

FILE 141

LAST POST

FUND



REGULATIONS

Governing

The Quebec Provincial Headquarters

of

LAST POST FUND

(Incorp'd)

AMENDMENTS --Dominion By-Laws

By-Law 3 has been duly amended by adding thereto the following paragraph: (Auth. Dept. Secretary of State 14-1-26):

"The President, or in his absence, a Vice President, shall preside at meetings of the Corporations and of the Council. In their absence, a meeting of the Corporation or of the Council shall elect a Chairman for such meeting. The President shall have the general power and duties of supervision and management of the affairs of the Corporation. In the absence or inability of the President, a Vice President shall perform his duties."

By-Law 15 was revoked and replaced as follows (Auth. Dept. Secretary of State 14-1-26):

"15. All cheques or instruments issued at Headquarters must be signed by the President, or Vice President, or a Director, and the Secretary-Treasurer, and be countersigned by any one of the three Charter Trustees of the Corporation."



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REPUTATION

POST OFFICE

Membership

1. Associate Members shall pay one Dollar a year in advance. Active Members shall pay \$5.00 a year in advance. Life Members shall pay \$100.00 without further dues (which payment, if desired, may be extended over five years). Active and Life Members only, shall be entitled to vote, and must be proposed and seconded by two members in good standing, for election to membership.

If any member shall not have paid their fee (or instalment of fee) on or before the 31st of March of each year they shall cease to be a member, but may, by resolution of the Branch Executive, be reinstated on payment of their fee or instalment of fee.

Executive
Committee and
Officers

2. There shall an Executive Committee of the Quebec Provincial Headquarters, which shall consist of the Charter Trustees, and those seven Directors elected annually to the Dominion Council from the Province of Quebec, who from their own number shall elect a President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer. The aforementioned Executive Committee shall be empowered to do all and any things necessary in the Province of Quebec, for the proper administration of the Branch affairs, and not contrary to the provisions of the Dominion By-Laws of the Last Post Fund.

Officers'
Duties

3. The duties of the Officers shall be all those customarily performed in their respective offices, and the Secretary-Treasurer may receive

such remuneration for his services as the Executive Committee may determine.

Nomination of Quebec Directors 4. Nomination of the seven Quebec Provincial Directors constituting the Executive Committee (with the Charter Trustees) of the Quebec Provincial Headquarters, shall be in accordance with the provisions of Dominion By-Law 7.

Meetings and Quorums 5. During the months of September to May inclusive, Executive Meetings will be called monthly to deal with Executive and routine matters, and only in the case of emergency, during the other three months of the year. Special General Meetings may be called by the President or any ten members, by giving ten clear days notice in advance thereof. Three members (one of whom must be an Officer) will constitute a Quorum for Executive meetings, and sixteen members (of which, two must be officers) will constitute a Quorum for a Special General Meeting.

Annual Meeting and Election of Officers 6. The annual meeting for the reception of Reports and for the election of the President, Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer, will be held on the same date as that of the Dominion Headquarters and immediately subsequent thereto.

Grounds Committee 7. A representative "Grounds Committee" of six will be appointed by the Executive Committee from the general membership of the Branch at the annual meeting who shall

serve for one year under a Chairman appointed from their own number by themselves. The main functions of the "Grounds Committee" shall be:—

- (a) Supervising the work, and making recommendations to the Executive Committee as to purchase, care and upkeep of the Burial Plots and all things in connection therewith.
- (b) The Committee shall endeavour to maintain a uniform method and scheme of establishment of the two Plots.
- (c) The Secretary-Treasurer shall be a member ex-officio of this Committee.

Women's
Auxiliary

8. A Women's Auxiliary to assist the Branch in any and all ways that it can, may be formed with its own Officers, for which a Sub-Charter will be obtained on application of the Provincial Headquarters Branch. On the formation of such Auxiliary, all Women members of the Quebec Branch will,—ipso facto become members of the Women's Auxiliary, but their membership fees must be paid to the Branch Treasury. On the occasion of the Provincial Headquarters Branch annual meeting, the Women's Auxiliary must make report of its activities during the year closing.

Financing
and Banking

9. The Quebec Provincial Headquarters Branch shall have the power to raise funds for the conduct of its affairs, in the following ways:—

- (a) By Federal, Provincial, or Civic Grants:
- (b) By Membership fees and assessments:
- (c) By any method of public solicitation commensurate with the dignity of the Cause.

The Bank account of the Branch shall be kept in the name of the Corporation, in such Chartered Bank of Canada as the Trustees and Executive shall appoint.

Accounts and
Signing of
Cheques

10. All accounts for value received by the Branch, must be authorized by the Executive Committee for liquidation, or a special committee appointed by the former for that purpose. Cheques will be signed by the President, or in his absence by the Vice President, with the Secretary-Treasurer, or in his absence, by a Director, and be countersigned by any one of the three Charter Trustees. The Quebec Provincial Headquarters Branch shall not in any way engage the credit of the Corporation as a whole.

Auditing

11. The Executive shall annually appoint a Chartered Accountant to Audit the accounts of the Branch. Such Chartered Accountant will be required to make a report of his findings to the Executive Committee at the meeting immediately previous to the annual meeting.

Miscellaneous
Rules

12. (a) Voting by proxy will not be allowed. Any Societies contributing to Active or Life Membership will only be allowed one

vote and must declare its properly accredited representative who must be present in person to exercise his or her vote. Any Society may nominate individuals for membership.

(b) While the funds of the branch are not to be used for lavish and unnecessary display, they may,—in order to meet the requirements of all religious creeds and denominations—be used to any extent consistent with all due respect and reverence, in the disposal of the dead.

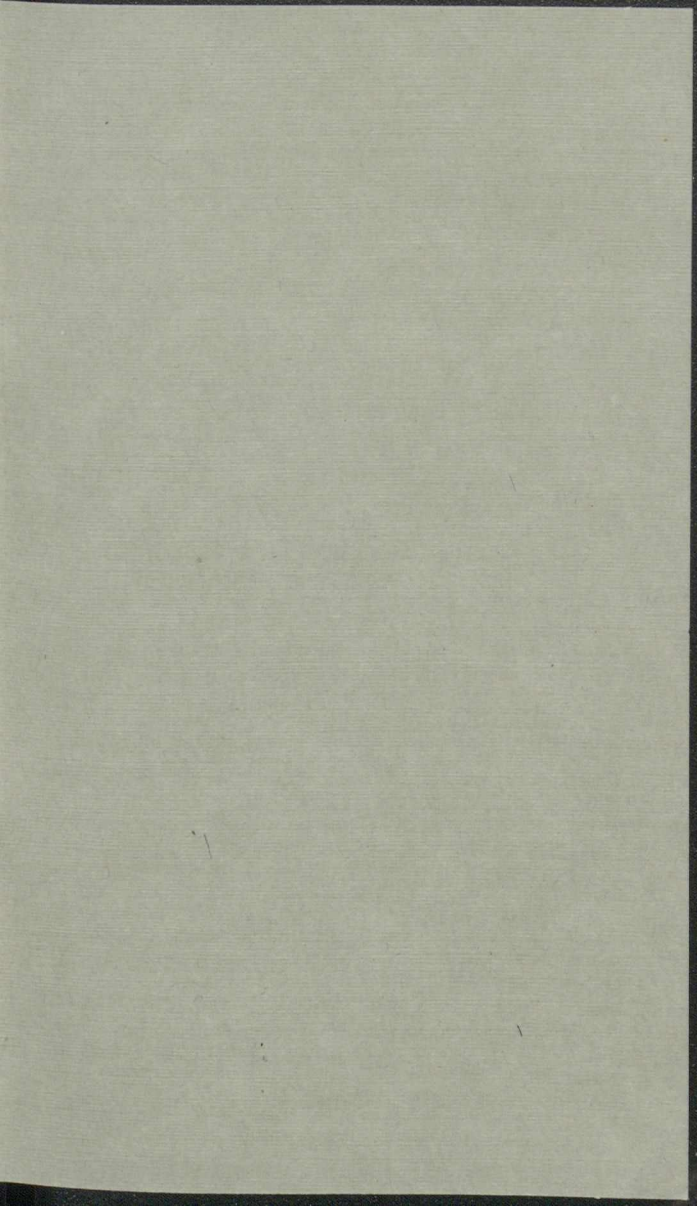
(c) An Official Undertaker shall be appointed to contract for the work of the Branch in compliance with specifications set out in the Corporation's form "A" and to cover the whole of the provincial area not covered by a District Branch or Local Committee. Such Undertaker should be supplied by the Branch with a Union Jack, a Naval Ensign, and an Air Force Ensign, to be used at funerals as occasion and the Service Unit of the deceased may require.

(d) Whenever possible, a Naval or Military Chaplain should be secured to conduct the Burial Service, and the Committal Service should invariably be said at the graveside.

(e) A "Commemoration Day" shall be conducted annually by the Executive Committee, on which day appropriate Naval and

Military Memorial Services will be conducted on, or at the St. Lawrence River and the Society's Burial Plots. Committees shall also visit and place floral tribute on the graves of deceased sailors or soldiers in all the Cemeteries in the district of Montreal, and on St. Helen's Island.

- Amendments 13. These Regulations may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Quebec Provincial Headquarters Executive, at a meeting specially called for that purpose, provided notice of the proposed amendment or amendments is given to the members of the Quebec Provincial Headquarters Executive at least one month in advance of the said meeting.



MEMORANDUM

For attention of the Hon. J.H. King, Minister of Soldiers' Civil Re-Establishment.

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SUBJECTS:-

1. The unmarked soldier's grave
2. Funeral expenses as a first charge against Soldiers Insurance.
3. Consolidation and economics of post-war military obituaries.
4. Technical discrimination (in life) against mental cases, who are narcotic addicts, not proven, due to service.

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LAST POST FUND, of Canada, respectfully petitions the kind attention of the Honourable J.H. King, Minister of Soldiers' Civil Re-Establishment, and submits as follows:-

Resolution submitted to Dominion Headquarters of LAST POST FUND, by the Quebec Provincial Headquarters, re:-

SUBJECT I.

