulations re the signing of cheques etc, and the functions of their Officers need not be described except possibly in the case of the Secretary-Treasurer and only in this case so far as the "custody of effects" may be concerned.

Counter remark

These points are all covered in Sub-section 6. of Section 12

9. Nothing should be laid down regarding "Burial Plots" as the conditions will, or may, vary not only in the different Provinces but even more in the localities within each Province. Similarly regarding "Insignia" the "Commemoration Day" and "Disciplinary Measures".

Counter remark

While that may present itself in that light in the initial stages of organization, as the 'sentiment' and idea develops in the minds of the public, the worth of the inclusion of such By-Laws at least at Headquarters, will be proven.

REMARKS, AND COUNTER REMARKS

CONT'D

10. Many things may be suggested as advisable or proven by practice but not laid down as binding rules - e.g. "the official Undertaker" may be required in Montreal, Toronto, and other cities, but why name one in e.g. Sudbury, if there is a local committee or representative there and the general conditions of the Last Post Funerals are made clear to such committee or representative. In any case, each Provincial Branch will have to work out these conditions as they arise and it would be unwise as well as, in practice, impossible, to bind their hands so that in particular cases they could not do their work.

Counter remark

In the specific case cited as an illustration, we fail to see where either the existing, or revised By-laws on that subject do not meet the requirements - and in that particular, we have profited by several years experience - and find that the appointment of an 'official' Contractor, is preferable to being at the mercy of the casual Undertaker, both for the control of a large area and in the contingency of an Epidemic especially.

Re the Dominion Council.

It may be wise to provide that a certain number of the members of the Council shall reside in Montreal, but the Council itself must elect these members. The Quebec Provincial Branch elects its representative on the Council as does any other Provincial Branch, but if it is given greater power than this, there must arise dissatisfaction in the other Provincial Branches.

Counter remark

The idea of a preponderating number of the personnel of the Council being elected from the Directorate at Headquarters, was primarily to be sure of a Quorum in view of the improbability of frequent attendance of Members from the other Provinces, and secondly, to support a continuity of past policy in the administration of a unique object. From point of proportionate representation on the Council the disparity in numbers can - when the time and conditions warrant it - be counterbalanced by a proportionately increased voting power being granted the other Provinces, but at this early stage in the Dominion-wide organization, it would be very imprudent of the Parent organization to 'place the power of domestic disruption in the hands of its offspring'. Furthermore, if the respective Provinces increase their membership in equal proportion to the percentage of the basis of their Federal Grant allotment, under the provisions of Sub-section 7. of Section 4. and Sub-section II. of Section 12. they will assert their authority on the Council.

In order to promulgate some certified form of administration of the Dominion-wide organization which could be incorporated in the By-Laws the composition, functions, and responsibilities of both Dominion Headquarters Executive, and the Council, were duly dealt with in Resolution, and passed upon at the 14th annual meeting last year, and its adjourned meetings.

THE EXECUTIVE AND GOVERNING BODIES  
OF  
THE LAST POST FUND, OF CANADA

The Last Post Imperial Naval & Military Contingency Fund was founded as a Provincial Organization in Montreal in April 1909, incorporated under the Quebec Provincial Charities Act in June of the same year, given special powers under Article 4884 of the Quebec Provincial Anatomy Act in June 1910, and re-organized and incorporated under the Dominion Companies Act in June 1921. In 1922 it was recognized by the Federal Government through a small grant applicable to each and every Province, conditional upon the dominion-wide expansion and operation of the Fund's functions, and in the latter part of 1923 it was recognized by the City of its inception by the granting of a measure of assistance locally. These latter marks of recognition were not obtained without years of strenuous effort and indisputable evidence of the utility of the Fund's purpose, and they by no means put the organization beyond the need of public financial support.

An Organization like a building must have a solid foundation to make it secure for the future, and as the Society depends in the main on public support for its finances, it was the aim of its founders to create public confidence in its governing bodies, by the appointment of Officers whose social position and standing in the community would be a guarantee of integrity, and to that end at the very outset, three gentlemen in the persons of :- Rev. (Col.) J.M. Almond C.B.E., C.M.G. - Captain J.T. Walsh R.N.R. - and Brig-Gen. Lawrence Buchan G.O.C. Mil. Dist. No. 4. were appointed as permanent Charter Trustees, with supreme power by a majority vote of their own number to "veto any finance or legislation considered by them detrimental to the objects for which the Corporation exists". As already stated, these gentlemen were appointed in permanency, their positions only becoming vacant through resignation or death, thus serving to perpetuate the original policy of the Society, inspire public confidence, and act as a Supreme Board of Appeal in case of necessity.

There was also under the Provincial era, an Executive Committee of 15 elected annually from the membership for the administration of the Fund's affairs, the Executive Officers of which were also elected by the Members.

Under the national re-organization in 1921 the Charter Trustees retained their original powers and functions with the additional power to appoint local Trustees and grant Sub-Charter s to the respective Provinces of the Dominion. \*

Our Dominion Charter having been granted under the laws of the Dominion Companies Act of Canada, the members of the Fund are equivalent to Shareholders in a Company, and have the right only to elect the Directors (15 in number) which Directors elect their own Executive Officers and constitute the various Governing bodies of the Society.

The Governing Bodies at Headquarters in the City of Montreal, are actually four in number, though in reality and composition only two, viz:-

1. The Dominion Council, and Trustees
2. The Dominion Executive-Quebec Provincial, Headquarters

The former is for the purpose of dealing with all matters of major importance and legislation affecting the national-wide scope of the Fund, and except for the annual meeting (which is held simultaneously with the Headquarters Executive) the Council is only convened when business requires it, and at the call of the President. The latter's functions are to deal with routine work of both the Dominion and Quebec Provincial ~~Administration~~ administration, and meets regularly once a month, its personnel being composed of the 15 Directors elected at Headquarters irrespective of whether they are members of the Dominion Council also or not. The composition of the personnel of the Dominion Council, is eight elected from the Province of Quebec, and one from each of the other respective Provinces, except Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island who elect one jointly between them, thus the Council in numbers are fifteen.

\* Dominion Charter Association for charitable purposes without capital stock.

It is opportune here to intimate that the organization and development of our system has been what may be termed 'centrifugal' not 'centripetal' for any financial aid that the Provincial Branches enjoy has emanated from the efforts of the Parent Branch to obtain it, hence, while representation has been given the Provinces on the Dominion Council with a view to the study of local conditions and experience in order to formulate the Fund's future policy as consistently in accord with those conditions as advisable and possible, it is essential that the Parent Branch retain predominant control pro tem.

At the annual meeting at Headquarters, the membership is therefore called upon to elect 15 Directors in all, from which, seven are elected, and one (the President elect of the Dom. Hqrs Executive) becomes ipso facto representative on the Council, from Quebec, and with the other seven from the provinces constitute the fifteen.

There is also a Women's Auxiliary at Headquarters who render valuable assistance to the Fund in the raising of funds, and the formation of subsidiary Committees.

"No man who has given his services for the defence of his Country should be buried as a pauper"

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TORONTO, April 14th, 1924

Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,  
Principal, McGill University,  
Montreal, Que.

My dear Sir Arthur:

I have your letter of the 3rd of April, which is completely satisfactory to me. I enclose a copy of a letter which I sent to Mr. Clarkson last week regarding the revision of the By-laws.

I have pointed out that other Provincial Branches are not likely to be satisfied with any official position which might be given the Quebec Provincial Branch differing from the position given any other Provincial Branch. I quite well recognize that as the Quebec Provincial Branch was the organization from which the National organization developed, it is quite natural that those interested in Montreal should have retained a position for the Quebec Branch practically identifying it with National Headquarters. It is this condition which I think should be changed as soon as practicable.

I have no objection at all to the individual members resident in Montreal taking a much larger place on the Dominion Council than those in any other province can possibly take, but it seems to me that the national organization requires for its smooth running the establishment of a Quebec Provincial Branch and the placing of that Branch in exactly the same relation to the Dominion Council that all other Provincial Branches occupy.

I have suggested various modifications of the draft By-laws submitted, not because I am pleased with the form in which the By-laws have been prepared, but because I quite well recognize that those who have drawn these By-laws are not

"No man who has given his services for the defence of his Country should be buried as a pauper"

# Last Post Fund

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Connaught, K.G., etc.

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TORONTO,

Sir Arthur Currie.....2

likely to be favorable to such a complete change as I should like to see made. I shall not trouble you with these detailed suggestions but content myself with calling your attention to the main point which I have in mind.

I am not sure yet whether I shall be able to attend the meeting on April 25th but I shall do my best to be on hand.

Yours faithfully,

*Albert H. Abbott*

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Enc. (1)

C O P Y

April 10th, 1924.

Arthur S. Clarson, Esq.,  
Box No. 1382,  
Montreal, Que.

My dear Mr. Clarson:

I enclose certain general comments on the draft of the by-laws you were kind enough to send me.

My objection to the intermingling of the Quebec Branch with National Headquarters has no reference whatever to the individuals who compose the Executive Committee or any other committee of the Quebec Branch which may be mentioned, but solely to the fact that no Provincial Branch as such should have any functions in relation to national affairs which all Provincial Branches do not have. I have no objection whatever to the appointment of an Executive Committee from those members of the Dominion Council who may reside in Montreal, but I am quite sure that it will not be in the interests of the Fund to have any committee or officer of the Quebec Branch recognized in the by-laws as standing in a different relation to the Dominion Council than any similar committees or officers of Provincial Branches.

I am thinking only of the general attitude of Provincial organizations in this and it will apply to the attitude of the officers of the Ontario Branch quite as much as to any other, and I advise most strongly that the by-laws be changed so that this feature is entirely removed from them.

The by-laws are not as I would have drawn them myself had I had time to devote to them. They are much longer I think than absolutely necessary and so far as the Dominion organization is concerned, I feel that they could be greatly simplified but I recognize that all people do not think alike in these matters and that possibly everybody has not had as much experience with branch organizations as I have had myself. Consequently, I should draw these by-laws with the Branch organizations in my mind all the time, and I think you have drawn them from a very different standpoint.

I have just received Mr. Hair's note that the date of the meeting has been fixed for Friday, April 25th. If at all possible, I shall attend the meeting but at this distance I am unable to say definitely whether I shall be able to do so or not.

In the meantime, rest assured that the suggestions which I have made with regard to changes in the by-laws are not made with the idea of weakening the organization, but rather of strengthening it. I trust they may be of some assistance to you.

Yours faithfully,

(signed) Albert H. Abbott

**DOCKET ENDS:**

ABBOTT, A. H.

# DOCKET STARTS:

ANNUAL MEETING 25 APRIL 1924

Minutes of the fifteenth annual meeting of the Last Post Fund of Canada, held at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Montreal April 25th 1924.

There were present :- General Sir Arthur Currie, in the Chair

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| Almond, Rev. Canon       | Hodge Mrs T.G.              |
| Almond Mrs J.M.          | Hodge Mr T.G.               |
| Anderson Mr John         | <u>I.O.D.E.</u>             |
| Armstrong Prof. H.F.     | Edith Cavell Chapter I Vote |
| Armstrong Brig-Gen. G.J. | Maj. Gordon Southam 2. ..   |
| Arrow Mrs G.H.           | Mount Royal 1. ..           |
| Armstrong Mrs C.J.       | Marg-Polson 10. ..          |
| Browne Miss Hay          | Guy-Trummond 5. ..          |
| Browne Mrs J.J. Hay      | King Miss E.                |
| Browne Miss D. Hay       | Leach Mr W.                 |
| Burns Mrs W.             | Morrison Mrs Lella          |
| Clarson Mr A.S.          | McNicoll Mrs E.             |
| Coles Mr A.C.            | Neilson Mrs V.              |
| Coles Mrs A.C.           | Patterson Lt-Col. C.E.A.    |
| Currie Miss F.E.         | Paquette Mrs O.P.           |
| Crawford Mrs D.L.        | Robertson Mrs A.A.          |
| Etches Major C.T.        | Strange Lt-Col.             |
| Davis Mr H.M.            | Shannon Mr C.A.             |
| Graham Mrs E.            | Sino Mr Andrew              |
| Hair Arthur H.D. Sr      | Scammell Mr E.H.            |
| Hair Mrs A.H.D.          | Schofield Mrs               |
| Hair Douglas Gordon      |                             |
| Thom F.R.                |                             |
| Thom Mrs F.R.            |                             |
| Tucker Mrs Francis       |                             |
| Walsh Mrs J.T.           |                             |
| Warminton Mrs J.N.       |                             |

- 1 General Sir Arthur Currie addressed a few words of welcome to the gathering.
- 2 The Minutes of the previous annual meeting were read and unanimously approved. Carried unanimously.
- 3 Miss Hay Browne, read the Financial Report of the Quebec Provincial Headquarters, and on Motion of herself, Seconded by Mrs J.N. Warminton, it was - Carried.
- 4 Mrs T.G. Hodge read the Report of the Women's Auxiliary, and on Motion of herself, Seconded by Miss King, it was - Carried.
- 5 Mr Hair read the Secretarial Report for the Provincial Headquarters, and on Motion of himself, Seconded by Mr E.H. Scammell it was - Carried.
- 6 Mr Hair read the Financial Statement and Report for the Dominion Headquarters, and on Motion of himself, Seconded by Mr A.S. Clarson - it was Adopted.
- 7 Mr Hair read the Dominion Registrar's Report, and on motion of himself, Seconded by Mrs C.J. Armstrong, it was - Carried
- 8 Mr Hair read the Dominion Secretarial Report, and on Motion of himself Seconded by Mrs C.J. Armstrong, it was - Carried.
- 9 Between the reading of the Provincial and Dominion Reports Mr A.S. Clarson as retiring Provincial President addressed himself to the gathering, urging the continuance of loyalty to the Cause and the assiduous application of the Directorate to the duties they voluntarily assume.

10 At this juncture, Colonel (Rev) J.M. Almond speaking for the Scrutineers appointed in connection with the election of the incoming Directorate, addressed the Chair to the effect that owing to a misunderstanding by the members, of the Ballot papers a considerable number had been invalidated, in consequence of which, the Scrutineers felt it advisable to recommend the invalidation of the whole ballot, and the casting of a new one. After a brief discussion it was Moved by Mr Thomas G. Hodge, Seconded by Colonel (Rev) J.M. Almond - "That the Ballot cast be disregarded as invalid" - Carried.

11 Mr A.S. Clarkson as Chairman of the Committee appointed for the revision of By-Laws introduced a draft of revised By-Laws for consideration, when Miss E. King rose to a point of order and raised the question of illegality of Notice, in that only a Press Notice had been given on the 4th day of April instead of copies of the existing and revised versions having been sent to each and every member one month in advance for their consideration.

12 The Secretary (Mr Hair) explained that even if the Society desired to it could not send out to every member the voluminous amount of printed matter the existing and revised version of the By-Laws, <sup>involve</sup> without entailing unwarranted expense to the Association, and further, that in addition to the press notice on April 4th a circular letter had been sent to every member subsequently, advising them of the proposed revision.

13 It was then Moved by Mr Clarkson, Seconded by Lt-Col. G.E.A. Patterson, - "That the meeting adjourn for two weeks, to Friday May 9th and on that day at 8.15 P. M. re-assemble in the Fitz-Carlton Hotel without further notice" Carried unanimously.

The meeting then adjourned.

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President

*J.H.*

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Secretary-Treasurer

PROPOSED

BY - LAWS

1. The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a Dominion Council consisting of:-

- (a) Three Trustees
- (b) Sixteen Directors

2. The first (Charter) Trustees shall be Brig-Gen. C.J. Armstrong, <sup>C.B. Cune</sup> Colonel, the Rev. J.M. Almond, <sup>C.H. Cune</sup> and Commander J.T. Walsh <sup>R.R.R.</sup> who shall hold office during life, or until resignation. They shall have no personal responsibility.\* add +

\* for any debts or liabilities of the corporation

3. Vacancies among the Trustees shall be filled by nomination of the Trustee vacating office, by will or otherwise, or in default of such nomination, by the remaining Trustees. If a Director is appointed a Trustee he shall cease to be a Director.

4. The Directors shall be elected at the annual general meeting of the Corporation from among the duly qualified members of the same, eight Directors shall be residents of the Province of Quebec, one each shall be elected from members resident in each of the other Provinces, except that Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island shall be represented together by one Director.

⊗ One director shall be a member of the staff of that Government department most closely connected with the fund

⊗ Vacancies during the year shall be filled by the remaining members of the Council, at any meeting

5. The annual general meeting shall be held <sup>during the third week</sup> ~~on the~~ ~~day~~ of the month of April in each year, or if that day shall be a holiday, then on the next succeeding <sup>or</sup> ~~judicial~~ <sup>Annual and Special general</sup> day. meetings may be called by the Secretary or President at any time on giving one months notice in writing, and shall be called by the Secretary on the written request of any trustee, member of the Council, or any five members.

6. Meetings of the Council may be called at any time by the President or Secretary. A Director <sup>⊗</sup> may appoint ~~one or more~~ trustee <sup>⊗</sup>

⊗ as his proxy and may instruct such proxy how to vote, on his behalf.

7. The ~~respective authorities~~ <sup>(X) conduct and powers</sup> of meetings of the Council and of general meetings shall be respectively those of <sup>meetings</sup> ~~the Board~~ of Directors, and <sup>of meetings of</sup> ~~the~~ Shareholders of a Commercial Company incorporated under the Dominion Companies Act (Canada) except as herein or by <sup>law</sup> ~~or~~ otherwise provided.

Five members of the council shall constitute a quorum.

8. No By-Law <sup>or resolution</sup> shall have any force or effect unless or until approved in writing by at least two of the (Charter) Trustees.

9. The Council shall have ~~full~~ authority to enact all regulations necessary or desirable for the proper conduct of the affairs of the Corporation and shall notify the same as requisite to all concerned. ~~Such~~ Such regulations shall provide that the cost of each <sup>interment</sup> ~~grave~~ shall not exceed \$100 and that each grave must be clearly marked.

W.S.

PROPOSED  
BY - LAWS Cont'd

10. The Officers shall be <sup>by the council</sup> chosen from among the directors,  
President

~~Two Vice Presidents or Presidents)~~  
Hon. Secretary  
Secretary ~~and Treasurer~~  
~~Treasurer~~

~~The Secretary, Registrar or Treasurer may be a director~~  
~~calendar year.~~

11. The members resident in any Province may make appli-  
cation in writing to the Dominion Council <sup>for the formation of a Branch Provincial Branch</sup> - This appli-  
cation shall be in the form specified by the Council - ~~but~~ shall in any case include the names of three proposed  
Trustees, and on resolution of the <sup>Dominion</sup> Council approving the  
formation of such Branch and appointing such trustees, the  
said Branch shall be responsible for carrying out the ob-  
jects of the corporation within the said province, <sup>provided,</sup>  
~~that~~ the Bank Account of each Branch shall be in the name  
of one or more <sup>such</sup> trustees, <sup>and that</sup> no Branch may in any way en-  
gage the credit of the Corporation as a whole, and that its  
regulations regarding interment shall only be effective  
upon a resolution of the Dominion Council approving the  
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President <sup>or more per year.</sup>  
(Vice President or Presidents)  
Secretary,  
Treasurer

A Women's Auxiliary may be formed by any Branch and may  
make such By-Laws and Regulations as it deems necessary.

Vacancies among the Trustees of a Branch shall be filled  
by the Dominion Council on nomination of the Branch.

After the formation of any Branch all notices herein pro-  
vided to be given by the Secretary shall be sufficiently  
given, if given to the Secretary of such Branch who shall  
transmit the said notices to the members within one  
week after their receipt by him, but his failure to transmit  
any notice, shall not invalidate the procedure at a meet-  
ing of the Corporation

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been formed subject to the ~~existing~~ by-Law and shall  
continue to operate thereunder ~~having that~~ The Quebec  
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as well as by such Officers of the Corporation as may  
be named by resolution.

