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N enquiry was addressed to us by a man who had apparently parted with some of his good money for shares in a wonderful new motive power which the inventor or his agent had said had been thoroughly examined by the authorities at McGill University and who, while confessing themselves unable to understand it, were reported as acknowledging that - the inventor was on the road to something marvellous. We passed the letter on to Sir Arthur Currie, principal of the university, who after making thorough enquiry replies that none of the professors in the departments of engineering, physics or mathematics has any knowledge of the "inventor or of his invention." To quote the principal's own words:

"It is quite certain, therefore, that he used the name of McGill in an entirely unauthorised way. May I say in conclusion that I have little sympathy for people who part with money on statements bolstered by the name of McGill but who fail to take the precaution of writing the University to ascertain if such statements are true. Of course the University is powerless to deal with those who use her name in far away places."

There are plenty of get-rich-quick schemers fishing for suckers. Who's next?