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THE COLLEGES OF CANADA.

I.

The Laval University.

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The Royal Charter incorporating the "Université Laval" is dated at Westminster the 8th of December in the 16th year of Her Majesty's Reign (1852).

Its preamble runs as follows: "Whereas it has been represented unto as that there has existed during the last two hundred years and does now exist in that part of our Province of Canada called Lower Canada, a Seminary established for the education and instruction of youth, and known by and under the Corporate style and title of "Le Séminaire de Québec;" that the said seminary comprises a school of divinity and classes of instruction in science and literature at present frequented by more than four hundred pupils; that the said Corporation is amply endowed, being provided with abundant means for carrying out its objects without assistance from the Provincial Legislature; that it possesses extensive and valuable libraries, rich and costly collections of all kinds of philosophical and other apparatus requisite for assisting in imparting a knowledge of the sciences, &c.

It therefore provides "that the directors of the "Séminaire de Québec" and their successors in office shall be and be called as heretofore, a body corporate and politic and shall in addition to the powers and privileges by them possessed and enjoyed in their said corporate capacity, have, possess and enjoy the rights powers and privilege of a University as hereinafter directed for the instruction of youth and students in Arts and Faculties and that in each and every act or deed done and performed under and in virtue of this Charter, the said "Séminaire de Québec" shall be named called and known as the "Université Laval" (Laval University.)

"The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Quebec for the time being, or the person administering the diocese of Quebec is appointed ex-officio Visitor of the University.

"There shall be at all times a Rector, and the said office of Rector shall be held by the Superior of the said Séminaire de Québec for the time being.

"There shall be such and so many Professors in the different Arts and Faculties as from time to time shall be deemed necessary or expedient and as shall be regulated by the Visitor, by and with the advice of the Council of the University.

"The Rectors and Professors and all persons as shall be duly matriculated and their successors in office shall be one distinct and separate body politic, in deed and in name, by the name and style of "The Rector and Members of "Université Laval" (Laval University) at Quebec in the province of Canada."

"The Rector, the Directors of the "Séminaire de Québec," and the three Senior Professors of the several Faculties shall form the Council of the University, which, shall nominate and appoint the Professors of the Faculties except those of the Faculty of Divinity: they shall present and submit the names of the latter to the Visitor who shall appoint them, and they shall not be removed without his consent.