

PREFACE

THE Senate of the University of Toronto, at its meeting January 8th, 1903, adopted on motion of Professor Wrong, seconded by Professor Ellis, the report of a special committee recommending that in consideration of the fact "that the present year is the sixtieth anniversary of the opening of King's College, and the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the University on its present lines," a volume should be prepared, giving an account of its past history and its actual condition.

A long series of delays has made the publication of this volume coincident with a real epoch in University history; and, although the lists, statistics, etc., do not quite reach the date 1906, owing to the fact that the book was in print before the recent important changes in the government and in the financial condition of the University, the following pages afford a conspectus of the development of the institution from its beginnings, some eighty years ago, to the close of the labours of the Commission in the passing of the University Act of 1906. The several chapters have been contributed, as indicated in the table of Contents, by various members of the staff of the University and its Federated and Affiliated Colleges. Many other persons have, in different ways, assisted in the preparation of this book, among whom the following may be specially mentioned: Mr. H. H. Langton (Librarian of the University), Professor Keys, Mr. C. C. James, Dr. S. M. Wickett, Mr. J. Brebner (Registrar of the University), the Secretary of the Alumni Association (Dr. J. C. McLennan) and his staff, the staff of the Provincial Secretary's office, Mr. Thomas Hodgins, K.C., Dr. J. G. Hodgins (through his "Documentary History of Education"), the Royal Society of Canada, Sir George Reid (by his permission to reproduce his portrait of Sir Daniel Wilson), and Dr. A. H. Abbott and Mr. J. S. Plaskett, for services in connection with the views of the buildings.

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