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MUNIFICENT DONATION.

By the will of the late Alexander Murray of this city, the Montreal General Hospital will come into possession of the princely sum of \$750,000. Next to the great donation of \$1,000,000 made by Sir Donald A. Smith and Sir George Stephen for the founding of the Royal Victoria Hospital of this city, that of Mr. Murray's is the largest ever made in Canada for any similar purpose.

THE EXCESSIVE DIDACTIC WORK DEMANDED OF STUDENTS BY THE CANADIAN LICENSING BODIES.

We are pleased to see a number of our contemporaries seriously discussing the present regulations of the different licensing boards. All agree that in demanding two full didactic courses of nearly all branches, a large amount of unnecessary work is thrown on the students. Some call for an immediate change in these requirements, while others maintain that it would be premature to interfere to any extent at the present time. We are strongly of the opinion that the sooner the proposed changes come the better for the profession. We fail to see what dangers lurk in their immediate adoption. Owing to the demands of the different Provincial Boards, medical students in Canada are seriously handicapped as compared with their brethren in England and the continent of Europe. So much time has to be devoted to listening to didactic lectures, that little is left for laboratory work. As a proof of this we would point to the paucity of