WHEREAS:- It is a first principle of Last Post Fund, that in token and respect for services rendered King and Country, in every case where this Society assumes responsibility for interment, a plain inexpensive but dignified Grave Marker is placed on the last resting place of deceased within a reasonable period subsequent to interment:-

WHEREAS:- This Branch of Last Post Fund of Canada has definite experience within its precincts, and learns with much regret that throughout the Dominion of Canada certain Departments of the Federal Government assuming responsibility for interment of ex-service persons, are not permitted to make provision in the obituary appropriation for the marking of the grave, and thus tacitly consign the deceased to the indignity of an unmarked grave:-

AND WHEREAS:- This parent branch of LAST POST FUND of Canada, knows from experience that the extra cost of augmenting the appropriation as compared with the importance of the matter, is very slight:-

THEREFORE BE IT, AND IT IS, RESOLVED:-

That the Quebec Provincial Headquarters of Last Post Fund of Canada, go on record, and are of the opinion, that the Federal Government of Canada should forthwith make it a rule for those Departments called upon and assuming responsibility for interment of ex-service persons, to make provision in the obituary appropriation, for some form of plain inexpensive but dignified Grave Marker to be placed on the grave, without discrimination whatsoever regarding the naval or military service of deceased.

Furthermore, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded the Dominion Council of Last Post Fund, with the request that it make representation to the Federal Government, petitioning its favourable consideration of our views.

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At a Dominion Council Meeting held in Montreal on December 10th 1926 the principle set forth in the foregoing Resolution was unanimously endorsed and recommended for action.

SUBJECT 2.

Dealing with the subject of Funeral expenses being made a first charge against Soldiers' Insurance:-

Through the existing regulation whereby the funeral costs of an 'indigent' ex-service person may not be made a first charge against Soldiers' Insurance, and coincidentally declining to apply the provision of Article 32 of the Pensions Act if deceased were a Pensioner at death in addition to having such insurance, it of a consequence pauperises the deceased and (despite the fact that there is a post-humous Estate) places deceased in jeopardy of pauper burial or abandonment to the School of Anatomy, by reason of the fact that no Undertaking Firm is going to incur the responsibility for funeral costs, on the mere chance of recovery thereof from the Heirs to the Estate in a distant country - such for instance as the case of one George Druett, buried by the Last Post Fund on June 6th 1926, and whose Insurance is still pending adjustment and a ruling from the Department of Justice.

It would seem reasonable to expect that the existing regulations in connection with the above, might receive the government's consideration, with a view to a more logical adjustment in such circumstances, as is frequently done in Civilian Insurance Corporations, who find that a rigid regulation is inapplicable. Furthermore, as funeral costs are made a first charge against balance of Pension due, it would seem quite consistent and fair to apply the same principle to Soldier's Insurance

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SUBJECT 3.

During and immediately subsequent to the Great War, the subject of post-war military obituaries was treated by the government, as a negligible and secondary matter, though a review of its financial aspect in the aggregate today would no doubt alter that opinion.

The experience of this Society, as one that has given intensive study to it both from the sentimental and economic aspects, has proven and prompts the suggestion, that a disjointed system of responsibility and an inequitable classification in dealing with such an important work, can only tend to the reverse of reverent adequacy coupled with justifiable economy, in the disposal and record of our warrior dead.

In other words, the distribution of administration and financial responsibility through the several Government Departments of - Naval & Military Defence - Soldiers' Civil Re-Establishment - Indian Affairs and, Imperial War Graves Commission - for any and all matters obituary, tends to complexity, ^{and} discrimination, with resultant inefficiency and financial loss to the country, through lack of concentration and experience. A recent unsuccessful attempt has been made by this Society to obtain from a central source the actual statistics of the aggregate cost to the country to date, and which statement under analysis would at least prove interesting.

In the light of its experience, this Society however feels, that it would be in the best interests of Cause we represent, and the Public Exchequer if Parliament were to take under consideration the consolidation of this important work under one experienced and responsible Commission or Department, the administration cost of which we are convinced can be made considerably less than the present disjointed system and with a corresponding reduction in general disbursement.

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SUBJECT 4.

Two recent very distressing cases of death in this City - that of No. 2008623 Harry Burns (In the Jail Infirmary of Bordeaux) and Arthur Herbert Mears No. 418708 (Suicide by shooting) - prompt us to petition your kind intercession, with a view to a more elastic application of the existing Medical rule which precludes 'emergency' treatment in the Military Hospitals of chronic mental cases due to narcotic abuses, but where 'service disability' may not be on record.

In support of this petition, we submit that our experience in the last extremity of death of many of such cases indicates physical suffering to have induced resort to narcotics, rather than habitual use of them, and we plead that the benefit of the doubt might be given to them, at least conditionally, in preference to definite refusal.

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The whole respectfully submitted.



DOMINION HEADQUARTERS
LAST POST FUND, OF CANADA
MONTREAL.

Draft of a suggestion having in view the systematization and legal incorporation of a Body Corporate, to be known as the ~~XXXX~~ "Quebec Provincial Poppy Day Contingency Fund"

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In submitting the suggestion of forming a Body Corporate to in future handle the funds collected annually on Armistice Day, more popularly known as "Poppy Day" the following points are worthy of consideration, viz:-

- (a) A large sum of money has annually been collected since the Great War on "Poppy Day" popularly conceived to be for the relief of needy ex-service persons, donated by the general public through the purchase of imitation poppies.
- (b) Apart from the apportionment of the net proceeds of this annual collection to the several "Veteran Organizations" of the city, no systematic and detailed record of its distribution to the needy ex-service persons, has been made other than an annual report to the Department of Municipal Assistance showing the gross amount of money received and disbursed.
- (c) No "Veteran Organization" has a legal monopoly of such funds, or the corporate power to collect and administer funds on behalf, or for, others than its corporate membership.
- (d) Needy and deserving ex-service persons not having membership status in a "Veteran Organization" are none the less entitled to share in the benefits accruing from the public contribution of funds collected on "Poppy Day"
- (e) It is in the best interests of all concerned that the distribution of funds collected should be made to members and non-members of "Veteran Organizations" through their respective representatives, neither one controlling distribution of funds for the other.
- (f) The contributing public are entitled to be assured and advised that their contributions are applied in every sense, to the purpose for which they are intended. Public confidence can best be retained, its interests, and those of the needy ex-service person best served and safeguarded, through a properly organized system of control and statistical returns being forthwith put into effect.

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Therefore, be it, and it is hereby proposed:-

That a Body Corporate composed of three persons only, who shall act as Trustees and Administrators under the designation of the "Quebec Provincial Poppy Day Contingency Fund" be forth-constituted and apply for incorporation. The personnel of the aforementioned Body Corporate to be representative of the Naval, Military, and Civil populace of the province.

That the aforementioned Body Corporate shall seek the powers to receive in trust, control, and administer for the benefit of needy ex-service persons in the Province of Quebec, the net proceeds of each years collections on "Poppy Day" subject to a system of returns to be made to it, of all disbursements made.

That for the purpose of organization and collection, the cooperation of the Provincial and Municipal Executives of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire be sought.

That for the purpose of distribution, the cooperation of the various "Veteran Organizations" and the "Canadian Canteen Fund Commission" be sought - the former for members of their societies, and the latter for non-members.

That a special appropriation - the amount of which to be jointly agreed upon by the Trustees and distributing parties - be made annually towards the special work of the Last Post Fund.

Que. Prov. 'Poppy Day'

FORM A.

~~THE MONTREAL "POPPY DAY" & "ARMISTICE DAYS"~~

CONTINGENCY FUND

APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE

(No assistance must be given without one of these forms being duly completed, and a copy - in every case - must be returned with the annual statement to the Trustees for Audit.)

Applicant's name and address _____

Age _____ Where born _____ Religion _____

Reg. No. _____ Regiment _____

Rank _____ Length of service _____

Number in family _____ Number working _____ Not working _____

Total weekly income at present from all sources \$ _____

Customary occupation of yourself, and any of your family _____

Any sickness in family _____ How many _____ Where, and how are they being treated _____

Are you receiving assistance from any other Society, if so, give name and address thereof _____

Have you been assisted by us before _____ When _____

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RELIEF GIVEN - State amount given in cash, or value in kind on each occasion. Have recipient sign in full the first time and initial all subsequent donations, in the column for that purpose.

1926. Initial

Jan. 6		Cash	\$ 3	00	
10	ES	Food and clothes	5	00	
12	ES	Ticket to ----	1	00	
		Total	_____		

Authorized by _____

Received by Char E...

SEE REVERSE

Que. Prov. 'Poppy Day'

FORM B.

THE MONTREAL 'POPPY DAY' & WARRIORS' BALL

CONTINGENCY FUND

ANNUAL STATISTICAL RETURN TO THE TRUSTEES

(Returnable November 11th of each year)

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Name and address of Society _____

Amount of last year's apportionment \$ _____ Number of cases assisted
this year _____ Largest amount of relief given to any one person or
family \$ _____ Average per capita amount \$ _____ Total amount disbursed
during the year \$ _____.

Brief verbal report with regard to relief given, and particularly any out-
standing features in regard thereto:-

I certify that the number of forms "A" returned with this
report, and the statistics rendered are in order and correct.

Montreal, November 11th 19

President, or Secretary

Que. Prov. 'Poppy Day'

FORM C.

THE MONTREAL 'POPPY DAY' & 'ARMISTICE BELL'

CONTINGENCY FUND

ANNUAL PUBLIC STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES

(For the Press)

1926.

	<i>Total Receipts</i>	<i>Longest Disbursement</i>	<i>Expenses Disbursed</i>	<i>Total Disbursed</i>	<i>Last year's allotment</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
Non-members of Veteran Org's						
Veteran Organizations ()						
Last Post Fund						
St Anne's Mil. Hosp. Ent'mt Fund						
Totals						

Summary of verbal reports made:-

"Poppy Day" receipts this year

\$

"Armistice Bell" " "

\$

Total

Montreal, Nov. 19

Trustees

December 22nd, 1926.

