

Regarding the Canadian Dental Hygiene Council

Suggestions for Outline of a letter to be sent to

The Premier, W.L. Mackenzie King,  
Minister of Finance, Hon. J.A. Robb,  
Hon. Mr. Lapointe,  
Minister of Health, Hon. Dr. Beland,

Dear Sir:-

I would like to bring to your attention a request of the Canadian Dental Hygiene Council for a grant of \$10,000 from the Federal Government, to assist in an organized effort to promote Public Dental Health throughout the Dominion.

It is unnecessary that I should dwell upon the importance of Dentistry in relation to public health. This matter has been brought to the attention of every one of us very forcibly during the last few years, and I am sure we are all aware of the tremendously important part it plays in any health work. Perhaps our greatest object lesson was derived from our experience during the war, and I think it has probably awakened in the public a demand that more knowledge shall be given them as to the prevention of just such conditions as were found at that time. The Dental Profession has during the last few years been doing this work from its own resources; but this work necessarily is limited through lack of sufficient funds.

The Canadian Dental Hygiene Council has been formed by dentists and public-spirited laymen, and I am glad to associate myself with them in such a movement. This Council hopes, that with the assistance of the Federal Government they can, in an organized way, carry to every home throughout Canada the knowledge that mouth health means better general health; that oral hygiene decidedly influences the well being of every individual--particularly the children; so that future generations will benefit by the teachings of preventive measures regarding mouth disease.

Each year the Government makes grants to assist many health organizations, but as yet no assistance has been given to assist dental health, despite the fact that expenditures in this direction will obviate much larger expenditure in others.

I feel sure that you are in sympathy with this cause and I ask you to give earnest consideration to this request hoping that your Cabinet will see their way clear to accede to it.

Yours faithfully,