

itself, important as these things may be, but, in the larger view, by its fulfillment of the people's needs in the expansion of industrial, commercial, and intellectual life. This broader conception of the functions of government marked every line of criticism by the Opposition Leader, and also afforded a solid foundation for the constructive statesmanship outlined in suggested political development.

"In dealing with the power policy of the Government and the possibilities a successful scheme would afford for industrial pre-eminence, Hon. Mr. MacKay showed in a marked degree the mastery of practical details and clear conception of relationships and principles, which have already won professional distinction and will in future assure capacity for wider public service and usefulness. The Liberal principle of supervision of expenditure was strongly set forth, not so much as a means of checking extravagance and preventing various forms of questionable diverting, but as a means of keeping the members of the House, and through them the people in every constituency, in close touch and close sympathy with all the institutions on which the money of the Province is expended. There is strength in the view that the Legislature had stultified itself by virtually declaring it could not trust itself to act fairly toward such a great Provincial institution as the University of Toronto, and must graze the money by an underground course. If a Minister of Education were prepared year by year to explain what every department was doing and what use was being made of the people's money, that information would come out to every constituency, and the closer touch would make the University as popular with the people as is the old red schoolhouse. The unifying influence exerted by that application of Liberal principles would help to avert the present unfortunate severance and feeling of alienation between the University and the people.

"The Opposition Leader proved himself a master in discussing every field of practical administration and political principles. In force, cogency, grasp, insight, and breadth of view he clearly stood high above the best debating strength on the Government side. This was the most obvious truth revealed by the budget debate, and it was patent alike to both Liberals and Conservatives. Although the debate, so far as the Legislature is concerned, may be a formality, and cannot change or affect a single vote among the members, it has served a valuable purpose in revealing to the people of On-