

Speech delivered by  
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On introducing the Act respecting the University of Toronto,  
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MR SPEAKER,

Before I sit down, Sir, I propose to introduce to this House a Bill of a most important and far-reaching character, referring to a subject of great interest and importance to our people, and to this Legislature, as the mouthpiece and representative body of the Province of Ontario. Under the circumstances, and for the reason I have just indicated, it is proper and desirable that I should not at length, but in, perhaps, a more or less hasty way, go over the salient points of the Bill which I propose to introduce, in order that, the period of the session being somewhat late, hon. members may be able, without delay, to acquire a reasonable knowledge of the provisions of the Bill, so that it may receive proper consideration. The Bill I propose to introduce refers to that great educational institution known as the University of Toronto, and being in reality the Provincial University. (Applause.) Having regard to all that has occurred during the past forty years with reference to education in the Province of Ontario, and more especially to the question of college and university education, with all the recollections and occurrences which the mere mention of this subject brings home to the observer and reader of the history of the subject, I might well be excused had I deemed it a question perhaps