

deavoring to induce the Government to establish in the City of Kingston an institution similar to that which it was understood the Government intended to establish in connection with Toronto University and Victoria College as confederated at Toronto. The friends of Queen's University in Eastern Ontario had stood by that institution in her time of trial and succeeded in putting her in a position of which they had reason to be proud, and Kingston City Council took action by passing a resolution asking the Government to establish a School of Practical Science in that city in connection with Queen's. That resolution has been endorsed by the councils of cities and towns in that section. As they understood it, it was proposed to enlarge and extend the present School of Practical Science at Toronto in order to meet the increased wants under the college confederation scheme. The friends of Queen's considered the confederation scheme as carefully as it was possible to consider anything, and came to the conclusion that it was impossible for Queen's to remove from the locality in which it had been so long established. It was felt that it would be impossible to raise the money necessary to bring the institution to Toronto, and therefore it was out of their power to remove, even if that were desirable. But there were further reasons. It was felt that the work which Queen's had so long and so well done in Kingston would not be so well done in Toronto. It was felt that a large number of those who had passed through Queen's would not have received a University education at all if the College had not been located at Kingston. This being the state of affairs, they had come to the conclusion that the most practical way of meeting the difficulty was to establish at Kingston, contiguous to Queen's University, a School of Practical Science similar in character to the one to be established in Toronto. Before establishing such a school they believed the Government must be persuaded that such an institution would be successful from the start in regard to the number of students in attendance. They could assure the Government that in this respect the school would be a success from the beginning. From among those attending Queen's and the affiliated schools the School of Practical Science could draw a number to make a good commencement. But outside of the College they believed that the needs of that section of country were such that the school would be of the greatest possible use. That section of country was a mining one, and they felt that a great deal of the money spent upon mining works there in the past had not been wisely spent, because of lack of knowledge in regard to such matters. Such a School would supply this knowledge. Kingston was also a marine station, and the classes of people employed in navigation would be benefitted. In addition to all this, the farming population were now desiring increased knowledge in agricultural matters. Farmers' sons from the district around would attend classes in such a school during the winter months. They in the East claimed that the confederation scheme was not ap-

plicable to Queen's, that it was impossible for that institution to move to Toronto, and that it was the duty of the Government to meet, as far as was in their power, the want which they felt in that section. If all the Colleges had entered into the confederation it would have been necessary to have the School to be established in Toronto of a size sufficient to meet the wants of all, but as Queen's could not enter the confederation it would not be necessary to expend so much money.

He thought the friends of Queen's could clearly make out a case for that portion at any rate, but they believed that they could make out a very much better case than that. They believed that no Government of the Province was prepared to take any course which would have the effect of crushing private effort. If the School at Toronto were on so large a scale that anything in the shape of private effort, such as Queen's, would be overshadowed, students would be withdrawn from it, and ground would be lost. They believed the Government would be the last to desire such a result as that. The friends of Queen's had confidence in their ability, if left alone, to carry on the institution, and were now engaged in increasing the endowment, and felt that Kingston would be a centre of University education the same as Toronto. It was their desire to attain that result, and they felt that anything that would take away from the accomplishment of that purpose would be an injury to them. They believed that the desire of the Government was rather to help private effort.

Mr. Mowat asked if an estimate of cost had been made.

Ald. Gildersleeve replied that the Principal and Chancellor had considered that matter, and they thought that \$30,000 would put up a building, and from \$7,000 to \$10,000 a year would carry it on. Queen's was prepared to say that the services of any of her Professors which the Government might desire to use could be obtained. Then there was a Military College at Kingston, and perhaps the services of some of the officers of that institution might be secured. The main objection which had been urged against the Government doing anything outside Toronto was that they would not know where to stop in case demands were made in the future for the establishment of schools elsewhere. As against that, he would suppose that the Government might either take the ground that they established the school to meet a felt want in the country, and that they would not pledge themselves towards any future schools unless the conditions were similar, unless any University, established in the future, should grow to such proportions as to require the establishment of such a school in connection with it. Such was not likely to occur in the near future, because the growth of a University was largely a matter of time.

Mr. Fraser—Do you think a school of technology should not be established except where there is a University?

Mr. Gildersleeve—We believe it can be established there more economically.

Mr. Hanley, Warden of Hastings, presented a memo-