

Historical Sketch.

Acadia College was founded by the Nova Scotia Baptist Education Society in 1838. In the following year application was made to the Nova Scotia House of Assembly for a Charter of Incorporation with the title: "The Trustees, Governors and Fellows of the Queen's College." An Act creating such a corporation with the powers of a University was passed in 1840. At the next meeting of the Legislature, this Act was amended by changing the name to Acadia College.

In 1851 the power of appointing the Governors was transferred from the Education Society to the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces. The developments of succeeding years made it necessary that various amendments to the original Charter should be obtained. In order to avoid confusion and bring the Act of Incorporation into more complete harmony with existing conditions, a general revision and consolidation of the different Acts relating to the College was postponed by the Board of Governors. The Report of the Committee of the Board having been adopted by the Governors was referred to the Convention. That body at its meeting in Yarmouth, in August, 1891, after suggesting some modifications, approved the report and instructed the Governors to apply to the Parliament of Nova Scotia for the necessary legislation. Accordingly a bill embodying the proposed alterations was passed by the two Houses at the Session of 1891, and received the signature of the Lieutenant Governor on the 19th of May in the same year. A copy of the Revised Charter is appended.

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