

THE UNIVERSITY ACT, 1876.

(Passed the 4th day of April, A. D. 1876.)

Whereas, it is desirable to establish one University for the whole of Nova Scotia, on the model of the University of London, for the purpose of raising the standard of higher education in the Province, and of enabling all denominations and classes, including those persons whose circumstances preclude them from following a regular course of study in any of the existing Colleges or Universities, to obtain academical degrees :

Be it therefore enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly, as follows :

1. A Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, and twenty-four Fellows, to be appointed as soon as conveniently may be after the passing of this Act, by the Governor in Council, and all the persons who may hereafter be appointed to be Chancellor or Fellows as hereinafter mentioned ; all the persons or whom respectively any of the institutions following conferred any degrees in any branch of knowledge other than theology, that is to say : King's College, at Windsor, in the County of Hants ; Acadia College, at Wolfville, in the County of Kings ; Dalhousie College and Saint Mary's College, in the City of Halifax ; Saint Francis Xavier's College at Antigonishe, and Mount Allison Wesleyan College, at Sackville, New Brunswick ; and all the persons on whom respectively the University hereby created may hereafter confer any degree, are hereby declared and constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of the " University of Halifax."
2. The Corporation may purchase, take and hold real and personal estate not exceeding the annual value of thirty thousand dollars ; such annual value to be calculated and ascertained at the period of taking, purchasing or acquiring the same ; and may grant, sell, lease, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of the same, as may be deemed expedient for the interests of the University.
3. The Corporation shall consist of a Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, Fellows and Graduates ; and there shall be twenty-four Fellows, exclusive of the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor, for the time being. The Fellows shall be such persons as the Governor in Council shall from time to time appoint as Fellows, and as shall be appointed as Fellows by the members of the Senate under the power hereinafter contained ; and the Graduates shall be the persons on whom respectively any of the institutions mentioned in the first section conferred any degrees, and the persons on whom respectively the University hereby created shall hereafter confer degrees.
4. The Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor and Fellows for the time being shall constitute the Senate of the University.
5. Whenever a vacancy shall occur in the office of Chancellor of such University, either by death, resignation or otherwise, the Governor in Council shall nominate and appoint a fit and proper person to be Chancellor instead of the Chancellor occasioning such vacancy ; and in