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COL. E. PRIOR, A.D.C., M.P.

Colonel Edward Gawler Prior, second son of Rev. Henry Prior, was born at the parsonage at Dallowgill, near Ripon, in Yorkshire, Eng., on the 21st May, 1853. He was educated at the Leeds Grammar School, and served his articles with J. Tolson White, the eminent mining engineer, of Wakefield, Eng. In 1873 he went to Vancouver's Island as assistant manager for the Vancouver Coal and Land Co. (Ld.), with whom he stayed five years. He was then appointed Government Inspector of Mines for British Columbia. He held this position till 1886, when he resigned and entered mercantile life. He is now the senior partner of the large and well-known firm of E. G. Prior & Co., of Victoria, B.C., iron merchants. He first entered politics in 1886, when he was returned at the head of the poll to represent the city of Victoria in the Local Legislature. In January, 1888, he was presented with a large petition by his constituents asking him to resign his seat in the Local House and run for the Dominion House of Commons, in which a seat had become vacant by the resignation of Mr. Shakespeare. No opposition coming forward, he was returned by acclamation, and still represents the constituency. He is a life member of the "North of England Institute of Mining and Mechanical Engineers." He is Lieutenant-Colonel commanding the British Columbia Brigade of Garrison Artillery, an excellent corps of four batteries, organized in 1883; one battery is in New Westminster, the other three, with the headquarters, are at Victoria.

Lieut.-Colonel Prior is also one of the A. D. C.'s to His Excellency the Governor-General.



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## CAPT. STAIRS.

The report of the death of this gifted young officer has evoked expressions of sympathy from almost the entire press of the Dominion; and it is more than probable that these underestimate the general sorrow at the loss of one in whose career and success Canadians have had no small measure of pride. He was a man who was in every sense an honour to the world-wide Britain, as well as to that lesser part of it which owned him as her son. In the service of the Empire he ranks with WILLIAMS of Kars, with INGLIS, with WALLIS, and with the many others from British

America, who in devoting themselves to the greatest of all services—that of the nation—have had no small share in the extension and solidification of British power in all parts of the world. Than those honoured men, his years have been few and his service less actively warlike; but it has been none the less severely arduous, and none the less of value to the best interests of the State. He has been of especially great use in the work which is of all things the true mission of Great Britain in this decade—the opening up of Africa to civilization, and the destruction of the infamous and accursed slave trade.

The reports of his death lack final and definite confirmation, but unhappily appear too well authenticated to admit of much question. There is, however, a gleam of hope that the news may be exaggerated or untrue. That such is the case all here will devoutly wish, and will eagerly look for more definite information.

## DOMINION DAY.

Although the coming holiday will be the twenty-fifth anniversary of Confederation, it is doubtful if proper notice of it will be taken in a military way, except in the firing of the usual salutes. At one time the prospects of a large military display in or near Toronto looked very promising, but the scheme has since fallen through. The 57th of Peterboro' will visit Kingston and parade with the 14th; the Governor-General's Foot Guards intend going to