

**FILE 140**

**LAST POST**

**FUND**

Quebec Provincial Headquarters

Executive meeting January 14th /25.

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Agenda :-

1. Minutes, and business arising therefrom
2. Correspondence
3. Secretarial Report:- Funerals, etc,  
Finances.
4. New business:-
  - Members
  - Chambly (Restitutorial Function)
  - Papineau (Resolution)

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SECRETARIAL REPORT

Mr President, Ladies & Gentlemen,

Since the last Executive meeting, the following interments have been conducted by the Fund:-

Oct. 29th	Pte G. Brodeur - 163rd Batt'n - R.C.	Transferred
Nov. 29th	Pte Andre Petruk - 24th Batt'n - Russ. Orth.	
Dec. 5th	Pte Alfred Higgins - 24th Batt'n - C.E.	
Dec. 14th	Pte John E. McCabe - 8th Batt'n - R.C.	
Dec. 17th	Pte Arthur T. Ireland - R.C.G.A. - C.o.E.	
Dec. 24th	Pte Jos. Dorais - 57th Batt'n - R.C.	
Dec. 26th	Pte J.H. Woodlands - 199th Batt'n - R.C.	
Dec. 31st	Pte A.E. Green - Can. R'y Coy - C.of E	
Dec. 18th	Pte S. Dallas - Imp. Army & Navy - Mohammedan	

The first case, that of Brodeur was a transfer from temporary ground authorised at the last meeting, the second was that of a Russian who fought with our forces in the Great War, and with whose people we are endeavouring to get in touch to advise them of his demise, the next two - Higgins and McCabe - were interments in our Plots by special request of the relatives who agree to re-imburse to the amount of our outlay. The fifth, that of -Ireland- was a soldier of the Royal Canadian Artillery at the Citadel Quebec, who in 1910 was confined to the Protestant Hospital for the Insane, and for whose burial the authorities at that institution appealed to us; the sixth, -Dorais- died in the Hotel Dieu, and application for our services was made by a Sister of Charity to save him from the Inspector of Anatomy. The seventh, -Woodlands- dropped dead at the Salvation Army Hostel, and leaves a little daughter a total orphan, her Mother having pre-deceased the Father. The eighth case, -Green- was that of a comparatively young man, who was to have appeared for medical examination before a Board the day of his death, and who leaves a widow with six young children at Brownsburg P.Q. totally unprovided for. The last case -Dallas- alias Sheik Abdullah, Mohammed Esmail, was a Hindu whose case was reported to us after the body had reached the Inspector of Anatomy, by the same Sister of Charity who reported the Dorais case. Considerable trouble was incurred in recovering the body, and an interesting story surrounds the case and services of this man, in which Mr Ritchie Bell of the Sailor's Institute cooperated with us. Local Mohammedans attended the obsequies and solicited christian cooperation at the burial. Correspondence has been addressed to ostensible relatives and the local press of Bombay India, from whence deceased hailed, and he was buried in the Protestant Sailor's Plot.

DOMINION BY-LAWS & SUPPLEMENTARY RULES

I beg to report that the Dominion By-Laws enacted at the Special General Meeting of November 7th last were officially approved and promulgated by the Secretary of State of Canada, to become effective from January 2nd of this year, and copies of same will be mailed to all members as soon as they come from the press. The Special Committee appointed to draft the Supplementary Rules have also reported to the President, and the latter's sanction is awaited for their promulgation.

PAPINEAU AVENUE CEMETERY

As a result of representations made through our President to General Armstrong, I have much pleasure in reporting that through the courtesy of the latter gentleman, and under the supervision of Major Irwin of the Royal Canadian Engineers, some very valuable and effective work has been done in this old landmark. Many of the rapidly disappearing inscriptions on the headstones have been re-cut, and a general Chart of all the graves now apparent has been prepared for future reference, while an attempt is also being made to obtain a complete copy of the Registers dating from 1814 to 1869.

EXTRANEOUS CASES

I regret to report on November 2nd last the death of the dependant Mother of the late ex-Gunner H.S. McKay for whom after considerable effort we succeeded in getting a compassionate pension from the Imperial Government. The old lady did not live long to be a burden to the country, and her only remaining daughter - herself ill - appealed to me to assist her in making the arrangements for her Mother's interment the cost of which she liquidated.

On December the 17th an ex-service man out of employment appealed to me for assistance to bury one of his children. After much vain effort to get one of the various philanthropic Societies to do it, he was about to hand the body over to the city for pauper burial, when, through the intercession of Mrs Hair and Mrs Hodge of our Women's Auxiliary, the Montreal Soldier's Wives League were induced to look after the case.

*Balthusart case*

FINANCES

I would ask the ratification of the following accounts paid by authorisation of the President, owing to default of meeting called for November 29th last:-

	The Rush Printing Coy	18.12	
<u>QUE.</u>	Thos. V. Bell	9.00	
<u>PROV.</u>	Bell Telephone Coy	5.13	
	Armistice Day Wreath	7.50	
<u>ACCT.</u>	Jos. C. Wray & Bro	55.00	\$ 94.75

*Ratified*

I would ask authority for payment of the following amounts:-

	Jos. C. Wray & Bro	253.00	
<u>QUE.</u>	Bell Telephone Coy	5.83	
<u>PROV.</u>	C.P.R. Telegraph Coy	.63	
<u>ACCT.</u>	T.V. Bell & Coy	3.05	
	Cemetery Upkeep (Dicairre)	5.00	
	Gratuity - "Ritz" - Steward	10.00	
	Petty cash	10.00	\$303.01

*Paid for payment*

The Norton Carbon Paper Coy (Dom. Hqrs Acct) 3.50

PRESENT BANK BALANCES & AMOUNTS DUE

<u>Dominion Headquarters:-</u>	\$ 3427.20		
<u>Distributable to Provinces</u>	\$ 2583.89	Net	\$843.31
<u>Quebec Prov. Hqrs:-</u>	\$ 400.25 in Bank		
	179.50 due	Total	\$579.75

*Arthur H. D. Fair*

Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes of a Quebec Provincial Headquarters Executive Meeting held at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel Wednesday January 14th 1925.

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There were present:- Brig-Gen. C.J. Armstrong in the Chair  
Miss Hay Browne  
Mr F.R. Thom  
Mr Chas. Shannon  
A.H.D. Hair

Brig-Gen. J.E. White tendered his apologies to the Chair (through the Secretary) for inability to be present.

1. The Minutes of the previous Executive meeting were read and on hearing report from the Secretary on uncompleted matters, were unanimously confirmed.

2. Considerable correspondence was on hand - in the main of a grateful and complimentary nature for the services of the Fund - and with the exception of the three following communications:- The Matinee Musical Club - Mrs Osher S. Moody - and Mr Patrick O'Connor - it was taken as read and ordered to be filed.

3. The Secy-Treasurer in submitting the communication of the Matinee Musical Club, reported having received a cheque for - \$310.25 - as one third the net proceeds of the Armistice Ball accompanied by an audited statement which was presented to the meeting. On Motion of Mr Thom, Seconded by Miss Browne, it was Resolved that the Secretary be requested to intimate the official acknowledgement of the cheque and audited statement, and to express the Directorate's most grateful appreciation of the Benefit afforded the Last Post Fund (Que. Prov. Hqrs) through the efforts of The Matinee Musical Club. Carried unanimously.

4. Dealing with the case of the late Corporal Sherman Osher Moody, after some discussion, it was considered that transfer of the body of deceased from the Government Plot to ours would best solve the difficulty of marking the grave, in consequence of which Mr Hair was requested to endeavour to arrange matters to that end, and in the event of his success, it was Moved by Miss Browne, Seconded by Mr Thom, and unanimously resolved:- "That the body of the late Corp. Osher Sherman Moody be transferred to our Plot in Mount Royal Cemetery and the grave be marked with one of our Memorial Markers".

5. The Secretary read a somewhat caustic communication from a Mr Patrick O'Connor received by him owing to his (Mr Hair's) decision that it would be useless to bring Mr O'Connor's request to the attention of the Executive with any hope of the action desired. After some discussion, it was Moved by Miss Browne, Seconded by Mr Thom, and resolved - "That the action desired by Mr O'Connor be accorded by the Fund and that the grave of the late Gunner Ross be marked with one of our Memorial Markers". Carried.

6. Mr Thom Moved Seconded by Mr Shannon, - "That the Secretary's Report of interim activities as read, be adopted". Carried.

7. Mr Shannon Moved Seconded by Mr Thom, - "That the accounts amounting to \$94.75 paid in the interim between Executive meeting on the authorisation of the President, be ratified". Carried.

8. Moved by Miss Browne Seconded by Mr Shannon, and resolved. "That authority be given by this meeting for the payment of the following amounts:-

Jos. C. Wray & Bro	\$253.00	
The Bell Telephone Coy	5.83	
G.P.R. Telegraph Coy	.63	
T.V. Bell Ltd	3.05	
M. Dicaire	5.00	
A.N. Asselin	10.00	
Petty Cash	10.00	\$303.01
The Norton Carbon Paper Coy		3.50

Carried unanimously.

9. Under "New Business" General Armstrong proposed the name of Mrs Vincent Duckworth for "Active" Membership in the Fund. Seconded by Miss Browne, which nomination was unanimously approved for election to membership.

10. Mr Hair mentioned that the Fund was not yet in receipt of the allotment made to it from the "Poppy Day" funds despite the fact that most of the Veteran Organizations had received and disbursed their allotments. He however stated that he was in receipt of correspondence from the Secretary of the Montreal Unit of the Dominion Veterans Alliance regretting delay and assuring us of an early remittance.

Nothing further presenting, the meeting was declared closed.

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President

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Secy-Treasurer

Memo:-

Mr O'Connor applied to me to have the Fund place a Marker or headstone on the grave of the late Gunner Ross, who at death our services were not requisitioned for, owing to the fact that he had a Bank account more than sufficient to meet the cost of both interment and marking.

After however declining our assistance, and finding that the Undertaker's account and grave had eaten up \$272.00 (thro' inexperience in handling such matters) he came to us to place a headstone or Marker on the grave.

My communication to him indicates the attitude I took towards the matter, in which I felt I was justified having offered our assistance at the time of Ross' death.

In reversing my action, the Executive meeting felt that Ross' grave should not remain unmarked through the lavish expenditure or inexperience of Mr O'Connor.

C O P Y

25I St Antoine Street

Montreal

November 27th 1924.

Arthur H.D. Hair Esqr  
5620 Park Avenue  
Montreal.

Dear Sir,

Your letter to hand ,also the discharge papers of the late Gunner Ross,thanking you for the same.

It is just as I expected,a good recompense for a man who fought and lost his eye,and partly his reason,also a brother for a decrepitable government who could not even mark his grave so that anyone passing could know he was a soldier.

The man in question was nothing to me;no relation:but still I went about four days paying car fare and my time without any recompense to myself. Yet the Army that ruined the man would not even mark his grave. I did it because I was a soldier and a man. I thank God I have a grave and a stone and I hope I will never have to ask the Last Post Fund or any other Post belonging to the Army for favours.

Well you may have on the head of your stationery "LEST WE FORGET" but there are a good many of us will never forget. You can take this letter before your Executive if you wish. If I had went to you in the first place you might have managed better,you would get paid for your trouble. I did all I could gratis,and you would not have given the deceased the burial he got. I shall now approach some influential people who I am told will refer this matter to Lord Byng of Vimy,

Thanking you for your interest in the matter,

I remain ,One of the boys

(sgd) Patrick O'Connor

C O P Y

LAST POST FUND

November 26th 1924.

Mr Patrick O'Connor  
251 St Antoine Street  
Montreal.

My Dear Sir,

I received the Discharge Document of the late Gunner Ross today, which I am compelled to return herewith, as I find it impossible under the circumstances to do anything in this matter.