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PROPOSED

BY - LAWS

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13. The following shall be members of the corporation entitled to vote and eligible for office:-

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*objection to  
by A.S. Clavson*

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The fifteenth annual Report at Dominion Headquarters

LAST POST FUND, OF CANADA

Montreal April 25th 1924

To:-

The President, Trustees, Executive, & Members.

Mr President, Ladies and Gentlemen,

In submitting this fifteenth annual report of this Society, may I ask you to bear with me for a few minutes in retrospect of its origin, personnel, and history.

The transition period from local to national status must of necessity involve the revision and amendment of By-Laws of any organization in accordance with the broader conditions of administration as they develop, and we have found that our own case, in consequence of which you have before you tonight the draft of revision of our existing By-Laws which have been supervised by a competent Committee, and are now submitted for confirmation.

It would seem opportune here to emphasize that the organization and development of our system has been, what may be termed 'centrifugal' not 'centripetal', or in other words, its national-wide scope today is the absolute result of years of persistent propaganda by the Parent Branch, and any financial aid that the Provincial Branches enjoy is the outcome of that 'spade work' at Headquarters, hence, while representation has been given the Provinces on the Dominion Council with a view to the study of local conditions and experiences, in order to formulate the Fund's future policy as consistently in accord with those conditions as advisable and possible, and the broadest possible measure of local autonomy has been accorded in Sub-section 6 of Section 12, it is however, essential that the Parent Branch retain predominant control.

The Last Post Imperial Naval & Military Contingency Fund was founded as a Provincial Organization in Montreal, in April 1909, incorporated under the Quebec Provincial Charities Act in June of the same year, given special powers of claim under Article 4884 of the Quebec Provincial Anatomy Act in June 1910, and re-organized and incorporated under the Dominion of Canada Companies Act in June 1921.

In 1922 it was recognized by the Federal Government in a small Grant made applicable to each and every Province, conditional upon the dominion-wide expansion and operation of the Fund's functions, and in the latter part of 1923 it was recognized by the City of its inception, by the granting of a small measure of local assistance. Let me however emphasize, that these latter marks of recognition of a work honourable alike to the City of its inception and the country at large, were not obtained without years of strenuous effort, and do not yet place the association beyond the need of public financial support.

A Society, like a building, must have a solid foundation to make it secure for the future, especially where it depends upon the public in the main for its financial support, and from the very beginning it has been the aim of this Society to accrue to itself public confidence in its governing bodies, by the appointment of Officers whose social position and standing in the community would be a guarantee of integrity, and to that end, the original Charter Trustees appointed were:- Colonel (Rev) J.M. Almond C.B.E., C.M.G. Captain J.T. Walsh R.N.R. and Brig-General Lawrence Bushan C.O.C. of Military District No.4.

The foregoing gentlemen were appointed in permanency as Charter Trustees, with the supreme power by a majority vote of their own number to 'veto any finance or legislation considered by them, detrimental to the objects for which the Corporation exists', and their positions only become vacant through resignation or death, thus serving to perpetuate the original policy of the society, inspire public confidence, and act as a Supreme Board of Appeal, in case of necessity.

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Under the Provincial era of existence there was also an Executive Committee of fifteen elected annually from the membership for the administration of the Fund's affairs, the Executive Officers of which were elected by the members also.

Under the national re-organization in 1921, the Charter Trustees retained their original powers and functions, augmented by the right to appoint local Trustees and Grant Sub-Charters to the respective Provincial Headquarters as organized throughout the Dominion.

Our Dominion Charter having been granted under the laws of the Dominion Companies Act of Canada, the members of the Fund are equivalent to Shareholders in a Company, and have the right only to elect the Directors (15 in number) which Directors elect their own Executive Officers, and constitute the various governing bodies of the Fund.

The Governing Bodies at Headquarters in the City of Montreal, are actually four, though nominally and in constitution, two, viz:-

1. The Dominion Council, and Trustees
2. The Dominion Executive-Quebec Provincial Headquarters

the former is for the purpose of dealing with all matters of major importance and legislation affecting the national-wide scope of the Fund, its composition is eight elected to it at Headquarters, and one from each of the respective Provinces, except Nova Scotia & P.E.I. which joint Provinces elect one between them. The latter's functions are to deal with routine work of both the Dominion and Quebec Provincial administrations, and meets regularly once a month, its personnel being composed of the 15 Directors elected at Headquarters, irrespective of whether they are members of the Council also, or not.

At the annual meeting of Dominion Headquarters, the membership is therefore called upon to elect fifteen Directors in all, from which fifteen seven are also to be elected to the additional office of member of the Council, and the President elect of the Dominion Executive becomes ipso facto the Quebec Provincial representative on the Council and completes the eight elected at Headquarters to the Council, the other seven of the Council are appointed by the respective Provinces to represent them.

For the past two years we have a Women's Auxiliary at Headquarters who have rendered valuable assistance to the Fund by increasing its membership and assisting in the raising of funds locally.

Innumerable Societies exist for the benefit and re-establishment of our warriors who have faced the foe, but have still the asset of life and hope, but this is the only Society in the British Empire that concentrates its activities and interests in the reverent disposal and care of the last resting place of our friendless warrior dead. The public raise Cenotaphs, Monuments and Crosses of metal and stone, as well as Memorial Tablets, Trees, Roads, Homes and Halls, costing countless thousands in money to give outward expression to an ironical sentiment that still allows the widow and orphans of a benighted hero see their bread winner go down to an unmarked pauper's grave.

This Society exists to eliminate a stigma that for generations has marred our boasted pride and glory in the traditions of our armed forces and refuted the veracity of such an empty boast when we forsake our heroes in the hour of adversity and death because we have no further use for them, and when I tell you that this Society by its very existence, constitutes not only a unique, but the most noble, appropriate, and practical Memorial to our warrior Dead that exists in the Empire, I am making no vain or exaggerated boast, but ~~unmistakably~~ stating a plain unvarnished fact, which should give you an enhanced pride in your membership thereof.

The membership of the Parent Branch of the society in Montreal today is approximately 450, though some of its most ardent supporters of the principle for which the society exists are resident in the Western States, in far off India, Australia, and the Motherland, where we hope some day Branches may extend beyond the eastern and western coasts of Canada.

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Reports to hand from the Provincial Headquarters throughout Canada for the year ending March 31st show that they have dealt with the following cases, viz:-

British Columbia	34
Alberta	6
Saskatchewan	29
Manitoba	56
Ontario	28
Quebec	0
New Brunswick	0
Nova Scotia & P.E.I.	0

The foregoing are bare statistics showing the total of cases throughout the Dominion we have given honourable sepulchre to during the year just ended, provision for the marking of which has also been made, but in conveying the message of the Reaper to the bereaved ones in the four quarters of the far-flung British Empire, no words of mine or anyone else can adequately express the measure of consolation and comfort our action carries with it, not to mention the honour it reflects on our Dominion.

In addition to the above figures there are very many other cases in the respective Provinces, where the Society's Officers have co-operated financially and officially, or re-imbursed subsequent to interment, though this latter method is discouraged and reduced to a minimum, as we prefer to deal with the cases first-hand through the system we have evolved as a result of fifteen years study and experience.

I have to report that the joint Provinces of Nova Scotia and P.E.I. is the only part of the Dominion where we have so far not set up a Provincial Headquarters personnel, though that does not mean that we cannot, or would not function in any part thereof should a case be brought to our attention, for we have an arrangement whereby if for some reason any of the Provincial organizations does not function, we can take care of a case in any part of the Dominion and make all necessary arrangements within the matter of a few hours direct from Headquarters in Montreal. As a passing illustration of the facility with which our system works, I might cite several cases that have been perfectly arranged for and carried out from Montreal, in Winnipeg, Regina, St John N.B., Detroit, Mich. and Denver Colorado, U.S.A. while our Manitoba Hqs reports having arranged for the transportation of the remains of an Indian ex-Member of the C.E.P. sixty miles by Dog-Sledge to the place of interment, and Ontario Hqs reports having made arrangements for the care of a case in Montana. It is however right that I should explain that our activities are only authorised within the boundaries of the Dominion of Canada, and any cases that have been dealt with outside have been by special arrangement, which it is in all likelihood the intention of the Dominion Council to give specific ruling for the future.

It is with very much pleasure that I am able to transmit reports from Vancouver, Calgary, and Winnipeg, that during the year just ended the Cemeterial authorities of the cities mentioned have made very generous concessions in ground for obituary purposes that represents the equivalent in saving of disbursement to the Fund, of 25% per capita for many years to come, and adverting to my earlier reference of recognition by the City of the Fund's inception (Montreal) that same proportion of assistance has been granted us in all cases where we relieve the City of responsibility for pauper burial.

I would take this occasion to pay warm tribute to the loyalty sympathy, and energy with which our Honorary Provincial Secretaries have fulfilled the exacting, and I might say depressing, duties they have assumed in this work, and it is indeed a matter for congratulating ourselves upon, that we have been so fortunate in aligning with our Cause men who have a large measure of sincere patriotism and adaptability for such a pathetic, but valuable work.

It is a point of interest to know that the records and place of burial of all cases dealt with throughout the Dominion, are transmitted quarterly to Dominion Headquarters, together with a brief report of the condition, finances, and membership of the Provincial Branches, and every case dealt with is thus recorded at Headquarters as well as locally, and supervision of the work maintained.

Very frequently, the financial aspect of the work is the least exacting, and the subsequent correspondence forms a voluminous file, especially when the pros and cons of a case extend over months and even as long as two years in supplication of the rights or Pension for the bereaved dependant Next of Kin, but the gratitude of the widow and orphans repays a thousand times over anything that can be done for them.

In a somewhat recent report to the Dominion Council, I stated we had reached a very important mile-stone on the road to our ultimate goal, through the official recognition by the government of the principle we stand for, but we have still a stretch ahead of us, and it seems to me this is an opportune occasion to seize upon to make a further move in the right direction.

I recall two occasions - one in particular, in 1918 - when the government sent two authorized representatives to deliberate with us on the advisability or otherwise of establishing National Military Cemeteries, and placing all obituary work under our administration, with the result that the former idea was discountenanced but we were invited to submit a basis of cost and operation in the latter, which we agreed to do conditional upon recognition of those we were primarily organized to look after - the friendless and indigent at death - our condition was not accepted and the negotiations ended there. On the basis of figures obtained from a reliable source, I venture the assertion that had our offer been accepted, the country would have been saved at least a quarter of a million dollars and a more generally satisfactory condition of obituaries would have resulted. The foregoing assertion is no criticism of any particular Departmental administration, but an illustration of loss occasioned the country through inexperience of a peculiar problem ~~that~~ it had never before been faced with, but a problem that is yet young, ~~and~~ it begins were other post-war subjects end, and unfortunately will continue for the next three or four decades.

This society has concentrated on this peculiar work, and studied it from all angles, and during the two years we have been assisted to conduct it dominion-wide, I think I may venture to say that the government Department through whom the Grant has been made will admit that our work has been accomplished in a thoroughly adequate, reverent and economical manner.

I do not propose to prolong this report with commentary on the government's method of handling post-war military obituaries, but there is one point I would like to emphasize, and endeavour to elucidate, and that is that the government makes a very serious mistake when it stipulates that the qualification for recognition of any obituary claim shall be proof of death from service disability, and to illustrate my point, I would submit the two following cases, viz:-

"A" Enlists, goes overseas, contracts some disability in France before going into the firing line, is returned to Canada where he dies in a D.S.C.R. Hospital. He is buried by the government, and his grave is marked by the Imperial War Graves Commission with one of their Headstones.

"B" Enlists, goes overseas, decorated on the Field of action for conspicuous bravery, has taken part in previous wars of the Empire, is seriously wounded but recovers partially from his disabilities, returns to Canada and dies from Small Pox, which latter misfortune debars him from ~~any~~ obituary claim or if by some conciliatory mood the authorities recognized the claim eventually, it would only result from prolonged and persistent argument, which should not be necessary.

To recognize and honour the former, and to ignore and abandon the latter of these two cases, would seem almost incredible, and yet that is the substance of the ruling. I would emphatically suggest that proof of honourable service for King and country, should suffice to assure that none who have given that will be consigned by the country for which they served to an unmarked grave.

I stand to be corrected if I am in the wrong in assuming that the government policy for the future is to transfer all soldier re-establishment work of various characters at present under its control to those civil institutions who are capable and best equipped to accomplish it, therefore Mr President, ladies and gentlemen, I would take this opportunity of suggesting that we take under consideration the advisability of reviving the negotiations of 1918 referred to in a previous paragraph of this report, and again offer to assume responsibility for all cases which are at present a responsibility of the government, on the basis of \$100.00 per capita, conditional upon inclusion of all discharged indigent cases that come within the requirements of our (Statutory) Declaration Form, coupled with an administration allowance. I make this suggestion, from experience gained, as being likely to serve the best interests in the future of all post-war military obituaries, and those in whose interest the provisions are made on the basic principles, viz:-

1. That we have established public opinion generally, is in favour of according honourable sepulchre at the country's expense, to any ex-service person who has honourably acquitted himself, or herself, but who may be friendless, or indigent at death.
2. That this Society is particularly capable of administering this work in an adequate, reverent, and economical manner, in its various phases and entirety.
3. That such an arrangement would be to the best interests and honour of the country and such as require competent administration or advice in the contingency of death.

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Like all good works, there are those who would find some adverse criticism of its principles or administration, and this has been no exception, for during the tour of the Royal Commission on Pensions and other re-establishment matters through Canada last year, certain adverse criticisms were levelled at the Last Post Fund by the Great War, and Imperial, Veteran Organizations in the cities of Regina and Winnipeg, as also by the President of the Dominion Veterans Alliance in Ontario, the criticism being mainly directed against that measure of financial 'organization' assistance appropriated from the initial grant to the Last Post Fund, in 1922, in which I submit experience has proved the authorities responsible therefor were well advised, but which our critics at that time looked upon as unjustifiable.

I think however, I am safe in saying that any objections raised at that time, have since been entirely dissipated, as today we enjoy the best relationship with the Provincial Command of the G.W.V.A. in Alberta, and our Secretary at Winnipeg who was very recently in Montreal, advises me that in contrast to the attitude of the Veteran Organizations of Winnipeg a year ago, today they are cooperating with our Provincial Executive in Manitoba, and at the sixth annual Convention of the Army & Navy Veterans in Canada last September, a resolution endorsing our principle and calling upon the government to assume full ~~financial~~ financial responsibility for it, was passed.

It also affords me pleasure to report that during a recent visit to Montreal of the Royal Commission on Pensions and other re-establishment matters, I was accorded the courtesy of interview and opportunity to explain to them the administration, and progress made in organization of our work throughout the Dominion with any commentary thereon I felt advisable and in its interests. As a result of that interview, I may say the scope of the Commission's power of recommendation as affecting our work, would come, if at all, under the provision made in Article 32 of Chapter 62 of the Pensions Act of Canada, a provision, by the way, in its original and revised form was the outcome of representations made by this Association, and which could yet stand revision to advantage.

In conclusion, I desire to express my thanks and appreciation of the support I have received from my Executive during the year, in my humble but sincere efforts for the furtherance and interests of this Cause.

The whole respectfully submitted

Dominion Organizing Secy-Treasurer  
Last Post Fund, of Canada

DOMINION-  
FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE QUEBEC PROVINCIAL HQRS  
LAST POST FUND, OF CANADA

To:-

The President, Trustees, and Members:-

Mr President, Ladies and gentlemen,

In submitting report of the activities of the Dominion Headquarters and Quebec Provincial Executive for the year ending March 31st it is difficult to realise that the loyal few who have held together for the past fifteen years in propagating the principles of this Society as a Provincial Organization, now constitute the central unit of a national institution, instead of being "the whole thing" themselves, but such is the case, and we have burst forth from a bud into bloom with a rapidity that is at least interesting and I trust lasting, and I am sure those of us who recall the time when we were a little band of fifteen or twenty, will rejoice in the knowledge that our local membership today is in the vicinity of 500, while in the past two years we have established the nucleus of healthy Provincial Branches from coast to coast and invited them to cooperate with us in this commendable work, which they are doing, and doing well, aided by a measure of government assistance we obtained for them.

During the year just ended we conducted our annual "Commemoration Day" function on May 24th last, which, in spite of the fact that for unavoidable reasons the date and time was twice changed everything went off with the accustomed punctuality and decorum. Brief religious Services were conducted in both the Roman Catholic and Protestant Plots by the respective Chaplains, the customary ceremony of "Roll Call" "Last Post" "Raising of the Flag" and the decoration of the graves with flowers and flags was performed, and a large gathering of people were present who have come to appreciate and look upon this act of Remembrance as one of Montreal's most important annual functions. Small Committees of our members as usual visited every Cemetery on the Island of Montreal and St Helen's Island to see that at least a small floral tribute would be made to the memory of our warrior Dead, while Captain Wilshire of the R.A.F. cast our floral tribute to the memory of our Sailor Dead, on the waters of the St Lawrence from an aeroplane. Messrs J.C. Wray & Bro generously and gratuitously turned out the Gun-Carriage, horses and equipment to convey the main floral tributes from citizens to the Cemetery, and the following excerpt from the letter of a Father who was absent from the City on that day, but who subsequently returned to find a floral tribute on his deceased soldier son's grave is an example of the esteem and appreciation in which our action is held, viz:- he says:- "It goes to show that the dear boys who gave their all for the sake of the flag, are not forgotten"

During the month of August, a National Convention of the Knights of Columbus was in session in Montreal and their Officers expressed a desire to place a floral tribute on the Cross of Sacrifice to the memory of our Soldier Dead, under the auspices of this Fund, and in consequence, Brig-Gen. A.E. Labelle representing our Dominion President Sir Arthur Currie, presided, accompanied by Mr A.S. Clarson Provincial President, Dr W.H. Atherton, Past President, and other Officers of the Fund and Women's Auxiliary, when a very inspiring ceremony was conducted.

In the month of September, correspondence came to hand which again directed our attention to the old military Cemetery at Fort Chambly and the tardiness of the Federal Historic Sites Commission to fulfill a promise long made to us that they would cause it to be cleaned up and fenced around. Your Executive authorised me to solicit the cooperation of the press as well as all Civic and Provincial Societies who profess an interest in such matters, with the result that we succeeded in bringing sufficient pressure to bear to cause the immediate erection of an enclosure around that little 'God's Acre' against the trespassers who have no respect for the sanctity of anything.

During the summer months your Finance Committee, composed of:- Miss Hay Browne and Messrs F.R. Thom, J. Munn, and A.H.D. Hair set out in earnest to secure some financial assistance from the City, on the basis of contention that we as an association have actually saved the Civic Exchequer a considerable sum during the period of our existence. After several visits to the City Hall, it was decided by the City Council to accord us 25% per capita of the actual cost to us of all cases where we relieve the City of financial responsibility for pauper burial and a Resolution was passed accordingly. The foregoing measure of assistance naturally very welcome, and equivalent to that afforded some of our Provincial Branches by the Cemeterial authorities in their locality.

I do not propose to encroach upon the representations of Women's Auxiliary in my report, as I have no doubt they have one to pre-

sent themselves, I however wish to say they have cooperated with us most enthusiastically during the year whenever called upon and continue a source of strength and assistance to us, and I might just add that we have recently invited them to nominate and appoint four of their number to act on our Cemeterial Grounds Committee for cooperation and advisement in the administration of a small fund the W.A. have raised specially for the embellishment of our Plots.