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

Dear Mr. Hair:-

With reference to your letter of yesterday and the letter from Dr. Johnson, which I now return, I would suggest that the Charlottetown Committee form themselves into the Prince Edward Island Branch, and they should be encouraged to do so. Charlottetown is the capital of P.E.I. and we are more likely to form an effective committee in that city than in any other place.

With all kind wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,



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December 21st 1926

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

Dear Sir Arthur,

I should like to submit the enclosed communication for your advice, particularly with regard to the first paragraph of the second page (marked) .

By-Law 2I having reference to the formation of Local Committees (I think wisely) makes no provision for their control of funds from the Federal Grant, but my suggestion in this case would be, - subsequent to their decision of preference as to status - that if they wish to control their own finances - particularly as they do not wish them controlled by the Nova Scotia Provincial Headquarters Branch as it was originall intended they might be - the P.E.I. Local Committee should constitute themselves the Provincial Headquarters Branch for P.E.I. and ask us for a Sub-Charter as such, for they already have the neuclos of a very responsible Executive as you will note, and might be inspired to increase their membership by reason of their more important status as a Branch, rather than a Committee ?

Thanking you in anticipation of your kind opinion and wishes.

Faithfully

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer
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"LEST WE FORGET"

December 21st, 1926.

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

Dear Mr. Hair:-

I have your letter of the 18th of December, with enclosures from Mr. Scammell.

I quite approve of the letters which he has written to Mr. Stutchbury and to Major Bell. I think it well that if this question is aired at the coming meeting of the Canadian Legion the side of Last Post Fund be properly placed before that meeting. If criticisms are made there and if there is no effective answer on the spot, I believe some damage, probably irreparable damage, might be done to our cause. We must realize that we have not been able to acquire the support of the Saskatchewan people, who probably have a very strong friend in the Government in the person of Mr. Dunning.

I hope to go to Ottawa early in January and will be glad to have the material with reference to the questions we desire to take up with the Hon. Dr. King.

I am returning Mr. Scammell's letters to you.

With all good wishes for Christmas and the New Year, I am,

Yours faithfully,

December 21st, 1926.

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

Dear Mr. Scammell:-

Mr. Hair has forwarded me your letter of December 14th, to which was attached copies of letters addressed to Mr. Stutchbury and to Major Bell.

I quite approve of both letters, believing that it is always well to be prepared for any eventuality which may arise.

Yours faithfully,



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General Sir Arthur Currie
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President
Last Post Fund of Canada

Dear Sir Arthur,

Before acting on the advice of Mr Scammell with regard to Montreal and other of our Branches, I am wondering whether it is in our best interests to assume that there are any grounds for the criticism he fears "may have some bearing upon a continuation of the grant" and I should like to know your opinion and wishes in the matter.

Regarding the subjects you requested me to write you upon for discussion with the Hon. Mr King Minister of S.C.R. I am first of all endeavouring to obtain some authentic statistics from the Auditor-General's Department, in order that my suggestions may not contain in their draft anything that is not based upon good authority, subsequent to which I will do as you requested me forthwith.

Thanking you in anticipation of your kind advice.

Believe me, most respectfully

Arthur H. D. Hair
Secretary-Treasurer

L.P.F.

Encl. from Mr E.H. Scammell.

November 29th, 1926.

A. H. D. Hair, Esc.,
P. O. Box 1382,
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Hair:-

I am sorry I have kept for so long the Quarterly Report of the Toronto Branch forwarded to me by Mr. Scammell. I am enclosing it herewith.

I am very glad to note that Mr. Scammell is so active and efficient.

Yours faithfully,

October 12th, 1926.

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

Dear Mr. Hair:-

Sir Arthur Currie asked me to acknowledge receipt this morning of notice of meeting of Executive of Montreal Branch of Last Post Fund on Wednesday, October 13th at 5.15 P.M.

Sir Arthur regrets that he will not be able to attend the meeting as the Corporation of the University has been called together at the same time.

He wishes me to say also that it will not be possible for him to attend any meetings held on Wednesday, as on this day he visits Macdonald College and it is the only day he has available for that purpose.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.



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QUEBEC PROVINCIAL HEADQUARTERS

MONTREAL, October 9th 1926

Que. Prov. Hqs

Dear Sir, or Madam,

In accordance with Minute 5. of an Executive meeting May 14th 1926 - "It was resolved in future to hold the Executive meetings of this Branch of the Last Post Fund, at 5.15 p.m. on the second Wednesday in each month, from September to May inclusive".

As a member of the Executive, please therefore be advised that the Executive meeting for this month will be on Wednesday next October 13th at 5.15 p.m. in the Green Room of the Ritz-Carlton Hotel.

Kindly endeavour to be present, as last month's meeting had to be postponed owing to lack of a quorum.

Faithfully

Secretary - L.P.F.

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MONTREAL, Sept. 13th 1926

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

Dear Sir Arthur,

The Alberta Provincial Headquarters, having now made their returns to June 30th of this year, and being in need of funds, I would recommend the remittance of 50% of their allotment for the current year forthwith, and submit a draft for your concurrence and signature.

I would also thank you to kindly sign the enclosed cheque for the Witness Press for printing.

The Dominion present bank balance, is \$1613.22 and the remittance made to Alberta is one half of \$595.00 or in other words 31% of \$8500.00 their allotment being 7% for the year..

Faithfully

Dom. Secy-Treasurer L.P.F.

Summary of Last Post Fund Dominion Headquarters'
activities during the summer 1926

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The Quarterly returns to June 30th 1926 have been received from British Columbia (O.K.) Alberta (Partial) Saskatchewan (Nil) Manitoba (Pending) Ontario (O.K.) Quebec (O.K.) New Brunswick (Pending) Nova Scotia (O.K.)

Cases so far reported to June 30th ---- 32

On July 26th a remittance on account, of the 1926-7 Grant was made to us in the amount of \$2500.00


Remittances in turn have been made to :-

Brit. Columbia (50% its proportion)	\$425.00
Quebec (, , ,)	525.50
Ontario (on account)	1000.00

In the month of July I visited Ontario Provincial Headquarters at their request .

Certain correspondence and matters for consideration of the Council have come to hand.

Respectfully submitted.



Arthur H. D. Fair

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer
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Sept. 8th 1926



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MONTREAL,

June 23rd 1926

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

President

Last Post Fund

Dear Sir Arthur,

This is just to advise you that there is to be a meeting of the Womens Auxiliary and the Trustees and Directors of the Que. Prov. Hqrs L.P.F. in the Ritz-Carlton Hotel on Monday next June 28th at 5.p.m. with regard to the preliminary organization of the Armistice Ball 1926.

If it is convenient for you to be present, we shall be much honoured, or in the event of your inability to be present we shall be most happy to know that we may have your full cooperation.

I have the honour to be,

Dear Sir,

Faithfully

Secretary-Treasurer

L.P.F.

May 7th, 1926.

A.H.D. Hair, Esc.,
P. O. Box 1362,
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Hair:-

I am this morning in receipt
of your letter of yesterday.

Frankly, let me say that I was
about to write to you and ask to be excused attendance
at the ceremony of May 24th. That week is a partic-
ularly busy one at the University, the Convocation
ceremonies being held on Friday the 28th. On Monday,
the 24th at 2.30 p.m. the students have arranged
their annual Tree Planting ceremony,- a function
which I always attend. So I would ask the Last Post
to be good enough to excuse me on this occasion.

Yours faithfully,



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MONTREAL, May 6th 1926

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

Dear Sir Arthur,

Much to my regret, we have been unable to secure assurance of the particular people we desired to address us on May 24th next, on the subject of "The Locarno Pact and its objective". Consequently, the time being now very short for preparation; in consultation with Lady Drummond yesterday, we felt, that rather than substitute on such an important subject and thereby lose the desired effect, we would defer the Address until some future and opportune occasion, and merely 'carry on' with our annual "Roll Call" and floral decoration of the graves, on that day.

In view of your generous sacrifice, and intention to preside on that occasion for us, I felt I should let you know immediately, not that we would not love and be honoured to have you with us in the performance of our annual ceremonies on the River St Lawrence and at our Plots in the Cemeteries - which by the way, are very impressive - but knowing how little time you get to yourself, I feel we should not on this occasion hold you to your promise, but rather, be re-assured of your kind effort to be with us on some future and important occasion where LAST POST FUND is interested.

I reiterate Sir, that in the event of your decision to be with us in our annual function, we shall be both delighted and honoured but in the circumstances above explained, it is only fair that we should not stand in the way of your getting some little recreation on that holiday.

Believe me, Dear Sir,
most respectfully

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer
Last Post Fund

"LEST WE FORGET"

DOCKET STARTS:

HAIR : DRAFT

1363 Greene Avenue
Westmount

May 3rd 1926

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

Dear Sir,

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

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

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

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

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

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

Faithfully

Arthur H. D. Fair

DOCKET ENDS:

HAIR DRAFT



The Court House.
Regina, Sask.
April 29, 1926.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

I duly received your letter of the 17th of March and looked into the matters therein referred on receipt of same and wrote a reply but held the same up pending the return of Colonel McAra, who was out of town. I have only to-day had an opportunity of speaking to him in the matter to complete my enquiries.

Mr Hair quite misunderstands the situation. In some cases these particulars which he requests are absolutely unobtainable. The man is dead and perhaps a stranger in this country, but is known to be a Veteran and has to be buried. You cannot get information from the man and sometimes he has no relations. A case occurred at Saskatoon where the man's wife had gone to work on a farm the day after the funeral. Having obtained a little money on the farm she went from there to work in British Columbia and from there went to New Zealand.

One must understand that this Western Country is settled almost altogether within the last twenty years, and that nearly all of these cases are of men who are not old settlers and with regard to whom little is known. They have to be buried, they are entitled to be looked after properly, and it surely must have been the intention of the authorities at Ottawa in making a grant, that a returned soldier shall not be buried in a paupers grave, & whether full information and the requisite forms are fully filled in or not.

