

family tradition as from personal leanings. When very young he joined the cavalry corps which his grandfather and father had organized, and was on active service during the Fenian Raid of 1866 and the North-West Rebellion of 1885. The young Canadian officer was an intelligent student of the campaigns of the American Civil War, and was thus enabled, we may be sure, to keep his military theories in close touch with actual warfare on the grand scale. His intimacy with many of the military chiefs of the South, some of whom took refuge in Canada during or after the war, added to his grasp of the whole subject of war. Colonel Denison's relations with the Southern leaders, in whose cause his sympathies were enlisted, form a romantic passage in his life. These experiences, chronicled in his book "Soldiering in Canada" are vividly interesting and at times thrilling. One cannot recall any Canadian autobiography with the same charm of variety, incident and exhilarating anecdote.

Circumstances, however, shaped for the military historian and critic other roads to distinction. The peaceful profession of the law, not war and its alarms, was to be his chief avocation. His military studies and his services in 1866 and 1885 were the outstanding events in what might have developed into a military career.