In this latter connection, I would take this opportunity of saying, without prejudice to our sister cities, that in my travels from coast to coast of the Dominion and my visits to all the main Cemeteries of note I have seen some Military Plots whose Monumental embellishment is more pretentious and elaborate than ours, but nothing in any way approaching the natural beauty and landscape effect of our own on Mount Royal, and with very little improvement in the artificial embellishment of them, they will be, as they should, a credit to those whose duty it is to keep them in perpetuity and ever green. As a counterbalancing appreciation of our Sister Cities however with regard to their Cemeterial arrangements for our warrior Dead, I am forced to admit that their Cemeterial Authorities have been much more generous to our Branches, than ours have to us.

During the winter months, through the kindness of the Stanley Quartette of Montreal and other local talent, we were enabled to organize a very enjoyable and successful Concert under the patronage of our distinguished Dominion President - General Sir Arthur Currie - the tangible results of which you will note in the Financial Report.

In conclusion, I would direct your attention to the fact that the Press of Montreal are ever ready and willing to give us a generous share of publicity, for the advancement of our Cause. Captain Wilshire R.A.F. came a long way with his aeroplane and went to considerable trouble to assist us in our "Commemoration Day" ceremonies last year. Messrs Joseph C. Wray & Bro on two separate occasions last year turned out the Gun-Carriage (24th of May and November 11th) with full equipment and their splendid horses, gratuitously. The Royal Canadian Regiment (Montreal Company) invariably cooperate with us when we appeal to them for a Firing Party or Bugler, as also do the City Police when we require them to direct the public at our gatherings. I might say without exaggeration that to all and any in the City of Montreal who are invited to assist us at any time, the LAST POST FUND is a pass-word to their hearts.

I feel you will permit me in this meeting to say a word of appreciation of the valuable assistance afforded me in my work, by my partner in this, as in everything else, and I am sure those who have had occasion to telephone or make inquiries of the Last Post Fund in my absence from office or town, have found in Mrs Hair a very efficient Inquiry Clerk and Assistant Secretary.

I desire to express my thanks and appreciation of the loyal support given me by the Directors and Executive in the performance of my duties during the year just ended, and I respectfully submit the whole.

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Dominion Secretary-Treasurer  
L.P.F. of C.

Montreal, April 25th 1924

**DOCKET ENDS:**

ANNUAL MEETING 25 APRIL 1924

# DOCKET STARTS:

HAIR, with enclosures

Supplementary  
Exhibit of distribution of Federal Grant  
1923-4  
From Provincial Returns made to Headquarters

Provincial Distribution	\$8,500.00
Hqrs Administration	1,200.00
Reserve by D.S.C.R.	300.00
Authorized Grant	\$10,000.00

Province	Allotment	No. of cases	Maximum cost per capita	Commitment on foregoing basis	Amount to be raised by voluntary subscription	Actual expenditure and commitments	Basis of distribution of Grant
Brit. Columbia	\$ 850.00	34	\$100.00	\$3400.00	\$2550.00	\$ 975.50	10%
Alberta	595.00	7	.. ..	700.00	105.00	(308.00 140.00)	7%
Saskatchewan	510.00	6	.. ..	600.00	90.00	(505.03 120.00)	6%
Manitoba	935.00	29	.. ..	2900.00	1965.00	1762.70	11%
Ontario	3570.00	56	.. ..	5600.00	2030.00	4300.10	42%
Quebec	1105.00	27	.. ..	2700.00	1595.00	2287.86	13%
New Brunswick	340.00	2	.. ..	200.00		140.97	4%
N.S. & P.E.I.	595.00	0					7%
	\$8500.00	161		\$16100.00	\$8335.00	\$10540.16	100%

The above is compiled from returns made by the respective Provincial Headquarters and represents the application of the distributable portion of the authorized Grant, as applied to interments exclusive of any administration disbursements.

*Arthur W. D. Davis*

Dominion Secy-treasurer  
L.P.F. of C.

May 3rd, 1924.

Arthur H. D. Hair, Esq.,  
P. O. Box 1382,  
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Hair:-

I have looked over the correspondence between yourself and Mr. Scammell.

I always think that it is a pity to allow controversy to get into writing unless this is absolutely necessary and I trust that it will be possible for the question between you and Mr. Scammell to be adjusted without any further difficulty. I do not think that anything is gained by going back over the past cost of burials. What we are now concerned with is the present and the future. I must say that I think Mr. Scammell is perfectly right in his reply contained in the third paragraph of his letter dealing with your estimate of costs. The contribution for headstones was a part of the general contribution to the Imperial War Graves Commission and, as far as Canada was concerned, only a very small part. The post-war burials in France alone numbered almost 40,000. In any case, as Scammell says, no saving could have been made in this matter as the contribution would not have been altered.

There is no doubt that if we were to go into the whole matter thoroughly and impartially we might be able to arrive at a proper comparison between the costs to the Government and the cost to the Last Post Fund, but nothing

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would be gained if we did so, and I think it is a pity that the matter was taken up. This is the more so in view of the fact that the continuance of your grant depends upon the Department whose past administration you are attacking.

I would suggest that the best ground now to take is that in making your statement you acted in good faith and that you recognize that everyone concerned has done their best in the matter. Further that it would be quite impossible to go back to 1918 and say just what your costs would have been if you had then taken over this work, so that no comparison can be established without an infinite amount of labour from which very little good can be expected.

Yours faithfully,

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TORONTO, April 9th, 1924.

Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., L.L.D.,  
President of the Dominion Executive,  
Last Post Fund Incorporated.

Dear Sir Arthur:

In submitting the report of the operations of the Ontario Branch of the Last Post Fund Incorporated, for the quarter ending March 31st, 1924, I beg to say that I have written the Dominion Secretary, Mr. Hair, in respect to the number of cases dealt with by us to the end of December last, on which he desired some further information, which, if it is thought well, may be regarded as forming part of this report.

The cases dealt with from January 1st to March 31st this year are as follows: - Toronto 9, Hamilton 1, Ottawa 2, Sudbury 1, Total 13, (See Forms B. herewith). There were two other cases in Toronto, in which the Fund took part and for which wreaths were sent. The first of these was the case of three men, harvesters, who had been killed in a snow-shovelling accident on the C.N.R. The second was that of a young man who lost his life in saving a mother and her two children from being killed by a runaway horse. All these were British Ex-Service men. Although the Fund was not directly concerned in these interments, our action was much appreciated. We were consulted by the authorities in regard to the first case, but our services were not required.

I am glad to say that the Trustees of the Toronto General Burying Grounds have consented "to set aside a small portion of land in Section 10, Prospect Cemetery, immediately to the east of the Veterans' Section, for any sailor or soldier who is not eligible for interment in the Veterans' Section, subject to the Rules and Regulations of the Cemetery and also to the same charges as in the Veterans' Section". That Section, as you may know, is reserved for men who served in the Great War. Under the Regulations governing all interments in the Veterans Plot, flat markers of a suitable character are used. With this

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arrangement we shall have to comply. As to the wording on the markers, we shall have the opportunity of conferring with the Trustees, but we shall have to abide by their decision. It does not follow that our portion of Section 10 will be fenced off for Fund purposes, nor shall we propose that this be done, as the desire is strongly expressed that there should be no difference made in the character of the graves of those buried by the Last Post Fund or by others.

I regret that we have not, so far, been able to secure the support of the Lieut. Governor, who is at present abroad, but I am glad to say that the Acting Lieut. Governor, Sir Wm. Mulock, is one of our supporters and contributors.

In regard to the appeal for funds, which we had hoped to make, under the sponsorship of the Lieut. Governor, as stated in our last report, we are of the opinion that the delay in issuing such appeal is likely to be to the ultimate advantage of the Fund, as we shall have a fuller and more convincing story to tell and, further, the revision of the Rules and Regulations of the Fund, now under the consideration of your Revision Committee, may be of the greatest service to Ontario, and, we presume, to other Provinces, in defining the work of any local Committees or, in very special cases, Branches of the Fund, which may be formed in the various Cities or Municipalities of the Province.

I am,

dear Sir Arthur,  
Your Obedient Servant,

*E. T. Scammell*  
Secretary-Treasurer,  
Ontario Provincial Headquarters,  
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The Last Post Fund, of Canada

Dear Sir Arthur,

I beg to enclose herewith for your information copy of the Minutes of the 15th annual meeting held on April 25th and adjourned to May 9th. Trusting you will find the same in order.

Faithfully

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer  
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May 8th 1924

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

President - Last Post Fund, of Canada

Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your communication dealing with the correspondence between Mr Scammell and myself, and to say I have taken careful note of your commentary thereon.

I do not anticipate any further reaction therefrom, as I feel Mr Scammell appreciates my remarks were directed towards the system that has obtained, not any particular Department. I however felt that you should be advised of the correspondence.

I am taking the opportunity to enclose herewith an Agenda of the business before the adjourned meeting tomorrow evening at 8.15 P.M. which should not take long to dispose of.

I have the honour to be

Sir Arthur

faithfully

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer  
L.P.F. of C.

May 14th, 1924.

Arthur H. D. Hair, Esq.,  
P. O. Box 1382,  
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Hair:-

I have no objection to your holding a meeting of the Provincial Executive of the Last Post Fund, as suggested in your letter of May 12th.

As I should like to be present at this meeting I should be glad to know the date selected as early as possible.

Yours faithfully,



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May 12th 1924

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

President

Last Post Fund, of Canada

Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur,

Preparation for our annual ceremony on May 24th, and other routine matters, necessitate the calling of a Provincial Executive Meeting immediately.

May I call such meeting, and would you be so kind as to advise me of your personal wishes with regard to attendance at such, for we have always been of the opinion that if we were favoured with your attendance at the Council and annual meetings, that was as much as we could reasonably expect from you Sir.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Believe me, Sir Arthur

most respectfully

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer  
L.P.F. of Canada



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DOMINION SECRETARY-TREASURER

P. O. BOX 1382, MONTREAL

*out of town*

May 14th 1924

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

President

Last Post Fund of Canada

Dear Sir Arthur,

With your kind permission, I have called an Executive meeting at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel for Friday evening at 8.15 P.M. and from my experience of your manner of conducting such meetings, it should be brief.

There are however, one or two things that require dealing with at once, and before we defer any further meetings for the summer months.

In compliance with your expressed wish I am advising you forthwith, in the very sincere hope that you can see your way to be with us.

The following is the :-

- Agenda:-
- 1, Minutes and Correspondence
  2. Reports on:- "Commemoration Day" progress  
Grounds Committee
  3. Appointment of Auditor for 1924
  4. Laccourse and Mackay cases
  5. Passing of accounts, and arrangement for summer months
  6. New Members, or business

I have the honour, to be  
Sir Arthur  
most respectfully

*Arthur H. A. Han*

Secretary-Treasurer  
L. P. F. of C.

**DOCKET ENDS:**

HAIR, WITH ENCLOSURES

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Sir Arthur Currie,  
President, Last Post Fund,  
McGill University,  
Montreal, Que.

My dear Sir Arthur:

I was very sorry that I was unable to attend the adjourned Annual Meeting last week and more sorry still for what occurred at the meeting.

I have a very clear recollection that the meeting held last week was to be an adjournment of the Annual Meeting. My own impression is that the by-law dealing with the amendments to the by-laws would not properly apply to this meeting. However, the meeting was held and the discussion postponed and, consequently, there is no use of discussing the question of its legality now.

I am entirely in accord with your idea that the by-laws should be simplified as far as possible and for Dominion purposes, that they should cover only those points which are of Dominion significance. I have no objection whatever to the Quebec Division having their own by-laws and including in them all the details they like but I am quite sure that for Provincial purposes outside of Quebec, many of the points thought to be of importance by Mr. Clarson and Mr. Hair are of no importance whatever.

Mr. Scammell Sr. and his son have told me of what occurred at the meeting. While I can fully understand your feeling in wishing to resign, I should like to say that it gave me more satisfaction than I can well state, to learn that you had consented to continue to act. I am quite sure that the Fund needs you and indeed that the success of the work throughout Canada and the continuance of the Fund as a national organization, is really dependent upon you retaining your present position.

Sir Arthur Currie,

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While my reflections may have been in part unfair, I have thought that the attitude of certain persons in the Quebec Branch, in relation to the Provincial organizations, is not without striking points of analogy to the relation of the King and Government in England to the thirteen colonies. They clearly do not understand the conditions in the provinces and in seeking to place upon them the conditions which, so far as I am aware, are completely applicable to Montreal, they are endangering the continuance of the national organization.

I have no interest at all in these by-laws except from the standpoint of the national organization and I feel quite sure that you will agree with me in my attitude that the continued assistance from the Dominion Government is at least partly, if not altogether, dependent upon the continuance of the organization nationally.

In any case, it is a great satisfaction to me personally and to our committee here to know that you are to continue in your present position.

With kindest personal regards, I remain,

AHA/JM

Yours faithfully,

*Albert H. Abbott*

# MEMORIAL WREATH TO SAILOR DEAD

## Anchor of Immortelles Dropped Into St. Lawrence For Last Post Fund

"On behalf of the Harbor Commissioners and the Last Post Fund of Canada I send this message, the anchor of hope, the buoy of safety and the wreath of victory, upon the waters of the great St. Lawrence. I trust that it will reach the waters of the deep, as a token to the spirits of so many thousands of our brave sailors, whose bodies roll on the sands of the ocean unmolested and in unknown graves.

"It will be a sign to them of our remembrance of their careers, especially during the fateful years of the Great War, in which our sailors nobly played their part and met their deaths silently and unblazoned for the cause of liberty."

With these words Captain J. F. Symons, harbor master of Montreal, dropped over the side of the tug St. Peter on Saturday afternoon a tribute to the sailor dead in the shape of a silver-covered anchor of immortelles attached to a buoy, while vessels in the harbor sounded their sirens in salute and crews stood to attention on their decks.

Sea Scouts formed a guard of honor for Captain Symons, who was accompanied on the deck of the tug by Col. C. A. E. Patterson, vice-president of the Army and Navy Veterans' Association; Dr. W. H. Atherton, past president of the Last Post Fund, who also represented the Navy League and the sailors' institutions of Montreal; A. H. D. Hair, secretary of the Last Post Fund; Captain D. J. Perrault, deputy harbor master; Mrs. L. Morrison, Miss F. Morrison, M. M. Campbell, J. F. Sherry and J. J. Hamilton.

The wreath, which in past years has been dropped from an aeroplane flying low over the harbor, was cast into the river at 3.30 p.m. in St. Mary's Current, opposite St. Helen's Island. It is hoped that the waters of the St. Lawrence River will bear it far out to sea, where it may be seen by the sailor-survivors of those whose memory it recalls.

The ceremony was an impressive one, notwithstanding that it was marred by heavy rain. Flags on the ships and the buildings along the waterfront were lowered in salute as the buoy and floral anchor were dropped into the stream. A considerable crowd viewed the ceremony from the shore.

The programme for the tribute to the sailor dead was arranged by the Last Post Fund of Canada in co-operation with the Harbor Commissioners of Montreal. The anchor itself was donated by Commander J. K. L. Ross.

## eremony at Chambly

C. C. McCulley, president of Army and Navy Veterans, Chambly, accompanied by other official members of the association, as citizens, deposited wreaths on graves in the old military cemetery at Chambly on Saturday, decorated the graves of British soldiers and sailors in the burial ground of St. Stephen's Church, on the banks of the St. Lawrence, and of the Last Post Fund and Army and Navy Veterans Association.

## SIMPLE CEREMONY AT SOLDIERS' PLOTS

Homage Paid to Those Heroes  
Buried in Last Post  
Fund Graves

### ONLY FEW ATTENDED

Scheduled Religious Services  
Called Off Owing to Weather  
Conditions Saturday  
Afternoon

In a blinding wind and rainstorm the ceremony of paying homage to the soldiers buried in the plots of the Lost Post Fund at Mount Royal and Cote des Neiges cemeteries was performed on Saturday afternoon. Owing to the weather conditions, all the religious ceremonies were called off, and the flower-laden gun carriage arrived thirty minutes late, escorted by members of the Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes in full regalia. The boys of the Naval Brigade, who were to have marched behind, were so drenched during their morning parade that they were dismissed on Sherbrooke street during the slow march up to the mountain.

Only a few were present to hear the roll call of those who were buried during the past year, among these being three representatives of foreign consulates and a sprinkling of Army and Navy Veterans. Members of the Ladies' Auxiliary of this organization had decorated the graves with little Canadian flags and Union Jacks.

While low-hanging rain clouds raced overhead, and the rain whipped the faces of the gathering, a bugler of the Royal Canadian Regiment sounded the Last Post, a short address was pronounced by A. H. D. Hair, secretary-treasurer of the Last Post Fund, and the Union Jack was raised from half-mast to the mast-head.

Mr. Albert Halstead, consul-general for the United States, decorated the Protestant graves in Mount Royal Cemetery, and Baron de Vitrolles, consul-general for France, placed wreaths on the graves in the Roman Catholic cemetery. Marcel de Verneuil, French consul; A. S. Clarson, past president, and Lt.-Col. J. T. Ostell, director of the Last Post Fund, were also present. Corporal Tombs, V.C., and R. Johnson headed the Army and Navy Veterans.

### IMPRESSIVE IN SIMPLICITY.

The very simplicity of the ceremony and the lack of usual pomp made it most impressive. A little distance away a funeral was hurriedly held. The wind howled through the trees on the hillock by the Mount Royal Cemetery plot, and the little flags beside the simple granite stones were soon blown over.

Mr. Hair thanked those who had come. He stood against the flag-staff, facing the big memorial stone erected on the border line of the two cemeteries, and briefly explained the object of the Last Post Fund, and told of the society's work during the last few years.

He welcomed them on behalf of Sir Arthur Currie, the president of the Last Post Fund. Then he read the roll call, giving the regimental number, rank and name of those who were buried during the last 12 months by the organization.

All heads were bared in prayer for a few moments, and with the singing of the national anthem the ceremony was at an end.

It was stated that the Very Rev. Dean Arthur Carlisle, who was to have directed the religious ceremonies at Mount Royal Cemetery, was indisposed. The prayers at Cote des Neiges Cemetery, which were to have been recited by Rev. Canon A. Sylvestre, were also dispensed with by agreement.

## KIDDIES HELD OWN DOLLARD CEREMONY

Rain Spoiled Afternoon Fete,  
Children Staged Celebration  
in Evening

### MONUMENT DECORATED

National Songs Featured  
Gathering in Lafontaine  
Park—Mayor Deposited  
Wreath from City

French school children paid a unique and unlooked-for tribute to the memory of Dollard des Ormeaux when, after rain had caused abandonment of the official afternoon celebration, they rallied of their own accord in Lafontaine Park on Saturday evening, held their own little ceremony, buried the base of the Dollard monument in roses, and lustily sang their favorite national songs.

In honor of the patriot-martyr of 1660, the Association Catholique de la Jeunesse Canadienne Francaise had arranged that the kiddies should gather around the monument, deposit flowers, then repair to a kiosk in the park shortly after 2 o'clock in the afternoon to sing Canadian songs.

Two o'clock found angry skies glowering on the park, sheets of rain falling, and gusts of chill wind sweeping about. Nevertheless, Dollard was honored. Mayor Duquette and Ald. Leon Trepanier were at the monument to see that the city's huge ring of roses was properly placed. They were received by a committee from the association, headed by Eugene Simard, district president, Madame J. T. Ostell, wife of the former commander of the old 65th Regiment, was warmly greeted as she arrived to deposit a wreath sent by the Last Post Fund. The Catholic School Commission of Montreal, the St. Jean Baptiste Society, the Societe des Artistes Canadiens Francais, and the Cercle Catholique des Voyageurs de Montreal all sent handsome floral offerings.