I today verified your assertion that there was in the vicinity of \$290.00 in the Bank to the credit of the deceased at demise.

I understand from the lady who accompanied you last evening that she received \$18.00 which was due her, and which would leave \$272.00.

There is no balance at the credit of deceased now from which the cost of a stone can be liquidated.

In making application to the Pension Department for balance of any amount due the Estate to apply to funeral costs, it is necessary that I should certify that "There were insufficient funds to meet the cost of interment of deceased" and on the face of my having ascertained that there was \$272.00 I cannot do that. I am also quite sure it would be useless for me to bring the case before my Executive, as \$272.00 should have been ample to cover the cost of Funeral, Burial and Marking of the grave.

If you had come to me in the first instance, I might have been able to give you some advisory assistance, but I regret at this stage I am quite helpless to do so.

Believe me, Dear Sir

very sincerely

(sgd) A.H.D. Hair

Secretary-Treasurer  
Last Post Fund



*Copy for advice*

Minutes of an Executive meeting of the Provincial  
(Quebec) Headquarters, held at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel  
February 18th 1925.

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- 1. There were present:-
  - Miss Hay Browne
  - Mr F.R. Thom
  - Mr A.H.D. Hair
  - Mr John Munn (representing  
the Grounds Committee)

Intimation of regret at inability to be present was given by the Secretary from Sir Arthur Currie and Mr Pember-ton Smith.

- 2. Miss Browne nominated Mr Thom to the Chair, and with the unanimous consent of those present Mr Thom declared the meeting open for business.
- 3. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted as correct.
- 4. In view of the death of Dr J.T. Finnie a past Vice Pre-sident of the Fund, it was Moved by Miss Hay Browne, Seconded by Mr Thom, and unanimously resolved:-
  - "That, having learned of the death of Dr J.T. Finnie their past Vice President, the Last Post Fund wish to express to his family their sincere sympathy in the loss they have sustained through his sudden death."
 Copy of which resolution to be sent to the family.

- 5. Mr Hair as Treasurer Moved, Seconded by Miss Browne:-
  - "That the interim financial report be accepted as read, and that the following accounts be paid:-

The Rush Printing Company	\$ 7.61
Bell Telephone Company	5.13
Mount Royal Cemetery Coy	15.50
J.C. Wray & Bro	87.00
McKenna Limited	5.00-120.24

Also that authority be given to draw a cheque for petty cash to the amount of:- 15.00

And liquidate the cost of Funeral and burial ex-penses in the Sherbrooke case, to a maximum of:- 75.00

Total appropriation \$212.24

- 6. Those present expressed regret at the apparently unnec-cessary delay in receipt of the "Poppy Day" allotment voted the Fund by the Veterans' Alliance, and hoped that it would be forthcoming before next meeting
- 7. Mr Hair was asked to send a suitable reply to a communi-cation received from a Mr Ernest Kerr re an "Empire Day Concert" without committing the Fund to any financial ob-ligation in the matter.
- 8. Mr John Munn presented the "Grounds Committee" report, as per copy attached to these Minutes, and on a Motion presented by himself, and seconded by Mr Thom-"With the exception of

paragrah 4. having regard to the Flag-staff, and arrangement for which is temporarily postponed pending receipt of per-mission for its removal to the fence-line - the suggestions in the Report be received and acted upon" - Carried.

Nothing further presenting, the meeting was declared closed.

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President

Interim report of finances

(Que. Prov. Hqrs)

Bills Payable

Rush Printing Coy	7.61	
Phone	5.13	
Mount R. Cem Coy	15.50	
J.C. Wray & Bro	87.00	
McKenna Ltd	5.00	\$ 120.24
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Petty cash required		15.00
Appropriation for Sherbrooke case		75.00
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Total		\$ 212.24

Cash in hand, & amounts receivable

Cash in Bank		\$256.24
Cheque in hand		21.25
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Poppy Day due	\$500.00	
Women's Auxiliary	200.00	
By reimbursements	170.00	
,, Interest on V. Bonds	7.50	
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		\$898.75

*Arthur H. D. Hair*  

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Secy-Treasurer

*19-2-25*



# Last Post Fund

(PROV. QUEBEC 1909)

(INCORPORATED)

(FEDERAL 1921)

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

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

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

## "LEST WE FORGET"

VICE-PRESIDENTS:

BRIG.-GEN. A. E. LABELLE, Montreal

DR. ALBERT H. ABBOTT, Toronto

ARTHUR H. D. HAIR

DOMINION SECRETARY-TREASURER

P. O. BOX 1382, MONTREAL

May 14th 1925

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

Dear Sir Arthur,

The enclosed accounts were authorised to be paid by an Executive meeting of the Quebec Prov. Hqrs on Tuesday evening last, viz:-

J. Brunet Ltee	\$79.73	
J.C. Wray & Bro	56.00	
The Mont. Gazette	7.50	
The Mont. Star	2.50	
The Bell Tel. Coy	5.13	
The C.P.R. Tel. Coy	1.52	
M. Dicaire	5.00	
Petty Cash	15.00	
Geo. Durnford & Coy	25.00	Total \$197.38

Our present Bank balance is \$760.98

The following accounts are also in order for payment from Dominion Headquarters account, viz:-

The C.P.R. Telegraph Coy	\$5.51	
A. Asselin	10.00	
George Durnford & Coy	10.00	
E.W. Sayer Sales Corp'n	5.30	Total \$ 30.81

Our present Bank balance is:- \$1281.45

Would you be kind enough to sign and cause to be forwarded the enclosed cheques for counter-signature.

I will forward you copy of the Minutes of last meeting as soon as I have transcribed them in the Minute Book.

Faithfully

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer

Last Post Fund



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ARTHUR H. D. HAIR  
DOMINION SECRETARY-TREASURER  
P. O. BOX 1382, MONTREAL

May 18th 1925

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

Dear Sir Arthur,

I beg to enclose herewith copy of the Minutes of the last Executive meeting for your advice.

I am also enclosing a Bond required by the Department of Militia & Defence in connection with the gun-carriage in our charge, and in connection therewith would direct your kind attention to Minute 12.

I would also particularly direct your kind attention to Minute 4 and accompanying correspondence in connection therewith, as also also the names of the two gentlemen suggested to fill the vacancy created, incidentally intimating that General McCuaig is not yet a member, but has very frequently been mentioned as a very desirable one, and it was thought that if you concurred in the suggestion, a word from you to him might act as an inspiration.

In the matter of Minute 9 your kind advice and wishes will be appreciated in the form of a note to the Head Office of the Bank of Montreal, as otherwise we shall be tied up during your vacation this summer, the President's signature being essential to all cheques, unless provision is made otherwise in his absence.

Thanking you in anticipation of your kind attention to the foregoing.

I have the honour to be,

Dear Sir,

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer  
Last Post Fund

May 19, 1925.

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

Dear Mr. Hair:-

Reference enclosed bond; it is not correct to include the words "our and each of our heirs, executors and administrators". Moreover, the seal of the Last Post Fund should be put on and the words "Last Post Fund" be inserted before the document is signed by the officers.

Might I also point out that this bond as it is framed includes all stores loaned to the Last Post Fund in any part of Canada. I do not believe that this is your intention, but think it well to bring it to your notice.

As regards the signature of cheques by Sir Arthur Currie, what is necessary is a new regulation which should be inserted in the minutes of your last meeting. If you will get the a formal resolution from your bank, I will be glad to be of any assistance in getting the matter arranged.

Yours faithfully,

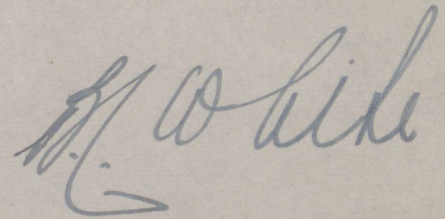
DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE  
(Militia Service)

..... March 24th ..... 1925..

Ordnance Depot,  
3 Hillside Avenue,  
Westmount P.Q.

The Secretary,  
The Last Post Fund,  
Post Office Box #1382,  
Montreal - P.Q.

Instructions have been received from National Defence Headquarters to the effect that the articles of Harness etc., which are on loan to the Last Post Fund for funeral purposes are to be covered by Bond, I would therefore request that the enclosed Bond be signed by the President and Secretary, also a witness, and returned to this Office as early as possible.



(B.C. White)  
Lieut. Colonel,  
District Ordnance Officer M.D.#4.

Copy of Minutes of an Executive Meeting of Quebec Provincial Headquarters, held at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Tuesday May 12th/25

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1. There were present:- Lt-Col. C.B. Price - elected to the Chair  
Miss Hay Browne  
Mr F.R. Thom  
A.H.D. Hair
2. The Secretary was requested to read the Minutes of the previous meeting, which were unanimously adopted as read.
3. Correspondence was read intimating two special and unsolicited donations to the Fund, one of \$25.00 from the Royal Montreal Curling Club, and one of \$10.00 from the Rotary Club, appreciation of which was unanimously expressed. Letters of gratitude and thanks were also read from Mrs Fazackerley, for assistance given her and her children, and from A.F. Brunet for our services and the attendance of representatives of our Women's Auxiliary at the funeral of the late H.E. Fitzmaurice.
- X 4. A communication of importance was read from Brig-Gen. A.E. Labelle in which he expressed regret, but emphasised the necessity of his retirement from our Board of Directors owing to failing health. The Executive expressed their unanimous regret at General Labelle's necessary decision, but in accordance with his expressed desire, decided to submit the resignation on the occasion of the first Council Meeting, simultaneously submitting the names of Brig-General Eric McCuaig and Colonel Wilfred Bovey as nominees to the vacancy created on the Board, providing either or both of the foregoing gentlemen will act, and allow their names to go forward for election. The Secretary being instructed to interview the President on the subject.
5. Official invitations were received from the Canadian Historical Society, to have representation at their Convention in Montreal from the 21st to 23rd of May; from the Provincial Historic Sites Commission to attend the unveiling of a Tablet in the old military cemetery at Fort Chambly on the afternoon of May 22nd; and from the Saranac Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution Plattsburg N.Y. to have representation at the unveiling of a Monument to General John Thomas an American Officer buried in the military cemetery, which ceremony is to take place on Tuesday June 2nd 1925.
6. It was unanimously agreed that Miss Hay Browne should represent the Fund on the occasion of the C.H. Society's Convention, and the unveiling of the Tablet on May 22nd by the Q.P.H. Sites Commission, and Mr F.R. Thom should represent the Fund at the ceremony of the D.A.R. on June 2nd. It was furthermore agreed that wreaths be taken by the aforementioned representatives to be placed on behalf of the Fund, the cost of which, to be \$10.00 each.
7. The Secretary reported two interments since last meeting, the last one being a case where the services of our Visiting Committee may be called into requisition, as a large family has been left destitute.
8. The following accounts were submitted for approval of payment:-

Brunet Ltee	79.73	
J.C. Wary	56.00	
The Gazette	7.50	
The Star	2.50	
Bell Tel. Coy	5.13	
C.P.R. Tel. Coy	1.52	
M. Dicaire	5.00	
Petty Cash	15.00	
G. Durnford & Coy	25.00	\$197.38

On Motion of Miss Browne Seconded by Mr F.R. Thom - "The foregoing amounts were authorised for payment".

- X 9. The Secretary-Treasurer drew attention to the possible absence of the President from Montreal during the summer months and the necessity of making provision for a substitute signatory to cheques. It was suggested that the President be consulted in the matter, and that his wishes (in writing) be transmitted to the Bank as authority therefor, which suggestion was unanimously agreed to.
10. Mr Hair asked permission to have a small portable platform constructed at a cost of \$15.00 to be used for ceremonial occasions at our Plots. On Motion of Mr Thom, Seconded by Miss Brown, it was agreed to.

