

council once more resumed its meetings, it is evident that the question of finance had assumed an aspect of such difficulty, as to prevent further progress; and in April, 1839, they found themselves face to face with the inability of the bursar to produce or account for the moneys in his hands.

In the meantime, another event took place destined to exert a most important influence on the future of the university. This was the coming to the province of a young graduate of Trinity College, Dublin, the Rev. John McCaul, M.A., as Principal of Upper Canada College. Mr. McCaul, who was now about thirty years of age, had filled for some time the position of classical tutor and examiner at Trinity College, Dublin; he was already an author of repute in classical literature, and his advent to the country at this time was of great importance to its future scholarship. He was also a polished and eloquent speaker, and a man of commanding personality. Ten years later when the leadership and policy of Dr. Strachan as director of the university were terminated by the Act of 1849, Dr. McCaul stepped to the front as the presiding genius of the university during the second period of its active history.

Early in 1839, the Legislature once more directed its attention to the affairs of the university, and called for returns of income, expenditure and investments of the endowments of King's College. When these returns came into the hands of the Lieutenant Governor, he was astonished at the serious inroads which had already been made on the endowment. From this report it appeared that of the original grant of 225,944 acres of land, 99,737 had already been sold; that from these sales £82,729 17s 5d. had been realized, of which £54,925 19s 8d had been expended, leaving in the bursar's hands or in investments £27,805 17s 9d. Of this amount £10,340 was invested in government debentures and Bank of Upper Canada stock, £4,312 10s had been lent to the president, and £13,137 7s 9d. were in the hands of the bursar, being nearly one-half of the available funds. In addition to the balance as above, the assets of the university were estimated as follows:—

	£	s	d
Purchase moneys overdue.....	14,895	14	8
Interest on these.....	6,018	17	6
Purchase moneys not yet due.....	33,495	2	3
Interest on moneys not yet due.....	7,765	6	3
Lands yet unsold (estimate).....	137,849	7	6
Total.....	200,125	8	2

The current income from all sources at this date was £3,803 12s 8d, against which were fixed items of expenditures of £3,168 0s 6d., leaving