### STUDENTS' TRIBUTE.

Then appeared a delegation from the Universite de Montreal, with a large wreath. Mgr. A. J. V. Piette, rector of the university, Abbe Pineault, chaplain, and Abbe Mauveault headed the students. At the same time wreaths from St. Mary's College and from the association itself were placed on the granite.

Between the showers a band that was to have led the children in their mass singing emerged and "O Canada" was played. The celebration appeared over, and soon the flower-smothered monument was deserted.

But the children were undaunted. As evening approached shining rifts pierced the leaden sky, and the sinking sun cast golden beams through the raindrop-bedecked trees around the Dollard shaft, groups of sturdy kiddies appeared from various directions. They had been told this was Dollard day; they had saved their pennies and bought flowers at school, and they had come to honor Dollard just as soon as the weather would let them.

Little fellows, some of them not much bigger than the floral designs under which they staggered, approached the monument, reverently laid down the wreaths, and stood with expectant eyes, as though waiting for the bronze figure of their hero of Canadian history to step down and greet them.

In half an hour there was quite a gathering. With one group of boys was a priest. With another was a young and ardent patriot. The children stood in a half-circle about the monument, listened for a few moments to a passionate description of Dollard's patriotic sacrifice, then broke into song that was carried all over the park and speedily attracted a crowd.

Their songs ended, the children ended their celebration and dispersed.



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May 26th 1924

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

President - Last Post Fund, of Canada

Montreal, P.Q.

Re annual "Commemoration Ceremonies"  
..... May 24th.....

Dear Sir Arthur,

In connection with the marginally noted subject, I beg to submit as follows:-

I appreciate having been deputed by you Sir, to represent you, which I endeavoured to do in accordance with those sentiments I felt would be most likely to meet with your approval, in consequence of which I would like you to know verbatim what I said rather than the somewhat ambiguous remarks attributed to me in the press.

My remarks were as follows:- "Gentlemen of the Consulates, and citizens of Montreal, I desire on behalf of our President (who unfortunately is unable to be with us) to extend to you all, his appreciation, and that of our Society, for your presence and cooperation with us under such inclement weather conditions. In view of this latter fact we have deemed it advisable to curtail the religious part of the ceremony, and will carry out the other part of it to the best of our ability in the circumstances.

The Consuls-General of France and the United States of America, have kindly consented to place the Official Wreaths for us, and in conclusion, I would just like to remind those present that this annual ceremony is not in glorification or perpetuation of war, but as a tribute to the memory of those brave men of all nations, who are ready to sacrifice even their lives that Law and Order, justice and equity may triumph over anarchy or national degradation."

The foregoing was was all, and exactly what I said, and I trust I have in no way overstepped the duty you kindly conferred upon me.

I attach herewith clippings from the Montreal Gazette which (with the exception of one or two minor errors, that almost invariably occur in all reports) indicate at least that we have lived up to our reputation of the past fifteen years.

I have the honour, to remain

Faithfully

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer  
Last Post Fund, of Canada

**DOCKET STARTS:**

SCAMMELL, E. H.

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P. O. BOX 1382, MONTREAL

May 28th 1924

General Sir Arthur Currie  
G.C.M.G., K.C.B., L.L.D.  
President - Last Post Fund of Canada  
McGill University

Dear Sir Arthur,

I enclose for your advice herewith, copies of the Minutes of  
the last two meetings of this Association.

Faithfully

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer  
Last Post Fund of Canada

Minutes of the adjourned 15th annual meeting of  
the Last Post Fund of Canada, held at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel  
on Friday May 9th 1924 at 8.15 P.M.

.....  
1. There were present:- General Sir Arthur Currie - in the Chair

Brig-Gen. C.J. Armstrong	Mrs T.G. Hodge
Colonel (Rev) J.M. Almond	Mr T.G. Hodge
Mr A.S. Clarsen	Mrs W. Burns
Dr W.H. Atherton	Miss E. King
Mr E.H. Scammell	Lt-Col. C.M. Strange
Mr E.T. Scammell	Master Douglas Hair
Colonel G.E.A. Patterson	Mr Jos. Trembley
Mr F.R. Thom	Mrs Leila Morrison
Mr John Mann	Mrs Schofield
Mrs F.R. Thom	Miss Currie
Mrs A.H.D. Hair	Miss Hay Browne
Mrs E. McNicoll	Mrs J.J. Hay Browne
Mr E. McNicoll	Miss D. Hay Browne
Mr A.G. Coles	Mr Chas. A' Shannon
Mrs A.G. Coles	Mr E. Stammers
Mrs J. Porter	Mr George Bannerman
Mrs J.N. Warrinton	Mr E. Glidden
Mrs C.J. Armstrong	Mr H. Williams
Mrs Neilson	

and several others whose names were not obtained.

2. The Minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read.
3. Sir Arthur Currie explained that in the interval between the original and this adjourned annual meeting, a complete re-draft of By-Laws had been considered with a view to brevity and the requirements of such an organization as this.
4. After some little discussion, Mr Clarsen as Chairman of the Special Committee appointed to submit a revised draft of By-Laws, presented a Resolution that stressed the impracticability of discussion of revision in open general meeting, which Resolution was withdrawn by the Mover and Seconder, in favour of another.
5. Dr W.H. Atherton, Seconded by Mrs E. McNicoll, Moved:-

That whereas:- The authority for enactment, revision, and amendment of By-Laws for this Society should be placed in the hands of the Directors who constitute the Dominion Council of the Last Post Fund, of Canada, and:-

Whereas:- It would be very unwise to precipitate the passage of By-Laws which by reason of their inadequacies or redundancy, are likely to necessitate early revision.

BE IT, AND IT IS, RESOLVED:-

- (a) That consideration for the amendment of the By-Laws be forthwith postponed until due and proper notice has been given for their consideration and enactment at a Dominion Council Meeting to be called for that purpose.
- (b) That this Society in annual general meeting proceed forthwith to elect its Directors, and administer its affairs under provision of those duly enacted Resolutions in Minutes, and existing By-Laws of the Last Post Fund of Canada.

- Carried.

5. The Meeting then proceeded to the election of the Directors for the ensuing year, and the following nominations as representing the respective Provinces were announced:-

Lt-Col. St J. Montizambert	- British Columbia
Mr Howard Stutchbury	- Alberta
Brig-Gen. J.F.L. Embury	- Saskatchewan
Lt-Col. H.P. Osler	- Manitoba
Dr Albert H. Abbott	- Ontario
General, Sir Arthur Currie	- Quebec
Lt-Col. W.P. Macleod	- New Brunswick
No nomination	- N.S. & P.E.I.

at the request of the meeting the Secretary cast one ballot for the foregoing.

6. The following nominations had been received at Headquarters Montreal from whom eight were to be elected:-

Browne Miss Hay  
Clarson Mr A.S.  
Coles Mr A.G.  
Etches Major G.T.  
Hair Mr A.H.D.  
Horsey Mr A.V.  
Labelle Brig-Gen. A.E.  
Munn Mr John  
Price Lt-Col. G.B.  
Shannon MFC.A.  
Smith Mr Pemberton  
Strange Lt-Col. G.H.  
Thom Mr F.R.  
White Brig-Gen. J.B.

7. The following persons were elected from the foregoing nominations:-

Brig-Gen. A.E. Labelle  
A.H.D. Hair  
Miss Hay Browne  
Mr C. Shannon  
Brig-Gen. J.B. White  
Colonel G.B. Price  
Mr F.R. Thom  
Mr Pemberton Smith

At this juncture the meeting was closed for the Directors to convene and elect the Executive Officers.

8. The following newly elected Directors met:-

General Sir Arthur Currie  
Miss Hay Browne  
Mr Chas. Shannon  
Mr F.R. Thom  
A.H.D. Hair

9. Moved by Mr Hair Seconded by Mr Thom, and unanimously carried

"That General Sir Arthur Currie be elected President".

Moved by Miss Browne, Seconded by Mr Thom - "That Dr A.H. Abbott be elected 1st Vice President" - carried.

Moved by Mr Shannon, seconded by Mr Thom, - "That Brig-Gen A.E. Labelle be elected 2nd Vice President". - carried.

It was unanimously agreed that Mr Hair be re-appointed as Secretary-Treasurer.

The President then declared the meeting closed.

*Arthur Currie*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
President

*[Signature]*  
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Secretary-Treasurer



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A. S. Clarkson, C.E., F.R.C.I.

### Vice-Presidents:

Lt.-Col. J. T. Ostell  
Dr. T. J. Flinnie

### Chairman Grounds Committee:

Mr. John Munn

### Chairman Finance Committee:

Mr. F. R. Thom

### Sec.-Treas.:

Arthur H. D. Hair

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Minutes of an Executive meeting of Quebec Provincial Hqrs  
held at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel on Friday May 16th 1924.

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1. There were present:- Colonel C.B. Price, <sup>who was</sup> nominated to the Chair but on the arrival of Brig-Gen. A.E. Labelle, he asked the General to Preside as Vice President.

Brig-Gen. J.B. White  
Miss Hay Browne  
Mr F.R. Thom  
Mr Chas. A. Shannon  
,, A.H.D. Hair

2. The Minutes of the previous Executive meeting were read but in view of a Quorum not being present at this stage of the meeting, Colonel Price suggested that they be left over for signature at the next meeting.

3. Correspondence was read dealing with the following subjects:-

(1) Action by the Historic Sites Commission at Ottawa in connection with the restoration and embellishment of the Military Cemetery at Chambly.

The communication was deemed most satisfactory by the meeting, and in view of the many years correspondence conducted by this Society on the subject, the Secretary was authorised to give press publicity to it, and place it on file.

(2) The McCarthy Funeral case.

The Secretary was asked to make a final effort to get Mrsrs Feron the Undertakers to accept our offer, and to see Mr Werry in that connection.

Other correspondence of minor matters was ordered to be filed

4. Mr Hair reported satisfactory progress being made with the arrangements for the customary "Commemoration" ceremonies on May 24th. In that connection it was suggested that the President - General Sir Arthur Currie - should be invited to address the gathering, or failing Sir Arthur's ability to acquiesce that His Worship Mayor Duquette be asked. The Secretary was asked to approach Sir Arthur, and report back to Brig-Gen. A.E. Labelle. It was also decided that the Secretary should invite Captain J.T. Walsh R.N.R. to launch the wreath in the River St Lawrence on May 24th in memory of the Naval Dead.

5. The Secretary reported that the Women's Auxiliary of the Fund, on invitation, had appointed four Ladies to act on the Grounds Committee, who had kindly accepted the invitation to act thereon, and their names are as follows:-

Mrs E. Graham	(P)
Mrs W. Neilson	(P)
Mrs J.T. Ostell	(R C)
Mrs J.T. Walsh	(R C)

The Secretary also reported that there is at present no male representatives on the Grounds Committee for the Roman Catholic side, and asked that two be appointed. Mr Chas. A. Shannon agreed to act as one, and suggested that Dr W.H. Atherton be asked to act as the other. This was agreed upon, and the Secretary was asked to report Dr Atherton's decision at next meeting.

6. It was Moved by Mr Shannon Seconded by Colonel Price and unanimously agreed, that Mrsrs George Durnford & Coy be re-appointed Auditors to the Fund for 1924.

7. The following bills payable were submitted for authority to pay them :-

Provincial Accounts:-

La Presse	\$ 6.57	
Gazette	6.15	
Star	4.38	\$ 17.10
Ptg & Sty "Rush"	14.44	
" " "	3.68	18.12
Funerals - Lute	55.00	
" - Chapman	75.00	
" - Beagin	55.00	185.00
G. Durnford - Audit		10.00
Bell Telephone Coy, May acct		5.13
Mount Royal Cemetery Coy		9.00
Dr McCreary, re late Beagin		3.00
Total		<u>\$262.35</u>

Dominion Hqrs accts:-

George Durnford & Coy Audit	\$ 10.00
C.P.R. Telegraph Coy	3.27
Thos. V. Bell & Coy	3.25
Mr Asselin - R.-C. Hotel	10.00
Total	<u>\$ 25.52</u>

Moved by Brig-Gen. J.B. White, Seconded by Colonel Price and unanimously agreed, that the foregoing accounts be paid forthwith.

It was also unanimously agreed, that during the cessation of regular Executive meetings for the summer months, the authority of the President to the Secretary-Treasurer for payment of current accounts is sufficient, and may be ratified pro forma at the first Executive meeting in the Autumn.

8. Mr Hair submitted an approximate estimate of the amount he considered it will be necessary to raise by membership fees and voluntary subscription for the ensuing year at the Que. Prov. Hqrs, which he placed roughly at \$2000.00 assuming that we may have 25 cases during the year. A communication was read from the Womens Auxiliary asking the Directorate for a ruling as to the advisability and decorum of organizing the "Armistice Ball" as a means of raising funds. After some controversy, it was generally agreed that there was no objection by the Directorate to it, but the preponderance of opinion of the Directorate in session is in favour of holding a Tag Day in the early Autumn, and the Secretary was requested to ask the Womens Auxiliary if they would agree to assist in this latter plan, and on receiving their reply to report back.

9. Brig-Gen. White Moved, Seconded by Colonel Price, and it was unanimously agreed that all Naval & Military Chaplains should ipse facto be Honorary Life Members of this Association.

10. It was Moved by Mr Thom, Seconded by Mr Hair, and agreed, that the past custom of presenting the retiring President with the Gavel of Office should be extended to Mr A. S. Clarkson, who retired this year, and the Secretary was requested to have the Gavel properly inscribed for that purpose for presentation to him at a future meeting.

11. The name of Colonel Wilfred Bovey was submitted at the request of Sir Arthur Currie, Seconded by Colonel Price, for election to active membership in the Fund, and unanimously endorsed by the meeting.

12. The Secretary directed the attention of the meeting to the cases of the late ex-soldiers Onisime Lecourse of Sherbrooke, and Henry S. McKay of Denver Colorado, both buried by the Que. Prov. Hqs of the Fund, but whose graves remain as yet unmarked, and in the former case uncared in perpetuity. Mr Hair was requested to endeavour to get those interested in our Cause in Sherbrooke to try and secure possession of the grave in perpetuity, and was authorized to have one of our Markers placed on the grave of the late H.S. McKay in Denver Colorado.
13. On Motion of Brig-Gen. J.B. White, Seconded by Miss Hay Browne, the Secretary was requested to tender the Management of the Ritz-Carlton Hotel our appreciative thanks for their courtesy and generosity in permitting us the use of their rooms for meetings during the year.
14. Nothing further presenting, the meeting was declared closed, and no further Executive meetings to be called - except in emergency - until the month of September.

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President

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Secretary-Treasurer

ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL

**DOCKET ENDS:**

ANNUAL MEETING 9 MAY 1924

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ONTARIO PROVINCIAL HEADQUARTERS

NO. 5 HAMPTON COURT, 21 AVENUE ROAD 503 CHURCH STREET

PHONE NORTH 7466

TORONTO,

May 28, 1924.

General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G.,  
Principal, McGill University,  
Montreal, Que.

My dear Sir Arthur:

I have heard through Dr. Abbott, and through Mr. Scammell, the Secretary of our Provincial organization, of the proceedings at the meeting held two weeks ago in Montreal, and I am glad to know that you are still our President. I hope your ideas about the simplification of the laws and regulations of the Fund will be carried into early effect.

It has been a matter of personal gratification to myself and the other members of the Ontario committee to know that the whole movement is under your guidance, and we feel quite safe as long as we know everything has your approval.

I am glad to hear that the question as to suggested co-operation between Canada and United States with regard to the burial of indigent soldiers is likely to be considered at an early date. Such co-operation cannot but be beneficial to both nations.

With kindest personal regards, believe me, Sir,

Yours sincerely,

President Ontario Branch

JAC/C

May 29th, 1924

Colonel J. A. Cooper,  
President, Ontario Branch,  
Last Post Fund,  
21 Avenue Road,  
Toronto, Ont.

My dear Colonel:--

I am much obliged for your letter of the 28th of May and I hope with you that we shall be able to put some sort of a simplified organization into shape.

It is a pleasure to feel that so many are interested in the success of an institution which has done so much good in Canada as the Last Post Fund.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,



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DOMINION SECRETARY - TREASURER

P. O. BOX 1382, MONTREAL

June 9th 1924

General, Sir Arthur Currie  
G.C.M.G., K.C.B., L.L.D.  
President - Last Post Fund, of Canada  
McGill University - Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur,

In accordance with authority arranged for under provision of the last paragraph of Minute 7 Executive Meeting May 16th, will you kindly endorse payment of the enclosed accounts, all of which you will note I have verified, viz:-

The Montreal Star	\$ 10.25
,, ,, Gazette	10.50
The Rush Printing Coy	8.93
,, ,, ,, ,,	5.78
,, ,, ,, ,,	8.93
The American Florist	10.00
,, ,, ,,	5.00
,, ,, ,,	5.00
,, ,, ,,	4.00
McKenna Limited	18.70
Merchants Awning Coy	2.40
Bell Telephone Coy	5.13
G.A. Holland & Sons	4.50
Hall & Robinson	5.00
Total	<u>\$104.12</u>

Faithfully

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer

LAST POST FUND, OF CANADA

The present Provincial Bank balance, is \$962.62

June 24th, 1924.

Arthur H. D. Hair, Esq.,  
P. O. Box 1382,  
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Hair:-

With reference to your letter of June 17th, now that the matter has been referred to Mr. Gosselin you must, of course, follow his advice.

I would suggest that a Committee be at once appointed to take up the question of the revised by-laws and wish to nominate the following:

A.H.D.Hair  
Col. Basil Price  
Mr. Thom.

I am enclosing herewith copy of the revised by-laws.

Yours faithfully,

June 24th, 1924.

E. H. Scammell, Esq.,  
Deputy Minister,  
Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment,  
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Scammell:-

I am very much obliged for your letter of June 20th with the suggestions contained therein and shall look forward with interest to receiving Dr. Abbott's letter.

I am appointing a committee to look into the proposed by-laws and will see that your letter is laid before them.

this matter.

Many thanks for your trouble in

Yours faithfully,



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P. O. BOX 1382, MONTREAL

June 17th 1924

General Sir Arthur Currie  
G.C.M.G., K.C.B., L.L.D.  
President - Last Post Fund, of Canada  
McGill University - Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur,

As instructed, I have interviewed our Honorary Legal Advisor in connection with the method of procedure for notification of our membership in the revision of By-Laws, and as a result, it would appear we took the proper action in postponing consideration thereof at the adjourned annual meeting, as I take it from the interpretation put upon the existing By-Laws and the Companies Act of Canada by Major Gosselin, (under which latter <sup>Act</sup> we are incorporated) that even if we had agreed to pass upon any revision that evening, it could not have been sanctioned by the Under Secretary of State for Canada, whose sanction we must obtain before any revision is effective, as we had not taken the necessary preliminary procedure 'De jure'.

There appears to be two alternatives we can choose from, i.e. (a) either to continue under the existing By-Laws, supplemented by Rules of Order framed by the Executive, or (b) to draft a revised edition, copy of which intended revision, must be sent to every member of the Association with notification of intention to repeal the old, and enact the new; one full month in advance of the Special Meeting called for that purpose.

Should you deem the latter course advisable, may I suggest that you appoint a small Committee to study and prepare a draft that will meet the requirements, and incidentally such as will be likely to receive the support of the meeting when called, as I presume you will agree that it would be inadvisable to call the meeting until we have a draft that will pass uncontested, or at least with the minimum of discussion.

Awaiting your further advice.

Believe me, Dear Sir Arthur

very respectfully

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer  
Last Post Fund, of Canada



CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF  
SOLDIERS' CIVIL RE-ESTABLISHMENT

DEPUTY MINISTER'S OFFICE

O t t a w a ,  
June 20th, 1924.

