

litia at the age of fourteen, that he served during the Fenian Raids in 1866 and 1870, receiving a medal for merit; that he was with Major-General Middleton at Fish Creek, that he was on the steamer *Northwest* when she ran the blockade; and, lastly, that in 1914 he was appointed by the Minister of Militia at Ottawa an Honourary Lieutenant-Colonel of the Department of Intelligence. Any one wishing to study his early literary style may search *The Mail* (Toronto) of thirty or more years ago and there read his despatches from the front during the last uprising under Riel. He was a well-known man in the West, even in those days, and it is said that he passed through the lines one night when if he had been any other man than George Ham he would have been shot dead on the spot. It was during the course of this rebellion that a friendship developed between him and Middleton. The friendship began one evening when George rode out upon the prairie, following the General, who had ridden away alone and who, George feared, might be surprised by Indians. Soon he perceived that the General had halted, and coming closer he overheard him speaking freely in the vernacular. For the General had rid-

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