Executive Meeting Minutes Cont'd (12-5-25)

- II. Mr Hair reported satisfactory progress in the arrangements for May 24th.
- X 12. The matter of the Bond for the gun-carriage and equipment in our possession was brought up again, and on Mr Hair explaining that there was no personal liability involved by the signatories, the Executive requested him to ask the President to sign it in company with himself, on behalf of the Fund.
13. It was unanimously decided to suspend the regular monthly meetings of the Executive, during the months of June, July, and August.
- Nothing further presenting, the meeting was declared closed.

Chairman

Secretary



Minutes of an Emergency, Executive Meeting of the Quebec Provincial Headquarters, last Post Fund, held at 27 Chomedy St Montreal, at 12.30 Mid-day June 8th 1925.

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1. There were present:- Mr F.R. Thom - Acting Chairman  
Miss Hay Browne  
A.H.D. Hair - Secy-Treasurer
2. Lt-Col. C.B. Price sent his apologies for inability to be present owing to pressure of business, but agreed to confirm the special business of the meeting, at the next regular Executive Meeting.
3. Mr Charles Shannon sent his regrets at inability to be present owing to physical indisposition.
4. It was Moved, Seconded and unanimously resolved :-  
"That during the temporary absence of the President, any two of the Trustees and the Secretary-Treasurer shall be vested with the power and authority as regards the signing of cheques and all similar documents at present vested in the President, one Trustee, and the Secretary-Treasurer".
5. It was also Moved, Seconded, and unanimously resolved:-

"That during the summer cessation of regular Executive Meetings (vide, M.13 - 12-5-25) all current accounts shall be paid and be ratified at the first Executive Meeting in September 1925, and the following accounts shall be paid forthwith:-

Messrs J.C. Wray	\$255.50	
Jas. W. Downing	40.00	
Ledoux-Legault	1.35	
Witness Press	6.62	
Rush Printing Coy	6.82	
T.V. Bell Ltd	7.65	
National Printing Coy	29.40	
American Florist	24.00	
McKenna Ltd	18.75	
Bell Telephone Coy	5.13	
Petty Cash	25.00	
C.P.R. Telegraphs	4.78	
Arthur Gravel Coy	15.00	\$440.00

6. Nothing further being before the meeting, it was declared closed.

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Chairman

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Secretary-Treasurer

*Copy of Extract sent to Bk of Mont. off.*

Extract from the Minutes of a Meeting of the Quebec Provincial Headquarters, Last Post Fund, held at 27 Chomedy Street, Montreal, at 12.30 mid-day June 8th 1925.

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It was Moved, Seconded, and unanimously resolved:-

"That during the temporary absence of the President any two of the Trustees and the Secretary-Treasurer shall be vested with the power and authority as regards the signing of cheques and all similar documents at present vested in the President, one Trustee, and the Secretary-Treasurer".

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We, the undersigned, certify that the above is a true copy and extract from the Minutes of the above mentioned meeting held at the city of Montreal on June 8th 1925.



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Trustee

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Trustee

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Secy-Treasurer

Last Post Fund

Montreal, June 9th 1925



# Last Post Fund

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

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P. O. BOX 1382, MONTREAL

April 10th 1925

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

Dear Sir Arthur,

There is a little 'God's Acre' at Chambly P.Q. adjacent to and forming part of the old Fort grounds, used in generations past as the resting place of the aboriginal Indian warriors, soldiers of old France, new France, French Canada, British Canada, and the United States of America, in short, it is one of the most historic and sacred spots in the Dominion, for those who rest there are they who struggled for supremacy of this great country since its discovery. That little spot was allowed to fall into absolute decay and disregard to such an extent that it was on the brink of passing into total oblivion, when in 1918 we started to arouse public opinion with regard to its restitution and latterly succeeded in getting the Federal Historic Sites Commission to put it in decent shape.

One of the last remaining graves of which there was any trace was that of General Thomas of the American Army of occupation who died and was buried there on the 2nd of June 1776. About two years ago representatives of an American Society of Women called the Daughters of the American Revolution, visited the spot coming from Plattsburg N.Y. with the intention of making arrangements for the erection of a permanent Memorial on the spot. The necessary permission has been granted as a result of an interchange of official correspondence between the two Governments, as well as with His Excellency the Governor-General and the final arrangements for the placing of a large Boulder and Bronze Memorial Plate, are now under way by the Saranac Chapter of the D.A.R. at Plattsburg to take place at Chambly on June 2nd next, and at which, I understand from them permission is being obtained for the 26th U.S. Infantry to participate.

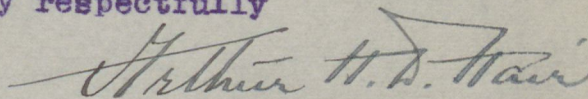
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Having been consulted by these ladies in regard to procedure from the beginning, they have tendered me a very cordial invitation to be present to participate in their ceremony and also to suggest the name of an outstanding Canadian to address them. In the latter connection, I took the liberty to say that it would afford me much pleasure to approach you Sir as our President on the subject, and I am in receipt of a communication from them heartily endorsing the suggestion and intimating that should the request appeal to you an official invitation will be sent forward.

May I therefore express the hope that on this occasion it may be possible and agreeable to you Sir to represent the feelings of Canadian respect in paying tribute to the memory of a noted American General whose mortal remains were left on our soil.

Thanking you in anticipation of your kind consideration and reply.

I have the honour to be,  
very respectfully



Dominion Secretary-Treasurer  
Last Post Fund



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October 12th 1925

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

Dear Sir Arthur,

At the last Council Meeting of this Society you intimated your intention of going to the west coast this Autumn, and that on that occasion you would be pleased to use your influence to effect a satisfactory condition of things for the proper provincial administration of Last Post Fund work in the Province of Saskatchewan.

As you are on the eve of your departure, I thought it advisable to let you have the enclosed copy of my last letter to the Hon. Secretary of L.P.F. in Saskatchewan - Mr F.J. Rowan of the Provincial Command, G.W.V.A. - which is self-explanatory, and shows, that despite your own very comprehensible appeal to the good judgement and influence of Colonel McAra under date of March 10th last, there is apparently still no real and effective intention of cooperation and compliance with the rules of this Society, by those in whose hands the Saskatchewan provincial administration of Last Post Fund is at present; for the letter, of which copy I send you herewith, is still unacknowledged.

I understand that when Colonel McAra was in Ottawa during the past Summer, he had an interview with Mr Scammell (of Ottawa) in which he stated that they were not using any monies sent them by us, for cases which occur in the city of Regina, which statement is not entirely confirmed by the (very incomplete) forms which have been returned to us, as two of the six, appear to be cases of men who died and were buried in the city of Regina. Furthermore, the disposition of the monies sent to them to date, are by no means made clear.

To summarise and endeavour to dispose of this long-drawn-out and unsatisfactory condition of affairs, which apparently is due to imposing too great a labour on the present Honorary Executive, and which I am convinced will not improve under the administration of the present personnel, I would respectfully submit Sir, that at the next Council Meeting a definite

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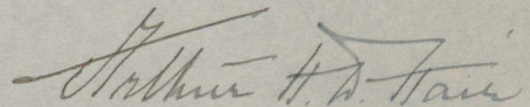
scheme of re-organization for that province should be considered, and perhaps if that were intimated 'en passant' to them, by you, it may at least have the effect of impressing them with the fact that we and not they, must decide the policy of Last Post Fund and all that is done under its incorporated name; which we are doing in the other provinces with great success.

In the event of your meeting any of our representatives in the other provinces west of here, (a list of which I enclose) I am very pleased to advise you that the most cordial and close cooperation obtains between them and Headquarters, while the work they are doing is far reaching and encouraging. If there is one point on which a word of inspiration and encouragement may be given them by our President, it is on the subject of assiduity in marking all those graves wherever they have made interments, with our standard granite Markers, LEST WE FORGET.

I trust you may have occasion to meet Colonel Montizambert in Vancouver, who will I am sure, give you an excellent report of their Branch work.

May I express the hope that you will have a very pleasant journey and most agreeable weather.

Believe me, Dear Sir,  
most respectfully



Dominion Secretary-Treasurer  
Last Post Fund

Montreal, June 22nd 1925

F.J. Rowan Esqr  
Hon. Secy-Treasurer  
Sask.Prov. Hqrs  
Last Post Fund

Dear Sir,

Being still without proper returns from which I can make a comprehensible report at our next Council meeting, we beg to draw your attention to the following summary based on such signed returns as you have made to us, and would thank you to enlighten us thereon.

There have been altogether seven cases dealt with in your province under our auspices, one of which was arranged and paid for from here (Button) and the other six dealt with locally.

Summary:-

Paid to Sask.affiliated Branch,since 1922:-	\$1039.97
Bal.Gr on hand at March 31st 1925	454.97
Presumably disbursed <del>expenses</del> for funerals	<u>\$ 585.00</u>
Disbursed for two cases in 1924:-	\$160.00
To balance	<u>425.00</u>
	\$ 585.00

As at March 31st last you had no 'bills payable' and had incurred no administration expenses, the natural deduction to make is that the four cases in which disbursements are not stated, averaged \$106.25 each. Will you kindly make this clear to us.

Having reference to such Forms B as have been sent in by you, we are compelled to draw your attention to the fact that only one (Turton's) out of the six, is properly completed, while the case of Carey should not have been accepted, and that of Dominique is attested to on the strength of documents found on the person, without identification thereto - no doubt done in good faith, but very irregular where an oath is concerned. The other three forms lack essential details and attestation.

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We return you herewith the forms in copy and would thank you to have properly completed forms sent to us, together with a detailed statement of the disbursement of the difference between the \$160.00 shown in your statement of March 31st last, and the total disbursements made by you of \$585.00 to that date.

Thanking you in anticipation

Faithfully



Dominion Secretary-Treasurer  
Last Post Fund

P. S. The quarterly return Form D  
to June 15<sup>th</sup> not to hand  
yet. 



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Brockville

Hamilton

Belleville

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Picton

Sudbury

Napanee

Kingston

Port Hope

Collingwood

Niagara

East Oxford

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Brandon

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Edmonton

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Montreal, Dec. 21st 1925

General, Sir Arthur Currie  
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Dear Sir Arthur,

In submitting the accompanying documents and Bank Draft for your signature I am doing so satisfied - after careful review of correspondence and Minutes of Alba.Prov. Hqrs. meeting submitted to me - that all is in order and in keeping with the expressed wishes of that Executive body.

There apparently was never any question of, or expressed desire for, complete local autonomy of administration in L.P.F. matters north and south of a given line in the province, the only question was the division of the financial allotment made to the province through us, and which is a matter the General By-Laws of the Corporation in Art. 26 make quite clear to the Provincial Headquarters.

The necessary returns having been made by Alberta to date, therefore permits me to submit these <sup>documents</sup> to you Sir, for signature and completion.

I attach a copy of my letter to Mr Wakelyn, for advice.

Faithfully

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

Dominion Headquarters  
Last Post Fund  
Dec. 21st 1925

Arthur Wakelyn Esqr  
Hon. Secy-Treasurer  
Alba. Prov. Hqrs - L.P.F.  
Calgary, Alba.

Dear Mr Wakelyn,

Your favour of 2-12-25 crossed my Day Lettergram, and arrived just in time to report at our recent Council Meeting.

I note your explanation re delay, and shall appreciate your expressed intention to let me have the future returns on due dates.

The application for Sub-Charter received from Edmonton - as a District Branch - was granted at the Council meeting of the 11th inst, and is being forwarded to you under separate registered cover, together with a new Sub-Charter for your Provincial Branch - made necessary by a change of wording which automatically cancels the one at present in existence, and which latter I would thank you to kindly return to me.

