

of the endowment amongst rival institutions. On assuming
office the new Chancellor gave instant proof of his foresight and
devoted energy by urging on the Government the necessity of
making an appropriation for buildings, and also for the library
and museum. Although the response was not immediate, his
powerful representations, firmly but respectfully repeated, were
ultimately crowned with success. I hold in my hand the last
official report (for 1855), which he prepared as Chancellor, a
document which was saved by being in my possession at the
time of the fire in 1890, and I shall read the last page, to illus-
trate the manner in which the Senate, under his direction,
respectfully protested against the encroachments of the Govern-
ment upon the endowment, and pressed the claims of the Uni-
versity to the erection of new buildings:

"Conscious of the singleness of their motives, and confident of
the correctness of their views, the Senate feel it all but unneces-
sary to disclaim any intention of giving offence by the strength
of their language or the undisguised freedom of their suggestions.
They are more desirous of disavowing any idea whatever of
giving either rise or support to any hostile feeling, or of becom-
ing as a body antagonistic to your Excellency's Administration.
They are, and they desire to remain, entirely a non-political
body, and there are among them those whose duty and inclina-
tion alone would forbid to remain its members were the character
of the Senate in that respect different. But they are all deeply
impressed with the truth of the observation addressed by your
Excellency to a similar institution in a sister Province, namely,
that 'an endowment such as that enjoyed by the University of
Toronto is a most valuable element in the future progress of this
country, and that such an endowment, once lost or diverted to
any other use, is not easily recovered'; and, believing them-
selves to be clothed with the powers already pointed out, and
knowing that these powers are accompanied with corresponding responsi-
bilities, their due exercise, they are deeply anxious that such
responsibilities should not arise from any negligence of theirs. They
therefore desire, to renew and re-enforce their previous repre-
sentations. In the confident hope that your Excellency will be
pleased to place yourself at the head of this move-
ment, and that in so doing your Excellency will ensure its
success, and secure to the lasting gratitude of the

Senate, which was signed by Chancellor Blake in
1855, and which was not made in vain. His Excellency