

we have in view. As for myself, if I shall be permitted to see the successful ending of this great effort, I shall be willing, glad, and happy to sing my political *nunc dimittis*, and go back into the ranks of the people whence I came, proud of and exceedingly thankful for the opportunity which has been given me to take even a subordinate part in it. (Prolonged applause.)

Before I make the formal motion introducing the bill, let me say that my hon. friend and colleague, the Minister of Education, has now in his pocket written propositions and assurances to the effect that if this measure be brought to a successful conclusion a sum of at least \$250,000 is ready waiting to be given in aid of the future of this great University of ours. (Loud applause.)

I beg leave to move Mr. Speaker, seconded by Hon. Dr. Pyne, that leave be given to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act respecting the University of Toronto," and that the said Bill be read a first time.

Hon. Mr. Harcourt then addressed the House.

The Premier, after Hon. Mr. Harcourt had resumed his seat, said: "With regard to the Public School question, the entire population knows what our position is and what we are pledged to. The people will give us breathing time. The people will not expect within three months of our accession to power more than we have done already."

Hon. Mr. Harcourt: "My hon. friend did not say what the new annual payment to the University for maintenance will be.

The Premier. "My hon. friend will see that I do not propose at this session asking for any sum for maintenance. We propose to leave that for consideration during the recess. When this House meets again, we shall propose to appropriate permanently from some public resource, an annual sum which will be reasonable having regard to the great requirements of the University for maintenance. As far as Public Schools are concerned, I will be prepared to submit to the judgment of the people as to whether we will carry out our promises. I feel that I made every effort to avoid controversy on the University question. I did what never would have been done by my hon. friend. I read an abstract taking care that the connection of the late Premier and his party with regard to every step they