Adverting to a communication under date of 1-11-24 from Mr E.W. Beatty with attached copy of the Minutes of the Alberta Provincial Headquarters Branch meeting of 20-10-24, and particularly in reference to Minute 5 of that meeting dealing with the division of the provincial territory for administration of our work, and the annual grant sent to you by Dominion Headquarters: I beg to submit as follows:- your Provincial Headquarters Branch is empowered to subdivide the provincial area and allotment of the grant under your jurisdiction, as you deem in the best interests of the provincial work and in accordance with General By-Laws 20 to 33 of the Corporation, though it would appear from your returns made in the first year of your equal division of the grant apportioned your province that there

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will result a serious disparity obviously necessitating immediate and substantial augmentation by membership fees or 'Benefit' of the depleted Prov Hqrs funds - which fact it may be well for you to take under consideration at your first Executive meeting.

There are also one or two other points it is advisable to direct your kind attention to, viz:-

1. Kindly endeavour to report all cases in the Quarterly return of the period in which they occur, and also please do not let your respective Provincial and District Branches lose sight of their obligation referred to in the Circular letter sent out to all branches (registered) under date of June 22nd 1925.
2. Please direct the attention of your Edmonton Branch to General By-Law 26 and the fact that they are required to make return to you on Form "D" whether they have any cases during the quarter current, or not, in order that you can make complete returns for your province.
3. I must suggest to your Executive, that in future, applications on form "B" such as copy of the one I am returning herewith for example, be not accepted as sufficient proof for reimbursement of burial costs.

In this latter connection, it is incomprehensible that anyone will make oath so regardless of the actual words of the Declaration when it is so easy to adjust the Declaration to the actual facts that can be sworn to, not to say anything of the legal danger of such procedure. I am sure you will see my point on examination of the returned form and reference to advice given on this subject under para. 3. page 6. of our booklet of "Instructions to Provincial Headquarters, etc." for it is impossible to be too exact, and dangerous to be lax, in matters of affidavits.

I am sending you herewith a Draft for the balance of this year's allotment of the grant made to your province, and would thank you to sign and return the enclosed receipt for our Auditors.

In view of Edmonton's completed organization, a District Branch Burial Register similar to the one sent you, will be prepared and sent on for them.

May I take this opportunity of extending to you and all connected with our Cause, the very best wishes for a bright and merry Christmas and a very prosperous New Year on its arrival.

Believe me, very sincerely



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

The express L.A. POST FUND 'Trust' is in

view of the advanced age of the grandparents of the boy, and the method of administration thereof is set forth in the preceding paragraph of this communication.

This Society will be most grateful to Your Worship, if you will see your way to further assist us in this connection.

*Copy*

Thanking you in anticipation. Dominion Headquarters  
Montreal, Canada

December 19th 1925

I have the honour, to be,

His Worship,  
The Lord Mayor of Birmingham  
City Hall  
Birmingham. Eng.

Your Worship,  
Very respectfully

Your Worship,

May we submit, that in the month of May last you were kind enough to cooperate with this Society in causing an investigation and report to be made with regard to the grandparents of a child names - Harry V. Stockham - which family resides at 9 Old Cross Street Birmingham, and to whom, we subsequently sent the little boy as a result of that report.

Through the generous and sympathetic cooperation of the Southam Press Limited, the employers of the deceased father of the boy Stockham, we have secured a sum of \$1000.00 (approx. £200) from a 'Group' Insurance Policy, which policy was honoured principally on the grounds of compassion for the orphaned boy.

We require a personal 'Trust' to accept and administer this money on behalf of the boy, but we are experiencing some difficulty in finding that 'Trust' at such a distance without incurring considerable expense for administration of the funds in addition to the quite necessary fees for the legal appointment of the Trustees, though it seems to us that there are some responsible and patriotically disposed people in the City of Birmingham who would do this gratuitously, and as the disposal of this money has been unavoidably over-long delayed and we are anxious to adjust the matter at the very earliest possible moment, we are taking the liberty to again appeal to Your Worship for your kind offices and assistance.

In the circumstances as above explained, could Your Worship suggest the names of three responsible and patriotically disposed gentlemen who would indicate their willingness to you to accept this small trust and administer it by the periodical payment of instalments for the education and maintenance of the boy to the extent that the principle will go, and whom we could forthwith have duly and legally appointed to that end?

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The express object of the appointment of a 'Trust' is in view of the advanced age of the grandparents of the boy, and the method of administration thereof is as mentioned in the previous paragraph of this communication.

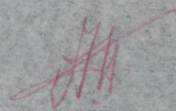
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Thanking you in anticipation.

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Your Worship,

most respectfully



Secretary-Treasurer

Last Post Fund.

December 14th, 1925.

Honourable James C. Tory,  
Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia,  
Halifax, N. S.

My dear Sir:-

I thank your Honour very much indeed for the kind patronage which you are extending to the Last Post Fund. It really is doing very good work indeed and is well worthy of all the assistance it can get.

After several attempts we seem to have got off to a start in Nova Scotia and I hope you will keep a kindly eye on the organization. A word of sympathy and encouragement often helps a great deal.

I hope that your term of office will be a happy one for you and Mrs. Tory.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,





MEMO

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

Please find receipt herewith.

*J. H. A. Hair*  
Secy-Treas  
L.P.F.

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November 27th 1925

Lt-Col. Wilfred Bovey O.B.E.  
McGill University  
Montreal.

Dear Colonel Bovey,

You will no doubt be interested to know that my mission to the maritime provinces has fully produced the results we desired, and I desire to thank you very much for the cooperation you afforded me by the letter of introduction to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia who fully endorsed our work, and which resulted in my forming a very representative Provincial Headquarters Branch in Halifax.

Again thanking you.

Faithfully

Secretary-Treasurer  
Last Post Fund



19th November, 1925.

Sir,

The Lieutenant Governor desires me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 30th ultimo, and to tell you that Mr. A.H.D.Hair called at Government House, and that his request for a letter from the Governor, in connection with the Last Post Fund, was complied with.

<sup>Am</sup>  
I, also desired to thank you for your very kind congratulations to His Honour on his appointment as Lieutenant Governor of this Province.

Yours faithfully,

*A. B. Almon.*

Lieut. Colonel.  
Private Secretary.

Wilfrid Bovey, Esq.,  
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October 31st 1925

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

President - Last Post Fund

Montreal.

Re Organization in N.S. & P.E.I.

Dear Sir Arthur,

Further to my communication of the 12th of October on the marginally noted subject.

As my communication was not forwarded to you, I beg to advise you that I discussed the matter with Colonel Bovey, and with letters of introduction from Mr E.H. Scammell of Ottawa, am at the moment endeavouring to effect some definite form of provincial organization in the marginally noted provinces, and in which effort I hope to be successful, and in a position to report accordingly on my return.

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HON. LEGAL ADVISER

**Major Louis Gosselin**

Dominion Headquarters  
October 12th 1925

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

Dear Sir Arthur,

Recently I discussed the subject of a working personnel in the joint provinces of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island, for whom we now hold considerable funds due to the lack of a local Executive to whom cases may be referred.

Mr Scammell concurs in the opinion that it would be well for me to go there again in person immediately after the Federal Elections especially as the newly appointed Lieutenant-Governor ~~is~~ <sup>was</sup> a resident of Montreal for some years - The Hon. J.C. Tory - to whom, perhaps you would be good enough to give me a letter of introduction, or some other prominent person you may know in either the city of Halifax or Amherst ?

If you concur in this action, Mr Scammell says that the expense incurred may be charged against the 'reserve' held by his Department from the current year's Grant, which he considers warrantable.

Thanking you in anticipation of your wishes in the matter.

Faithfully

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer  
L.P.F.



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**Major Louis Gosselin**

July 10th 1925

Lt-Col. Wilfred Bovey O.B.E.  
Asst. Principal  
McGill University  
Montreal.

Dear Sir,

I beg to advise you that I have received and deposited to the Dominion Headquarters account of this Association a cheque for \$9,700.00 being a remittance on account of the Federal Grant of \$10,000.00 for 1925-6 sent us through the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-Establishment just the other day.

Faithfully

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer  
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P. O. BOX 1382, MONTREAL

June 12th 1925

Colonel Wilfred Bovey  
Assistant Principal  
McGill University  
Montreal.

Dear Sir,

Adverting to my communication to you of the 9th inst, I regret to have to advise you that Col. (Rev) J.M. Almond one of the three Charter Trustees, has taken exception to the action of the Executive in appointing a substitute signatory to cheques and similar documents, in the temporary absence of the President, and local Vice President, and further has raised the point of irregularity in accordance with Article 15 of our By-Laws, which on reference to our Legal Adviser I find Colonel Almond is sustained in.

It would appear that to meet such a contingency as we are faced with we need further powers to adjust it, which cannot possibly be obtained without calling a special meeting of the Council for the purpose.

Major Gosselin advises me that at the next regular Council Meeting the error committed (in perfectly good faith) can be adjusted, but in the meantime, unless the President will be good enough to leave some signed blank cheques in your hands during his absence, we are completely tied up for funds.

I therefore trust it may be possible to devise some way whereby this difficulty can be overcome, and I also enclose the Militia Bond for the Gun-carriage, in order that it also may be signed by the President before he leaves.

Thanking you in anticipation of your kind and early advice, I am also taking this opportunity to leave our cheque book Acct. No. 79848 commencing at cheque No. 85, and cheque Book Acct No. 77250 commencing at cheque No. 488 in case Sir Arthur will be kind enough to act on the above suggestion.

Our Executive action in all other respects except the resolution appointing two Trustees and the Secretary-Treasurer to sign in place of the President, Secretary-Treasurer, and one Trustee, is in order.

Faithfully

*Arthur H. D. Hair*  
Secretary-Treasurer



Memo re cheques paid out

July 1925

Brunet Ltee	329.42 ✓	W.S.
Bell Telephone Coy	5.33 ✓	
J.C.Wray	7.50	
	<u>16.00</u>	23'50 ✓
Gravel & Coy	8.00 ✓	
C.P.R. Telegraph Coy	1.34 ✓	
Witness Press	<u>3.15 ✓</u>	Total \$370.74

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Que. Prov. Hqrs Bank Balance	\$737.31	
Accounts receivable	<u>48.25</u>	\$785.56

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DOMINION HEADQUARTERS

Disbursements on account of the current year's Federal Grant:-

Ontario	50%	of \$3570.00	-	\$1785.00	W.S.
Quebec	50%	of 1105.00	-	552.50	W.S.
B.C.	50%	of 850.00	-	425.00	W.S.

Quarterly reports not to hand from other provinces yet.

Present Bank balance, :- \$10,903.60

*A. H. D. Haver*

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Dominion Secretary-Treasurer  
Last Post Fund

Memo of:-

Cheques required:- July 6th 1925

Quebec Provincial Hqrs

J.C. Wray & Bro - Funerals	56.00	
	<u>\$105.50</u>	\$161.50 MB
McKenna Limited		25.00 MB
American Florist		10.00 MB
Mount Royal Cemetery Coy		18.75 MB
Rush Printing Coy		5.77 MB
The C.P.R. Telegraph Coy		.94 MB
J. Lowden (Cemetery Upkeep)		15.00 MB
Petty Cash		15.00 MB
June Salary - A.H.D.H.		200.00 MB
		<u>\$ 451.96</u>

Present Bank balance (Q.P.H.) \$881.65

Dominion Headquarters

The Canadian Stencil & Machine Works \$ 5.00 MB

Present Bank balance :- \$1278.44



Secretary-Treasurer  
Last Post Fund



## MEMO

Cheques required:-

Dominion account

Salary to 31-8-25 (A.H.)	\$ 200.00		
Thos. V. Bell Ltd	<u>2.85</u>	\$202.85	

W/S

W/S

Present Bank balance is:- \$

Secretary

L.P.F.



