

It was pointed out that the degree was given to Mr. Bennett in his capacity of premier. This elicited the remark that we had given a degree to Premier King, but only after long office, whereas Mr. Bennett had been in office for a few months only.

Prof. Stanley mentioned that he had heard this objection also, and that he had spoken of the matter to the Chancellor. The Chancellor had pointed out that the degree which would be given as a matter of course to Lord Bessborough, the Governor-General, and our Visitor, would have to be given, since the time was so near, at the regular spring Convocation, and that in courtesy to our Visitor we should give him a degree alone, and let him have the stage to himself, as it were. Mr. Beatty also had expressed the opinion that the University should avoid any suspicion of partisanship and that as some people would certainly compare the length of the respective premierships it would be wise to delay a little longer in Premier Bennett's case.

The question was asked whether Mr. Bennett had been approached in the matter, and whether he had answered.

Prof. Stanley: The Principal told me that he had written to Mr. Bennett but that up to the time of the Principal's leaving Mr. Bennett had not replied. No reply had come to the office in the Principal's absence.

It was agreed by all that no further steps be taken about Mr. Bennett at present. There was a discussion of "men of science and letters" being proposed for degrees, but no proposals were made.

There followed a discussion as to the advisability of having a "Standing Committee on University Policy", named by the Principal, or composed in some other way, to advise him on questions that involved the university proceeding in this direction and that. A definition of "University policy" was asked: every single question that came up was often all university policy.

To this it was replied that sometimes, by a partial endowment or otherwise, the University was asked to plunge into some new course, the end of which might not be foreseen at the time. Also every department naturally asked to be strengthened, and this meant additional expense. In itself this assistance might be necessary, and yet, relatively and weighed with other needs, the assistance might be indefensible. Would not the Principal value advice from a standing committee of this kind? (It was understood, of