Dear Sir Arthur Currie;

I duly received your letter of the 26th ultimo with draft of proposed by-laws in respect of the Last Post Fund.

2. I have gone over these by-laws very carefully with Dr. Abbott of Toronto. He is writing you with certain suggestions with which I quite concurred. He is suggesting a slight change in several of the clauses. It is unnecessary for me to recapitulate these. There are one or two points however to which I should like to make reference. Clause 6 provides that a director may appoint a trustee as his proxy. I cannot see why this privilege should be restricted. Surely if a man has sufficient standing to be appointed a director of the Fund he should be capable of handling the proxy of another director. I do not suppose the privilege of appointing a proxy is likely to amount to very much but in view of the fact that the directors from the provinces of Manitoba and Alberta are personal friends of mine it is much more likely that they will request me to represent them at meetings which they cannot attend than that they will request General Armstrong, Canon Almond or Commander Walsh.

3. I wish to call special attention to Clause 10. Both Dr. Abbott and I somewhat hesitated to raise the question of the status of the Secretary-Treasurer in view of the splendid work which has been done by Mr. Hair. Were any other man however in his position I should not hesitate to state that the position of a paid servant of the fund is incompatible with that of a director. I do not see how it is possible for the Secretary-Treasurer to be a director as well, in other words as Secretary-Treasurer to be responsible for himself as a director. Certainly I do not think it should be provided for in the by-laws that the Secretary-Treasurer must be a director. As long as Mr. Hair however holds the office I am not willing to propose that any change be made but with the amendment to the by-laws which Dr. Abbott will suggest the matter is left open. No direct provision is being made against the holding of the two positions.

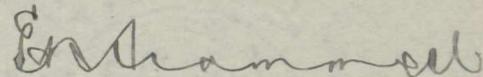
4. Another matter which comes under the same clause is that of the holding of office by the presidents, vice-presidents and honorary secretary. I am strongly adverse to there being a definite two year term allowed without any right on the part of the corporation to extend that period. As stated by me at the last meeting I think it would be

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a calamity at the present time for you to withdraw from the presidency. It is probable that the work of the fund will not have progressed beyond the stage where it will be necessary for its friends to express themselves similarly a year hence. I certainly do not intend to become a party to a by-law which would render your retirement obligatory. Further, we may have an energetic and capable honorary secretary. Such a man is not easy to find and certainly if he has been secured his services should be retained. The amendment proposed is that after the words "two consecutive years" there should be added "except with the unanimous consent of the council."

5. Please pardon me for having written you at some length but I thought it will to supplement what may be addressed to you by Dr. Abbott.

Yours faithfully,



E. H. Scammell,  
Assistant Deputy Minister.

General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,  
Principal,  
McGill University,  
Montreal, P.Q.



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DOMINION SECRETARY-TREASURER

P. O. BOX 1382, MONTREAL

June 20th 1924

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

McGill University  
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur,

In view of the existing Postal Strike, which no doubt you concur in, is little short of a national calamity the consequences of which it is difficult to foretell, I feel it behooves everybody who can, to assist the Authorities to maintain such an important Public Utility, and therefore with your kind permission, I am quite prepared to place myself and services voluntarily and without remuneration at the disposal of the Postal Authorities.

Your kind advice in this connection to ATLANTIC 4753 any time after 5.P.M. today (as I shall be out this afternoon) will be appreciated.

I have the honour to be

Dear Sir,

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer  
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P. O. BOX 1382, MONTREAL

June 27th 1924

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

Dear Sir Arthur,

I am in receipt of your favour of the 24th with enclosures for which I thank you.

I note your wishes in regard to the revision of By-Laws and will act in accordance therewith immediately.

I will advise the other members you have appointed, and (are prepared to) in accordance with your desire, and as soon as we meet will let you have due notice thereof.

Believe me, Dear Sir,  
most respectfully

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer  
Last Post Fund.

June 11th, 1924.

Dr. Albert H. Abbott,  
410 Sherbourne Street,  
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir:-

At the request of Sir Arthur  
Currie I am enclosing herewith copy of the Proposed  
By-Laws for the Last Post Fund.

Will you please look them over  
and let him know if they meet your approval.

Yours faithfully,

Principal's Secretary.

**DOCKET STARTS:**

PRICE \ ABBOTT



PRINCIPAL AND VICE-CHANCELLOR:  
SIR ARTHUR W. CURRIE, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.

FROM  
THE PRINCIPAL AND VICE-CHANCELLOR,  
MCGILL UNIVERSITY,  
MONTREAL.

July 11th, 1924.

Colonel Basil Price,  
C/o. Elmhurst Dairy,  
Montreal West, Que.

Dear Sir:-

At Sir Arthur Currie's request  
I am enclosing herewith letter received from Dr.  
Abbott with reference to the proposed new by-laws  
for the Last Post Fund.

Before a meeting is held Dr.  
Abbott's proposals should be considered.

I would be glad if you would  
return the letter and enclosures to me.

Yours faithfully,

*Margaret M. Chesley*

For the Principal.

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Sir Arthur W. Currie,  
Principal and Vice-Chancellor,  
McGill University,  
Montreal, Que.

My dear Sir Arthur:

I return herewith copy of the proposed By-laws for the Last Post Fund, so kindly sent me on the 11th instant. You will note that I have suggested several changes.

The change in Section 4, I do not regard as vital, neither do I see any objection to it. It simply puts the Quebec Provincial Branch on the same basis as all the other branches so far as direct representation on the Dominion Council is concerned, and thereby tends to avoid a question. The Quebec Provincial Branch can provide that their President, for example, shall be ex-officio a Director, if they wish.

The change in Section 5 will I think appeal to you at once.

I thoroughly agree with Mr. Scammell - he has sent me a copy of his letter of the 20th instant - with regard to Section 6 and can see no possible reason why the holding of proxies should be limited to Trustees.

I should like to see Section 8 eliminated, not because I fear so much what the Trustees may or may not do but because I do not agree with the principle, especially following the provisions of Section 7.

I have suggested a change in Section 9 which I think will tend to clear up a point which may very well arise. For example, we are often asked here to look after the funeral arrangements for a family where they are paying all the expenses. While we naturally recommend that they shall conform to the arrangements which we ordinarily make, I can see no reason why they might not incur additional expense if they so desire.

*NA in*  
*OK*  
*OK*  
*NA in*

Sir Arthur W. Currie.....2

In Section 10 I agree entirely with what Mr. Scammell says in his letter of the 20th instant. There is also another side to this, which he does not mention. There can be no question about the Fund wishing to retain the services of Mr. Hair as Secretary-Treasurer and there is no special reason why he should be elected as a Director. That is, in other words, it is an open vote and he would be elected only if a sufficient number voted for him. This By-law in effect makes it practically obligatory on the members to vote for Mr. Hair, and if I were in his position, I should certainly not approve of it. He is in a very much better position in every way if he is regarded as a paid official. His influence will not be less and his position is thereby safeguarded. You will note that I suggest a special by-law regarding the Secretary-Treasurer to follow By-law No. 10.

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I agree also with Mr. Scammell, and would certainly not be a party to providing that any officer must retire in two years. It seems to me that the clause I have suggested will cover the matter satisfactorily.

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In Section 11, you will notice that a slight change has been made in the breaking up of the section into clauses; otherwise the addition to the phrase "A" (1) gives the Trustees power to operate the Bank Account as they wish, which is, I think, desirable. The addition of the clause in paragraph "B" regarding the Women's Auxiliary, does not change the intention in the slightest but does limit its power to make by-laws to its own explicit work.

In Section 15, I think ~~xxxx~~ the change I have suggested regarding "Subscribers" is necessary as a subscriber who does not wish to become a member, will certainly object to the term "fee" in connection with his contribution.

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With these suggestions, I approve of the By-laws suggested.

Yours faithfully,

*Albert H. Abbott*  
General Secretary.

AHA/EFM.

**DOCKET ENDS:**

PRICE \ ABBOTT

July 12th, 1924.

Rev. G. C. Owen,  
809, London Building,  
Vancouver, B. C.

My dear Reverend Owen:-

Long ago I should have acknowledged your letter of May 12th and thank you for the sentiments therein expressed.

I assure you I am very happy to be associated with the Last Post Fund organization believing that it has done and will continue to do a splendid work. We have had a few difficulties in connection with the Headquarters organization, but I think these have at last been ironed out. Only by fair dealing, loyalty and enthusiasm can we make a success of the organization.

I hope that it will be my good fortune to visit British Columbia some time in the not too distant future and that I shall have the pleasure of seeing you then.

Yours faithfully,



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MONTREAL - P.O. BOX 1382

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Pemberton Smith  
A. H. D. Hair  
Albert H. Abbott [Ontario]  
Lt.-Col. H. F. Osler [Manitoba]  
Howard Stutchbury [Alberta]  
Colonel H. St. J. Montizambert [B. C.]

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#### Auditors:

George Durnford & Co., Montreal.

#### Funeral Directors:

Joseph C. Wray & Bro., Montreal.

### BRITISH COLUMBIA BRANCH,

809, London Building,  
Vancouver, B.C.

12th May, 1924.

General Sir Arthur Currie,  
TORONTO, Ont.

Dear Sir Arthur,

I have been asked by our Committee to express to you their appreciation of your consent to act again as President of the Last Post Fund of Canada.

We fully realise how much your name and standing mean to a cause like ours, and we feel you are truly in sympathy with our work.

It gives me great pleasure to convey to you this expression of our Committee's appreciation.

Yours very truly,

*C. C. Owen*

Hon. Secretary.  
B. C. Branch.

**DOCKET STARTS:**

SCAMMELL

"No one who has given his services for the defence of his Country should be buried as a pauper"

# Last Post Fund

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PHONE RANDOLPH 7466

TORONTO,

July 16th, 1924

Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., LL.D.,  
President of the Dominion Executive,  
Last Post Fund Incorporated,  
Montreal, Que.

Dear Sir Arthur:

The Executive Committee of our Branch recently considered it desirable, in the interests of the Fund and for the purpose of securing further members and subscribers, to issue a general statement of our work from its inception. We, therefore, sent some particulars to the local Press, copy of which I enclose.

Accompanying this statement is the enclosed letter from our President, which, with a personal letter, I am sending to our supporters, to the ministers who have conducted our burial services, and to many of the friends of the deceased - some of whom we think should contribute to our Fund. I am also sending the President's letter and accompanying press statement to the Clerks of over 200 Municipalities in Ontario, who have agreed to act for us in their various districts.

By this means, we are seeking to keep the claims of the Fund before the public, preparatory to our proposed Provincial-wide appeal, for which also we have deemed it wise to await the issue of the new Rules and Regulations, which are being considered by your Committee. Further, we hope, with your kind help, to secure the support of our Lieutenant-Governor and the Premier of the Province.

As you will see from the Press statement, the authorities of the Mount Hope (Roman Catholic) Cemetery, have kindly granted us a section in their cemetery for burial purposes. This has been mainly done through our Trustee, Mr. W.T. Kernahan.

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The number of cases dealt with by the Branch during the three months ending June 30th are as follows: - Toronto 14, Hamilton 2, Kingston (Napanee) 1, Niagara Falls (Ont.) 1, and Warren, Ohio 1--- total 16. We have had no report from London, our sub-branch. The Forms B, relating to these cases are enclosed. We have also been gratuitously concerned in an Ottawa case and in one or two other advisory cases.

The work we have been called upon to undertake for the dependents has been considerable, and fully confirms the statement of Mr. Hair at the starting of our Branch as to the value of the Fund and to the community. For these efforts we have received many grateful acknowledgments from dependents in the old country as well as in Canada.

I understand that the question is being considered by the authorities at Ottawa as to what, if any, arrangements can be made for co-operation between Canada and the United States, for dealing with cases of interment in the two countries.

We are hoping to receive our portion of the Government grant very shortly as, for the moment, our commitments are beyond our Bank balance at the end of June.

I am, dear Sir Arthur,

Your obedient servant,

*E. T. Scammell,*

Secretary-Treasurer,  
Ontario Provincial Headquarters,  
Last Post Fund Incorporated.

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TORONTO, July 7th, 1924

Dear Sir:

A short time ago the enclosed statement, dealing with the work of the Last Post Fund, appeared in the Toronto Press, in which you will note the extent of the work done by the Fund during the last year and a half. Since that summary appeared, five more cases have been dealt with in Toronto and three others have to be added, two for Ottawa and one for Milton, bringing up the present total to one hundred. Among the latest Toronto cases is that of a nurse who had served in the American Legion in the Great War. She was Canadian born, but her family had been long settled in the States. The Fund had been desired, through the Canadian and American Red Cross Societies, to undertake the interment for sympathetic reasons, which it was glad to be able to do. This is the first case of the interment of an Ex-Service woman by the Fund.

You may be interested to know that, in addition to the work of interment, the Fund concerns itself in other duties. Distant relatives when necessary are communicated with and many matters affecting the welfare of the dependents are dealt with, such as questions of pension, insurance, etc., in dealing with which the Civil and Military authorities have often to be consulted. This constitutes a very important and needful part of the duties undertaken by the Fund.

The work of the Fund is largely voluntary. Ontario receives a yearly Government grant of \$3,570.00, on a basis of 42% of the amount allocated for the whole Dominion. This is quite inadequate now, and will be more so as the Fund becomes better known. An appeal must therefore be made to our friends who believe, with us, that no ex-service man or woman should be buried in a pauper's grave. For this purpose we venture to solicit your personal sympathy and support.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

**GOOD WORK REPORTED  
BY LAST POST FUND**

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A meeting of the executive of the Ontario Branch of the Last Post Fund was held at the office of the President, John A. Cooper, Lumsden Building, yesterday, at which Secretary-Treasurer E. T. Scammell reported that the number of funerals of ex-service men undertaken by the Ontario Branch of the fund from December, 1922, had been seventy-eight, consisting of fifty for Toronto, seven for Ottawa, six for Hamilton, four for London, two for Welland, and one each for Belleville, Brockville, Chapleau, Kingston, Niagara Falls, Picton, St. Catharines, Sudbury, and, by arrangement with the American Red Cross, a Toronto case in Warren, Ohio. In addition, there were fourteen cases of reimbursement. The total number of cases dealt with up to the present day therefore is ninety-two, irrespective of a number of others in which the fund had given advice and assistance to the friends of the deceased—sometimes involving temporary financial responsibility.

It was further reported that the trustees of the Toronto Burying Grounds had kindly offered to set aside a small portion of land in Section 10, immediately to the east of the veterans' section in Prospect Cemetery, for the burial of any soldier or sailor not eligible for interment in that section. The authorities of the Mount Hope Cemetery have also apportioned a small area in their cemetery for the purposes of the fund. Subscriptions to aid the fund may be sent to the President, or the Secretary-Treasurer, 2 Hampton Court, 21 Avenue Road, Toronto.

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## The Last Post Fund

The Unique History of an Organization that  
now Seeks to be Nation-wide in its Scope

By E. T. Scammell, F.R.G.S., etc.

### THE STORY OF ITS RISE

THE story of the rise of the Last Post Fund is one of pathetic interest. In December, 1908, a man was brought to the General Hospital in Montreal, who had been found lying unconscious in a neighboring street. The case was regarded as an ordinary "drunk" and was dealt with in the usual way. But the general works manager of the Hospital, Mr. Hair, who had seen the man as he was being removed to the room set apart for such cases, was doubtful as to the complaint, and he, therefore, went to see into it for himself. As he could detect no smell of drink, he called the Doctor's attention to him, and he was removed to one of the wards for further examination and treatment. The efforts made to restore him, however, were useless, and, after two days of unconsciousness, he died. On examining his clothes they found a red handkerchief in which were a few crusts of bread and some papers. From the latter they discovered that the poor fellow was one John Daly, who had been a private in the 2nd Dragoon Guards and had been discharged with a "V. G." character for 21 years' service. As Mr. Hair was himself an ex-Service man and had served in the British Army his sympathies were naturally aroused, and he reflected that a man of the character and service of this John Daly should not be buried as a "pauper whom nobody owns." He, therefore, sought the aid of a local society of which he was a member. But as poor Daly was unknown to them and was not on their list, they, as a Society, could do nothing in the case. This did not satisfy Mr. Hair, however, who thereupon told the story to a few sympathetic friends and ultimately succeeded in having the starved ex-Service man buried with military honors.

### THE AIMS OF THE FUND

From this simple circumstance the Last Post Fund arose. Mr. Hair having secured the kindly help of Canon Almond, so well known for his beneficent work amongst the poor and neglected of Montreal, and a few other sympathizers, started the movement, which, by a happy inspiration and at Mr. Hair's suggestion, was

termed "The Last Post Fund," the objects of which broadened out, ultimately, into the following "Purposes":

(1) "To give honorable sepulture to any ex-service members of the Empire's Naval, Military and Air Forces, who might at death be in destitute circumstances, friendless, indigent, or likely to become a public charge, thus treating their remains with dignity and gratitude."

(2) "To act on behalf of the deceased in cases of abandonment, through friendlessness, destitution or indigency at death."

(3) "To claim the mortal remains of such as aforementioned in conformity with the laws, Federal, Provincial or Municipal, existing in that behalf."

### THE GOVERNMENT'S APPROVAL

The Fund, started 13 years ago, operated only in Montreal until recently, when, after approaching the Authorities at Ottawa on the subject by frequent deputations and by laying before them certain facts and figures in regard to the probable number of cases of the kind that would require to be dealt with after the Great War, the Directors succeeded in securing approval of the general proposal, and some financial assistance towards establishing a National Institution on Provincial lines.

### ITS WORK IN MONTREAL

During the first year three ex-Service men, who had died in indigent circumstances in Montreal were buried by the Fund. These were followed by others at an average rate of over twenty per annum, making a total to date of nearly 300 cases in that City alone. For the furtherance of this excellent work, the Fund acquired two plots of ground, contiguous to each other, the one in the Mount Royal Cemetery for Protestants, and the other in the adjoining Cote de Neige Cemetery for Catholics. Recently a unique Monument has been erected, one half of which is in each Cemetery, on which is recorded the fact that those who lie there, in the last long sleep, had done their part in the defence of their country. The unveiling of this Monument, which took place on Sunday, the 5th November last, was the occasion of a memorable gathering in which various creeds and classes represented in Canada and which included dependants of a number of the deceased men united to do honor to the memory of the men who, in their life time, had served the State but now rested from their labors. Besides burying their dead, however, the Fund has rendered further service to the near and distant relatives of the men, by giving information as to the fact, the sepulture, and, in not a few cases, by securing financial aid for those of the dependants, who were in circumstances of poverty and distress.

### THE START IN TORONTO

I CAME to know something of the work of the Fund in Montreal in 1912, on the occasion of a visit from the old country, in connection with the Naval and Military Emigration League, which I had been the means of forming, under the Presidency of the late Lord Roberts, and of which the then Governor-General, H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught, was Patron. So that, when I came to Canada as a resident last year, I purposed taking the opportunity, should I be visiting Montreal, of enquiring into the progress of the Fund. My intention, however, was anticipated by a call from Mr. Hair, a few weeks ago, who had come to Toronto as the Organizing Secretary of the National Movement, to start a Headquarters' Branch in Ontario. Mr. Hair, remembering my interest in his work, strongly urged me to take the position of Provincial Secretary. His appeal being confirmed by a number of the gentlemen who had agreed to support the proposal to form a Provincial Branch, I agreed to undertake the duty in the discharge of which I am glad to avail myself of the opportunity of giving some account of the work already done by the Fund and of seeking the support of the readers of this excellent Journal.

