

The reasons for placing the College at Lennoxville were, *inter alia*, its central position in the midst of the English speaking portion of Lower Canada, the prospect it afforded of great moderation in the scale of expenses, and the opportunity it would offer to many youths, of obtaining University education at home, who would otherwise seek it abroad. There was also a considerable amount promised in that neighbourhood for the erection of buildings, a site offered, and other advantages held out, equivalent altogether to about £3000.

The Provincial Act of Incorporation having been obtained, the buildings were begun without loss of time, and completed and made ready for occupation in the course of the summer of 1846.

Meanwhile the services of two gentlemen had been secured for the work. H. H. Miles, Esq., M. A., of King's College, Aberdeen, was appointed Professor of Mathematics and Physical Science, with charge also for a while of the Grammar School; on which latter duty he entered in the spring of 1845. The Rev. J. H. Nicolls, M. A., Michel Fellow of Queen's College, Oxford, was appointed in the same year Principal and Professor of Divinity, and entered upon the duties of these offices in the following August. The Reverend L. Doolittle, M. A., of the University of Vermont, to whose untiring exertions and perseverance in the midst of difficulties of every kind the College is mainly indebted for its very existence, undertook at the same time, without charge to the College, the then arduous and troublesome office of Bursar.

The Corporation of the College having been duly organized by the appointment, by the Lord Bishop of Montreal,* (now Quebec,) of the Hon. E. Hale, M.P.P., Hon. A. W. Cochran, Lt. Col. Morris, Revds. C. Jackson, C. P. Reid, G. Slack, and Hollis Smith, E. Elliot, Esqrs., as Trustees, and the Revds. J. H. Nicolls, L. Doolittle, and Henry H. Miles, Esq., as members of the College Council, met for the first time at Lennoxville, on the 29th of September, 1845, and adopted a system of Rules, Orders and Regulations for the College, and such other measures as were necessary for its complete organization.

* According to the terms of the Provincial Act, which gives to the Bishops of the Church of England in Lower Canada, acting conjointly, the right of appointing all Trustees and members of the Council. There was at that time only one such Bishop.