You say something about ulterior motives. There are no ulterior motives. The books of the funds are open to audit and investigation. I, personally, would be glad if you would name any person you choose to investigate this matter independently for you if you desire.



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With respect, I believe **there** is no need for a Last Post Fund for the Dominion of Canada with headquarters in Montreal. ^{It} can no doubt function in Montreal and cover perhaps the two Provinces of Ontario and Quebec and perhaps the Maritime Provinces - I don't know - but I consider **it** is unreasonable that they should carry on in this Province where our work is being well done to the satisfaction of everybody concerned. There is complaint that we do not organize throughout the whole of the Province of Saskatchewan to deal with these matters. The amount of work to be done requires doing no such thing. The cases which have been dealt with are not sufficiently numerous to justify an organization in the towns and cities and rural municipalities.

I have made no complaints about Mr Hair and I am sorry to see that you approve of his letter. I consider that his memo and his letter, to **put** it mildly are "extreme".

At a meeting of the Legion which was held here sometime ago, a recommendation was put forth that the Trustees appointed to look after the Canteen Fund should employ some of their funds for purposes of the Last Post Fund. It would seem to me that it would be proper that your organization might well write the authorities suggesting to them that the share of the public grant, which would ordinarily come to the Province of Saskatchewan, which you receive, should be handed over to the Provincial Trustees of the Canteen Fund.

I may say that our soldiers plot in the cemetery at Regina is a credit to the Province, and I do not believe **there** is anything to equal it anywhere in Canada, at least so I have been informed.

Mr Hair's letters would suggest serious irregularities and impropriety, if not dishonesty. I feel satisfied that enquiry will satisfy you that in all cases, the



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money has been properly spent in defraying the expenses of the burial of destitute soldiers.

With kindest regards

Yours sincerely,

J. H. Mulvey

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

*P.S. I enclose a memorandum
unposted
in the ~~main~~^{enc} extract from the letter I wrote you
in receipt of your letter - in
explanation of some details of
Mr. Hain's complaint.*

M E M O R A N D U M.

The itmes marked "R" in the report are dealt with in Mr McAra's reply. With regard to the items marked in red ink, 1,2,4,5 and 6, I have seen the Secretary of the Canadian Legion here who looks after this matter for Colonel McAra, and he gave me the following explanations, which have since been confirmed by Colonel McAra,

1. H.W. Button, August 7/23. \$80.00. He informs me that this matter was handled from Montreal and that it was charged at \$100.00, and that the balance over \$80.00 was remitted to this office. The reason that it was put through the books here was that it should have been handled from here. I am informed that this was done as they thought it to be in accordance with Mr Hair's wishes. It is a case of cross entry.

With regard to the next item, October 29)23, H. Tyler, \$85.00. This matter was handled by Captain R.W. Pearson M.C. of the National Trust Company, Saskatoon. He is a lawyer by profession and had long and gallant service at the front, and anything he did can be relied upon to be correct.

With regard to the next item, December 4/23. T. Friar. The explanation I have received is the same. This matter was handled by Lieut-Colonel O'Leary M.C. of Prince Albert, the Chairman of the Soldiers' Settlement Board. He is a perfectly reliable and competent man and had gallant service at the front and can be relied upon to have done what was right in the matter.

With regard to the next item, April 3/23 A. Garey, \$100.00. My information regarding this case is that is is perfectly regular and proper.

With regard to No.6 J. McDonald. This was a sum which was paid out by the Weyburn Branch of the G.W.V.A. and was considered to be a proper charge against the Last Post Fund. Is there any reason why expenses which were incurred a short time previous to the creating of the fund should not be paid ?



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MONTREAL, April 29th 1926

Lt-Col. Wilfred Bovey
Asst. Principal
McGill University
City

Re burial of the late J.A. Lavis
St Anne de Bellevue Hospital

Dear Colonel Bovey,

Replying to your favour of the 27th, in connection with the marginally noted deceased's funeral.

I beg to submit that the above mentioned interment was a government one, under the direction of the local Unit of the D.S.C.R. and over which we have no control or responsibility therein.

We however inaugurated a voluntary Committee under the Convenorship of Miss Hay Browne, 37 St Luke Street - Telephone Up 1272 - of which the D.S.C.R. Have been advised, and which Committee will at all and any time see that someone is present at the funeral of an ex-service person, on intimation by the D.S.C.R. of the time and place of the funeral - though this in no way relieves that Department of the duty of providing a representative from the D.S.C.R.

On inquiry, I am advised by Miss Browne, that to her (subsequent) knowledge, at least three similar cases to the one you mention have occurred where men have passed away at St Anne's Hospital who had no relatives to be present, and the object of our voluntary Committee was to prevent such an undesirable thing. You will realise however that unless Miss Browne is advised when deaths take place there naturally cannot be anyone present from the Last Post Fund.

I am of the opinion that Miss Browne has drawn the attention of the local Unit of the D.S.C.R. to their failure to advise her, without the desired result.

Trusting the foregoing gives you the desired information, and assuring you of anything being done by us to help the matter that can be done.

Full 'military honours' unfortunately cannot be accorded in Montreal, except with much trouble and expense.

Faithfully

"LEST WE FORGET"

Arthur H. D. Hair
Secretary-Treasurer
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MONTREAL, April 27th 1926

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

Dear Sir Arthur,

I am leaving with Mrs Chesley the usual Government returns that have to be made annually to the Department of the Secretary of State signed by yourself before a Commissioner of the Superior Court and so I have signed them before Professor Simpson, who no doubt as before will acknowledge your signature.

Would you also kindly sign the enclosed cheques, and cause same to be forwarded for countersignature.

The account for Dupuis is for two office chairs and a mat, that I had to obtain for the room I am giving as an office in my house.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Faithfully

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer
Last Post Fund

P.S. The present bank balance is \$1091.57

"LEST WE FORGET"

April 27, 1926.

A.H. D. Hair, Esq.,
P.O. Box 1382,
General Post Office, Montreal.

Dear Mr. Hair:-

I am told that at the burial of a soldier, James Alexander Levis who died at Ste. Anne's, there were no representatives of the Last Post Fund present nor of any military organization, and that there were no signs of a military funeral.

I should be interested to know how such funerals as this are generally conducted.

Yours faithfully,

Wilfrid Bovey.



ONTARIO
THE PROVINCIAL TREASURER

Toronto, Ont., April 26, 1926.

Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
President, Last Post Fund,
Montreal, Que.

Dear General Currie:

I thank you very much for your favour of the 24th inst., concerning the grant of \$2,000.00 which the Province was pleased to make to the Last Post Fund.

The Last Post Fund has been doing exceptionally good work, thanks to your good offices and also those of many public-spirited citizens.

The amendment to The Municipal Act to which you refer, is, I think, along the right lines. I am sure it will be of considerable help.

With kind regards, believe me,

Yours faithfully,

William H. Price
WHP

April 24th, 1926.

Lieut.-Colonel Hon. W. H. Price,
Provincial Treasurer,
Parliament Buildings,
Toronto, Ont.

My dear Colonel:-

On Wednesday evening last we held the Annual General Meeting of Last Post Fund. Dr. Abbott, one of our Vice-Presidents, representing Last Post Fund in Ontario, gave us the splendid news that the Provincial Government of my old Province has recognized in a tangible way the good work which Last Post Fund is doing. He told us of the inclusion in the estimates of a grant and also of your action with reference to making it an obligation on the part of municipalities to reimburse Last Post Fund in a certain amount for the burial of indigent persons.

I want to tell you that we all very much appreciate the action of the Government of Ontario and the example it has set to other provincial legislative bodies. I feel that Last Post Fund owes this action in great measure to yourself, personally, and will you please accept the thanks of our Association and my personal gratitude.

Yours faithfully,

PRESIDENT, LAST POST FUND.



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Montreal, April 22nd /26

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

Dear Sir Arthur,

In compliance with your request, I beg to remind you of the effective legislation put into effect in the province of Ontario, in the interests of this Cause and through the influence of Colonel Price of Toronto, and about which you desired to write him.

May I be permitted to take this opportunity of personally thanking you for the very valuable assistance you have given this Cause since your connection with it, and my very sincere pleasure in the knowledge that your interest and efforts will continue with us, despite the multitudinous calls upon your time and energy both in and out of office hours.

Believe me, Dear Sir,
most respectfully

Dom. Secy-Treas. L.P.F.

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April 13th 1926

General, Sir Arthur Currie
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Last Post Fund

Dear Sir Arthur,

You will note by the above address that I have recently moved from my old residence to Greene Avenue, and my telephone number now is Wesmt 0906.

I am enclosing herewith Potter's Transfer account for the Office material, of which, I am charging 50% to Dominion and Provincial accounts. I would thank you to kindly sign the cheque for this as also one for Petty Cash, which I am enclosing, and kindly cause to be forwarded to General Armstrong for countersignature.

My books are at present at the Auditors, and I cannot recall the exact bank balances, but I know them to be as follows:-

Dominion acct	over	\$2000.00
Provincial "	,,	1200.00

Faithfully

Dom. Secy-Treasurer

L.P.F.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Montreal, 12th April, 1926

Dear Sir or Madam,

The seventeenth annual meeting of the corporation of LAST POST FUND, for the reception of the President's Remarks, Annual Reports and Election of Directors, will take place at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel on Wednesday, April 21st, at 8 15 p.m. Immediately subsequent thereto the annual meeting of the Quebec Provincial Headquarters for the reception of reports will take place.

You are urgently requested to be present.

Faithfully,

Secretary-Treasurer L.P.F.

April 7th, 1926.

A. H. D. Hair, Esq.,
P. O. box 1382,
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Hair:-

I think you are dealing with
the Victoria matter in the right way.

Yours faithfully,



CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF
SOLDIERS' CIVIL RE-ESTABLISHMENT

DEPUTY MINISTER'S OFFICE

Ottawa, April 6, 1926.