MEMO

Sept. 16th 1925

CHEQUES REQUIRED - PROV. ACCT.

Funerals, J.C. Wray & Bro:-

Misc. charges \$ 16.00  
J. Munn 7.50  
Peters 56.00  
Almon 71.00  
Guay 65.00

\$ 215.50

Cemetery upkeep - Fisher 8.05

A. Gravel 8.00

M. Dicairé 5.00

21.05

Telephone - B.F. Coy

Telegrams - C.P.R. Tel Coy

General Expense - McKenna 5.00

Witness 3.15

16.89

2.60

8.15

30.00

\$ 294.19

Petty Cash required

DOMINION ACCOUNT

T.V. Bell Ltd

\$ 3.65

PRESENT BANK BALANCES:-

Dominion Account \$7,384.75

Que. Prov Acct. \$1,184.54

Arthur H. A. Hair Secy-Treas



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DOMINION SECRETARY - TREASURER

P. O. BOX 1382, MONTREAL

June 13th 1925

To:—

The Trustees, & Executive Members,  
Quebec Provincial Headquarters,  
Last Post Fund

Gentlemen,

When recently advising Colonel (Rev) J.M. Almond - Charter Trustee - of the action taken by the Quebec Provincial Headquarters Executive on June 8th. to make temporary arrangement for the issue of cheques in the absence of the President, and local Vice President, Colonel Almond declined to sign a Militia Bond submitted for his signature, and directed my attention to Article 15 of the By-Laws, stating that our action was out of order.

As the action taken, was taken in good faith and on the presumption that the Executive were vested with sufficient powers in the provisions of Article 8, and first para. of Article 14, there remained no alternative but to refer the point raised to the opinion of our Honorary Legal Adviser, who concurs with Colonel Almond.

As a result of our Legal Adviser's ruling, I therefore take this early opportunity of advising you that Minute 4, and the Resolution embodied therein, is ~~therefore~~ null and void and will have to be repealed and adjusted at the next regular Executive meeting.

Believe me, very sincerely

*Arthur H. D. Hair*

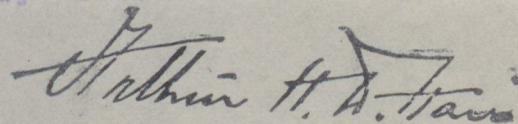
Dominion Secretary - Treasurer  
 Last Post Fund

Extract from the Minutes of an Executive Meeting (Emergency)  
Quebec Provincial Headquarters, held at 27 Chomedey Street,  
Monday June 8th, at 12.30 mid-day.

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Minute 4. It was Moved, Seconded, and unanimously resolved:-

"That during the temporary absence of the President, any two of the Trustees and the Secretary Treasurer shall be vested with the power and authority as regards the signing of cheques and all similar documents at present vested in the President, one Trustee, and the Secretary-Treasurer".



SEC.-TREAS. LAST POST FUND



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DOMINION SECRETARY-TREASURER

P. O. BOX 1382, MONTREAL

June 20th 1925

Mrs Chesley  
Principal's Secretary  
McGill University

Dear Mrs Chesley,

Thank you for your communication of the 17th the contents of which I have noted carefully and will act upon.

I will leave any further accounts for payment until the end of the month, and will then deal with them as suggested in your letter.

Faithfully

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer  
L.P.F.



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DOMINION SECRETARY-TREASURER  
P. O. BOX 1382, MONTREAL

June 9th 1925

Colonel Wilfred Bovey  
Assistant Principal  
McGill University  
Montreal.

Dear Sir,

I beg to enclose herewith a copy of the Minutes of an Emergency meeting I called of the Q.P. Hqrs -L.P.F. yesterday, and at which there ~~was~~ a quorum enabling us to properly conduct the business in hand.

If I had given waiver of notice of meeting for the present, I should have had to call it at an even less convenient time than the present, so I thought it best to get it over at once.

I am also enclosing copy of the extract of Minutes I am sending the Bank, for the President's advice and fyle.

I trust Sir Arthur is continuing to make favourable progress towards recovery.

Faithfully

Secretary-Treasurer

L.P.F.



June 12th, 1925.

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

Dear Mr. Hair:-

Herewith please find correspondence with Mrs. Warminton, together with a report to the President and Directors of Last Post Fund from the President of the Ladies' Auxiliary, and my reply thereto.

Yours faithfully,

June 17th, 1925.

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

Dear Mr. Hair:-

General Currie has signed a number of blank cheques with reference to Last Post Fund. He has asked that these be kept in this office. Would it be convenient for you to bring all accounts to the University and make out your cheques here.

Sir Arthur would like Colonel Bovey to check all vouchers.

Yours faithfully,

Principal's Secretary.

Returned Bond.



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P. O. BOX 1382, MONTREAL

May 28th 1925

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

Dear Sir Arthur,

Would you be kind enough to sign, and cause to be forwarded  
for countersignature, the enclosed cheque.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Our present Bank balance, is:- \$1132.60

Faithfully

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer  
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DOMINION SECRETARY-TREASURER  
P. O. BOX 1382, MONTREAL

May 14th 1925

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

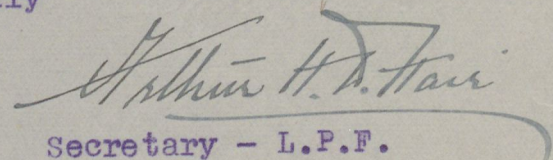
Dear Sir Arthur,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favour of the 13th inst with enclosures from Miss McLennan and Mr Fanning.

In compliance with your wish I have officially acknowledged the former, and in connection with the latter, obviously our action was appreciated and has created good feeling towards our Cause.

Believe me, Dear Sir,

Faithfully

  
Secretary - L.P.F.

May 13th, 1925.

William J. Fanning, Esq.,  
653 Second Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Fanning:-

I am this morning in receipt of your letter of May 11th in which you refer very kindly to the action of Last Post Fund for a slight service it rendered to a Spanish American War Veteran who died here recently.

Our organization exists solely for the purpose of seeing that no old soldier of ours shall be buried in a pauper's grave because at the time of his death he was without means of any kind. It is sometimes a fact, you know, that people forget the old soldier when war no longer prevails and to us it does not seem right that one who has served his country faithfully and well, who has suffered the dangers and discomforts of a campaign should lack a decent burial.

In rendering a service to the Spanish American veteran we felt that we were but repaying in some slight degree the many kindnesses which British soldiers, living and dead, have received from charitable and other organizations in the United States.

I join you in the fervent hope and prayer that the bonds which unite the Anglo-Saxon races shall continue to grow stronger and more permanent.

With all good wishes,

May 13th, 1925.

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

Dear Mr. Hair:-

To-day the Royal Trust Company handed to me the enclosed cheque as a contribution to Last Post Fund from Miss Isabella McLennan, 50 Ontario Avenue.

I may say that I have written a personal acknowledgment to Miss McLennan, whom I know very well. However, you might write officially as well.

I am also enclosing a letter received from a Mr. Fanning, which I have acknowledged.

Yours faithfully,



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April 29th 1925

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

President  
LAST POST FUND

Dear Sir Arthur,

Would you kindly sign the enclosed cheque for salary,  
and cause to be forwarded for countersignature to Captain J.T. Walsh.

Thanking you in anticipation:-

Present Bank balance:- \$ 820.57

Faithfully

Dominion Secy-Treasurer  
L.P.F.

April 3rd, 1925.

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

Dear Mr. Hair:-

Let me thank you for your letter of April 2nd, including Minutes of Quebec Provincial Headquarters Executive meeting.

In regard to the request that your letter contained that I deliver a short message to the children on the occasion of the 24th of May ceremonies, I am sorry to have to disappoint you, but I already have an engagement to be in Kingston, Ont. on that day.

Yours faithfully,





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April 2nd 1925

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

President  
Last Post Fund

Dear Sir Arthur,

I beg to enclose for your advice herewith, copy of the Minutes of the recent Que. Prov. Hqrs. Executive meeting, and desire to supplement them with a request that I feel sure you will give consideration to, if you have not already committed yourself to something else on that date.

I desire to direct your attention to the offer of the Chapter of the I.O.D.E. bearing your name, and to say that on Sunday May 24th this year we are going to make a special effort to have a large gathering of children for the distribution of flowers at the Plots.

Would you be so gracious as to deliver a short message of 'Citizenship' to our children on that occasion?

Awaiting your kind consideration.

I have the honour to be,

Dear Sir,

most sincerely

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer  
LAST POST FUND

Minutes of a Quebec Provincial Headquarters Executive  
meeting, held on Monday March 30th 1925 at 8.15.p.m.

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There were present, ----- Lt-Col. C.B. Price elected to the Chair  
Mr F.R. Thom  
Miss Hay Browne  
A.H.D. Hair

1. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.
2. Correspondence to hand included the following subjects:-

- (a) An appeal from the Mother of a soldier killed in Belgium during the Great War, for representation from this Society to the local Cemetery Companies, asking permission for the permanent erection of the wooden cross sent her by the Imperial War Graves Commission from the grave of her son.
- (b) An appeal to defray local burial costs of one Ex-Sgt R. McRae, who died in New York and whose body was brought home by his widow, with the help of her employers in New York.
- (c) An appeal by a widow of an ex-soldier in Stanstead P.Q. for assistance to bury her late husband.

Subsequent to deliberation, Mr Hair was authorised to appoint a representative deputation, to seek a personal interview with the Trustees of the respective Cemetery Companies, and discuss the subject of erection of the wooden crosses that will from time to time be received from the Battlefields of the Great War, and subsequently to report back to the Executive. In the case of Mrs McRae, Mr Hair was authorised to make an offer to Frank Feron Reg'd Undertaker of \$44.50 for acquittal in full of Mrs McRae's account, and failing his acceptance thereof, to help Mrs McRae liquidate the amount in full with the Society's cheque for \$50.00. The necessary papers applied for by Mr Hair in the Stanstead case not being to hand, he was authorised by the Executive to take the necessary action consistent with the requirements of the case, conditional upon receipt of the papers and subsequent report to the Executive.

3. The interim Secretarial Report was taken as read, and on Motion of Mr Hair Seconded by Miss Browne, the following accounts were ordered to be paid:-

Rush Printing Coy	\$ 10.50		
Witness " " "	11.66		
Beck Duplicator	1.25		
Bell Telephone Coy	5.13		
Joseph C. Wray & Bro	494.25		
Petty Cash	15.00	Total	\$537.79

4. Under 'New business' Miss Browne Moved, Seconded by Mr F.R. Thom:-
  - " The Executive of the Provincial Headquarters of LAST POST FUND learn with very much regret of the serious illness of Mr John Munn - Chairman of the Grounds Committee of this Association - and desire to give expression to their most sincere sympathy with him and earnest hope for an early and thorough recovery; which expressions they desire to be conveyed to Mr Munn by the Secretary".

Carried unanimously.

5. Mr Hair reported a request from the Sir Arthur Currie Chapter I.O.D.E. to be permitted to cooperate in this year's "Commemoration Day" ceremonies, offering to supply a Choral organization of some 50 or 60 Girl Guides. The Executive in accepting and endorsing the kind offer, suggested that it should be passed on to the Women's Auxiliary for their advice.

