

"K" Company. Away along the north shore of Lake Superior where there were some gaps in the railway and it was necessary to employ a great many teamsters, we were getting off the flat car when there came to our end of the column an order to the University company. We went forward at once, and were surprised to find that they wanted the University company because there was a row with the teamsters, and they wanted the University boys to take charge of the transport. (Applause.)

Another question relating to the University mentioned here in debate a few weeks ago was that of the finances of the institution. There is no question that anyone who has attended Toronto University, or any other university in this province, but has a greater love for his alma mater than any other institution that he has ever attended, and for that reason I cannot be accused of being unfriendly to Toronto University. But I firmly believe that a mistake was made in taking the control of the University out of the hands of the Minister of Education. It is now facing a financial crisis. I understand the expenditure last year was something in the neighborhood of \$20,000 less than the receipts, and the expenditure has increased within the past five or six years from \$456,000 to \$876,000. This is an alarming increase. But under the present arrangement I do not see how it is possible for the University to keep the sympathy of the graduates in this province until it is in direct communication with them as it would be through the Minister of Education and the representatives of the different constituencies throughout the province. As it is now, the graduates throughout the province know very little of what is being done. If they want my sympathy or your sympathy we want to know something about the work that is being done, and were the Minister of Education to place before us the details of what progress has been made with the requirements for the next year and what is hoped to be done, then the University has our sympathetic attention. That is a question which the members of the legislature may not care to discuss. But I think they should.

Take another view. The attendance there is now some 4,000. I understand about 1,000 of these come from Toronto. The undergraduates who attend the University probably bring to Toronto every year tribute in the way of money and business in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000. If Toronto is getting \$1,000,000 a year out of the students of the University and is also getting 1,000 of her students educated there, would it not be worth while for the city of Toronto to make some special grant to the University? Then there are 800 students from outside the province. But the Province of Ontario takes these students on the same terms as her own. This question is as debatable as the other.