Dear Sir Arthur:

I am duly in receipt of your letter of the 22nd ultimo, which I should have acknowledged earlier but I have been in Washington for the past few days. I am passing the file, with Colonel McAra's letter and your remarks to Dr. Beland for his information in case any action is taken, as is quite possible, by Colonel McAra. I shall also take the earliest opportunity which presents itself to discuss the situation with Mr. Dunning.

Yours faithfully,

E.H. Scammell,
Assistant Deputy Minister.

General Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., LL.D.,
Principal and Vice Chancellor,
McGill University,
Montreal, Canada.



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Montreal
April 5th 1926

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

Dear Sir Arthur,

To use a political phrase, "another county has been heard from" emphasising your own impression that the 'Vets' are out to make trouble for us if they can. I am not at all sure however that they can against truth, integrity, and all clean and above board.

The enclosed file is for your advice and I feel confident the B.C. Executive can deal with the subject efficiently.

I am rather surprised that Mr Beaumont Boggs of Victoria did not communicate with Vancouver or here, if he was aware that there was any dissatisfaction amongst the local 'Vets'. I was rather inclined to write him, but on second consideration thought it better to communicate through the normal channel.

I am sending a similar file to Mr Scammell for his advice, as possibly Mr Tolmie will get in touch with him.

I did not consider this of sufficient importance to bother you with, and trust you approve of my correspondence in connection therewith.

Believe me, Dear Sir,
most respectfully

Dominion Secy-Treasurer L.P.F.

"LEST WE FORGET"

DOCKET STARTS:

RESOLUTION

C O P Y

HOUSE OF COMMONS
CANADA

Ottawa, March 26th 1926

Hartley D. Hare Esqr,
Last Post Fund
MONTREAL.P.Q.

Dear Sir--

I beg to enclose herewith resolution from the British Campaigners' Association with reference to the Last Post fund. On making inquiries here I have been advised to communicate with you to secure information as to the sources of revenue for carrying on this work.

Any information you may be able to supply me with be greatly appreciated.

Thanking you, I am,

Yours sincerely

(Sgd) S.T. Tolmie

encl.

BRITISH CAMPAIGNERS' ASSOCIATION

Post Office Box 102

VICTORIA B.C.

27th February 1926

WHEREAS for the past three years the "Last Post Fund" has been inoperative in Victoria B.C. and

WHEREAS provision has not been made by the Canadian Government for the burial of destitute men who have served the Empire in her Army and Navy, and

WHEREAS owing to the mild climate of Vancouver Island an increasing number of invalids come here each year to spend their last days and as their interment falls upon the Soldier Organizations who will not allow a service man to be buried in a pauper's grave,

THEREFORE resolved that in the opinion of this meeting of the British Campaigners' Association it is unfair for the Canadian Government to neglect to provide for such cases of destitute soldiers and Sailors, and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to our Member at Ottawa.

(Sgd) Lorne Ross

President

I, the undersigned, certify the the above is a true copy of the original resolution forwarded to S.T. Tolmie Esqr M.P. House of Commons, Ottawa" - Member for Victoria B.C.

A. H. D. Fair

Secretary - Last Post Fund

LAST POST FUND

C O P Y

Dominion Headquarters
P.O. Box 1382 G.P.O.
Montreal. P.Q.

March 30th 1926

S.T. Tolmie Esqr M.P.
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ont.

My Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your communication of March 26th with attached resolution from the "British Campaigners' Association" which I am bound to say is a great surprise to me, and in consequence of which I am writing our Executive, and sending them copy of the resolution for their action.

I am enclosing marked literature relative to the work of this organization, together with a list of our Executive and Members of the Provincial Headquarters, also a list showing the various places in the province where interments have been conducted by Last Post Fund, all of which I think you will find self-explanatory, and I shall be very pleased to furnish you with any further information you desire.

As a direct reply to your query regarding 'the sources of revenue for carrying on this work'. It is obtained from Membership fees, voluntary subscriptions, and since 1922 augmented by a Federal Grant through the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment of \$10,000.00 annually, distributable on the basis set out in the accompanying marked leaflet, to our Provincial Headquarters.

Trusting this meets your requirements, and reiterating my desire to remain at your further service.

I have the honour to be,

My Dear Sir,

very sincerely

(Sgd) Arthur H.D. Hair

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer
Last Post Fund

Dominion Headquarters
Montreal. P.Q.
April 5th 1926

Colonel H. St J. Montizambert
President, & Provincial Representative
(B.C.)
Last Post Fund of Canada, Incorp'd
Vancouver. B.C.

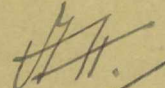
My Dear Sir,

The enclosed file of correspondence will no doubt be self-explanatory to you, if somewhat surprising, as it was to me, and as explained to Mr Tolmie I am passing it on to the British Columbia Provincial Executive for your perusal and action.

Obviously the resolution indicates either a mis-statement or misunderstanding of existing conditions in your province, and it would seem the proper procedure of the "British Campaigners' Association" to have communicated with you on the subject prior to forwarding such a resolution to Ottawa, especially in view of the fact that you have already dealt with cases in Victoria to my knowledge, and enclosed copy of a press report in the Victoria papers eliminates the suggestion being made that the public of Vancouver Island are not aware of the Provincial Headquarters of Last Post Fund in the City of Vancouver, to whom application can be made at any time, by anybody.

We shall be pleased to hear of your opinion and action in the circumstances, and with most respectful regards,

Believe me, very sincerely



Dominion Secretary-Treasurer
Last Post Fund

LAST POST FUND WORK SUCCESSFUL

After consultation with representative men of Victoria, A.H.D. Hair Organizing Secretary of the Last Post Fund of Canada, announces that the Provincial Headquarters will be located at Vancouver .

Before leaving for Vancouver, Mr Hair was successful in obtaining the generous services of Mr Beaumont Boggs of 620 Broughton Street, Victoria, to act on this Island as the official representative of the Last Post Fund, while arrangements have been entered into with the B.C. Funeral Coy to conduct the work of this association.

Tentative arrangements have been made with regard to obtaining necessary reservation for interment of veterans.

Applications for membership should be made to Mr Boggs.

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LAST POST FUND

After consultation with representative gentlemen of Victoria, the Organizing Secretary of the Last Post Fund of Canada, an association existing for a noble and obitual purpose, where through the adversities of life, ex-service men or women may be friendless or indigent at death, it has been deemed most advisable to form the Provincial Headquarters in the city of Vancouver. Before leaving for the city the Organizing Secretary has been most successful in obtaining the generous services of Mr Beaumont Boggs of 620 Broughton Street, Victoria, to act on this Island as the official representative of the Last Post Fund, while arrangements have been made with a local Undertaking Firm to conduct the work of this association, and tentative arrangements have been made with regard to obtaining necessary reservations for interments. Citizens of Victoria who desire to align themselves with it in membership are invited to communicate with Mr Beaumont Boggs of 620 Broughton Street, who will be very glad to receive their applications.

DOCKET ENDS:

RESOLUTION

Dominion Headquarters
Montreal
March 23rd 1926

Albert Pearce Esqr
Hon. Secretary
Manitoba Prov. Hqrs - L.P.F.
Winnipeg. Man.

Dear Sir,

We are forwarding you herewith copy of a communication from Messrs A.B. Gardiner & Coy Funeral Directors of your city, the contents of which are self-explanatory and regrettable. We are also sending you copy of our reply to them.

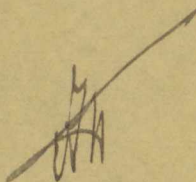
We sincerely trust that this matter will receive the very prompt attention of the Manitoba Prov. Hqrs Branch, and in the circumstances we must remind the Administration of its obligations under the terms of the Sub-Charter granted it, as beyond the proportion of the Federal assistance applicable to your province and provisions of By-Law 20 - 'No Branch may in any way engage the credit of the Corporation as a whole'--.

We are very anxious to send forward your proportion of the grant for the current year just closing, but we are as yet without any statement whatever concerning your financial standing, the Forms "D" for the Quarters ending on the last day of June, September, and December having come to hand uncompleted, of which we advised you in ours of February 5th 1926.

Will you kindly give this your very earliest attention, giving us a complete statement of the Branch's present standing and obligations.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Faithfully



Dom. Secy-Treasurer, - L.P.F.

A.B. Gardiner & Coy
FUNERAL DIRECTORS

171 Kennedy Street
Winnipeg. Man.

March 17th 1926

Mr Hare
Secretary, Last Post Fund
c/o J.C. Weay & Bro
Mountain Ave.
City

Dear Mr Hare:

You will probably be surprised to hear from me at this time, but we have been wondering how the Fund is coming along.

Our Auditor has drawn our attention to the fact that we have standing unpaid some thirteen Last Post cases for 1925, as far back as February, and some for this year.

We do not know any reason for the delay in settlement, and we did not wish to trouble the folks here but thought perhaps you might advise us if there was any information we could supply to assist in the matter.

Thanking you for your kind attention to this matter, and with personal regards to yourself, I remain,

Yours very truly

(sgd) A.B. Gardiner

G/D

Dominion Headquarters
Montreal
March 23rd 1926

Messrs A.B. Gardiner & Coy
Funeral Directors
Winnipeg. Manitoba.

Attention Mr A.B. Gardiner

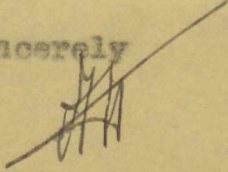
Dear Sirs,

We are in receipt of your letter of the 17th inst, and regret very much to note the contents, which however, is entirely a local responsibility of the Manitoba Provincial Headquarters at Winnipeg, as our Branches under the provisions of our By-Laws - 'May not in any way engage the credit of the Corporation as a whole'.

We are by this same mail communicating with our Branch at Winnipeg, asking them to take the matter up forthwith, and we would suggest that you interview Mr Albert Pearce - the Hon. Secretary, - 220 Bannatyne Avenue, Winnipeg.

