

the grant toward buying them out, but the almost universal feeling was against using the money to buy road machinery. Opinion was divided as to the method of dividing the money, some wanting acreage, some population, others equalized assessment, to be the basis, while others yet wanted all counties to share equally. The selection of the roads to be improved should be left with the bodies who expended the money. The committee will meet again this morning.

AID FOR THE UNIVERSITY.

Government Undertakes
Support of Science
Department.

HARCOURT'S BILL.

State Cedes Authority to Trustees.

TRINITY FEDERATION.

Provision Made For Carrying It Out
—Government Grant About \$20,000 to Science Department This Year.

In the Legislature last night Hon. Mr. Harcourt introduced one of the most important measures of the session, under the official title of "An act

to amend the act respecting the University of Toronto and University College, Toronto." In brief, the bill is a measure for aid to the university. The Minister of Education made no explanation of his bill in the House, as owing to arrangement the evening session was devoted to the consideration of the estimates. He, however, explained the chief clauses of the measure to the members of the press, and will at an early date deal with it more fully in the House.

Aid For Science Department.

The most important clause of the bill is that relating to instruction in science, which provides that for the purpose of encouraging a study of the mineral, forest and other resources of the Province and supplying the demands of expert knowledge in engineering and manufactures, the Province will pay from the consolidated revenues the salaries of instructors in all the departments of chemistry, physics, mineralogy and geology, and the cost of the maintenance of these departments. These payments will be based upon the annual estimates of the university trustees, and the first payment under the new act will apply to the present financial year of the university, which closes on June 30th. This expenditure from the funds of the Province will be over and above the annual grant of \$7,000 to the university. Of this annual grant the scientific department heretofore received \$1,600. Mr. Harcourt is of opinion that the additional grant under the clause referred to will for this year reach \$20,000, and will of course grow from year to year with the development of the university and the country.

Lands Set Apart.

It is further enacted that the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may set aside that portion of lands on the north side of College street (opposite the new Technical School) and known as lots 7, 8, 9 and 10, and now held in trust by the Crown, to be used for the erection of buildings for the mineralogy and geology departments of the university, and for the extension of the School of Practical Science.

Financial Management.

A prominent feature of the bill is that relating to money matters. The finances and property are kept quite distinct from academic or educational matters. A Board of Trustees will have full power over the property and income of the university. Heretofore the senate has had this power but deputed it to the Board of Trustees. The board had therefore no legalized existence under the old act. The present act legalizes it, and places in its hands the fullest responsibility as to the management of the property of the university. The board will consist of nine members, four of whom will be ex-officio members, namely, the Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, the President of the university and the Principal of University College. The latter official is a new appointment. There has never been a