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In the month of June, I made an inspection of the College, and had the satisfaction of presenting the prizes awarded at the conclusion of the first annual term. It was a pleasure to me to feel that I had every reason to compliment the Commandant and Staff upon the untiring zeal and ability they had applied, to perform faithfully their duty to the cadets who had been entrusted by their parents to the educational curriculum of the College. And certainly, as I then said, any parent who could see for himself the contentment and happiness that prevailed among these manly young fellows, would gladly give his son the advantage of the sound education, the discipline of mind and body, the intellectual, classical, scientific and physical training, the habits of regularity, and the discipline and respect for authority, which will serve the rising generation of Canada in whatever position of life these young men may be launched for their future career.

Upon that occasion I had the honor, in the absence of the Governor-General, to present the first of a series of medals which the Earl of Dufferin has been pleased, with his usual liberal generosity, and with the hearty interest His Excellency always evinces for the welfare of every institution of the country, to bestow for competition by the cadets.

His Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased to bestow three medals, viz., a bronze medal for June, 1877, a silver medal for June, 1878, a gold medal for June, 1880; the latter year completing the four years Course of the first batch of cadets who entered in 1876.

The conditions of these medals are, that one be given in each of the above years to the cadet who from the time of his joining the Military College to the several dates specified, has obtained the greatest number of marks on all subjects, moral, mental and physical, that is to say, the best lad all round for the term at the time of the examination; the object being, to let conduct, military, physical and intellectual exercises as well as all branches of instruction, have due weight, and to test these, not by any one examination, which might occasionally be attended with a good deal of luck, but by marks cumulative from day to day throughout the cadets entire College career, the same cadet might in fact in due time take all three medals, but it is hardly probable in the course of the four years that this should occur.

I need hardly say more in regard to this excellent and useful Institution, than that it offers every prospect of being a complete success, when fully developed, and eventually destined to be a most valuable and permanently beneficial establishment for the Militia, perhaps for the future army, but certainly for the general public of Canada.

I may end my reference to this College in the words of Lieut.-Colonel Hewett, with which I fully concur:—"I venture to express the gratification I feel in being able to report my confident assurance that those who have completed their first