COPY OF CHARTER FOR ERECTING THE SEMINARY

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EXTRACT from Thirteenth Part PATENT ROLL of the Sixteenth Year of the Reign of Queen Victoria.

LAVAL UNIVERSITY, QUEBEC, CHARTER.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Queen, Defender of the Faith.

To all to whom these Presents shall come, greeting :

WHEREAS it hath been represented unto Us, 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 Seminaire de Quebec;" that the said Seminary comprises a school of divinity, and classes of instruction in science and literature, at present frequented by more than 400 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:

And whereas humble application hath been made unto Us by the very Reverend Louis Jacques Casault, Superior of the said Seminary, and the Reverend Antoine Parant, Joseph Aubry, John Holmes, Léon Guigras, Louis Guigras, Michel Forgues, Elzear Alexandre Taschereau and Edward John Horan, Directors of the said Seminary, that We would be pleased to grant Our Royal Charter for the purpose of authorising the said Corporation to confer Degrees, and granting unto the said Corporation all other the privileges usually granted to and enjoyed by Universities;

Now know ye, That having taken the premises into Our Royal consideration, and duly appreciating the great utility and importance of the enjoyment of these privileges by the said "Seminaire de Quebec," We, of Our especial grace, certain knowledge and mere motion, have ordained and granted, and by these presents do for Us, Our heirs and successors, ordain and grant, that the said Louis Jacques Casault, Antoine Parant, Joseph Aubry, John Holmes, Léon Guigras, Louis Guigras, Michel Forgues, Elzear Alexandre Taschereau and Edward John Horan, and their successors in their offices aforesaid, shall be and be called as heretofore one body corporate and politic, and shall, in addition to the powers and privileges by them hitherto possessed and enjoyed in their said corporate capacity, have, possess and enjoy the rights, powers and privileges of an University as hereinafter directed, for the education and 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 "Seminaire de Quebec" shall be named, called and known as the "Université Laval" (Laval University).

And We do hereby, for Us, Our heirs and successors, declare, ordain and grant that our trusty and well-beloved the most Reverend Pierre Flavien Turgeon, Roman Catholic Archbishop of the Diocese of Quebec, or the Roman * Catholic Archbishop for the time being of the said Diocese, or the person administering the said Diocese, shall by virtue of his office be Visitor of the said University.

And We do hereby, for Us, Our heirs and successors, declare, ordain and grant that there shall be at all times one Rector of the said University, and that the said office of Rec or shall be held by the Superior of the said Seminaire de Quebec for the time being.

And We do hereby, for Us, Our heirs and successors, declare, ordain and grant that there shall be such and so many Professors in the different Arts

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