

monastic or conventual character though the fact is not stated in the Acts of Incorporation. The following are some of the Acts referred to,—18 Vict. cap. 225 25 Vict. caps. 91, 92, and 93; 31 Vict., Ontario, cap. 60; 34 Vict., Ontario, caps. 92 and 93; and 36 Vict., Ontario, cap. 143. The provisions of other special Acts for the like purpose are in substance the same as these. I am further to say that since the receipt of the Despatch of the Honourable the Secretary of State of the 31st December 1875, the Government of this Province has been endeavouring to obtain a complete authoritative list of such of the incorporated institutions in Ontario as possess a monastic and conventual character. There is, however, no official information on the subject beyond what is inferable from the terms of the Acts themselves, and therefore the Government has failed hitherto in obtaining other information that might enable it to supply more fully or satisfactorily the information desired.

I have, &c.

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