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By the Royal Charter granted in 1802, all the privileges of a University were conferred on King's College, which thus became the first University of British origin established in the Dominion.

A Provincial Act incorporating the Governors of King's College received the royal sanction in 1853. It provides that the Royal Charter of Incorporation shall not be affected by it further than is necessary to give effect to its own enactments.

The Patron of the University is the Archbishop of Canterbury, to whose approbation "all Statutes, Rules and Ordinances" of the Board of Governors are subject, but King's College is open to students of all denominations, and imposes no religious test either on entrance or on graduation in any Faculty with the exception of Divinity.

In 1871 a Curriculum was issued for a course of Civil Engineering, and the University has subsequently granted Degrees and Diplomas in that science, as well as in Arts, Law and Divinity.

A few changes have occurred, and some progress has been made since the publication of the last Calendar.

The failing health of Dr. Stiefelhagen compelled him to resign the Professorship of Modern Languages, the duties of which office he had performed with zeal and efficiency for many years. The friends of the College will be glad to know that the appointment of Professor DeFourmentin to the vacant chair has proved most satisfactory.

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After many years of faithful service the Rev. J. C. Cochran, D. D., has retired from the office of Secretary to the Board of Governors; Charles H. Carman, Esq., has been appointed his successor.

The new Collegiate School, erected on the site of the old building, which was burnt down in 1871, will be opened for the reception of pupils in October.