Trusting that this matter will receive very early adjustment, and reciprocating in personal regards.

Believe me, very sincerely


Dominion Secretary-Treasurer
L.P.F.

DOCKET STARTS:

SCAMMELL

March 22nd, 1926.

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

My dear Mr. Scammell:-

I have your letter of the
19th of March with enclosures as stated.

I do not know what can be
done with Last Post Fund representatives in
Saskatchewan. Apparently they are quite determined
to break up the organization in Saskatchewan as
we would like it to exist. I have written to
General Embury and told him that I would not be a
party to irregularities no matter who were involved
and there is no doubt that irregularities do exist
in Saskatchewan.

I have very carefully gone over
the statement which Mr. Rowan sent to Mr. Hair as
a return from that Branch. In the copy of Colonel
McAra's letter to Mr. Hair forwarded to me by you
Colonel McAra says " your statement shows that we
have a balance on hand of \$54.97". McAra is wrong
in saying "your" statement, because the statement
referred to is the one which Rowan sent to Hair, so
it is their own statement. It is an examination of
that statement which has caused all the trouble.
For instance, it discloses among the expenditures
the sum of \$80.03 for the burial of one Button
charged against the grants forwarded to them. As
a matter of fact we paid the Button account from
here, so that the charging of it in their statement
is wrong, if not dishonest. In another case they

E. H. Scammell, Esq., - 2 -

set forth an expenditure of \$100. against the grant for one J. McDonald. As a matter of fact the McDonald debt was incurred at least a year before we received any grant from the Dominion Government and Hair contends that this \$100. is a reimbursement to a War Veterans' Association. In a third instance they charge against the grant the sum of \$100. for one A. Carey. Mr. Hair has information that the Carey people applied for relief to the D.S.C.R. who refused on the ground that the man had \$500. in the Bank. If that is the case he does not belong to the class whom we bury. Again they sent a request that we should remit them \$100. for one Arcuier whose death antedates the Government grant to us by two years.

Of course, Mr. Scammell, no matter how much we may desire peace with Colonel McIara and his associates in Saskatchewan we cannot subscribe to such dishonest practices as I have indicated. Of course there will be trouble. They will try to stop the Government grant to us and have their share paid direct to them. Their influence will be strong with the Government now that Mr. Dunning has entered the House, but I do not think that any Minister can support them in the circumstances. Please keep me posted and let me know if there is any danger of this grant being struck out.

I am returning herewith the enclosures as requested.

Yours faithfully,

March 12th, 1926.

Major-General J.F.L. Embury,
Court of King's Bench,
Regina, Sask.

My dear General:-

I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter which Mr. Hair, Secretary Last Post Fund, has addressed to Mr. Rowan, Honorary Secretary Last Post Fund in Saskatchewan. Let me say that I approve of Mr. Hair's letter.

I am sending you also a copy of statement sent Headquarters Last Post Fund here by the Honorary Secretary Last Post Fund in Regina, with certain comments.

You, of course, know, General, that Last Post Fund operates under a charter from the Dominion Government, that it receives a grant of \$10,000 a year which is divided among the provinces in accordance with instructions received from the Government. We have to make certain returns and certificates in connection with the administration of this fund. We are able to do this with satisfaction to our consciences in the case of every province except Saskatchewan. You know me well enough to understand that I will not subscribe to the irregularities of the Saskatchewan Branch. Ever since I became Dominion President of Last Post Fund I have begged and beseeched the Saskatchewan people to help us administer the Fund in accordance with Government regulations. I have had assurances from McARA that such would be the case, but, I confess I have lost hope. It is quite evident that the Saskatchewan

Major-General Embury - 2 -

people are determined the administer the Fund just as they please without any regard to making returns in accordance with regulations. I do not know what ulterior motive is in their minds, but, evidently, there is one.

I know in discussing the matter with you it was indicated that the trouble arose from too much red tape from this office being insisted upon. I know that the Dominion Secretary is very punctilious and is not always the most discreet in his correspondence, but in this job I doubt if it would be possible to find a more capable man. I thought that my personal association with Last Post Fund here and the officers that had most to do with it in Saskatchewan would keep the peace, but it is quite clear that the Saskatchewan officials are not making any effort to carry out the regulations of Dominion Headquarters. As I said above, I am bitterly disappointed, but I will not be a party to irregularities.

With all kind wishes to Mrs. Embury and yourself, I am,

Yours faithfully,



CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF
SOLDIERS' CIVIL RE-ESTABLISHMENT

DEPUTY MINISTER'S OFFICE

O t t a w a,
March 19, 1926.

Dear Sir Arthur:

I enclose a letter received from
Colonel McAra. Can you suggest anything
that I should do? Please return this
letter with your reply.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "E. H. Scammell".

E.H. Scammell,
Assistant Deputy Minister.

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

C O P Y

117 Donahue Block

REGINA, Sask.

16 March, 1926.

E. H. Scammell, Esq.,
Deputy Minister S.C.R.,
OTTAWA.

Dear Mr. Scammell:-

I enclose you copy of a letter which I am today sending Hair, Montreal, in reply to a letter he has sent to Mr. Rowan under date of March 10th. He also enclosed a statement of our account since the start with a commentary at the foot. I am not replying to his letter in full as it is futile.

In his letter to Mr. Rowan he again takes up the question of the locality bearing part of the cost and "supplementing the financial assistance". Our accounts are "in the main excessive", and "serious irregularity" in our returns.

The correspondence with Mr. Hair is the only unpleasant part of the work we have encountered in connection with the Last Post Fund since we started in Saskatchewan.

He apparently cannot get our viewpoint and his letters are most unfortunate.

Yours truly,

J. McAra

President
Regina Last Post Fund

COPY

16th March 1926.

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

Sir,

As you refer to a remark of mine made to Mr. Scammell, on the statement enclosed in your letter to Mr. Rowan under date of March 10th, I am replying to you.

If you had taken the trouble to look at the applications you would have found that the first item you have marked "R" was an account you paid direct from Montreal. The second, J.Hall, was a resident of Tregarva at the time of his death. The third, A.Carey, was a resident of Fort Qu'Appelle at the time of his death. The fourth, G.W.Child, was a resident of Vanguard at the time of his death. My statement to Mr. Scammell that "no part of the Dominion Fund had been used to bury Regina dead" is correct. Please return the two applications sent you.

You must find someone else in Saskatchewan to communicate with you in future as I do not wish to have any further correspondence from you.

Your statement shows that we have a balance on hand of \$54.97. We enclose you herewith our cheque for this amount.

Yours truly,

J.McAra

President
Regina Last Post Fund.



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Montreal
March 10th 1926

General, Sir Arthur Currie
G.C.M.G., K.C.B., LL.D.
President
LAST POST FUND

Dear Sir Arthur,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favour of yesterday's date, and noted your wishes with regard to the re-draft of the communication to our Saskatchewan Branch, which I have complied with, and now enclose herewith two copies as desired.

Believe me, Dear Sir Arthur,
most sincerely

Secy-Treas. L.P.F.

"LEST WE FORGET"



Copy

LAST POST FUND

Dominion Headquarters
Montreal
March 10th 1926

F.J. Rowan Esqr
Hon. Secy - L.P.F.
Saskatchewan

Dear Sir,

We beg to advise you that yours of March 1st together with enclosures in reply to ours of June 22nd 1925, has been duly received, and will receive consideration and action by the Council of Last Post Fund at their next meeting.

We regret to note that the statement to hand clearly indicates a misconception of the object and intention of this organization, as well as the conditions governing the Federal assistance afforded your province through the Headquarters of Last Post Fund.

The statement submitted by the Saskatchewan Branch shows, that obviously no attempt whatever is being made by those responsible for the administration of our work in your province, to supplement the financial assistance afforded them by Headquarters of Last Post Fund, or to conduct the work in accordance with the regulations and system of Last Post Fund.

The statement further shows, and it is fully apparent, that the funds remitted from Dominion Headquarters of L.P.F. to date, have merely been used to liquidate accounts for funerals conducted by others and incurred by them. Furthermore, such accounts liquidated by the Saskatchewan Branch of L.P.F. are in the main excessive, and without provision for completion of the work it is our duty to accomplish.

The statement submitted by the Saskatchewan Branch, and the Forms B returned, finally shows, there has been serious irregularity in the return of Sworn Declaration, and the liquidation of accounts that long ante-dated the promulgation of the government assistance accorded Last Post Fund, as well as the liquidation of an account where it was known that the estate of deceased had ample funds to apply.

In view of the foregoing, we would not be justified in making favourable report to the government of the present application of the assistance afforded Headquarters of L.P.F. for your province as undoubtedly by re-organization it can be applied to much better advantage, and certain recommendations will be made to the Council to that end.

Believe me, Dear Sir,
very sincerely

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer
Last Post Fund

March 9th, 1926.

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

My dear Mr. Hair:-

With reference to your letter of yesterday, I fully agree with the substance of it. The only suggestion I make is that instead of using the words "yours" and "Our" in paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 that paragraph 3 begin like this:

"The statement submitted by the Saskatchewan Branch shews, etc."; and instead of saying "in accordance with our system and regulations" say "in accordance with the system and regulations laid down in the By-laws, etc. of Last Post Fund". The point I am aiming at is that we should get away from this personal 'yours' and 'ours', using the third person instead of the first and second.

Please let me have the letter as you finally draft it and also make an additional copy, as I want to write to General Embury at the same time. I quite agree with you that the conditions exposed by their return are such that I, for one, will have nothing to do with sanctioning their practice. I think we may as well prepare to break with the organization as it exists in Saskatchewan.

Yours faithfully,



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Montreal

March 8th 1926

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

Dear Sir Arthur,

I am at last in receipt of a reply to my communication addressed to Mr Rowan of Regina on June 22nd 1925, together with a statement and covering Forms B in so far as he is able to furnish them.

This statement bears out exactly what I have maintained all along, i.e. that they are merely using us as a means to their own ends, and for the benefit of other Societies, while the object for which we are responsible in the province of Saskatchewan is failing of its intended purpose.

