

THE ACT CONFERRING UNIVERSITY POWERS.

A search among the journals of the old Legislative Assembly of Canada brings to light the account of the passage of the act "to confer on the Ottawa College the rights and powers of a University." From these documents we learn that the act was introduced by Mr. Currier on July 27th, 1886. It was read three times in the assembly whence it went to the Legislative Council. Here the passage of the act was moved by the Hon. Mr. Skead, and seconded by the Hon. Mr. Ryan. The vote was 39 in favor of, and 13 opposed to the passage as follows:

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Alexander ; Archambeault ; Armand ; Armstrong ; Belleau, Sir. N. F. : Blair, Ferguson ; Blake ; Bossé ; Bull ; Bureau ; Chaffers ; Cormier ; Dickson ; Duchesnay, E. M. T. ; Duschesnay, A. T. : Dumonchel ; Flint ; Foster ; Gingras ; Guevreumont ; Lacoste ; Leonard ; Letellier de St. Just ; McCrea ; Malhiot ; Moore ; Olivier ; Panet ; Perry ; Proulx ; Prudhomme ; Reesor ; Ross ; Ryan ; Sandorn ; Seymour ; Shaw ; Skead ; Vidal. —39.

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Aikins, Allan, Bennett, Boulton, Campbell, Christie, Currie, Ferrier, Hamilton, (Kingston) Leslie, McMaster, Matheson, Read.—13.

GOOD WORDS.

We print below the invitation to other institutions to unite with us in celebrating the inauguration of Ottawa University, together with the replies received, from Washington, Laval and Georgetown :

INVITATION.

*Deo Optimo Maximo Scientiarum Fonti
Magistro et Fini.*

PRÆSES, DOCTORES, ALUMNI UNIVERSITATIS OTTAWIENSIS ORDINI SODALITUM:

Quum paucis abhinc mensibus, exiguum hocce nostrum Ottawiense Collegium, jampridem a Suprema civili Potestate agnitum, juriisque doctrinalibus et privilegiis academicis, quorum ipsa fons est,

adauctum, Ille studiorum necnon litterarum illustrissimus ac sapientissimus fautor et Mecœnas, S. S. Pontifex Leo Papa xiii, ad summum decoris fastigium peramanter evehere condignatus fuerit, benigne indulgendo facultatem ut, secundum institutum aliarum Catholicarum Academicarum, gradus honoris et dignitatis illis omnibus impertiri possent, qui cum peculiari laude Theologicarum, Philosophicarum et Canonicarum disciplinarum cursum, quem vocant, sub Doctorum hujus Lycæi disciplina confecissent ; nos quo SSni Pontificis benemerentissimi gratia ea, ut par est, festiva solemnitate condecoretur, necnon hujus Universitatis studia fauste inchoentur, insigni eaque religiosa pompa initia nostra heic, Ad Majorem Dei Scientiarum Gloriam, celebrare statuimus septimo et sexto Idus Octobris, anno MDCCCLXXXIX, qui hoc anno vertuntur diebus IX et X mensis Octobris ; sacro adsistente, quod in votis et spe non fallenda habemus. senatu Illorum. S. R. E. Cardinalium ac RRum. Præsulum Canadensis regionis et Unitorum Statuum.

Hanc ob causam, Sodales perillustres, nos hac certa cogitatione freti, ea nimirum omnia quæ hujus nostræ dilectissimæ Canadensis patriæ, jamdudum ab incunabulis exortæ et hodieum adultæ, incremento in scientiis et artibus et maxime religioni favent, haud modice vos tangere ; fraternæ, ut decet, benevolentie litteras ad vos mandamus, enixe optantes, quod nonnulli ex vestra studiorum domo huc mittantur, quo imminenti celebritati partem habeant.

Interim vobis, Viri perillustres, fausta omnia adprecamur

Addictissimus ex animo,

CEL. AUGIER, S.T.D.,

Præses.

J. J. FILIATRE, S.T.D.,

Secretarius.

FROM THE RECTOR OF THE CATHOLIC
UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA :

The Catholic University of America,

Washington, D.C., Sept 30, 1889.

Very Rev. Dr. Augier.

Very Rev. and Dear Sir,—I regret more deeply than I can express that it will be impossible for me to be present at the inauguration of your University. As I explained in my letter to the most Rev.