

took in connection with the University, was noted. My hon. friend says that I made complaints. So be it. And if he presses it, we will bring evidence. He cannot bring himself to think that the party on this side of the House should receive any credit. I said that we had taken a great step and I pick up this book and quote from what we promised to do, 'put the finances of the University on a sound, stable and permanent footing.' If my hon. friends had wanted to take such steps, why did they not take them? Their opportunities covered many years, but they were not equal to their opportunities."

Hon. Mr. Ross. "We took a great many."

The Premier. "And took many under the influence exercised from the then other side of the House. (Applause.) And many of them unwillingly, and one proof is that a sympathetic utterance with reference to a University Professor cannot be passed without a sneer from the hon. gentleman. One of the many steps taken by the hon. gentleman was to rebuke a University Professor who had furnished me with certain data relating to the University. I wish, now, to finish my statement with regard to the troubles at the University. I propose that in the recess the Government will either issue a Commission or take other steps to acquire information for the purpose of informing itself as to the best manner of changing the entire administration of the affairs of the University of Toronto. I am not now speaking of the teaching methods or the faculty at all, but it will be something utterly abnormal, something unreasonable, if the affairs of the institution cannot be conducted in a successful way by plain business men. To that end the Government will devote itself, so that when we meet the House again we will ask them to accept a new system of management of University affairs."

The hon. gentleman then resumed his seat amid loud and prolonged applause, and the Bill was read a first time.