*[Handwritten signature]*

*[Red X mark]*

6. In view of the annual meeting of the "W.A." taking place on Tuesday March 31st, Mr Hair was asked to attend the meeting, and with their permission, personally present the appreciations of this Executive of the assistance given by them to the Cause of the Society, and to assure them of the loyal support of this Executive in any and all of their undertakings.
7. The Secretary reported that he has at last very sanguine hopes of obtaining the necessary permission from the respective Cemetery Companies to move our Flag-staff on to the fence-line in the corner of the Cote des Neiges plot, and he was authorised to obtain quotations of costs for the work, and necessary alterations and painting of the Flag-staff, and to report progress.
8. Mr Hair presented a letter just received from the Department of National Defence, requesting the Society to sign a Bond of \$3000.00 as guarantee for the Gun-carriage and Equipment on loan to the Fund, and which has been in our charge for some years. The Secretary-Treasurer felt the amount of Bond required was very much in excess of the value of the material in our charge, and the Chairman suggested that the matter be referred to the C.O.C. of the District before signing the Bond.

Nothing further presenting the meeting was declared closed.

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President

  
Secretary



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*Gen. Sir A Currie  
G.C.M.G., K.C.B., D.S.O.  
President*

*Apr 3<sup>rd</sup> / 25*

*Dear Sir Arthur*

*Kindly sign enclosed cheque to Que.  
Prov. Hqs to close out year.*

*#  
Bk. Bal. 1281.45*

*Respectfully  
A. H. D. Hair  
Secy-Treas*

LAST POST FUND

Montreal

March 31st 1925

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

Dear Sir Arthur,

At the Executive meeting held last evening the following accounts payable were passed upon for payment:-

PROVINCIAL ACCOUNT:-

Rush Printing Coy	\$ 10.50
Witness ,, ,,	11.66
Beck Duplicator Coy	1.25
Bell Telephone Coy	5.13
Jos. C. Wray & Bro	494.25
Mount Royal Cemetery Coy	18.50
Petty Cash	15.00
Total	<u>\$ 556.29</u>

Bills payable for your authorisation, from Dominion account:-

Witness Press	\$ 5.93
Symes (Mrs) Annapolis	
Royal.N.S.	5.00
Brunrt - Marker re late	
Symes	<u>17.50</u>
	\$ 28.43

Will you kindly sign the enclosed cheques and cause them to be forwarded to General Armstrong for countersignature as Trustee, and oblige.

Present Bank balances are:-

Que. Prov.	\$1222.31
Dominion	1859.94

Faithfully

*Arthur H. D. Harris*  
 Dominion Secretary-Treasurer  
 L.P.F.

April 8th, 1925.

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

Dear Mr. Hair:-

In reply to your letter of the 7th of April and after an examination of my engagements I suggest Monday, April 20th for the Annual Meeting of the Last Post Fund.

With reference to your other letter of the 7th, I shall be very glad to serve with the Directorate for another year.

Yours faithfully,



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P. O. BOX 1382, MONTREAL

April 7th 1925

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

Personal

President - Last Post Fund  
Montreal

Dear Sir Arthur,

As there are no 'nominations' for the incoming Directorate at our sixteenth annual meeting and incidentally no 'resignations' the 'election' bids fair to be a very brief formality, but in order to be doubly sure of your good self, and to avoid any embarrassment in meeting I am going to make bold once more to ask your kind permission to allow me the honour of nominating you to the Dominion Council of the Fund should the necessity arise for me to cast a single ballot as Secretary.

We have tried in the year ending to make things as light as possible for you Sir, and in that year you have materially assisted us.

May I say we will endeavour to make them even lighter in the coming year, if we may be assured of your valuable and personal assistance on our central Executive.

Thanking you in anticipation of your kind and favourable decision.

I have the honour to remain,  
Faithfully

*Arthur H. D. Hair*  
Dominion Secretary-Treasurer L.P.F.



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Dear Sir Arthur,

Would you kindly advise me as to the date you wish me to call the sixteenth annual meeting of the Fund, It is supposed to be held the third week in April, which gives us to the 21st to call it, though if it is inconvenient to you to arrange it in that week there is no reason why it should not be postponed to a later date, but in order that I may give due warning I would thank you to kindly name a date. The auditted Financial Statement for the year will be ready by the 15th inst.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Believe me, Dear Sir,

Faithfully

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer  
LAST POST FUND



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No. 568

# LAST POST FUND

(INCORPORATED)

Montreal, *March 5<sup>th</sup>* 19*25*

Received from *Gen. Sir A. Currie* \$*5<sup>00</sup>*

being Annual Subscription for year ending *March* December 31st, 19*26*

*many thanks*

*A. H. D. Favi*

(Authorized Representative.)

No. 569



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(INCORPORATED)

Montreal, *March 5<sup>th</sup> 1925*

Received from *Lt. Col. W. A. Bony \$ 5<sup>00</sup>*

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*Many thanks*

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March 6th 1925

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

Dear Sir Arthur,

I beg to acknowledge and thank you for your cheque for \$10.00 in liquidation of fees, for which I enclose herewith our receipt.

I also desire to acknowledge receipt of the cheque for \$500.00 re the 1924 "Poppy Day Campaign" which I am officially acknowledging to Mr Cunningham by this same mail. Permit me to express the thanks of the Executive for your personal trouble in this matter.

Faithfully

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer  
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March 28th 1925

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

Dear Sir Arthur,

Would you kindly sign the enclosed cheque, and cause same to be forwarded to Captain Walsh for counter-signature, and oblige.

The present Bank balance of the Dominion Headquarters account No. 79848 is:-- \$1859.94

Faithfully

*March Salary Office*

*Arthur H. D. Hair*  
Dominion Secretary-Treasurer  
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*For your advice Sir.*  
*A.H.*  
March 24th 1925

### NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE MEETING

Dear Sir, or Madam,

An Executive meeting of the Quebec Provincial Hqrs Executive is called for Monday evening March 30th at 8.15 p.m. in the Ritz-Carlton Hotel.

As there are matters of importance to be dealt with just prior to the closing of the Association year, your attendance as a Director is urgently requested.

#### BUSINESS:-

1. Minutes
2. Correspondence and Reports
3. 1925-6 Budget
4. New business

*Arthur H. D. Hair*

Secretary-Treasurer



The Court House.  
Regina, Sask.  
March 25, 1925.

My dear General:-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th inst., and I will do any thing I can to have matters run smoothly with regard to the Last Post Fund.

The local organization here has been carrying on for a number of years, and the work which they have been doing cannot be surpassed any where in Canada, so I am informed by impartial persons. Sir Archibald McDonald was out to see their plot in the cemetery here and was amazed with its beauty and general appearance.

There has been a feeling with them that so far as this province is concerned there was no benefit to accrue to them from the Dominion organization, and this may be quite true. On the other hand, the local people must be made to see that there are persons outside of Canada and in unorganized districts, who have to be looked after independently of any Provincial organization. As you know I <sup>am</sup> all for peace and quietness and will do anything I can to straighten matters out. At the same time your wide experience will have made it plain that a multiplicity of organization is always a mistake, and I think that the policy of your people in Montreal, should be to interfere as little as possible with the local people. I will see Mc Ara immediately and let you know how the matter stands.

I was sprry to hear about Mrs Herridge and trust that she is on the way to recovery by now, I have seen no notice in the papers to the contrary.

before old Tom at Texas time for  
inspection. He wrote me that Tom  
looked very thingy - & that his  
eyes looked as if he knew just  
what you were thinking about.  
Some observer that boy! If he  
should go to Montreal some time,  
I shall tell him to call & pay  
his respects, if I may. It's good  
for boys - paying their respects  
to the great - the mighty - &  
the noble!!

He has extraordinary respect for his father?

March 10th, 1925.

Lieut.-Colonel James McAra,  
Chairman, Saskatchewan G.W.V.A. Sub-Committee,  
Affiliated with - LAST POST FUND,  
Regina, Saskatchewan.

My dear Colonel McAra:-

At a meeting of the Council of Last Post Fund held here on Friday, March 6th, the Secretary reported that he was unable to give any clear report of the activities of Last Post Fund in the Province of Saskatchewan. He further reported that these returns have always been more or less incomplete and ambiguous since affiliation was granted in May 1923 to the Sub-Committee of the Saskatchewan G.W.V.A.

This is not the first occasion on which the attention of the Council has been directed to the incomplete returns from Saskatchewan and on its behalf I offered to write to you to see if we could not co-operate in a more thorough manner and in keeping with the By-Laws and Regulations of the Association. The Secretary reported that from information given by your Secretary it would seem that there were several organizations using the name of Last Post Fund in Saskatchewan. This, of course, is wrong. Last Post Fund is a corporate body duly constituted by charter and no organization has a right to use the name except properly affiliated and acting in accordance with by-laws and regulations.

I would like to point out that the Council has nothing whatever to say as to the apportionment of the Dominion grant to the respective Provincial Commands, except that it has the power to withhold the grant if the by-laws and





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Tom Gibson's death was a great shock to me as to a host of his friends. He filled a place in the country ~~that~~ nobody else could fill.

I note what you say about witnesses. Sir Frederick Haultain told me that he had been amusing you with some of his stories in this regard. I told him that I didn't care what he told as long as he made it sufficiently amusing, and I am sure I could rely on your ~~long experience~~ not to be too credulous.

With kind regards.

Sincerely yours,

General Sir Arthur Currie.  
Principal McGill University.  
Montreal. QUE.

*P.S. I used to get annoyed at some of the things attributed to me - but have given it up & am resigned to my fate & never deny anything any more. By the way I have a young son up at the Military College at ~~the~~ ~~Hall~~ ~~of~~ ~~Tom~~ ~~Gibson~~. I had him paraded*

Lieut.-Col. McAra

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regulations of the body are not complied with. It is the Dominion Government which determines the amount of the grant to each province. We have forwarded the grant regularly to Saskatchewan and we think that Saskatchewan should complete the returns as asked for, otherwise we cannot keep faith with the Dominion Government which makes the grant.

I may say that the Council has never experienced any difficulty whatever in obtaining complete and satisfactory returns from the other provinces. Personally, I can see no reason why Saskatchewan does not comply with the obligations which they assumed when affiliation was granted them. I do wish, Colonel, that you would instruct the Saskatchewan Secretary to comply with the by-laws and regulations of Last Post Fund. To do otherwise only causes delay and irritation and a breaking of faith with the Government. If we cannot co-operate in the matter of giving proper obituary service to unfortunate comrades how in the world can we co-operate in anything.

As you know I have been personally associated with Last Post Fund for the last couple of years and I can assure you a splendid service is being given. I am fully aware that probably no province has looked after old comrades better than Saskatchewan, but I do plead that the regulations to which we all agreed should be observed in letter as well as in spirit.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

March 13th, 1925.

Hon. Mr. Justice Embree,  
Regina, Saskatchewan.

My dear Embree:-

I am attaching herewith copy of  
a letter I have sent to McAra.

Will you help me to straighten  
out the trouble at Regina, if there is any. Last  
Post Fund is an institution with a Dominion Charter  
and rules and regulations which have been approved  
by the Government. We must transact our business  
in a regular way and there are certain returns  
called for which we must make to Ottawa. We cannot  
complete these unless we have complete returns from  
all the branches. I may say that all branches  
throughout Canada promptly comply with the regulations  
except Saskatchewan, and every meeting our Secretary  
reports either no returns or incomplete returns from  
that branch.

I am satisfied the existing  
organization is a good one and is doing good work.  
I may say, for your information, that Headquarters  
Branch here has nothing whatever to do with the  
amount of money each province gets from the Dominion  
grant. The Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establish-  
ment sends us the amount and also tells us how much  
must be sent to each province. We here in Montreal  
supplement the Dominion grant by collections from  
the citizens, otherwise we would not have nearly  
enough to keep going. Head Office Branch also has  
buried many all over the continent. The obituary

Hon. Mr. Justice Embree - 2 -

services rendered are simple, dignified, in keeping with the purpose and inexpensive.

