

Toronto Conservatory of Music.

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TORONTO CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC may justly claim the honor of being the pioneer institution of its kind in the Dominion of Canada. The name "Conservatory" had perhaps been applied to some private institutions prior to 1886. These, however, possessed none of the distinctive features of a genuine *Conservatory of Music* in the sense that term is understood in European countries, and the name therefore must have been in those cases a misnomer.

It was incorporated Nov. 20th, 1886, and was first opened to the public in September, 1887.

The amount of its capital stock was placed at \$50,000, about two-thirds of which was at once subscribed for, thus putting the institution on a solid financial basis. The corporation now contains some sixty shareholders, among whom are many of the most influential citizens of Toronto, all desirous of developing in our midst a Canadian Music School of superior excellence.

The objects of the Conservatory, as stated in its charter, are manifold, but of chief public interest are the following :

"To furnish instruction in all branches of the Art and Science of Music, and to furnish instruction in such other subjects as may be considered necessary for the fullest development of the students' mental and physical faculties preparatory to their pursuing music as a profession, with full power to acquire and hold by lease, purchase or otherwise, all lands, buildings, instruments and appliances necessary for the thorough equipment and maintenance of a Conservatory of Music, and to exercise all such powers as may be calculated to advance musical culture and appreciation."

With the object of affording its students the highest university advantages, the Conservatory became affiliated in 1888 with Trinity University, and also in 1896 with the University of Toronto. By virtue of authority conferred upon these institutions by Royal Charter, the degrees of Bachelor of Music and Doctor of Music are attainable by students passing the three prescribed examinations as set forth in the University Calendars. Conservatory graduates in Theory are exempted by the terms of affiliation from the first two University examinations.