

154 METCALFE STREET

MONTREAL

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Sir Arthur Currie

Principal Mc.Gill University

Dear Sir Arthur,-

On Tuesday evening last a meeting of some fifteen dentists was held in the Mount Royal Hotel. This meeting was called by Dr.F.M. Wells for the discussion of the pros, and cons, with regard to the formation of an institute of preventive dentistry.

Dr.Wells has for some years past devoted much time to the study of the nutritive value of foods. He has made some valuable discoveries and wishes to have the backing of an organization to aid in the development of the work already done.

Wells has two handicaps, one is his slim education in the fundamentals of physiology and chemistry. These were not so ably taught in his younger days as they are now. The other difficulty, which in his case is insuperable, is his inability to express himself in discussion. He writes well and clearly but when he is on his feet he becomes confused and often conveys a meaning quite contrary to his intention. You should know this because he often puts himself out of court with those who should be his allies.

Toronto, as perhaps you know has been able to encourage original research along dental lines, especially on the pathological side.

Wells work is really the more constructive as it is essentially preventive.

We are, at present, groping our way and I write to know if you will