You will be very sorry to learn that Major Herridge's wife is very, very low at the Royal Victoria Hospital here. A couple of weeks ago she underwent a very serious operation and a week ago last Monday the doctors gave little hope. She rallied splendidly and we were all beginning to be cheerful again only to learn that yesterday and to-day she has had bad turns.

This reminds me that we lost a very dear friend when old Tom Gibson passed away in January. I was very fond of him and feel that I have one friend less now that he has gone. I know that he was very fond of you.

Let me add that I have recently heard one or two stories about your replies from the Bench to refractory witnesses. I daresay they have been exaggerated but they sound well and very like Embree.

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March 9th 1925

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 am enclosing herewith the draft of a communication to the Chairman of the Sub-Committee of the Saskatchewan G.W.V.A. representing us in that province.

You will note I have couched in terms of the Council's wishes in the matter, and while pointed and firm, I have endeavoured to omit anything that might ~~possibly~~ give offence; in short, I have merely endeavoured to indicate a line of future action to them, which I think you will agree is justifiable and in keeping with our corporate rights and moral standing as a national institution.

Subsequent to your perusal and revision, may I suggest that a signed copy be sent to the following gentlemen, viz:-

The Chairman - Lt-Col. James McAra

Vice ,, Capt. F.B Bagshaw

2nd Vice ,, Lt-Col. A.C. Garner

Member of L.P.F. Dominion Council - Brig-Gen. J.F.L. Embury

F.J. Rowan - Secy-Treasurer

which I shall be pleased to prepare for your signature.

I also enclose herewith a draft for the balance of this year's allotment to them, which if you will kindly sign and cause to be forwarded to Colonel Almond with the draft for Sherbrooke (authorised in Exec. Mtg 18-2-25) I will have completed.

Faithfully

Dom. Secy-Treasurer

L.P.F.

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March 13th, 1925.

Captain F. B. Bagshaw,  
Temple Building,  
11th Avenue,  
Regina, Sask.

My dear Bagshaw:-

I am attaching herewith copy of  
a letter which I sent to McARA the other day.

I wish you would tell me just  
what is the matter in Regina. Every other Branch  
of Last Post Fund in Canada works in the closest  
co-operation with Dominion Headquarters, sending  
in their returns promptly and thus facilitating our  
work in sending returns to Ottawa. Saskatchewan  
doesn't do this and for what reason I do not know.  
Can not a few of you who take an interest in these  
things see that all the regulations of the Fund are  
complied with. Last Post Fund has a Dominion charter,  
has regulations approved by the Dominion Government  
and, of course, must conduct its business in a  
regular way.

I would be very glad to have  
from you news of the 2nd Brigade Reunion, of which  
I have heard nothing. A week before the event came  
off I wrote a letter to Dundee, who had asked for a  
message, but about 7 o'clock on the evening of your  
reunion I received a telegram from Kam Bedson asking  
for a message. I hope it got there in time but I  
wonder what happened to my letter to Dundee.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,





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P. O. BOX 1382, MONTREAL

*not sent*  
March 10th 1925

The Chairman

Saskatchewan G.W.V.A.

Sub-Committee

Affiliated with - LAST POST FUND

Regina. Saskatchewan.

Dear Sir,

At a duly convened Council Meeting of Last Post Fund held in Montreal on Friday March 6th, the Secretary was quite unable to give any clear report of the activities of LAST POST FUND in the province of Saskatchewan. This was due to the incomplete and ambiguous returns made to him since May 1923, at which date 'affiliation' was granted the Sub-Committee of the Saskatchewan Great War Veteran's Association with right to use our corporate name for naval and military obituary purposes, and the distribution of that portion of the Federal Grant made through us to your province each year since then.

The Council having had this matter brought to their attention on each successive meeting, and in herewith sanctioning remittance to you of the balance of this year's allotment from the Grant, desire to stress and direct the attention of your Executive to the following points, viz:-

- (a) The apportionment of the Federal Grant remitted to any of the respective provinces from Dominion Headquarters of LAST POST FUND, is distributable for work of the LAST POST FUND throughout the whole of that province, not for any particular centre.
- (b) The Grant may be distributed through the provincial representatives of LAST POST FUND in the respective provinces or direct from Dominion Headquarters, as the Council may determine.
- (c) If the apportionment of the Grant is distributed by representatives of LAST POST FUND in the respective provinces, full and complete returns in strict accordance with the By-Laws and Regulations of LAST POST FUND must be made to Dominion Headquarters, at the stated periods therein.

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In emphasising the foregoing points, and in order to avoid the undesirable necessity of applying the alternative set out in clause (b) the Council desires to submit that it is experiencing no difficulty whatever in obtaining full, complete, and satisfactory returns from the other provinces, in consequence of which, and in justice to them, it feels impelled to call upon those representing LAST POST FUND in the province of Saskatchewan, ~~to~~ in future, respect and comply with the obligations tentatively assumed by them in the act of affiliation under our corporate name.

In submitting the foregoing, the Council desires to do so in a spirit of the warmest reciprocal intention and cooperative desire, for the continuance of the laudable object of LAST POST FUND, hoping it will receive favourable acknowledgement and intention on the part of your Sub-Committee to comply with our regulations and thus avoid the necessity at the approaching annual meeting of arranging for distribution of next years grant from Dominion Headquarters.

Faithfully

President, LAST POST FUND



OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

Quebec, March 2nd, 1925.

Sir Arthur Currie,  
Principal,  
McGill University,  
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 27th February, regarding the section of the Montreal Bill which refers to the military cemetery on Papineau avenue.

I can assure you that I will give to this matter my personal attention.

Yours sincerely,

*L. A. Taschman*

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March 3rd, 1925.

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

Dear Mr. Hair:-

I am enclosing herewith  
Sir Arthur Currie's cheque for \$10.00 in  
payment of membership dues for 1925-26 and  
also in payment of Colonel Bovey's dues for  
1924.

I am also enclosing  
cheque for \$500.00 which Sir Arthur received  
from Mr. Cunningham in settlement of the  
participation of the Last Post Fund in the  
Poppy Day receipts.

Yours faithfully,

Principal's Secretary.



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February 27th 1925

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

President  
Last Post Fund

Dear Sir Arthur,

Our attention has again been directed to the question of passage by the City through the old Military Cemetery on Papineau Avenue, through the following paragraph which is inserted in the 'Montreal Bill' now before the Legislative Assembly, viz:-

"Notwithstanding the right of ownership of the Imperial Crown, the city is authorised to open, Logan Street through the Military Cemetery on Papineau Avenue, and to apportion the cost thereof in accordance with the provisions of article 42I and following of the Charter and its amendments."

In discussion of the foregoing, with Dr W.D. Lighthall and Mr W.H. Leach, Dr Lighthall, who is an authority on matters of historical interest, suggested that this Society being specially empowered to interest itself in such matters, might to advantage reiterate its already expressed views to the Prime Minister of the Province of Quebec at an opportune moment, which latter, is at present, while the Bill is under consideration.

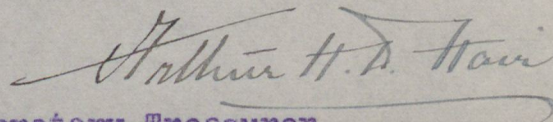
I am therefore deputed to ask, if you Sir, have any objection to such representation being made, along lines such as set out in the draft of the accompanying letter, and if not, whether you would feel disposed as our President to either cause

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it or one couched in your own words to be sent to the Prime Minister at the earliest possible moment, as the Bill will come up in the House at any moment now.

In anticipation of your wishes in the matter.

Believe me, faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Arthur H. D. Hall". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer

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February 25th 1925

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President

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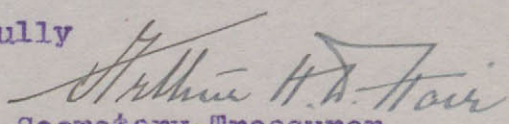
Dear Sir Arthur,

I am enclosing herewith an application for re-imbusement of funeral costs in the case of one - James Arthur Symes - of Litchfield Annapolis County N.S. - which case has been investigated and reported upon by the Town Clerk - Mr Fred.W. Harris - to whom I have made a cheque payable for distribution to the amount of our Provincial Funeral Contract price in Nova Scotis, viz:- \$49.00 and which I would recommend for liquidation, being quite satisfied as to the particulars of the appeal. The grave will not cost us anything, but in accordance with our custom we will place a Marker thereon in due course.

I would thank you to sign this cheque, as also that pertaining to myself, and cause the whole to be forwarded to Brig-Gen C.J. Armstrong for counter-signature as Trustee.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Faithfully

  
Dominion Secretary-Treasurer  
Last Post Fund

Present Bank balance:- \$3427.20



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

President  
Last Post Fund

Dear Sir Arthur,

Satisfactory returns have now been made from the Provincial Headquarters of Manitoba, in consequence of which I am enclosing in company with other cheques for signature, a Requisition for \$935.00 payable to the Provincial Trustees, which I would thank you to kindly sign and cause to be forwarded for counter-signature of one of our own Trustees.

I am also enclosing a copy of the Notice of Council Meeting I have sent out, for your advice.

Thanking you in anticipation.

*cheques*

Faithfully

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer  
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C O P Y

### NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING

To:—

Dear Sir,

I am deputed by the President to announce that a Council Meeting of this Fund will take place on Friday March 6th at 8.15 p.m in the Ritz-Carlton Hotel of this city.

- BUSINESS:—
1. Receipt of Interim Provincial Reports
  2. General Business

Will you kindly endeavour to be present.

Faithfully

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer  
LAST POST FUND

February 21st, 1925.

Lieut.-Colonel John A. Cooper,  
Lumsden Building,  
Toronto, Ont.

My dear Colonel:-

Thank you very much for your  
letter of the 20th of February.

I shall be pleased to attend  
the Military Institute on the afternoon of March  
19th. Your notice says Wednesday afternoon,  
whereas if you look up the calendar you will find  
it indicates that Thursday is the 19th.

Yours faithfully.

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PHONE RANDOLPH 7466

TORONTO,

*Friday,*

*My Dear General:*

I enclose a form of invitation which Gen. Gunn and I have worked up for a reception at the military Institute and a sort of Last Post Fund meeting. We thought this might bring out a number of our officers who should know more about our work. Please return this with your comments. I hope you will not think the idea too subtle.

*Yours sincerely,*

*John Blooper*

The President and Officers  
of the

CANADIAN MILITARY INSTITUTE

Request the pleasure of your company at a  
Reception to

General Sir Arthur Currie

At the Institute

On Wednesday Afternoon March 19th.

at 4.30 o'clock

General Currie will say a few words on the  
work of the "Last Post Fund" of which he is  
President. The annual election of the Ex-  
ecutive of the Ontario Branch of the Fund  
will also be held at 5.00 P.M.



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February 19th 1925

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

I thank you for your favour of the 17th inst, with reference to a Council Meeting and the Supplementary Regulations and have taken careful note of your wishes in both matters.

Being just in receipt of the Letters Patent for the additional power embodied in para.(f) of the Constitution I am now able to distribute the printed copies and therefore send you herewith the first copy.

Believe me, Faithfully

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer  
LAST POST FUND

February 17th, 1925.

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

Dear Mr. Hair:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 14th with reference to a Council meeting being held before the Annual Meeting in April next.

I would suggest the evening of Friday, March 6th, and would be glad if you would send out the notices accordingly.

I am sorry that it will not be possible for me to attend the Executive Meeting on Wednesday, the 18th, owing to a previous engagement.

I am returning herewith copy of Supplementary Rules, of which I approve. I am also returning complete set of Forms "A" to "I". With reference to Form "E" and certificate given to holders of a sub-charter, I think these should be checked by your solicitors.