### AN EXAMPLE TO THE EMPIRE

In regard to the sub-title of this article, its justification lies in the fact that the founders of the Last Post Fund, by establishing that Organization have set an example to the Empire, for, in the United Kingdom and the other Dominions no provision is made for the interment of the friendless or indigent ex-Service man, who happens to die in those countries. His remains, therefore, find their last resting place in a pauper's grave or are passed on to the Hospitals' School of Anatomy. It is well to note, in this connection that the Government of the United States takes a different course for, to quote a statement of the U. S. Government: "No American soldier is permitted to reach a pauper's grave, if request be made for interment at the State's expense, and even provision for the wife of a deceased soldier is made, on her decease, to be buried with her husband." The American Government assumes full and adequate responsibilities for obituaries in the case of enlisted men and officers, and in the case of honorably discharged men in indigent circumstances at death. The respective States Governments make an allowance of from \$25.00 to \$75.00 for funeral expenses, and grave accommodation is given in the nearest Military Cemetery." It may well be asked, in view of this statement why does not the Canadian Government undertake a similar duty? The answer is, that it does so, in the case of men who are on the Pensions Roll,

the work in connection with which is well done in this Province by the Soldiers' Aid Commission. But that Organization cannot deal with the cases of discharged men not on the Roll. Efforts however, have been continually made by the Fund to secure the support of the Dominion Government, as I have shown, and the subject having now been considered by the Department concerned, the Government has agreed to contribute \$10,000.00, for organization and burial purposes, up to the end of 1923, and if satisfied with the work of the Fund, it will continue the grant yearly for burial purposes. This amount is to be distributed pro rata among the various Provinces, 42% of which will be available for the Province of Ontario. Should the Authorities of the various Provinces, therefore with the aid of private sympathisers, take a practical interest in the movement, the reproach which has hitherto rested on the Dominion with regard to the treatment of cases of the kind will be removed and an example set, which other parts of the Empire may well follow.

### HOW PEOPLE MAY HELP

If any readers of this article are desirous of helping this philanthropic and needed work by contributing to its funds—as Life Members, by the donation of \$100.00, or as Active Members, at \$5.00 per annum—I shall be glad to hear from them at the Provincial Office of the Fund, 583 Church Street Toronto (North 7466). Enquiries may also be addressed to Dr. A. H. Abbott of the Red Cross Society, or to Mr. J. Warwick, of the Soldiers' Aid Commission, who are kindly rendering voluntary assistance to the Fund.

### SOME LEADERS OF THE MOVEMENT

The Patron-in-Chief of the National Fund is H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught, and the Hon. President is His Excellency, the Governor-General, Lord Byng of Vimy. Among the Toronto supporters are the Mayor of the City, the Archbishop of Toronto, the Bishop of Toronto, the Rev. Canon Cody, the Rev. Dr. G. C. Pidgeon, the Rev. Dr. T. Albert Moore, the Rev. W. A. Cameron, Sir Edmund Walker, Sir William Mulock, Sir Robert Falconer, Colonel the Hon. D. Carmichael, M.P.P., General H. A. Panet, Brig.-Gen. John A. Gunn, Brig.-Gen. C. H. Mitchell, and other leading officers and gentlemen of that City.

## NATIONAL OFFICERS OF THE LAST POST FUND

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GOVERNOR GENERAL OF CANADA

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### PRESIDENT

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CAPTAIN J. T. WALSH, R. N. R.

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### EXECUTIVE ORGANIZING SECRETARY

ARTHUR H. D. HAIR  
BOX 1382 - - MONTREAL

**DOCKET ENDS:**

SCAMMELL

**DOCKET STARTS:**

ABBOTT / HAIR

July 18th, 1924.

Dr. Albert H. Abbott,  
410 Sherbourne Street,  
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Dr. Abbott:-

We had a meeting of the Last  
Post Fund By-laws Committee, which had made a new  
draft of by-laws.

I am sending you herewith a  
copy which will show you the changes now made.  
Your clause regarding the Secretary is put in at  
the end of By-law No.3, and I think you will find  
that all your proposals have been properly looked  
after. Perhaps you would not mind returning me  
this draft and I will replace it as soon as I  
obtain a fair copy.

Yours faithfully,



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

## "LEST WE FORGET"

DOMINION SECRETARY-TREASURER

P. O. BOX 1382, MONTREAL

July 18th 1924

Colonel Wilfred Bovey  
Assistant Principal  
McGill University  
Montreal.

Dear Sir,

I have today sent forward to Colonel C.B. Price (Chairman) a re-draft of the basis of proposed revision of By-Laws discussed by the Committee in session on Wednesday for him to check with the copy marked by Mr F.R. Thom, and presumably as soon as he has had time to check it, he will forward it to Sir Arthur Currie.

I am taking this opportunity to enclose herewith the letter and papers from Dr Abbott you desired returned - for the loan of which I thank you.

I think, if Sir Arthur is satisfied with the draft prepared, there ought to be no difficulty in getting it through, and the sooner the better.

Adverting to the proposed visit to the various military Burial Reservations - which I know you will agree have an element of interest as well as sorrow - I should like to take you the round which will include Fort Chambly, Delorimier Avenue, St Helen's Island, and Mount Royal, therefore perhaps a Sunday or Holiday would be most convenient to suit the arrangements of yourself and Colonel Price. I would thank you to discuss a suitable date with Colonel Price, and on advice from you will make the necessary arrangements.

With kind regards.

Believe me, faithfully

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer  
Last Post Fund, of Canada

*P.S. I enclose  
copy of re-draft  
for your personal  
advice. AH.*

PROPOSED BY - J. J. J.

LAST POST FUND OF CANADA

MEMBERSHIP

The following shall be members of the Corporation entitled to vote and eligible for office:

ACTIVE MEMBERS. shall be those who have been duly elected by any Branch and paid a fee of \$5.00 per calendar year. If any member shall not have paid such fee on or before April 1st, he shall cease to be a member, but may by re-payment of his fee be re-elected in the same Branch.

Proposed addition to the 'Purpose' of the Fund as set out in the Dominion Charter

LIFE MEMBERS shall be those who have subscribed a fee of \$100.00

ASSOCIATE

3a --- To interest itself in the restitution, marking, and care of neglected and forgotten graves of deceased naval and military persons and generally interest itself in all matters affecting naval and military obsequies throughout the Dominion of Canada. Any person who has subscribed \$1.00 or less shall not be entitled to vote, or be eligible for office.

GOVERNING  
BOUNCE

2. The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by a Dominion Council consisting of

PROPOSED BY-LAWS

LAST POST FUND, OF CANADA

MEMBERSHIP

1. The following shall be members of the Corporation entitled to vote and eligible for office:-

ACTIVE MEMBERS, shall be those who have been duly elected by any Branch and paid a fee of \$5.00 per calendar year. If any member shall not have paid such fee on or before April 1st, he shall cease to be a member, but may by resolution of the Branch Executive or Dominion Council be re-instated on payment of his fee.

LIFE MEMBERS, shall be those who have subscribed a fee of \$100.00

ASSOCIATE

MEMBERS, shall be those who have subscribed \$1.00, or less than \$5.00 per year to the funds of the corporation, but shall not be entitled to vote, or be eligible for office.

HONORARY

MEMBERS, or Patrons, elected by the Dominion Council or any Branch, shall not be entitled to vote, or be eligible for office.

GOVERNING COUNCIL

2. The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by a Dominion Council consisting of:-

- (a) Three Charter Trustees
(b) Fifteen Directors

OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL

3. The Officers shall be chosen by the Council from among the Directors as follows:-

- President
Two Vice Presidents

These Officers shall not hold office for more than two consecutive years, except with the unanimous consent of the Dominion Council, but any, or all of these Officers at the expiration of one year after vacating office, may be re-elected.

A Secretary-Treasurer shall be appointed by the Dominion Council, who shall be paid such salary as the Council may determine. It shall be the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer to keep the Books and Records of the Corporation, to conduct all correspondence, to act as Secretary at all meetings and to carry on such other work as the Council may from time to time direct. The Secretary-Treasurer may be a Director.

CHARTER

TRUSTEES

4. The first (Charter) Trustees shall be, Brig-Gen. O.J. Armstrong, C.B., C.M.G. Colonel the Rev. J.M. Almond, C.B.E., C.M.G. and Commander J.T. Walsh R.N.R. who shall hold office during life or until resignation. They shall have no personal responsibility for any debt or liabilities of the corporation.

PROXY

Vacancies among the Charter Trustees shall be filled by nomination of the Trustees vacating office by will, or otherwise, or in default of such nomination by the remaining Trustees. If a Director is appointed a Trustee he will cease to be a Director.

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RECORDS

5. The Directors shall be elected at the annual general meeting of the corporation, by ballot, from among the duly qualified members of the same, and in the following ratio:-

Seven shall comprise one representative nominated respectively from each of the Provinces other than the Province of Quebec, except Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, which Provinces shall be represented together by one Director between them.

Seven shall be residents of the Province of Quebec.

One shall be a representative of the Government Department from which the annual Grant is made, and he shall be elected de facto.

Directors will retire annually automatically each year, but are eligible for re-election, and no Director shall vacate office until the Directorate for the ensuing year has been duly elected. Vacancies occurring during the year in the Directorate shall be filled by the remaining members of the Council at any of their meetings.

6. Nominations for Directors by those qualified to vote will commence on March 15th of each year, and must be in the hands of the Secretary-Treasurer not later than April 5th, on the expiry of which date the list will be closed. The consent of the Nominees in writing, and of the Provincial Branch where they are resident must be forwarded with the nomination. Should insufficient names be received by April 5th for the number of Directors required the Council will be empowered to complete the deficiency only.

7. The Dominion Council shall have the authority to enact all regulations necessary or desirable for the proper conduct of the affairs of the corporation, and shall notify the same as requisite, to all concerned.

8. Meetings of the Council may be called at any time by the President or Secretary. Special General Meetings may be called by the President or Secretary at any time, and shall also be called by the Secretary on the written request of any Trustee, member of the Council, or any five members but only that business for which the special meeting is called may be dealt with thereat. One months notice in writing shall be given for all General meetings, and the Annual General Meeting shall be held during the third week of the month of April.

9. The conduct and powers of meetings of the Council and of general meetings shall be respectively those of meetings of Shareholders of a Commercial Company incorporated under the Dominion Companies Act (Canada) except as herein or by law otherwise provided.

10. Three members shall constitute a quorum of the Council, and fifteen members, that of a General or Annual Meeting.

11. Only those Directors representing Provinces other than Quebec, may vote by proxy.

12. The funds of the Dominion Headquarters shall be deposited in a Chartered Bank subject to the conditions required by such Bank in certification of the names and authority of such officers of the corporation as the Council may designate to represent the corporation in negotiation with such Bank.

BANKING & FINANCING

12. The administration expenses of Dominion Headquarters shall be liquidated by a prorata deduction from the annual government grant, on the basis of Provincial distribution thereof.

SIGNING OF CHEQUES & OFFICIAL INSTRUMENTS.

13. All cheques or instruments issued at Headquarters must be signed by the President and Secretary-Treasurer in company with such other officers of the corporation as shall be named in resolution.

AUDIT

14. At the annual general meeting there shall be appointed as Auditor, a Chartered Accountant, who shall annually make report of his findings to the Council, in time for the annual meeting.

WITHDRAWAL OF MEMBERS

15. Any member may withdraw from the corporation on giving written intimation to the corporation of desire to do so.

REMOVAL OF OFFICERS

16. Any Officer of the corporation, may be suspended or expelled therefrom, for reasonable cause.

SEAL OF THE CORPORATION

17. The Seal of the Corporation shall be of such design as the Dominion Council approves of in resolution, and shall be kept in the custody of the Secretary-Treasurer who shall affix it to all instruments issued by the corporation and signed by the authorized officials.

BRANCHES

FORMATION OF PROVINCIAL OR DISTRICT BRANCHES

18. Organization of Provincial or District Branches of the corporation may be effected through application to the Dominion Council, which application shall be in the form and in the manner prescribed by the Council, and shall include the names of three proposed Trustees.

Application for organization of District Branches must be made through, and be approved by the Provincial Branch. Should the application be granted, the proposed Branch will be given a Sub-Charter, and forthwith shall become responsible for carrying out the objects of the corporation within its allotted district, provided that the Bank account of any and each Branch shall be in the name of the Corporation, and that no Branch may in any way engage the credit of the corporation as a whole; and further: that its local regulations regarding interments shall only be effective upon a resolution of the Dominion Council approving the same.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES

19. A Women's Auxiliary may be formed by any Branch and may make such By-Laws and regulations as it deems necessary.

VACANCIES IN BRANCH TRUSTEESHIP

20. Vacancies amongst the Trustees of a Branch shall be filled by the Dominion Council on nomination of the Branch.

RECORDS & BRANCH RETURNS TO HEADQUARTERS

21. All Provincial and District Branches must keep similar books and Registers to those kept at Headquarters and must on due date, make Quarterly and Annual returns to Dominion Headquarters on the Forms, and in the manner prescribed by the Dominion Council.

BRANCH AUTONOMY

22. Branches may make regulations adaptable to their local conditions, but not contrary in principle to the Constitution and By-Laws of the corporation.

Proposed By-Laws cont'd

PROVINCIAL &  
DISTRICT BRANCH  
RELATIONSHIP

23. Provincial Headquarters Branches to whom allotment of the Federal Grant is made by Dominion Headquarters must assist therefrom District Branches within their Province, in proportion to the work accomplished by such District Branch or Branches. District Branches subsequent to the granting to them of Sub-Charter by the Dominion Headquarters will make the required returns to Dominion Headquarters through their respective Provincial Headquarters Branch.

NOTICES TO BRANCHES

24. After the formation of any Branch, all notices herein provided to be given by the Secretary, shall be sufficiently given, if given to the Secretary of such Branch who shall transmit the said notices to the members within one week after their receipt by him, but his failure to transmit any notice shall not invalidate the procedure at a meeting of the corporation.

REVOCAION OF  
SUB-CHARTER

25. Any Sub-Charter granted by Dominion Headquarters of the corporation may be revoked by resolution of the Dominion Council, for cause.

DISQUALIFICATION  
FOR CAUSE

26. No Branch of the Society shall be under obligation to provide burial for any person whom the Officers consider unworthy of such honour, it being the primary and specific object of this Society's existence to accord honour in death to whom honour is due.

PERPETUAL CARE  
& MARKING OF  
GRAVES

27. All graves bought by the corporation or its Branches (wherever possible) must be such as are under perpetual care of the Cemetery Authorities, and every grave must be marked within six months after interment by whichever Branch is responsible therefor, with a Memorial Marker, the design, material, and maximum cost of which must be as consistent as possible with the standard set by the Council in its regulations.

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28. Branches already formed, shall be deemed to have been formed subject to these By-Laws and shall continue to operate thereunder.

REPEAL OF  
PREVIOUS BY-LAWS

29. All previous By-Laws of this Corporation as revised in 1921, are forthwith repealed.

AMENDMENT OF  
BY-LAWS.

30. These By-Laws may be amended by a two thirds vote of the members of a Dominion Council meeting specially called for that purpose, provided notice of the proposed amendment or amendments is given to the members of the Council at least one month in advance, but such variation or amendment shall not be in force or acted upon until the approval of the Secretary of State of Canada has been obtained.

**DOCKET ENDS:**

ABBOTT / HAIR



# Last Post Fund

(PROV. QUEBEC 1909)

(INCORPORATED)

(FEDERAL 1921)

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## "LEST WE FORGET"

DOMINION SECRETARY-TREASURER

P. O. BOX 1382, MONTREAL

July 19th 1924

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

President - L.P.F. of C.  
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur,

I am just in receipt of the Quarterly Report from Ontario accompanied by a communication addressed to you personally which I enclose herewith for your advice.

I am also in receipt of advice from the D.S.C.R. at Ottawa that the cheque for the 1924-5 appropriation to this work will be forwarded to us within the next day or so.

I have no doubt you will hear from Colonel Price within the next few days in connection with the revision of By-Laws, as the Committee you appointed met on the 16th inst, and the result of its deliberations have been submitted to Colonel Price (Chairman) to forward its recommendations to you.

Believe me, Dear Sir,  
most respectfully

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer  
Last Post Fund, of Canada

July 21st, 1924.

E. T. Scammell, Esq.,  
2 Hampton Court,  
21 Avenir Road,  
Toronto, Ont.

My dear Mr. Scammell:-

I am this morning in receipt  
of a communication from Mr. Hair enclosing your  
letter to me of July 16th.

I thank you for this statement  
of your activities and of your plans for further  
enlistment of public support. I am quite sure that  
under the enthusiastic direction of yourself, Cooper  
and Abbott your efforts will be entirely successful.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

July 21st, 1924.

Arthur H. D. Hair, Esq.,  
P. O. Box 1382,  
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Hair:-

July 18th.

I beg to thank you for your

I have not yet received the  
report from Colonel Price, but will deal with it  
immediately on its arrival.

Yours faithfully,

**DOCKET STARTS:**

ABBOTT



PRINCIPAL AND VICE-CHANCELLOR:  
SIR ARTHUR W. CURRIE, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.

FROM  
THE PRINCIPAL AND VICE-CHANCELLOR,  
MCGILL UNIVERSITY,  
MONTREAL.

July 18th, 1924.

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Dr. Albert H. Abbott,  
410 Sherbourne Street,  
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Dr. Abbott:-

We had a meeting of the Last  
Post Fund By-laws Committee, which had made a new  
draft of by-laws.

I am sending you herewith a  
copy which will show you the changes now made.  
Your clause regarding the Secretary is put in at  
the end of By-law No.3, and I think you will find  
that all your proposals have been properly looked  
after. Perhaps you would not mind returning me  
this draft and I will replace it as soon as I  
obtain a fair copy.

Yours faithfully,

*Arthur W. Currie*

*This letter followed me  
to Georgian Bay & back  
to Toronto. Hence the  
delay in returning the  
draft Bylaws. Will get a  
workable set of Bylaws soon  
if reasonableness prevails.*

PROPOSED BY-LAWS - Continued  
PROPOSED BY-LAWS

LAST POST FUND

SEE REVERSE FOR NOTATIONS

1. The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a Dominion Council consisting of:-
  - (a) Three Trustees
  - (b) Sixteen Directors
2. The first (Charter) Trustees shall be Brigadier-General C.J. Armstrong C.B., C.M.G., Colonel the Rev. J.M. Almond C.M.G., C.B.E. and Commander J.T. Walsh R.N.R.; who shall hold office during life or until resignation. They shall have no personal responsibility for any debt or liabilities of the corporation.
3. Vacancies among the Trustees shall be filled by nomination of the Trustee vacating office, by will or otherwise, or in default of such nomination, by the remaining Trustees. If a Director is appointed a Trustee he shall cease to be a Director.
4. The Directors shall be elected at the annual general meeting of the corporation, from among the duly qualified members of the same, eight Directors shall be residents of the Province of Quebec, one each shall be elected from members resident in each of the other Provinces, except that Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island shall be represented together by one Director; one Director shall be a member of the staff of that Government department most closely connected with the fund. Vacancies ~~arising~~ during the year shall be filled by the remaining members of the Council at any meeting.
5. The annual general meeting shall be held during the third week of the month of April in each year. Annual and special general meetings may be called by the Secretary or President at any time on giving one month's notice in writing, and shall be called by the Secretary on the written request of any trustee, member of the Council, or any five members.
6. Meetings of the Council may be called at any time by the President or Secretary. A Director may appoint a Trustee as his proxy and may instruct such proxy how to vote on his behalf. \* Five members of the Council shall constitute a quorum.
7. The conduct and powers of meetings of the Council and of general meetings shall be respectively those of meetings of Boards of Directors and of meetings of Shareholders of a Commercial Company incorporated under the Dominion Companies Act (Canada) except as herein or by law otherwise provided.
8. No By-Law or resolution shall have any force or effect unless or until approved in writing by at least two of the (Charter) Trustees.

