

It had long been the intention of the saintly Bishop Mountain to found a University in connection with the Church of England in the Province of Quebec, and when in 1845 the College, called from its founder Bishop's College, came into being as the result of the labours of the Bishop, Mr. Doolittle and others, it was resolved by the authorities that there should be a School in connection with the institution. Accordingly a prospectus was issued in the same year, and the school over which Mr. Chapman had presided was taken under the wing of the College, and Professor H. H. Miles, M.A., became the first Headmaster under the new regime.

It was the intention of the founders of the School that it should be conducted on the lines of the best English Schools, that it should be a place where the principles of honour, loyalty and self-reliance should be carefully instilled into the youth of the country and that it should act as a feeder to the College.

The Rev. J. Butler, M.A., succeeded Professor Miles as Headmaster in 1849, and Mr. Henry Roe, now the Ven. Archdeacon of the diocese was his assistant for nearly two years.

In 1854 it was deemed wise for various reasons to close the school, but in 1857, it was re-organized and re-opened under the Rev. James W. Williams, M.A., of Pembroke College, Oxford, who may well be called the Canadian Arnold. Under this great and good school-master the school prospered greatly; numbers increased, so much so that the old schoolhouse overflowed and several families in the neighbourhood took in boys as boarders.

In 1861, the first school-house on the present site was ready for use, the foundation stone of which had been laid by General Sir Fenwick Williams of Kars. It was a handsome Gothic building surmounted by a tower, and a wing was added to it in 1864.

In Dr. Williams' time, the famous Cadet corps was started, commanded at first by Henry Slack, and then by Wm. Yule, now Col. Yule of the Scots Fusilier Guards. This corps was attached to the 53rd Battalion of Sherbrooke, and was called out for duty in the first Fenian raid in 1866.

During the American war, and at its close many Southern boys came to the school, among them the son of Jefferson Davis, the ex-President of the Confederate States, who himself lived