Before replying thereto, I am sending you a copy of my draft for your opinion and wishes, as I am divided between two forms, viz:- either the first paragraph alone, or the whole as it stands. The argument in favour of the latter, is that it is the absolute truth confirmed by their own statement, and will at least give them advance intimation of what may be expected. On the other hand, I am fully alive to the wisdom of the axiom regarding verbosity.

I respectfully submit however, that some action ought to, and can be taken to indicate that our existence and utility in the province of Saskatchewan is not entirely dependant upon the attitude towards us, of those who have not entirely welcomed our debut, and this ought to be done before their untoward attitude influences others.

In anticipation of your instructions.

Believe me, very respectfully

Arthur H. D. Hair
Dom. Secy-Treasurer
L.P.F.

"LEST WE FORGET"

Copy
for the President's advice

Dominion Headquarters
Montreal
March 8th 1926

F.J. Rowan Esqr
Hon. Secy - L.P.F.
Saskatchewan

Dear Sir,

We beg to advise you that yours of March 1st in reply to ours of June 22nd 1925 has been duly received together with the enclosures therein, and the same will receive the consideration and action of the Council at their next meeting.

We regret to note that your statement to hand indicates clearly a misconception of the object and intention of this organization, as well as the conditions governing the Federal assistance afforded your province through the Headquarters of Last Post Fund.

Your statement shows, that obviously no attempt whatever is being made by those responsible for the administration of our work in your province, to supplement the financial assistance afforded them by us, or to conduct the work under our auspices, and in accordance with our system and regulations.

Your statement further shows, and it is fully apparent, that the funds remitted from us to date, have merely been used to liquidate accounts for funerals conducted by others and incurred by them. Furthermore, such accounts liquidated by the affiliated representation of L.P.F. in Saskatchewan, are in the main excessive, and without provision for completion of the work it is our duty to accomplish.

Your statement, and the Forms B. returned, finally show, there has been serious irregularity in the return of Sworn Declaration, and the liquidation of accounts that long ante-dated the promulgation of the government assistance accorded us, as well as the liquidation of an account where it was known that the estate of the deceased had ample funds to apply.

In view of the foregoing, we would not be justified in making favourable report to the government of the present application of the assistance afforded us for your province, and we are convinced it can be applied through re-organization to much better advantage, in consequence of which, certain recommendations will be made to the Council to that effect.

Believe me, very sincerely

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer
Last Post Fund

March 1st 1926

C O P Y

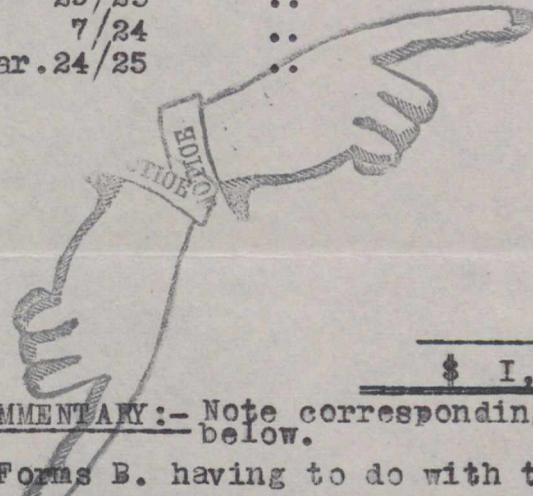
of statement sent us by the Hon. Secy of our affiliated representation in Regina. Sask.

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Receipts

Disbursements

Aug. 7/23	Grant	\$ 510.00	R 1.	Aug. 29/23	H.W. Button	\$ 80.03	X
29/23	..	100.00		2.	Oct. 16/23	H. Tyler	85.00
7/24	..	255.00		3.	Dec. 4/23	T. Friar	100.00
Mar. 24/25	..	255.00	R 4.	Mar. 21/24	W. Dominique	65.00	
					J. Hall	75.00	
			R 5.	Sept. 8/24	R. Spargo	75.00	
				Ap. 3/24	A. Carey	100.00	
				Mar. 4/25	R. Turton	85.00	
			R	July. 29/25	G.W. Child	100.00	
				Sept. 24/25	R. Calderwood	100.00	
				Nov. 30/25	L.M. Scott	100.00	
			6.	J. McDonald	100.00	
				Balance on hand		54.97	
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\$ 1,120.00				\$ 1,120.00			



COMMENTARY:- Note corresponding red ink number of case, with commentary below.

Forms B. having to do with the cases of :- Arquier, and McConnell - were sent forward with a request that we send them sufficient funds to liquidate their indebtedness in each case of \$100.00

X R { Arquier's case ante-dates the government grant to us by two years
McConnell's case does not appear to be a really 'needy' one

1. This case was dealt with direct from Hqrs Montreal, not locally
2. Nothing to indicate in this case that deceased was ever in the service and yet the Declaration - in toto - is sworn to.
3. The same applies to this case, except the it is not sworn to.
4. Declaration very doubtful, and incomplete
5. This case should certainly not have been liquidated by us, and constitutes a very serious 'irregularity' in regard to the sworn Declaration, as there were ample funds of deceased.
6. The account for this case ante-dates the government grant by a year and should certainly not have been liquidated by us.

"R" indicates cases that were dealt with in Regina, though it was stated by Colonel McAra to Mr Scammell, that 'no portion of the monies sent by us, has been used for burials in Regina'

appeal for relief to Arch. who refused because man had \$100 in bank w/ a case for us.

6 they paid this to a veteran of my platoon debts incurred before 1914

12 Sent forms to Arch and asked for funds for Arquier

H. H. D. Fair
Secy-Treas - L.P.F.

DOCKET ENDS:

SCAMMELL



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March 29th 1926

General, Sir Arthur Currie
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President
Last Post Fund

Dear Sir Arthur,

I am just in receipt of the enclosed re-assuring letter from Mr G.H. Davis one of the three Trustees in Winnipeg, which speaks for itself.

From the attached summary you will note that the financial position of the Branch there is not by any means what it should be, but I think possible of adjustment subject to some re-organization.

On the face of the returns now made, I would respectfully suggest that we immediately wire them the funds we have to their credit for the current year, thus enabling them to close it on March 31st in the best shape possible, and either shortly before, or after, the annual meeting (in the third week of April) convene a special meeting of the Council to deal with matters of importance affecting both Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

If the foregoing meets with your approval, I would thank you to kindly sign the enclosed Draft payable to the Trustees of the Manitoba Branch, as also the two cheques herewith, and also kindly let me have the enclosed correspondence for reply, and my files.

Thanking you in anticipation.

I have the honour to be,

Dear Sir,
Sincerely

Secretary-Treasurer. L.P.F.

"LEST WE FORGET"

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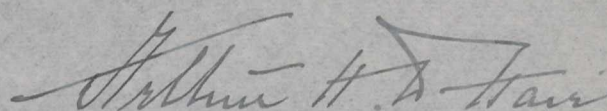
Compiled from returns made by the Manitoba Prov. Hqrs Branch

March 31 / 25	To balance Dr shown	\$ 40.08
Dec. 31 / 25	,, ,, ,, ,,	1077.90
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		\$ 1117.98

Dec. 31 / 25	By Bank balance	\$ 75.92	
Mar 29 / 26	,, Remittance	917.51	<hr/>
			993.43
	Balance Dr at December 31st/25	-----	<hr/>
			\$ 124.55

The above debit balance, is plus liabilities accrued from Dec. 31st/25 to end of current year March 31st/26.

Unless the final statement for the year ending March 31st shows supplementation of funds, I respectfully suggest that immediate action be taken to prevent further accumulation of indebtedness.



Dominion Secretary-Treasurer

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March 16th 1926

General, Sir Arthur Currie
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Dear Sir Arthur,

I beg to acknowledge and thank you for your kind communication of the 11th inst consenting to take the Chair on the occasion of our Ceremony on May 24th next, which I am sure will be much appreciated by our Officers and Membership.

I desire to take this occasion to advise you that an ex-Officer of the Royal Air Force - Lieutenant Stanley M. Johnson - whom I am given to understand by Mrs Johnson, is well known to you; has passed away yesterday morning at the Royal Victoria Hospital, and the funeral arrangements are being conducted by us from Joseph C. Wray & Bros' Parlours at 2.p.m. tomorrow (Wednesday) thence to our Plot in Mount Royal Cemetery.

I understand that the late Mr Johnson has very few friends in this City except some of the Officials of the Company for which he was temporarily doing business in Montreal, and that he originally came from Victoria B.C.

Should you care to attend the Funeral Service Sir, I shall see that you are called for at your convenience, and await your instructions in the matter.

Believe me, very sincerely

Secretary-Treasurer
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For advice & file of this proposal

DOMINION HEADQUARTERS
Montreal

March 15th 1926

TO ALL SECRETARIES OF PROVINCIAL
HEADQUARTERS, OR DISTRICT BRANCHES
OF LAST POST FUND

Dear Sir,

Will you kindly see that the two accompanying blank forms (D.&F.) are duly and fully completed up to and inclusive of the 31st of March 1926 for the year then ending, and return the same to Headquarters in time to reach here not later than April 15th for incorporation in the Report of the annual meeting.

Kindly note that the returns on the obverse and reverse sides of form F are distinct from each other, and must be shown separately. Also kindly discern between Funerals paid for by your Branch; Re-imbursments to others, Allotments to District Branches, and Commitments for any of the foregoing.

Faithfully

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer

Last Post Fund (Incorp'd)

"LEST WE FORGET"

March 11th, 1926.

A. H. D. Hair, Esc.,
P. O. Box 1382,
Montreal.

My dear Mr. Hair:-

I have your letter of the 10th
of March with reference to the ceremony on the 24th
of May.

I shall be very glad to take the
Chair, but will not consent to make an address on
that occasion.

