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MAJ.-GEN. HERBERT, C.B.

Ivor John Caradoc Herbert, C.B., a Colonel in the Army, and Major-General commanding the Canadian militia, is a comparatively young man, although, perhaps, older than he looks. He was born on the 18th July, 1851, and entered the Grenadier Guards in 1870 as Lieutenant; in 1883 he attained to the command of a company, and in 1889 became Major and Lieut.-Col. Although the last twenty years have been comparatively peaceful ones, General Herbert has missed no opportunities of service, both in the field and on staff duty. From February to July, 1882, and again from November, 1882, to May, 1883, he acted as Brigade-Major of the Home District; during the interim—August to November—he was on active service, being Brigade-Major in the expedition to Egypt, and saw some hard fighting; for this he wears the medal with clasp, and has the fourth class of the Turkish Medjidie. He also served in the Egyptian expedition of 1884 for the relief of Khartoum, and wears two clasps for the action at Abu Klea. In November, 1885, he was appointed Commander of the School of Instruction for the Auxiliary Forces, Wellington Barracks—an appointment he held until his selection as Military Attaché to the British Embassy at St. Petersburg. This important post he occupied until 1890, when he accepted the command of the Canadian forces—a position of great importance both to the Dominion and to the Empire, but which is rendered a thankless one and its value greatly minimized by the parsimony of a section of our Parliamentary representatives, comprising members of both political parties. Since his assumption of the chief command, General Herbert has devoted himself to doing all in his power



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towards improving the force; his reports show up weaknesses, spare no offenders, and indicate plans for reform; his inspections have been minute, special attention having been given to what is most useful; but until his recommendations receive more practical attention from Parliament and from the Government, and the force is armed, equipped and paid in accordance with modern ideas, his efforts will have little chance of effecting a marked improvement in the force. We are confident, however, that he has the warm loyalty and support of every Canadian soldier who has the interests of the Service at heart.

The above portrait is from a photograph taken in London prior to his coming here.

HER MAJESTY'S BIRTHDAY

The observance of the Queen's Birthday was, as usual in Canada, widespread and hearty; a comparison in this respect with the custom of half a century ago, shows to what a marked extent the respect and loyalty of the Canadian people as a whole to their Sovereign has increased. In a military sense chief interest centered at Toronto, in what may be termed the first public parade of the new Highland corps,—the Forty-eighth—and the occasion of that most brilliant and imposing incident in a regiment's history—the presentation of colours. Additional interest was given by the presence of the Thirteenth of Hamilton, one of the leading western corps, and with a special reputation for its regimental band, and skill with the rifle.

The visit of the Queen's Own Rifles to Owen Sound was a success in every particular. As usual, the corps paraded in great strength, and what drill duties had to be done were performed in a manner fully bearing out the record of the regiment.

Nothing occurred to mar the pleasures connected with the visit of the Royal Grenadiers to Windsor; and the men of the corps proved themselves by their conduct, both on and off duty, well worthy of the honourable title the regiment bears. To the many thousands of foreigners who came from Detroit, the sight of such an imposing body of British redcoats must have been surprising, and was probably not uninteresting on certain points.

Those who witnessed the steadiness and efficiency of the Fourteenth Battalion of Kingston, at the Queen's Jubilee parade in Montreal, in 1887, would be surprised if the visit of the