

Descents from the kings of Ireland are perhaps numerous but rarely traceable. The O'Briens of Barrie and Toronto are descendants of the famous Brian Boromhe, King of Ireland. (*See Ont. Fams*, ii., 141.)

The family of Forsyth, well known in Quebec, and formerly also in Kingston, represented in Toronto by Capt. Forsyth Grant, claim descent from a son of Charlemagne. The senior representative of this descent is the Vicomte Forsyth de Fronsac, at present residing in Toronto.

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A CORRESPONDENT, whose knowledge of military matters and reputation as an author and journalist entitle his remarks to respect, writes questioning the correctness of the statement in the *Genealogist* ii., 26, that Col. the Hon. Archibald McLean was present at the taking of Toronto and saved the colours of his regiment, on the ground that his name does not appear in the list of officers of his regiment at the capitulation. The statement was made by us on the authority of members of the family, who would be most unlikely to be mistaken or misinformed on such a matter, and on the authority of Read's *Lives of the Judges*, p. 163, and *History of the County of York*, ii., 100. On making further enquiry we have received the following account of the affair, written by a son of Col. McLean, which seems to us to leave no room for further doubt on the subject:

"Respecting the colours of the York Militia; we have all at different times heard my father narrate the