Yours faithfully,



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March 10th 1926

General, Sir Arthur Currie
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President
Last Post Fund

Dear Sir Arthur,

At the last Executive meeting but one (Que.Prov. Hqrs) I was deputed to proceed with arrangements for the usual ceremony of May 24th and following past custom I endeavoured to seek a subject and person appropriate to the occasion. The Executive concurred in the opinion that, 'while perpetuating the valour of our Warrior Dead, we are equally anxious to propagate the spirit of universal good will and Peace' in consequence of which I felt it would be quite appropriate to endeavour to get someone to address us on the "Locarno Pact" and its objective.

Through the kind cooperation of Lady Drummond and Prof.P.E. Corbett we have been promised an address on the foregoing subject in both English and French - in all probability the former by Prof. Corbett - while Lady Drummond has kindly promised to be present in person.

The object of my communication Sir, is to ask you if we may anticipate the honour of your being with us in the Chair on that occasion, the time of which will be at 3.p.m. at the Cartier Monument on Fletcher's Field on Monday May 24th 1926.

In anticipation of your kind reply.

Believe most sincerely

Dom. Secretary-Treasurer
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March 6th 1926

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

Dear Sir Arthur,

While a notice sent out produced a meeting of the "Grounds Committee" last evening, it failed to get a 'Quorum' for an Executive meeting, in consequence of which I was unable to pass accounts for payment. As some of these are overdue, would you kindly give interim authority for payment thereof, to be ratified at the first Executive meeting. The accounts are:-

<u>Provincial</u>	-	Ok. 541	J. G. Wray & Bro	\$213.50		
			2 Pemb. Smith & Coy	1.35		
			3 Mt R. Cem. Coy	9.50		
			4 C.P.R. Tel. Coy	1.79		
			5 Bell Tel. Coy	10.26		
			6 Petty Cash (A.H.)	10.00		
			7 The Mont. Gazette	3'75	Total	\$250.15

Present Bank balance is:- \$1433.01

<u>Dominion</u>	-	Ok II 3	Pemb Smith & Coy	\$ 1.35		
			4 C.P.R. Tel. Coy	1.92	Total	\$3.27

Present bank balance is:- \$2419.91

Sincerely

Secretary-Treasurer
L.P.F.

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for the President's advice

Montreal, March 1st 1926

QUE. PRV. HQRS EXECUTIVE MEETING

Dear Sir, or Madam,

A meeting of the Quebec Provincial Headquarters Executive is called for Friday evening March 5th at 8.15.p.m. in the Ritz-Carlton Hotel:-

BUSINESS:-

1. Minutes of last meeting
2. Correspondence
3. Reports
4. New business

As a member of this Executive Committee you are urgently requested to be present.

Faithfully

Arthur H. D. Hair
Secretary L.P.F.

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February 26th 1926

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

President
Last Post Fund

Dear Sir Arthur,

I beg to attach herewith the reply from the Department of Indian Affairs in reply to ours of the 12th inst, from which you will note they have graciously conceded to our request.

I am as yet without any reply to ours to the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-Establishment.

Faithfully

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer
Last Post Fund

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C O P Y

File No. 452-37

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

Ottawa. February 19th 1926

Sir,

I have to acknowledge your letter of the 12th instant and as requested therein I am sending you herewith a list of our Indian Agents, with their addresses..

You may quote this letter as authority in asking any of our Agents to assist you in securing information or data as occasion arises with regard to cases of Indians who served in the Great War, which may require the attention of your Organization.

Your obedient servant

(Sgd) J.D. McLean

Assistant Deputy and Secretary

With enclosure

Arthur H.D. Hair Esqr
Dominion Secretary-Treasurer
Last Post Fund
P.O. Box 1382 G.P.O.
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February 26th 1926

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

Dear Sir Arthur,

Will you be kind enough to sign the enclosed cheques, and cause same to be forwarded to General Armstrong for counter-signature and oblige.

The present Bank balance of the Dominion account is \$2419.91

Faithfully

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer
L.P.F.

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Montreal, Feb. 20th 1926

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

Dear Sir Arthur,

Will you kindly sign the enclosed cheques for disbursement to those mentioned therein. This is a distribution of \$100.00 Funeral and last illness re-imbusement through us from the B.P.C. as follows, viz:-

Cheque deposited to our account from the B.P.C.	\$100.00
Less by Cemetery fees due Mrs Leduc	7.00
Balance distributable for 'last illness'	<u>\$ 93.00</u>
Accounts due Dr J.S. McIntosh	\$60.00
" " Dr A. Desparois	55.00
Total	<u>\$115.00</u>

Proportionate distribution of balance in hand:-

Dr J.S. McIntosh	12/23 of \$93.00	-	\$48.52	
Dr A. Desparois	11/23 of \$93.00	-	44.48	<u>\$ 93.00</u>

Thanking you in anticipation.

Faithfully

Secretary-Treasurer
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Montreal

February 18th 1926

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

Dear Sir Arthur,

I respectfully beg to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 16th inst, and note with very much regret the contents of the last paragraph.

I must confess Sir, that I feel more guilty of failure to have submitted my letter to you for approval or otherwise - and possibly - joint signature, than any desire to convey to the Department of S.C.R. anything other than the desire of the meeting as it impressed me.

In the matter of my omission, I feel bound to tender you my very sincere apology, which I trust you will accept.

In explanation of the paragraph referred to, may I say, it was an attempt to express what I gathered to be generally uppermost in the sentiment of the meeting, and possibly the easiest solution of the problem, and while Mr Scammell explained (as I understood him) that economy was the cause of the ruling, the ruling itself was without provision or precedent in the Act governing the disbursement; a fact the Department quite possibly might have overlooked and even appreciate their attention being drawn to.

I sincerely trust the suggestion will have no untoward effect, and I respectfully reiterate my very sincere apology and regrets.

Believe me, Dear Sir Arthur
very sincerely

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer
L.P.F.

"LEST WE FORGET"

February 16th, 1926.

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

My dear Mr. Hair:-

I acknowledge receipt of copies of letters addressed by you to the Director of Administration, Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment, and to the Secretary, Department of Indian Affairs, Ottawa.

With reference to the first letter, I did not carry away from our meeting the impression that you were to ask the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment to consider the advisability of reversing their decision and I thought that Mr. Scammel fully explained the reason why their ruling arose.

Yours faithfully,



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February 12th 1926

General, Sir Arthur Currie
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President
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Dear Sir Arthur,

I beg to enclose herewith copies of the communications I was directed to address to the Director of Administration D.S.C.R. and the Department of Indian Affairs Ottawa, as a result of the Council meeting held on tuesday last, and for your advice.

Faithfully

Dom. Secy-Treas L.P.F.

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Dominion Headquarters
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The Secretary
Department of Indian Affairs
Headquarters - Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir,

I am deputed by the Dominion Council of this Society to submit as follows:-

We enclose herewith some literature explanatory of the aims and objects of this Society, and would intimate that from time to time there has been, and will in future be, cases of Indians who served in the Canadian Expeditionary Force of the Great War, who unfortunately, may need the services of this Society.

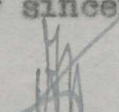
Owing to the peculiar character and habits of the North American Indian, only those closely associated with them are able to obtain reliable information in regards to their real need or otherwise, while - generally speaking - and as a class, they are assumed to be permanently impecunious, though undoubtedly the reverse obtains in many cases.

In view of the foregoing, and the further fact that their 'status' with regard to the making of Affidavit is very indefinite, we respectfully desire to petition the consideration of your Department with regard to permitting your Agents on the respective Reserves, becoming our official representatives in obtaining the necessary information in such a contingency as we exist for.

We shall greatly appreciate your kindness in submitting the foregoing for the consideration of your Department, and in the event of its favourable reception, we should like to have a list of the respective Agents and their addresses for our files.

Thanking you in anticipation.

I have the honour to be,
Dear Sir,
very sincerely


Dominion Secretary-Treasurer
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The Director of Administration
Department of Soldiers' Civil
Re-Establishment
Headquarters - Ottawa. Ont.

Dear Sir,

I am deputed by the Dominion Council of this Society to advise you that our Toronto Branch recently received a request from your local Unit there, to report to them all cases of Pensioner's deaths brought to our attention for assistance in burial arrangements before proceeding therewith, in order that you may decide whether your Departmental Contractor, or the Last Post Fund shall conduct the funeral. Such provision we understand resulting from a difference in the costs to you and us.

Our Council respectfully desires to submit and express the hope that:-

- (a) The foregoing ruling of your Department may be confined to the City of Toronto.
- (b) That in all cases an expeditious decision may be given to prevent a very undesirable delay in making the funeral arrangements, which decision we would ask might be entirely waived in favour of our proceeding with the arrangements when a case comes to our attention between your office hours of Friday evening and Monday morning, or at any time where your Toronto Unit Office is closed for 48 hours or more.
- (c) That we may be given a ruling, as to whether your Department will re-imburse this Society at the amount of your own Toronto Contract price, or ours, where this Society may inter a deceased ex-service person in good faith as a non-pensioner, and subsequently discover that he was eligible for the provisions of Chap. 62 Art 20 (revised Chap. 43 Art. 32) of the Canadian Pensions Act.

In fact, our Council would further respectfully submit, that prior to your ruling on the foregoing and on second consideration, you may possibly deem it in the best interests all round, to revoke the request made to our Toronto Branch, and deal with the 'Pension' cases at death as heretofore and elsewhere throughout the Dominion.

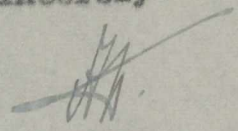
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Our Council is somewhat perplexed to fully understand the reason that has given rise to the necessity for the recent ruling in Toronto, in view of the fact that heretofore no authority has been given or provision made for the conduct of funerals through Government Contractors where Art. 20 of Chap. 62 of the Pensions Act is applicable, and from point of economy, we submit, that while it may prove of some small advantage in a few cases, generally applied, it would prove very much the reverse.

Thanking you in anticipation of your kind consideration of the foregoing.

I have the honour to be,
Dear Sir,
very sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'J. H. H.', written over a horizontal line.

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer
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