

It is now seventy-two years since Sir John Colborne, afterwards Field Marshal Lord Seaton, founded in Toronto a school meant to reproduce in this country what Rugby and Harrow have been to England. Sixty-two years of the life of the College were spent in the home on King street. Then ten years ago came the flitting to the high northern suburb of Deer Park. At first all went well. But the sky darkened and almost before it was realized the black days of '94 and '95 were upon us. Then with '96 the prospect brightened, the tide turned, and ever since we have been carried along on its crest. At last all the ground lost had been won, and by the legislation granted at the meeting of the Ontario House in 1900 the College was liberated from Government control, and was set free to enlarge itself along its own lines.

The Principal's plans, which are well defined, aim at the establishment of the school on such a secure basis that a mere recurrence of lean years will not threaten the very existence of the institution. The first thing to be done was to provide playing grounds. This was accomplished last year, when about fifty acres were added to the College domain. We have at present some eighty acres available for school purposes. The next move was to arrange for a preparatory school. Over fifty thousand dollars were subscribed by friends and Old Boys, and an account of the laying of the corner stone by Lady Minto will be found on another page. This, it is hoped, is but the first step on the way to a number of master's houses. We can thus look forward, perhaps not so very far distant, to when Upper Canada College will be a great school with four or five hundred boys, all in residence, with its masters all living on the grounds—a great institution self-contained, exerting an influence on young Canada that will make for the highest and best in the life of the nation.

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Nothing could augur better for the future of Upper Canada College than the very successful garden party held by the Old Boys' Association on the 15th of June on the College grounds. It was significant of the strength of the sentiment which the school has kept warm in the hearts of its Old Boys, significant of the proud positions won by its sons, significant of their determination to insure the future prosperity of Upper Canada College. It is to be hoped that the gathering with its delightful renewing of old friendships and awakening of old memories may be an annual affair.

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A proposition was made last autumn by the Intercollegiate Football Union to organize a junior series. The idea was to induce such schools as Port Hope, Ridley, Lennoxville, and Upper Canada to enter teams, and as well have junior teams from 'Varsity, Queen's and McGill. The movement is very strongly favoured by Mr. W. E. Douglas, the President of the Intercollegiate Union. There is something to be