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PREFACE.

This manual has been drawn up for the use of the Cadets of the Royal Military College of Canada. The first five chapters on Practical Astronomy embrace that portion of the subject with which all Land Surveyors in this country ought to be familiar. The remaining chapters, together with the part of the work which treats of Geodesy, touch on the more important parts of the additional course, as regards those subjects, laid down by Government for candidates for the degree of Dominion Topographical Surveyor. It has become absolutely necessary to draw up some compilation of this kind, because, while many of the Cadets are anxious to qualify themselves as far as possible in the above-mentioned course, the number of different books they would have had to refer to in order to obtain the requisite knowledge would have entailed on them a heavy expense. In order to make the work as cheap as possible the number of diagrams has been cut down to a minimum, it being intended to supply the place of expensive plates of instruments *et cetera* by lecture illustrations. The author has also made the higher portion of the Astronomical course

as brief as possible. It will be found treated in the fullest manner in Chauvenet's Astronomy.

Geodesy being both a difficult and a very extensive subject no attempt has been made to write anything like a treatise on it. All that has been aimed at has been to give a sketchy account of its most salient points, adding a few details here and there. The student who wishes to pursue the subject further is referred to standard works, such as Clarke's Geodesy.

The author has to acknowledge having made more or less use of the following:

Chauvenet's Astronomy, Puissant's G \acute{e} od \acute{e} sie, Clarke's Geodesy, Frome's Trigonometrical Surveying, Loomis' Practical Astronomy, Gillespie's Higher Surveying, Deville's Examples of Astronomic and Geodetic Calculations, the U. S. Naval Text Book on Surveying, and Jeffers' Nautical Surveying. He has also to thank Lieut.-Colonel Kensington, R.A., for valuable assistance in investigating some doubtful formulas.

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