PROPOSED BY-LAWS - Continued

8. The Council shall have the authority to enact all regulations necessary or desirable for the proper conduct of the affairs of the corporation and shall notify the same as requisite to all concerned. Such regulation shall provide that the cost of each interment shall not exceed \$100. and that each grave must be clearly marked.

3. 10. The officers shall be chosen by the Council from among the Directors as follows:

President  
Two Vice Presidents  
Honorary Secretary  
Secretary-Treasurer

With the exception of the Secretary-Treasurer no officer shall hold office for more than two ~~years~~ consecutive years, but at the expiration of one year after vacating office may be re-elected.

17. 11. The members resident in any Province may make application in writing to the Dominion Council for the formation of a Provincial Branch. This application shall be in the form specified by the council and shall in any case include the names of three proposed Trustees, and on resolution of the Dominion Council approving the formation of such Branch and appointing such Trustees, the said Branch shall be responsible for carrying out the objects of the corporation within the said Province, provided that the Bank account of each Branch shall be in the name of one or more such trustees, and that no Branch may in any way engage the credit of the corporation as a whole, and that its regulations regarding interment shall only be effective upon a resolution of the Dominion Council approving the same.

Each Provincial Branch shall elect the following officers

President  
(Vice President or Presidents)  
Secretary  
Treasurer

18. A Women's Auxiliary may be formed by any Branch and may make such By-Laws and regulations as it deems necessary. X Vacancies among the Trustees of a Branch shall be filled by the Dominion Council on nomination of the Branch.

21. After the formation of a Branch all notices herein provided to be given by the Secretary shall be sufficiently given if given to the Secretary of such Branch who shall transmit the said notice to the members within one week after their receipt by him, but his failure to transmit any notice shall not invalidate the procedure at a meeting of the corporation.

21. 12. The Branches already formed shall be deemed to have been formed subject to the By-Law and shall continue to operate thereunder.

22. 12a. The Quebec Branch shall have an Executive Committee consisting of the members of the Dominion Council resident in the Province of Quebec which Committee shall elect from its own numbers the officers of the Quebec Branch and that the Charter Trustees shall be the Trustees of the Quebec Branch.

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13. 13. The funds of the Dominion Council shall be deposited in a Chartered Bank or Banks, and all cheques or other instruments shall be signed by at least two trustees as well as by such officers of the corporation as may be named by resolution.

PROPOSED BY-LAWS - Continued

14. The following shall be members of the corporation entitled to vote and eligible for office:-

Active members shall be those who have been duly elected by any Branch and paid a fee of \$5.00 per calendar year. If any member shall not have paid such fee on or before April 1st he shall cease to be a member but may, by resolution of the Branch H.Q. or Dominion ~~Headquarters~~ Council be reinstated on payment of his fee.

Life Members, shall be those who have subscribed a fee of \$100.00.

The following shall be members of the corporation, but shall not be entitled to vote and shall not be eligible for office:-

Honorary Members, or Patrons, elected by the Dominion Council or any Branch.

Subscribers, who shall have subscribed and paid a fee of \$1.00 or more per year.

14. By-Laws numbered 1, 2, 3, & 4, shall become effective forthwith, and the balance as they may be approved or amended by the Dominion Council which shall also have authority to amend By-Laws 1, 2, 3, & 4, and all By-Laws so enacted approved or amended shall be binding and effective until the next annual general meeting.



# Last Post Fund

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DOMINION SECRETARY-TREASURER

P. O. BOX 1382, MONTREAL

July 11th 1924

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

McGill University  
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur,

The Committee you named to deal with the By-Law revision met informally to discuss a basis of consideration thereof, and time and place therefor.

I am deputed by Colonel C.B. Price (Chairman) to say we would like to convene formally, either Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday, the 16th, 17th, or 18th of this month, if either of these dates would be suitable to your convenience.

I am further deputed to inquire if you would kindly consent to lunch with Colonel Price and the Committee at the United Service Club, at 12.45 mid-day on either of these dates, subsequent to which we would discuss the revision on the basis of the two drafts herewith submitted, viz:— (1) your own, and (2) a modification thereof. I am also enclosing a complete set of our Forms, and a booklet of Regulations for guidance in connection therewith, for your advice.

Thanking you in anticipation.

I have the honour to be

Dear Sir,

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer  
Last Post Fund, of Canada

LAST POST FUND

MEMBERSHIP 1.

The following shall be members of the Corporation entitled to vote and eligible for office:-

ACTIVE MEMBERS, shall be those who have been duly elected by any Branch and paid a fee of \$5.00 per calendar year. If any member shall not have paid such fee on or before April 1st he shall cease to be a member but may by resolution of the Branch Executive or Dominion Council be re-instated on payment of his fee.

LIFE MEMBERS, shall be those who have subscribed a fee of \$100.00

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS, shall be those who have subscribed \$1.00 or less than \$5.00 per year to the funds of the corporation, but shall not be entitled to vote, or be eligible for office.

HONORARY MEMBERS, or Patrons, elected by the Dominion Council or any Branch, shall not be entitled to vote, or be eligible for office.

NOMINATIONS

GOVERNING COUNCIL

2. The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by a Dominion Council consisting of:-

- (a) Three Charter Trustees
(b) Fifteen Directors

COUNCIL'S OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL

3. The officers shall be chosen by the Council from among the Directors as follows:-

- President
Two Vice Presidents
[Secretary-Treasurer]

except with the unanimous consent of the council

[With the exception of the Secretary-Treasurer, no officer shall hold office for more than two consecutive years but at the expiration of one year after vacating office may be re-elected.]

Abbott's change re Secretary

CHARTER TRUSTEES

4. The first (Charter) Trustees shall be Brigadier-General C.J. Armstrong, C.B., C.M.G., Colonel the Rev. J.M. Almond C.M.G., C.B. and Commander J.T. Walsh R.N.R., who shall hold office during life or until resignation. They shall have no personal responsibility for any debt or liabilities of the corporation.

Vacancies among the Charter Trustees shall be filled by nomination of the Trustee vacating office, by will or otherwise, or in default of such nomination, by the remaining Trustees. If a Director is appointed a Trustee, he shall cease to be a Director.

CHARTER TRUSTEES FUNCTIONS

5. The Charter Trustees shall hold in trust for the corporation, all monies and property of the corporation. They shall appoint the Branch Trustees, and issue Sub-Charters on the formation of Branches, and no By-Law or Regulation shall have any force or effect unless or until approved in writing by at least two of the three Charter Trustees.

All cheques or instruments issued at Headquarters must be signed by at least two of the three Charter Trustees in company with such other Officers of the corporation as shall be named in resolution. (Bank by law)

The President and Treasurer

PROPOSED BY-LAWS - Continued

THE DIRECTORATE

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6. The Directors shall be elected at the annual general meeting of the corporation by ballot from among the duly qualified members of the same and in the following ratio:-

- 7. shall comprise, one representative nominated respectively from each of the Provinces other than Quebec, except Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island which provinces shall be represented together by one Director between them.
- 7. shall be residents of the Province of Quebec.
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7. shall be residents of the Province of Quebec.

1. shall be a representative of the Federal Government Department from which the annual grant is made, and he shall be elected de facto.

Directors will retire automatically each year, but are eligible for re-election, and no Director shall vacate office until the Directorate for the ensuing year has been duly elected. Vacancies occurring during the year in the Directorate shall be filled by the remaining members of the Council at any of their meetings

NOMINATIONS

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7. Nominations for Directors by those qualified to vote, will commence on March 15th of each year, and must be in the hands of the Secretary-Treasurer not later than April 5th on the expiry of which date the list will be closed. The consent of nominees must be obtained before any name is submitted by a member. Should insufficient names be received by April 5th for the number of Directors required the Council will be empowered to complete the deficiency only.

COUNCIL'S

FUNCTIONS

(9)

8. The Dominion Council shall have the authority to enact all regulations necessary or desirable for the proper conduct of the affairs of the corporation and shall notify the same as requisite to all concerned.

MEETINGS:-

- COUNCIL
- SPECIAL
- ANNUAL

? One month notice

9. Meetings of the Council may be called at any time by the President or Secretary. Special General Meetings may be called by the President or Secretary at any time ~~on giving one month's notice in writing~~, and shall also be called by the Secretary on the written request of any trustee, member of the Council, or any five members, but only that business for which the special meeting is called may be dealt with thereat. The annual general meeting shall be held during the third week of the month of April. One month's notice in writing shall be given for all general meetings.

DEFINITION OF  
COUNCIL &  
GENERAL  
MEETINGS

10. The conduct and powers of meetings of the Council and of General Meetings shall be respectively:-

- (a) Those powers of meetings of Boards of Directors (7)
- (b) Those powers of meetings of Shareholders

of a Commercial Company as set forth under the Dominion Companies Act (Canada)

QUORUM

11. ~~Three~~ Five members shall constitute a Quorum of the Council and fifteen members that of a General or annual meeting.

PROXY

12. Only those Directors representing Provinces other than Quebec may vote by proxy.

BANKING &  
FINANCING

13. The funds of the Dominion Headquarters shall be deposited in a Chartered Bank, and the administration expenses thereof shall be liquidated by a pro rata deduction from the annual government grant on the basis of Provincial distribution thereof.

TITLES

WITHDRAWAL OF  
MEMBERS

14. Any member may withdraw from the corporation on giving written intimation to the President of desire to do so.

REMOVAL OF  
OFFICERS

15. Any officer of the corporation may be suspended or expelled therefrom for just and reasonable cause.

PROPOSED BY-LAWS - Continued

16. The Seal of the Corporation shall be of such design as the Dominion Council approves of in resolution, and shall be kept in the custody of the Secretary-Treasurer, who shall affix it to all instruments issued by the corporation and signed by the authorized officials.

17. Organization of Provincial or District Branches of the Corporation may be effected through application to the Dominion Council.

\* be under any obligation to provide burial for any person whom the officers consider unworthy of such honour.

DISQUALIFICATION FOR CRIME

19a It being the primary and specific object of this Society's existence to accord honour in death to whom honour is due, no Branch of this Society shall recognize application for interment of one whom it is known at death was either under conviction or awaiting conviction for criminal cause.

MEASURE OF LOCAL AUTONOMY

19b. Branches may make regulations adaptable to their local conditions, but not contrary in principle to the Constitution and By-Laws of this corporation.

PERPETUAL CARE OF GRAVES AND MARKING THEREOF

19c All graves bought by the corporation or its Branches (wherever possible) must be such as are under perpetual care of the Cemetery Authorities, and every grave must be marked within six months of interment by whichever Branch is responsible therefor, with a Memorial Marker, the design, material, and maximum cost of which must be as consistent as possible with the standard set by the corporation in Form "A.A.A." its regulations council

REVOCAION OF SUB-CHARTER

21a Any Sub-Charter granted by the Dominion Headquarters of the corporation may be revoked by resolution of the Dominion Council, for cause.

0-23 REPEAL OF PREVIOUS BY-LAWS

\* All previous By-Laws of this corporation, as revised in 1921 are forthwith repealed and become null and void; in substitution of which the herein contained revision and draft shall be effective on approval of the Secretary of State of Canada.

PROPOSED BY-LAWS - Continued

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17. Organization of Provincial or District Branches of the corporation may be effected through application to the Dominion Council, which application shall be on the form and in the manner prescribed by the Council, and shall include the names of three proposed Trustees. Should the application be granted, the proposed Branch will be given a Sub-Charter, and forthwith shall become responsible for carrying out the objects of the corporation within its allotted district, provided that the Bank account of each Branch shall be in the name of one or more of the local Trustees and that no Branch may in any way engage the credit of the corporation as a whole, and further, that its local regulations regarding <sup>interment</sup> ~~burial~~ shall only be effective upon a resolution of the Dominion Council approving the same.

18. Vacancies amongst the Trustees of a Branch shall be filled by the Dominion Council on nomination of the Branch.

19. All Provincial and District Branches must keep similar books and registers to those kept at Headquarters and must on due date, make Quarterly and Annual returns to Dominion Headquarters on the forms and in the manner prescribed by the Dominion Council, ~~failure in which will tend to retard remittance to Provincial Headquarters of their proportion of the Federal Grant.~~

20. Provincial Headquarter Branches to whom allotment of the Federal Grant is made by Dominion Headquarters must assist therefrom District Branches within their Province in proportion to the work accomplished by such District Branch or Branches. District Branches, subsequent to the granting to them of Sub-Charter by Dominion Headquarters, will make the required returns to Dominion Headquarters through their respective Provincial Headquarters Branch.

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22. The Quebec Provincial Branch ~~shall~~ <sup>may</sup> have an Executive Committee composed of those members of the Dominion Council resident in the Province of Quebec, which Committee shall elect from its own numbers <sup>may</sup> ~~shall~~ be the Trustees of the Quebec Branch.

23. ~~These~~ <sup>X</sup> By-Laws may be amended by a two thirds vote of the members of a Dominion Council meeting specially called for that purpose, providing notice of the proposed amendment or amendments is given to the members of the Council at least one month in advance, but such variation or amendment shall not be in force or acted upon until the approval of the Secretary of State of Canada has been obtained.

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Notations:-

17. The names of three proposed Trustees shall be given a Sub-Charter, and forthwith shall become responsible for carrying out the objects of the Corporation within its allotted district, provided that the Bank account of each Branch shall be in the name of one or more of the local Trustees and that no Branch may in any way engage the credit of the Corporation as a whole, and further, that its local regulations regarding collection shall only be effective upon a resolution of the Dominion Council approving the same.

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DOMINION SECRETARY-TREASURER

P. O. BOX 1382, MONTREAL

July 19th 1924

General, Sir Arthur Currie  
G.C.M.G., K.C.B., L.L.D.  
President, - Last Post Fund, of Canada  
McGill University  
Montreal. P.Q.

Dear Sir Arthur,

I beg to report that the Committee on revision of the By-Laws of "Last Post Fund" appointed by you on June 24th as follows, viz:-

A.H.D. Hair  
Col. Basil Price  
Mr Thom

met on Wednesday July 16th - Colonel W. Bovey being present - and after due and careful deliberation, your Committee respectfully begs to submit the enclosed draft of proposed By-Laws together with a supplementary draft of an additional clause in the Constitution.

Your Committee further desires to recommend a very early convention of a Special General Meeting to pass upon the suggestions herewith submitted, and to apply to Ottawa for Supplementary Letters Patent in connection with the endorsement and confirmation thereof.

The foregoing is submitted on behalf of the Committee on revision of By-Laws.

Faithfully

*B. B. Price*  
Chairman.

July 28th, 1924.

A.H.D.Hair, Esq.,  
2372 Park Avenue,  
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Hair:-

Replying to your letter of to-day's date I hereby authorise you to pay to the Provincial Headquarters of the Last Post Fund the amounts as set forth in the receipts attached to your letter, namely,-

British Columbia	\$425.
Alberta	297.50
Quebec	552.50
Ontario	1785.

With reference to this last amount your letter of July 22nd intimated that Ontario's share should be \$1875. I am wondering if there has not been a slight transposition of figures.

With reference to the Saskatchewan grant, send them 50% of the total or \$255., and at the same time say to them that I was asking for their report but that you were unable to give it to me and ask them to please forward it.

Yours faithfully,



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**"LEST WE FORGET"**

DOMINION SECRETARY-TREASURER

P. O. BOX 1382, MONTREAL

July 28th 1924

General, Sir Arthur Currie  
G.C.M.G., K.C.B., L.L.D.  
President  
Last Post Fund, of Canada  
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur,

May I direct your kind attention to the fact that while you authorised payment of the accounts I sent forward in mine of the 22nd inst I have no instructions from you in reference to the matter of remittances to Provincial Headquarters mentioned in that communication.

I therefore enclose herewith, blank receipts made out for the respective Provincial Headquarters who have complied with the regulation regarding Quarterly Reports of their work, and one for Saskatchewan with note attached.

Thanking you in anticipation of your authorisation.

I have the honour to be,  
respectfully

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer  
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July 29th 1924

General, Sir Arthur Currie  
G.C.M.G., K.C.B., L.L.D.  
President - Last Post Fund of Canada  
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur,

Thank you for your favour of the 28th with instructions regarding payments to Branches.

I note your comment with regard to my error in the transposition of figures in the case of Ontario, which I regret, and thank you for directing my attention to it.

In following your instructions regarding Saskatchewan, I will transmit their reply on receipt thereof.

Believe me, faithfully

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer  
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DOMINION SECRETARY-TREASURER

P. O. BOX 1382, MONTREAL

August 26th 1924

General, Sir Arthur Currie  
G.C.M.G., K.C.B., J.L.D.  
President - Last Post Fund, of Canada  
McGill University - Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur,

Would you be kind enough to authorise payment of the enclosed accounts payable, and oblige.

I would direct your attention to the fact that the account from the Witness Press is for work done for us which we did not have completed, and which, through the courtesy of the Witness Press Management has been held over since April last though it represents labour paid for by them, less the stock which they have deleted from their quotation, but which we were really committed to by acceptance of the quotation. I would therefore respectfully recommend its liquidation.

Our present financial condition, is as follows:-

Dominion Bank account			\$7,128.78
Prov. " "		\$908.79	
Collectable	\$85.00		
" "	22.13	107.13	\$1,015.92

I know you have been extremely pre-occupied with various matters of importance which no doubt has prevented your giving the subject of the By-Law amendment, your kind attention, but perhaps I may be permitted to suggest that in view of the months notice necessary for their discussion, it might be as well not to let the calling of that General Meeting go too far into the coming Autumn?

With respectful regards.

Believe me, Dear Sir,  
most respectfully

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer  
Last Post Fund, of Canada

### ACCOUNTS AUTHORISED FOR PAYMENT

(Provincial)	J.C. Wray	\$143.00	
	Mt R. Cem. Coy	10.00	
	Bell Tel. Coy	5.13	
	Constable Dicaire	5.00	\$163.13
(Dominion)	Witness Press	\$ 39.38	

September 3rd, 1924.

Arthur H. D. Hair, Esq.,  
P. O. Box 1382,  
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Hair:-

I am returning herewith  
accounts duly authorized by General Currie,  
as requested in your letter of August 26th.  
The delay was occasioned by his absence from  
the City.

Regarding the calling of  
the General Meeting, I believe Sir Arthur has  
already written you that he thought the meeting  
should be called some time during the autumn  
after due notice.

Yours faithfully,

Principal's Secretary.

September 5th, 1924.

Arthur H. D. Hair, Esq.,  
P. O. Box 1382,  
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Hair:-

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 5th and am enclosing the accounts there referred to with payment duly authorized. Regarding the case of Stevenson I approve of the action taken.

As to a Provincial Executive meeting I would suggest that you call it some evening the latter part of next week, with the exception of Wednesday, October 10th.

Yours faithfully,

Headquarters Military District No.4.  
50 Bishop Street,  
Montreal. Que.

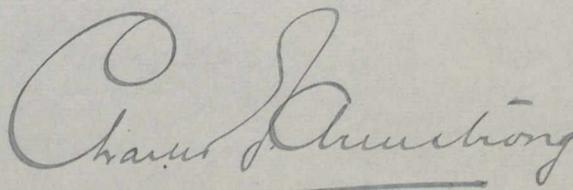
September 18/1924.

General Sir Arthur Currie,  
G.C.M.G., K.C.B., L.L.D.  
President Last Post Fund,  
Mc. Gill University,  
Montreal. Que.