Yours faithfully,



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

McGill University  
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur,

In submitting memo herewith of a Provincial Executive Meeting, may I suggest that it would be advisable to hold a Council Meeting between this and the annual meeting which latter takes place the third week in April.

As fourteen days previous notice is requisite, I would thank you if you acquiesce in the suggestion, to let me know a suitable date to you, in order that I may send out the notices.

In case the matter should have escaped your memory, may I remind you that we are still awaiting your endorsement or otherwise of the Supplementary Rules, which should go out with the new By-Laws.

Believe me, Sir Arthur  
most respectfully

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer  
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February 11th 1925

For advice of General, Sir Arthur Currie - President

The following notice has been sent out:-

Dear Sir, or Madam,

A meeting of the Quebec Provincial Headquarters Executive will take place on Wednesday February 18th at 8.15.P.M. in the Ritz-Carlton Hotel.

Will you please as a Director, use your best efforts to be present.

BUSINESS:- 1. General  
2. Action on Report of Grounds Committee

Faithfully

Secretary-Treasurer

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March 14th 1925

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

President

Last Post Fund

Dear Sir Arthur,

I regret the necessity of troubling you, but it seems from very careful inquiry that the Requisition for draft of \$255.00 made out in favour of Regina Saskatchewan and forwarded by me to you for signature and return, has gone astray in the mail, and I would therefore ask you to kindly sign a duplicate order.

I don't think there is any fear of such a thing being tampered with by anyone finding it as it is only an 'order' for a draft and is minus a signature - that of myself - but I have taken the precaution to notify the bank.

Faithfully

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer  
Last Post Fund

March 16th, 1925.

Rev. Canon Almond,  
Trinity Memorial Church,  
Montreal.

Dear Canon Almond:-

At the request of Mr. Hair,  
Secretary Last Post Fund, I am forwarding herewith  
Requisition for draft of \$25.00 in favour of  
Regina - Saskatchewan, duly signed by the President.

Would you be good enough to  
sign same as Trustee and return it to Mr. Hair.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

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TORONTO, Jan. 23, 1925.

1007 Lumsden Bldg.,

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

My dear Sir Arthur:

I have your note of Jan. 20th and am glad to know you will be in Toronto on Thursday March 19th. I hope we will be able to have the honor of your presence at a short meeting of the Executive on that date. Tentatively I shall arrange this meeting for five o'clock in the evening, and shall count on having you with us from five to five-thirty. Later on when you come to arrange your programme in detail we can change this hour to a more convenient one if you find it necessary to make such a request. This is our usual hour of meeting and is more convenient for our directors than any other hour.

I am assuming that your date with Victoria will be for a supper meeting, which is the usual thing with them.

I hope to be one of the deputation going to Quebec and Montreal next week and I am looking forward to the possibility of having a few words with you in Montreal on Friday of next week.

Yours sincerely,

JZC:C



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January 28th 1925

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

President

Last Post Fund

Dear Sir Arthur,

Would you be so kind as to let me know at your earliest convenience whether you approve of the draft of the Supplementary Rules of Guidance for promulgation, as I am getting inquiry as to when they may be expected to be in effect, and subsequent to your approval they have still to be printed which will take some little time.

I would also ask you to kindly sign and cause the enclosed cheque to be forwarded for countersignature.

Our present Bank balance in the Dominion account No. 79848 is:— \$3427.20

Faithfully

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer  
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425 Metcalfe Avenue  
Westmount

January 5th 1925

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

Your "Committee on Supplementary Rules of Guidance" in the administration of Last Post Fund work throughout the Dominion, having met in committee on Monday December 22nd 1924, beg to submit herewith the draft of rules resulting from their deliberations.

Subject to your approval thereof, and in accordance with provision of Minute 6 of a Council Meeting held at the Ritz Carlton Hotel, on November 7th 1924, we would respectfully suggest that this draft be promulgated and printed forthwith for distribution to our various Branches.

In anticipation of your approval and concurrence.

I have the honour to remain

*C. B. Price*

Chairman

Committee on Supplementary Rules of Guidance

January 12th, 1925.

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

Dear Mr. Hair:-

Sir Arthur Currie has asked me to acknowledge your two letters of the 10th of January and to thank you for the corrected copy of the Supplementary Rules of Guidance.

With reference to the meeting of the Provincial Executive called for Wednesday evening, January 14th, at 8.15 in the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, he desires me to say that if at all possible he will be present on this occasion.

Yours faithfully,

Principal's Secretary.



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January 10th 1925.

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

President

Last Post Fund

Dear Sir Arthur,

I beg to advise you that I am calling a meeting of the Provincial Executive for Wednesday evening next January 14th at 8.15 p.m. in the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, at which, considerable current business of detail has to be taken up, but in accordance with our mutual discussion of some little time back, I am merely complying with your wish in notifying you, and a Chairman will be appointed for the meeting.

Incidentally, I might mention that there appears to be some hitch with the Veterans' Alliance in transmitting the \$500.00 we were both privately and publicly accredited with receiving, though I hope to have something definite from Mr Cunningham by Wednesday next, and will advise you of the result.

Faithfully

Secretary-Treasurer

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January 10th 1925

General, Sir Arthur Currie  
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President  
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Dear Sir Arthur,

My attention has been drawn to the fact that I have inadvertently sent Colonel Price for transmission to you, a copy of the proposed Supplementary Rules of Guidance from which a paragraph had been omitted that should have been inserted. I have advised Colonel Price who desires me to send you herewith a corrected copy which has been carefully checked by Mr Scammell and myself, on page 3 of which you will kindly note the omission bracketed in red ink.

In all other respects the draft is identical with the one you have been sent.

I beg to tender you my apologies for this error, and in anticipation of your decision with regard to the promulgation of the draft.

Believe me, Dear Sir Arthur,

Faithfully

Secretary-Treasurer  
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February 5th, 1925.

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

Dear Mr. Hair:-

This will acknowledge your  
letter of February 5th re the Poppy Day Fund.

I have to-day written to  
Mr. Cunningham.

Yours faithfully,

February 8th, 195.

S. D. Cunningham, Esq.,  
C/o. The Royal Trust Company,  
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Cunningham:-

I am to-day in receipt of a letter from Mr. Hair, Secretary-Treasurer of the Last Post Fund, in which he states that the Veterans' Alliance have not yet turned over to him the allotment to the Last Post Fund from the Poppy Day collections.

I cannot see the reason of the long delay and hope that you will be able to see to it that the allotment is turned over immediately. There was a distinct understanding that the Last Post Fund would participate in the Poppy Day collections, and if there is anything that will ruin that Poppy Day Fund it will be a breach of faith on the part of the Veterans' Alliance.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,



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February 5th 1925

General, Sir Arthur Currie  
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PRESIDENT

Last Post Fund

Dear Sir Arthur,

Being in the hope that repeated promises from the Hon. Secy-Treasurer of the Veteran's Alliance (Mr S.D. Cunningham) would eventuate by now in the desired result, I have refrained from troubling you with the matter, but I think it is only right I should let you know that we have not yet received the allotment made to us from the "Poppy Day" collections, and owing to some internal trouble in the Alliance its remittance to us seems to be indefinitely postponed.

We have been credited in the press with the allotment of this money, and our commitments in the early future make it imperative that we be in receipt of it, or find ways and means of raising its equivalent.

I regret the necessity of troubling you, but at this late stage, I felt you should be advised of it.

Faithfully

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January 7th 1925

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

President

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Dear Sir Arthur,

I beg to advise you that I am just in receipt of information to the effect that the revised By-Laws enacted by this Corporation on November 7th last, have been given official sanction by the Secretary of State of Canada, to date from January 2nd 1925. In the case of the authority for Supplementary Letters Patent to authorise Clause (f) in the Charter, that has been temporarily deferred in order to allow us the benefit of reduced fees (from \$100 to \$10) that will result from an Order-in-Council going through within a brief period.

May I take this opportunity of wishing you Sir, the very best of health, happiness, and prosperity in the New Year just begun.

Faithfully

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer  
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January 20th, 1925.

E. T. Scammell, Esq.,  
2 Hampton Court,  
21 Avenue Road,  
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Scammell:-

Thank you very much for the quarterly return from the Ontario Branch and for the other information contained in your letter.

I had read with interest the "Province" article and had written to our people out there congratulating them upon it.

Regarding the possibility of my visiting Toronto I have promised to go on the 19th of March. I am speaking to the Empire Club and Victoria Colloge on that day.

I am returning herewith Mr. Chesham's letter.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

January 20th, 1925.

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

Dear Mr. Hair:-

Thank you for sending me Mr.  
Scammell's letter, which I am returning. I think  
its proper place is on the files of your office.

I have acknowledged it to him.

Yours faithfully,



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

President

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Dear Sir Arthur,

Enclosed letter addressed to you personally came enclosed in Mr Scammell's communication to me with his Quarterly report, copy of which I also forward you.

Faithfully

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer  
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January 20th, 1925.

Lieut.-Colonel John A. Cooper,  
1007 Lumsden Building,  
Toronto, Ont.

My dear Colonel Cooper:-

With further reference to  
your letter of December 31st and mine of January  
Third, I beg to say that I have now definitely  
engaged myself to go to Toronto on Thursday, the  
nineteenth day of March, to speak to the Empire  
Club and to Victoria College.

Yours faithfully,



January  
Third  
1925.

Lieut. Col. John A. Cooper,  
President,  
Last Post Fund,  
1007 Lumsden Building,  
Toronto, Ont.

My dear Colonel:

Let me most cordially reciprocate your good wishes  
for this Year.

Regarding the possibility of my visiting Toronto, let me say that I have many engagements already made, in fact as many as I feel myself justified in making. However, I am being pressed to make one other by the Empire Club of Toronto, and that is to go there some time towards the end of February or early in March, while at the same time I have received an invitation to address the Alumni of Victoria College. Both invitations have arrived at the same time and apparently there has been some conference regarding the visit between the institutions mentioned. Others have pressed me to accept these invitations and probably I shall do so. It may be that in some way during that visit to Toronto I can say something in behalf of the Last Post Fund and the returned soldiers' cause generally. I shall let you know definitely regarding the Empire Club engagement later.

Yours faithfully,

Principal

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December 31, 1924.

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

My dear Sir Arthur:

On behalf of the Executive of the Ontario Branch, I send you our Good Wishes for the New Year.

We are in need of a little propaganda in Ontario with regard to the Fund, and it occurred to me that you might speak to the Canadian Club, or the Empire Club, here, sometime during the next three months, and incidentally tell them what the LAST POST FUND is doing. We have enough money but we need more friends. An address from you on some phase of the aftermath of the war might bring hom to our people in Ontario the necessity which still exists for taking care of our ex-service men. I find in going about that a lot of our people are inclined to forget the war except for the twenty-five cent piece given to a little girl on the street corner on Poppy Day. Unless we hear from authoritative sources that problems still exist, I am afraid interest will continue to decline.

Knowing your responsibility, I hesitate to impose this or any burden on you. However, we cannot forget that you were Corps Commander. If this suggestion is of any value, I shall be glad to arrange for your visit to Toronto, and will try to make the occasion worthy.

Yours sincerely,

JAC:C



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January 15th 1925.

General, Sir Arthur Currie  
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President  
LAST POST FUND

Dear Sir Arthur,

For your advice I am enclosing herewith, copy of my interim report to the Executive meeting of last night, copy of the Minutes, and also copy of the correspondence dealing with the case of the late Gunner Ross in which the Executive reversed my action, all of which are self-explanatory. I also enclose the auditted statement sent us by the Matinee Musical Club, with their cheque for one third the net proceeds of the Armistice Ball.

Would you be kind enough to sign the enclosed cheques authorised, and cause them to be sent on to General Armstrong for counter-signature.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Faithfully

Dominion Secretary-Treasurer  
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