

University of Saskatchewan

Historical

The Emmanuel College established in Prince Albert by Bishop McLean in 1879 led to a public demand for a University. In 1883 a Dominion Charter was secured for a University for the provisional district of Saskatchewan. Six years later the Legislative Council at the suggestion of the Board of Education appealed to Ottawa for a land grant for a University similar to that given to Manitoba. The question was declared to be premature until the country had been divided into provinces. The University men residing in the Territories were summoned to meet in Regina in January 1891 to discuss the formation of a University. Later the Board of Education requested Eastern Universities to hold some of their examinations in the Territories. In 1902 satisfactory arrangements were made with Manitoba University whereby the Territorial Teachers' Certificates were accepted in lieu of their matriculation. The next year an Ordinance incorporating a University for the Territories was passed, but no provision was made for its support. The Legislature of Saskatchewan passed the University Act on the 17th of April 1907 and granted a sum of money for organization purposes. This Act provided for a Convocation consisting of all graduates of any University in His Majesty's Dominions who were actually residing in the Province for three months prior to the first meeting and who applied for registration. Four hundred and fourteen names were placed upon the register.

At the first meeting of Convocation, held on the sixteenth of October, 1907, the Honorable Edward Ludlow Wetmore, Chief Justice of the Province, was unanimously elected Chancellor, and the following were elected members of the Senate: Bishop Grisdale, D.D.; G. E. McCraney, LL.B., M.P.; J. W. Sifton, B.A.; A. H. Smith, B.A.; F. W. G. Haultain, B.A.; A. H. Ball, M.A., LL.B.; Mr. Justice Prendergast, LL.B.; E. B. Hutcherson, M.A.; D. Low, M.D.; Rev. E. A. Henry, B.A.; A. M. Fenwick, M.A.; and D. J. Thom, B.A.