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**An Act to establish a College in the City of Hamilton. Assented to 30th May, 1855.**

Whereas it is desirable to establish a College in the City of Hamilton for the education of youth in the higher branches of learning, and to incorporate the same: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, intituled, *An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, as follows:

I. There shall be and there is hereby constituted and established at the City of Hamilton, a body corporate under the name of the Hamilton College; and the said Corporation shall consist of and be governed by the following trustees, Sir A. N. MacNab, the Honorable R. Spence, S. B. Freeman, the Honorable S. Mills, Isaac Buchanan, W. P. McLaren, John Young, William Pring, A. Logie, William Craigie, R. B. Harris, G. W. Burton, George S. Tiffany, and their Successors to be appointed in the manner following, viz: One by the Governor General of Canada, one by the University of Toronto, one by the Municipal Council of the City of Hamilton, one by the Municipal Council of the county of Wentworth, and one by any and every other Municipal Council contributing the sum of live hundred pounds to the funds of the College, or the annual sum of fifty pounds, a moiety of which may at the option of the Municipal Council go to found exhibitions in favor of students in the first place from such Municipality.

II. The Trustees above named shall hold office until four successors shall be appointed as above provided, and each of those, to be so appointed shall hold office for the period of three years and until his successor shall be appointed, and shall be eligible for reappointment; and in the event of vacancy in the Trusteeship by death, removal, dismissal or resignation, his term of office having expired, or otherwise howsoever, any Trustee so to be appointed, it shall be filled in the same manner and by the authority by which the Trustee so vacating his office was appointed, continually for ever.

III. The said Corporation shall have perpetual succession and may have a common seal which they may alter and renew, and may also under their corporate name, contract and be contracted with, sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, prosecute and be prosecuted in all cases and places whatsoever in this Province, and make rules to govern their own proceedings and statutes, (not being contrary to the laws of this country or this Act) for and concerning the system of education and the conduct and government of the said College, and for the management of the property of the said Corporation, both real and personal, and in their corporate name may take and hold under any legal title whatsoever for the said College, without any further authority, licence or letters of mortmain, all lands and property, moveable and immoveable which may

hereafter be sold, ceded, exchanged, given, bequeathed or granted to the said Corporation, wheresoever the same may be situate, and to sell, alien, convey, let or lease the same, provided that the total yearly revenue from such property shall not exceed the

sum of one thousand pounds currency; and the said Corporation may appoint an Attorney or Attorneys for the management of its affairs, and have all the other rights incident to a body corporate, and may employ teachers, professors and servants, and fix their salaries; and any three of the Trustees shall be a quorum for the transaction of business; and the Trustees or any quorum thereof shall exercise-the powers of the Corporation.

IV. All the property which shall at any time belong to the said Corporation, and the revenue thereof, shall at all times be exclusively applied and appropriated to the advancement of education in the said College and to no other object or institution whatever.

V. It shall be the duty of the Corporation to make an annual report, setting forth in particular the income and expenditure of the said Corporation, the number of scholars under instruction, the number of teachers employed, and their salaries, and the course of instruction pursued, and to transmit a copy thereof to the Governor of this Province, to the University of Toronto, and to each of the said Municipalities, and also to render any further accounts in writing that they or either of them shall at any time require.

VI. The site of the said College shall be within, or not more than a mile beyond the limits of the said City of Hamilton.

VII. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.