

college, under its Royal Charter, bearing date December 15, 1827, was constituted with the privileges of a University, under the name and title of "The Chancellor, President and Scholars of King's College at Fredericton, in the Province of New Brunswick." The college was opened on New Year's day, 1829, and Sir Howard Douglas installed as its first chancellor. As originally built the edifice was of the proportions and design represented in the Douglas gold medal, founded by His Excellency at this time. Its cost was £11,300 currency, a very moderate sum considering the excellence of the work. Indeed the contractor lost money on his job, and the province subsequently came to his relief and upon his representations passed a supplementary vote to save him from financial ruin.

In his opening address Sir Howard terms the edifice "this good and sufficient building" and in the course of his after remarks observes:

"I shall ever rejoice that it has fallen to my lot to lay with my own hand the corner stone of this building, and that I have been spared to witness its completion. The architect of the material fabric has been careful to make his selections of the best quality and of materials the least perishable and to put them together with a master hand."

The building was planned so as to admit of the addition of another story, and in 1876, through Doctor Jack's efforts supported by the Senate, the new story with its fine central dome was added at a cost of \$8,500.00. Again the sum seems very moderate, in view of the wonderful improvement in the appearance of the building and the increased accommodation afforded.

The first and only President of King's College was the Rev. Edwin Jacob, D.D., who filled the position for thirty years. Doctor Jacob was a native of Gloucestershire in England, a graduate of Oxford, and some time Fellow of Corpus Christi College. He was nominated by the Very Rev. George Pillew, Dean of Norwich, and the Rev. Dr. Russell, who was headmaster of the Charterhouse School, and entered on his duties as Principal on October 19th, 1829.

In the assignment of college work, Dr Jacob took the chairs of Classics, History and Moral Philosophy; the Rev. George McCawley became professor of Logic, Mathematics and Hebrew. The Rev. Dr. Somerville had the chairs of Divinity and Metaphysics and did not reside in the college building but was permitted to take any church preferment that might be offered him. Under this arrangement he for a good many years took charge of the Sunday Services and did other work in the Mission field of the parish of Douglas and places adjacent.