My Dear General, -

In reply to your letter of  
September 15/1924, with reference to  
headstones, Military Cemetery, Papineau  
Avenue, Montreal, I beg to inform you  
that this matter will be gone into  
immediately and that every endeavour  
will be made to carry out the wishes of the  
Society.

Yours sincerely,

  
Charles D. Armstrong

September 19th, 1924.

E. T. Scammell, Esq., F.R.G.S.,  
2 Hampton Court,  
21 Avenue Road, Toronto.

My dear Mr. Scammell:-

I have not answered your letter of the 9th of September earlier because I was waiting for an opportunity to see the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario. I spoke to him at a meeting of the Bank of Montreal this morning and received from him an assurance that he would do all in his power to assist the Last Post Fund. He asked me to make it very clear to you that your desire to have his patronage was never brought to his personal attention. I am quite sure if you approach him again that you will receive from him a very satisfactory answer.

Regarding my attendance at a meeting in Toronto, I fear this would be impossible because I have already outlined an unusually busy fall. The matter of calling the meeting for the final consideration of the by-laws is being attended to by Mr. Hair.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

# DOCKET STARTS:

COCKSHUTT / SCAMMELL

September 19th, 1924.

Hon. H. Cockshutt,  
Lieutenant-Governor Province of Ontario,  
Government House,  
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Cockshutt:-

This is but a brief note to remind you of our conversation at the Bank meeting this morning with reference to the Last Post Fund.

I have written to Mr. Scammell, the Secretary-Treasurer for Ontario, giving him the assurance that you will lend what assistance is in your power to the interest of this fund. I am taking the liberty of enclosing a circular letter sent out by the President of the Ontario Branch.

Let me, as Dominion President, thank you most sincerely for your kind promise to me this morning.

Yours faithfully,

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PHONE RANDOLPH 7466

TORONTO,

Sept. 9/24

Dear Sir Arthur, On the occasion of the recent  
meeting <sup>here</sup> in connection with the League of Nations  
Society, you kindly promised to do what you could  
to secure the support <sup>of our</sup> of the Genl. Governors for the  
Last Post Fund, and, also, to consider favourably the  
question <sup>yourself</sup> of attending a Public Meeting, which may be  
convened in the Autumn, to start our proposed Provincial  
Campaign in the interests of the Fund. You told me  
to remind you of our interview, which I now venture  
to do.

It may be of service to you, in bringing the  
claims of the Fund to the attention of Mr. Cockburn, to  
have before you the enclosed letter from Col. J.A. Cooper,  
with accompanying particulars, which will show the  
useful & needed work in which we are engaged.

I may say that your presence at the proposed  
meeting would ensure its success, as it would enable  
us to secure the interest of the Military & Naval authorities  
& Societies here, which, at present is not of a very cordial  
and practical character. This is doubtless due, in a  
large measure, to our inaction in bringing the subject, in

a more prominent & public manner, before the people,  
for which we have been waiting the aid & countenance  
of the Hon. Governor.

In order to make our appeal effective, it is  
desirable that the amended <sup>& simplified</sup> Rules, which have been  
under your consideration and that of your Committee,  
should be completed and issued. On this matter,  
I am writing Mr. Stair.

I am, dear Sir Arthur,

Yours respectfully & sincerely

E. T. Deane

General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., &c.

Montreal.

**DOCKET ENDS:**

COCKSHUTT / SCAMMELL

C O P Y

H. St. J. Montizambert  
M.E.I.C.  
J.M. Rolston  
M.E.I.C.  
B.C.L.S.

908 Standard Bank Building  
VANCOUVER. B.C.

September 30th 1924.

A.H.D. Hair Esqr

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer, Last Post Fund  
P.O. Box 1382, Montreal.

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed Quarterly Return Form "D" as to this date.

We are looking after our Province to the best of our ability, and I think we are very fortunate in having the untiring work of Major Owen, Major Tupper, and Mrs Barnes in connection with our Association and who are mainly responsible for our success. We have at present twenty life members, who promptly came to our assistance when called upon; these original members have paid \$50.00 this year and will pay the balance next year. We have also some twenty active members, and will increase this number from time to time. I beg to enclose the list of our members to date.

We propose to subscribe \$100.00 a year to the Returned Soldiers Burying Ground to help to have our graves looked after: I think we mentioned before that our graves are free in this Cemetery.

The Returned Soldiers Burying Ground is looking very well and is well kept up; as you know it was donated free from the City on condition it was looked after by that Committee and we are therefore fortunate in being able to get our graves free from them.

With the subscriptions of our Life Members we propose to create an endowment fund, the interest on which will be used, together with the subscriptions from Active members and grants, for the expenses of this Branch.

We have already purchased Victory Bonds to the extent of \$750 and with the subscriptions of future Life Members and the final instalments payable by present members on their subscriptions, we hope to materially increase this investment.

With good wishes.

I remain yours truly

(sgd) H. St. J. Montizambert  
Chairman, Last Post Fund in B.C.

B.C. Provincial Headquarters L.P.F. of C.

LIFE MEMBERS

1.	Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, 525 Seymour Street, City	\$50.00
2.	Maj. Gen. Stewart	100.00
3.	Maj. Gen. McRae Can. Western Lumber Coy	50.00
4.	Lt-Col. Victor Spencer, David Spencer Ltd City	50.00
5.	F.L. Beecher, 198 Hastings Street W. City	100.00
6.	E.P. Davis K.C. London Building City	50.00
7.	A.J. Buttiner, 1201 Pendrall Street, City	50.00
8.	Bell Irving Esqr, H.B. Irving & Coy	50.00
9.	H. St J. Montizambert	50.00
10.	E.W. Hamber Esqr, Hastings Mill	50.00
11.	E.J. McFeely Esqr McLennan & McFeely	50.00
12.	A. Houstoun, McLennan & McFeely	50.00
13.	The Hon. Justice Morrison	50.00
14.	George Kidd Esqr B.C.E. Ry Coy	50.00
15.	F.M. Kelly Esqr - Kelly Douglas & Coy	50.00
16.	W. Fordham Johnson B.C. Sugar Refinery	50.00
17.	J.P.D. Malkin Esqr - Malkin & Coy Ltd	50.00
18.	H.T. Lockyer Esqr - Hudson Bay Coy	50.00
19.	M. Henry Leggat - The Crescent	50.00
20.	Fredk Buscombe New Westminster	50.00
21.	Clarence Wallace Esqr, North Vancouver	50.00
22.	Brig-Gen. V.A. Clark D.S.O.	50.00
23.	Mr Justice W.A. Macdonald	50.00

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ACTIVE MEMBERS

1.	Major-Gen. Ross G.O.C. M.D. II.
2.	F.W. Peters Esqr Gen. Supt. C.P.R.
3.	Brig-Gen. Duff Stewart
4.	Lt-Col. Tobin
5.	Lt-Col. W.W. Foster
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15.	Brig-Gen. Odlum
16.	Lt-Col. Kirkpatrick
17.	Brig-Gen. R.P. Clark
18.	Major R. Tupper

- 1. Capt G. H. Pitt - R.C.F.
- 2. Plt W F. Fitzgerald 7<sup>th</sup> Balm
- 3. " Henry Kerr 54<sup>th</sup> Balm
- 4. Sgt Robert Stewart - 244<sup>th</sup> Balm



### LAST POST FUND OF CANADA

#### QUARTERLY RETURN.

From Provincial Headquarters, Branches, or Official Representatives in unorganized districts.

From the city, or town of **Vancouver**.....  
 Military District, No .. **11**.....  
 Province of .. **British Columbia**.....  
 Date, .. **3rd October**, .....19. **24**....

1. How many funerals have taken place in your district during the Quarter just ended, under your direction? ..... **Three** ..... **for quarter ended 30th September, 1924**.....
2. Have Memorial Markers been placed on all graves?.... **Yes, except for those recently buried.**
3. How many remain without Markers?.....which are they? (give a supplementary list) with your commentary in connection therewith.)
4. Do the attached Forms "B" (and "C" if any) represent all cases that have occurred in your district during the last Quarter ..... **Yes**.....
5. What is the present membership of your Branch?... **23 Life Members... 18 Active Members.**
6. Do you know of any locality where another Branch of this Fund is likely to form, if given encouragement to?.....if so, where?.....
7. During the Quarter just ended, have you inspected the work and contracts entered into by the Fund in your district, and satisfied yourself that they are being effected faithfully?.....
8. Have you had any attempt at imposition, and how did you deal with it?.....
9. Have you had any complaints, or compliments regarding the work of the Fund?.....  
 .....  
 (if necessary, give a supplementary report.)
10. What is the present financial condition of your Branch, giving active assets and liabilities?  
 Bills Payable \$ **178.50**                      Bills Receivable \$    -                      Bank Balance \$ **466.36**
11. Are your members active and appreciative of the Cause they represent?.....
12. Have you managed to organize an annual "COMMEMORATION DAY" in your district?.....
13. What financial results have you had therefrom?.....

(Stamp or seal)

*R. H. Zuppen*  
 Provincial (or Branch) Secretary, or District Representative.

Hon. Treasurer.  
 B.C. Branch.

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PHONE RANDOLPH 7466

TORONTO,

1007 Lumsden Bldg.,  
Oct. 6, 1924.

Sir Arthur Currie,  
McGill College,  
Montreal, Que.

My dear Sir Arthur:

Carrying out your order of September 22nd (?)

I have the honour to report that we have received a letter from  
Col. Alex. Fraser, official Secretary of the Lieutenant-Governor,  
which reads as follows:

"In reply to your letters of the 24th and 30th ult.,  
the Lieutenant-Governor desires me to say that he  
will be pleased to become a patron of the "Last Post"  
Fund, as suggested, and he sends herewith a cheque  
for Ten Dollars (\$10) towards the Fund."

For your information.

JAC/C



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ARTHUR H. D. HAIR

DOMINION SECRETARY - TREASURER

P. O. BOX 1382, MONTREAL

October 6th 1924

General Sir Arthur Currie  
G.C.M.G., K.C.B., L.L.D.  
President  
Last Post Fund, of Canada

Dear Sir Arthur,

I beg to remind you of the special object of the General Meeting tomorrow evening at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, viz:—enactment of By-Laws, and to say that the proposed draft as far as I can judge meets with general approval, and should not involve much time in passing.

I also enclose memorandum of the Agenda for the Council meeting, together with my interim report, for your advance advice.

The letter addressed to yourself in my care arrived last evening.

Believe me, Dear Sir,  
most respectfully

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer

Last Post Fund, of Canada

**H. B. Bagshaw**  
BARRISTER AND SOLICITOR  
REGINA - CANADA

October 10th, 1924.

Lieutenant-General Sir Arthur W. Currie,  
K. C. B.,  
Montreal, Quebec.

Dear General:

At the request of Colonel McAra, President of the Saskatchewan Command of the G. W. V. A., I am writing to you for the purpose of obtaining a contribution from you to our Year Book.

Each year we publish a Year Book and distribute approximately four thousand copies throughout the Province. In the past we have dealt with the various problems that confront the soldiers, and have endeavoured to explain to them the regulations governing pensions and the manner in which treatment is obtained under the S. C. R., and the rules and regulations of the Soldier Settlement Board, and we have generally reported on the activities of the Association throughout the Province and explained the work of the Federal Command of the G. W. V. A. This year we hope to make the book more interesting, as a great many of the problems have been settled and, aside from the pensions, there is very little adjustment work devolving on the Association. I feel sure that an article by you, on whatever topic you would care to treat of, would be a valuable contribution and would be well received by the Boys.

As you are doubtless aware, the state of the returned men in this Province has been happier than that of men in other Provinces, and this is due largely to the fact that Saskatchewan, being an agricultural Province without any large centres, has not attracted the large number of returned men whose vocations take them to Cities, consequently the unemployment problem has not been difficult to handle, and there has been very little trouble experienced here.

Colonel McAra has been President from the beginning of the Association and this in itself indicates the close cooperation that has subsisted since the War between the officers and men. At one time, out of an Executive of eleven in Regina, there were two Colonels, two Majors, three Captains and a Lieutenant, representing the Boys, so that the best of feeling has prevailed, and I think there is a much healthier tone now throughout the whole Dominion, although, of course, the membership in the organization has been

**H. B. Bagshaw**  
BARRISTER AND SOLICITOR  
REGINA - CANADA

October 10th, 1924.

Lt.-Gen. Sir A. W. Currie. # 2.

greatly reduced. Perhaps the time is coming when it will be possible to re-organize the various organizations of ex-service men into one group, in which the true spirit of fraternity will dominate.

Trusting that you will be able to send us something at your earliest convenience, and with very best wishes to yourself and Lady Currie, in which Mrs. Bagshaw joins, I beg to remain,

Yours very sincerely,

*H. B. Bagshaw*

FBE/S



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DOMINION SECRETARY-TREASURER

P. O. BOX 1382, MONTREAL

October 11th 1924

General, Sir Arthur Currie  
President  
Last Post Fund, of Canada

Dear Sir Arthur,

I am recently in receipt of two items of particular interest from our respective Ontario and British Columbia Prov. Hqrs, which I know you will be pleased to be advised of, viz:- firstly, Mr Scammell of Toronto reports that through your kind representations, His Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario, has conferred his patronage on the Fund and become personally a member of the Ontario Branch. Secondly, I am in receipt of a very encouraging communication and report from Colonel H. St. J. Montizambert of Vancouver B.C. indicating a very active interest there in connection with our Cause, by the most representative people of that locality, complete copy of which I am sending you for advice, and I would take the liberty to suggest that a word of appreciation from you Sir to that Branch, would assuredly enhance and inspire them in the good beginning they have made.

I would like your permission Sir, to call a Provincial Executive Meeting to deal with routine requirements on the 17th (next Friday) of this month, if you have no objection.

I would also ask your consideration of convening a 'Council' Meeting immediately after the adjournment of the 'General' meeting on Nov. 7th as some of the members of the council from out of town would no doubt prefer to meet then, than come back soon afterwards, and we should not take long to get through with the object of the 'General' meeting.

Awaiting your instructions.

Believe me, Dear Sir,

Faithfully

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer  
Last Post Fund, of Canada

October 13th, 1924.

H. St.J. Montizambert, Esq.,  
808 Standard Bank Building,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Montizambert:-

Mr. Hair has passed on to me your letter of September 30th and I write at once to offer my congratulations to you on the fine measure of success which you are having in gaining support in Vancouver for the Last Post Fund. I believe that as the years go on and as the public appreciate better what our organization stands for their support will be more freely given.

With kindest personal wishes to yourself, to Major Owen, and the best of good luck for the Fund, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

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TORONTO, October 16th, 1924.

Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., L.L.D.,  
President of the Dominion Executive,  
Last Post Fund Incorporated,  
MONTREAL, Quebec.

Dear Sir Arthur:

I beg to enclose the Quarterly Return from the Ontario Branch of the Last Post Fund for September 30th, 1924, with accompanying note.

At a Meeting of our Executive held on Friday last, the report of your kind and successful effort in securing the patronage of His Honor, the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario was received with much satisfaction and with grateful appreciation of the service you had rendered.

We are now in a position to prepare for our Ontario Provincial Appeal in connection with which we hope to deal with the London Branch and to enlarge our operations in Hamilton, Kingston and Ottawa.

Dr. Abbott, the Chairman of our Executive, will represent us at the forthcoming Council Meeting at Montreal, when we hope the revised By-laws will be adopted.

I am, dear Sir Arthur,

Yours sincerely,

E. T. Scammell,

Secretary-Treasurer  
Ontario Provincial Headquarters  
Last Post Fund Incorporated.



# LAST POST FUND OF CANADA

## QUARTERLY RETURN.

From Provincial Headquarters, Branches, or Official Representatives in unorganized districts.

From the city, or town of... Toronto.....

Military District, No s. 1, 2, and 3.....

Province of ... Ontario.....

Date, ... September 30th 19 24.....

1. How many funerals have taken place in your district during the Quarter just ended, under your direction? ..... Toronto 9, Hamilton 1, Port Hope 1.....
2. Have Memorial Markers been placed on all graves?..... One, See note.....
3. How many remain without Markers?..... which are they? (give a supplementary list) with your commentary in connection therewith.) ..... See note
4. Do the attached Forms "B" (and "C" if any) represent all cases that have occurred in your district during the last Quarter .....
5. What is the present membership of your Branch?..... 69.....
6. Do you know of any locality where another Branch of this Fund is likely to form, if given encouragement to?..... if so, where?..... See note
7. During the Quarter just ended, have you inspected the work and contracts entered into by the Fund in your district, and satisfied yourself that they are being effected faithfully?.....
8. Have you had any attempt at imposition, and how did you deal with it?.....
9. Have you had any complaints, or compliments regarding the work of the Fund?.....  
..... Many Thanks and compliments  
(if necessary, give a supplementary report.)
10. What is the present financial condition of your Branch, giving active assets and liabilities?  
Bills Payable \$ 536.81                      Bills Receivable \$                      Bank Balance \$ 1385.40
11. Are your members active and appreciative of the Cause they represent?..... See note.....
12. Have you managed to organize an annual "COMMEMORATION DAY" in your district?..... No.....
13. What financial results have you had therefrom?.....

(Stamp or seal)

(sgd) E.T. Scammell  
Provincial (or Branch) Secretary, or District Representative.

NOTES ON FORM "D" FOR SEPTEMBER 30th, 1924

No.'s on Form "D"

- 1 & 4        The number of cases given for Toronto (9) includes four cases for which no Forms "B" are provided, as two of these cases are in part re-imburements and the costs of the other two have been met by relatives of the deceased.
- 2 & 3        The question of Markers is still under consideration, as the Trustees of the Prospect Cemetery, Toronto, where most of our interments take place, provide Markers for the lettering of which suitable arrangements will be made. The placing of Markers on graves outside Toronto is also receiving attention and will be dealt with in connection with the contemplated Provincial Movement. The Marker referred to in the Return is that erected by Robt. J. Reid, Undertaker in Kingston, over the grave of J. B. Shea in the Cataraqui Cemetery and is according to Form A.A.A.
- 6            The enquiry as to Branches will be considered in relation to the proposal to form Committees in the various Municipalities, which, in our opinion, may prove a better method of carrying on the work of the Fund in the Province outside Toronto.
- 11          It is hoped that our proposed Provincial Appeal will materially increase the interest taken in the Fund by our members, particularly by the ladies. We have secured the support of a number of local Chapters of the I.O.D.E.



# Last Post Fund

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DOMINION SECRETARY-TREASURER

P. O. BOX 1382, MONTREAL

December 2nd 1924

General, Sir Arthur Currie  
G.C.M.G., K.C.B., LL.D.  
McGill University  
City

Dear Sir Arthur,

In compliance with your suggestion of yesterday, I interviewed Mr Cunningham with the result set forth in a communication he addressed to me, and copy of which I attach herewith for your advice.

Some of our members who are also connected with the I.O.D.E. felt that the amount of the donation might have been increased somewhat this year in view of the net increased amount they will have for distribution, though I feel sure this opinion is voiced with the fullest appreciation and gratitude for that which has been donated to us.

I understand the joint I.O.D.E. and Veterans Alliance Executives are meeting on Thursday afternoon next for the final arrangements of distribution.

Faithfully

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer  
Last Post Fund, of Canada

C O P Y

DOMINION VETERANS' ALLIANCE  
Provincial Council of Quebec

248 St James Street  
Montreal

December 1st 1924

A.H.D. Hair  
Secretary  
Last Post Fund  
Montreal.

Dear Sir,

Referring to our conversation this morning I hereby confirm the information I then gave you, namely that at a recent meeting of the Dominion Veterans' Alliance it was resolved that a donation of \$500.00 be made to the Last Post Fund from the proceeds of this year's Poppy Day Campaign.

Yours faithfully

(sgd) Sidney D. Cunningham  
Secy-Treas.