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Railway Bills Are Advanced a Stage-Mr. Oliver's Suspicions Are Set at Rest

An extended debate on the second reading of the bill proposing the setting aside of 2,000,000 acres of land towards the establishment of a provincial mineral towards. towards the establishment of a provincial university was feature of Tuesday afternoon's session of the provincial legislature. An address was delivered by J. A. Macdonald, the leader of the opposition, and also by Premier McBride. The first mentioned opposed the measure while the premier defended it against the attack of the opposition. Messrs, Henderson, McPhillips, Hawthornthwaite, Oliver and McInnes also took part in the discussion. The adjournment of the debate was moved by W. J. Bowser, who is expected to express his views relative to the bill at some length. A number of private bills, mainly providing for the construction of different railway lines in various sections of the province were advanced.

Speaker Eberts read a communica-ion from the Canadian club inviting nembers of the legislative assembly to luncheon to be addressed by Commissioner Coombe of the Salvation army, which has been arranged for today noon at the Poodle Dog restau-

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Committee Reports

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that a university was "a good thing."
But there were ways in the establishment of such an institution which would not redound to the benefit of the individual or the province as a whole. He asserted that the bill was an "underhand" and an unwarranted attempt to filch the public. It proposed to give these lands to somebody actually existing by granting them to posed to give these lands to somebody actually existing by granting them to something non-existent. He contended that the present common school education of British Columbia was faulty and argued that the first steps should be towards the solidifying of the system in vogue. The latter was neglected to a large extent owing to lack of finances and now it was proposed to make a large grant of land for an institution qualified to turn out "B.A.'s," "M.D.'s" and other degreed men, whose usefulness otherwise was oftentimes open to question.

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An objectionable feature to the bill An objectionable feature to the bill which had not been mentioned was the fact that it provided for the reservation of an area of land. He enumerated instances where reserves had been created the result of which, he contended, had been the stifling of settlement. By passing the measure it was proposed to give the administration power to drive away settlers and to retard the development of the country.

The speaker referred to the sub-sections of the bill calling for what he termed "factories of applied science, étc." In this connection he spoke of the way in which the universities of the old country were supported. His investigations had shown that these institutions were largely supported by nstitutions were largely supported by ees paid by the students and special contributions from other sources

The provincial secretary asked hether the government was to accept is remarks as meaning that he was his remarks as meaning that he in favor of the British Columbia being supported by students

Mr. Henderson replied in the negative. Concluding, he spoke of the necessity, owing to the extent of the mining industry in British Columbia, for the establishment of some institution providing special practical instruction along that line. With reference to the provincial university quesence to the provincial university ques-tion he wished to say that it was pre-mature to take such action as con-

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