

University. We have arrived at the parting of the ways, and we must decide whether we will go forward or drop back.

"Being convinced that the people of the province are unwilling that the present condition of blight and mildew shall become chronic and permanent, we, on this side of the House are determined that, so far as lies in our power, a remedy, immediate, permanent, and lasting, must be applied.

"We take the responsibility, sir, of insisting that the finances of the University be put on a sound, stable and permanent footing, by providing such an annual payment as will fairly and fully meet the desires and propositions of those best able to judge of its necessities to-day, and that this be done forthwith

"Further, that as soon as reasonably may be, with a due regard to the financial ability of the province, and to careful outlay, appropriations for necessary buildings should be made, and, in order to the due carrying out of this latter suggestion, it may well be considered wise and prudent to submit the question of buildings to a commission of gentlemen who from their standing and experience may be trusted to arrive at a conclusion which will be satisfactory to the Legislature and to the people. Such a commission need not be costly.

"We further urge that in thus dealing with the Provincial University, the direct control of the Government over it be relaxed to a certain extent, so that the experience and judgment of the governing body of the University shall have more influence and power in the appointment of professors and in the internal management of the institution than at present.

"The fees should be so regulated

that the sons and daughters of the relatively poor may find practically an 'open door' at the University.

"We believe that the funds provided by the succession duties should be drawn upon for, at any rate, the annual payment to the University, or a per centage of the amount realized from such duties should be devoted to that purpose. If it be objected that the charity moneys arising from the succession duties were to be devoted to keeping up the asylums and charitable institutions, the answer is that educational institutions are 'charities' in the eye of the law. This is well settled doctrine.

"It is not possible to ignore, in the consideration of this very important question, the subject of Queen's University. Its standing as a great educational institution is well known. From a small beginning, its foundation caused and justified by the then condition of our educational system, it has gone on growing deservedly in importance and influence, until to-day it is not too much to say that it is no small part of the educational life of the province. It cannot be lightly passed over. However, sir, as I have said, we are dealing with conditions, not theories. We believe that the steps I have indicated should be taken without delay with reference to the Provincial University, and then any claim that may be advanced by the sister institutions should be considered fairly and equitably on its merits, and not lightly dismissed.

"I am convinced that if the policy on this question which I have proposed be adopted, it will meet with the cordial approval of the people. It is a policy which should not be tossed back and forth between political parties, and if it be grappled with earnestly, I be