

QUEENS AND WESTERN MUST BEGIN SCHEME OF SELF-FINANCING

Efforts Expected, But Grants
Are Not Cut Off, De-
clares Premier

SINCLAIR IS CRITICAL

Firm in the belief that Ontario should not be compelled to assume the financial support of its three universities, Premier Ferguson told the Legislature yesterday that while the Government had not cut off the grants to Western University and Queen's University, as had been reported, it was making it clear to the institutions named that in future they will be required to make some effort to provide for themselves.

According to the Premier, Queen's University is now engaged on work of this kind. In London, Western University, while comparatively new, had made splendid progress, and was expanding all the time. It was his hope that within a year that this university would be able to adopt some scheme, similar to that at Queen's, whereby some of the load now carried by the Province would be lifted.

Policy Criticized.

Passing of grants to these universities occasioned considerable criticism of the Government's educational policy in regard to discontinuation of first-year university classes. Premier Ferguson told Liberal Leader W. E. N. Sinclair that it was the intention of the Government to do away with first-year work in the University of Toronto, and the second-year work also, if such action was found to be practical.

The Premier was unable to tell Mr. Sinclair when the new plan would be in operation. Asked what jurisdiction the Minister of Education had over Queen's and Western Universities to compel them to discontinue the first two years of university work, Mr. Ferguson replied that legislation would be enacted whereby this arrangement could be effected. At no time, he said, had there been any friction between the Department of Education and either of these universities.

"Advertising Scheme."

Expressing the belief that no money would be saved by the Government from the new policy of discontinuation of first-year work, for the reason that "financial saving" there would have to be handed out to the high schools—the junior colleges, so to speak, where the work would be taken care of—Mr. Sinclair characterized the project as "an advertising scheme for the Government."

The grants passed by the House in Committee of Supply follow—University of Toronto, \$987,945; Queen's University, \$380,000, and Western University, \$250,000.

TWO-HOUR SITTING VOTES \$45,000,000 AND MAKES RECORD

Little Discussion Occasioned
by Passage of Ontario
Estimates for Year

BELANGER SPEAKS LATER

In record time the Ontario Legislature passed approximately \$45,000,000 worth of estimates between 8 and 10 o'clock last night and placed its business affairs in a condition from which most of the members now anticipate an Easter adjournment. With very little discussion, the House passed the main estimates, totalling about \$42,000,000, and the further, supplementaries, totalling a little over \$3,000,000.

Will Talk on Schools.

Although the totals were passed, A. Belanger, Liberal member for Russell, secured speaking rights reservation for one or two items in the educational estimates. He proposes to speak to the question of French-English schools at some length. And, at the request of Hon. F. C. Biggs, who was leading the Progressives for the evening, the Government undertook to have Hon. Charles McCrea, Minister of Mines; Hon. G. S. Henry, Minister of Highways, and perhaps Hon. John S. Martin, Minister of Agriculture, give resumes of the work of their departments.

At the outset Mr. Belanger raised some question about the appearance of a \$37,500 item in the supplementaries for fish hatcheries. He thought expenditures were becoming pretty heavy in this particular department. Hon. Mr. McCrea explained that provision was being made to take over the Dominion hatcheries, and the amount was allowed to go through.

Hydro for Country.

In the Hydro estimates Premier Ferguson stated that the work of extending hydro to the rural districts was going ahead at such a rapid rate that the staff was unable to keep pace with the demand. Another \$25,000 is included for investigation of steam-plant power possibilities.