

## Notices.

—♦♦♦—

LT.-COL. OSBORNE SMITH, D.A.G.

Lieutenant-Colonel Osborne Smith, a likeness of whom we give in this number, belongs to an Irish family, was born May, 1831, and was educated for the military profession, which, however, he did not enter until 1854. He served in H. M. 39th Regiment through the closing scenes of the Crimean War, and on peace being declared, was with his Regiment ordered to Canada.

Having married, he shortly after left the service, and settling in Montreal, entered into mercantile life.

In December 1861, at the time of threatened hostilities with the United States, he organized the since well-known Montreal Regiment of Victoria Rifles, of which he became Lieutenant-Colonel.

In December, 1864, after the excitement occasioned by the St. Alban's Raid, Lt.-Colonel Smith was suddenly ordered to assume command on the Western Frontier of Canada, of a number of companies of the Active Militia; then for the first time, since 1837, placed on duty. This service procured him the warm thanks of the general officer in command of the district, and of Lt.-Genl. Williams of Kars, then Commander-in-Chief in Canada.

In the autumn of 1865, Col. MacDougall, then Adjutant-General of Militia, offered Lt.-Col. Osborne Smith the post of Assistant-Adjutant-General, which, having accepted, he was placed in command of the Montreal force, and instructed to organize the Frontier Companies, and to raise others on the Southern Frontier.

In 1866 Lt.-Genl. Lindsay, then Major-General Commanding the District, gave Lt.-Col. Smith charge of the Frontier of Huntingdon County, during the Fenian Raid of 1866, and on leaving the country in 1867, stated, when replying to an address of the citizens of Montreal, in reference to Col. Smith, who subsequently has had charge of the entire picketing of the Southern Frontier, from St. Regis on the St. Lawrence to the boundary line of

Compton,—“ Col. Osborne Smith deserves the greatest praise; to his zeal, able management and direction on the Frontier it is probably owing that the citizens of Montreal have been so little disturbed.”

Ever since, including the alarm of 1868, Col. Smith has been continued in charge of the Southern Frontier, performing also the duties of Deputy-Adjutant-General for his district up to the present date. His last services, in which he hurried forward the men of his command to the point which he imagined was the object of attack by General O'Neil and his Fenian band, and in which, with the aid of a few men of the Home Guard of Missisquoi and of two or three companies of Militia, the Fenians were so decisively repulsed, are fresh in the memory of our readers. The energy, judgment and ability which he displayed in guarding against surprise and repelling the advance of the enemy, have inspired in the minds of the people a feeling of confidence and security which they hitherto did not possess. Col. Smith's services as an officer and a commander received a fitting acknowledgment from Lieut.-Gen. Lindsay, when reviewing the troops at Eccles Hill on the 30th May last. On that occasion, Gen. Lindsay, in the name of the Queen, who was represented in the person of H. R. H. Prince Arthur, who was present, and in the name H. E. the Governor-General, complimented Col. Smith in very high terms of praise on his thorough knowledge of the country and its capabilities and points of defence, and also “ his previous service and acquaintance with the details of military life, in addition to his great natural military abilities, which rendered him peculiarly fitted to the command of the Southern Frontier.”

It may be noted that Col. Osborne Smith is the fourth eldest son in direct descent in his family who has held commissions in the armies of the present reigning dynasty of Great Britain. After the battle of Waterloo, his father was one of the few surviving officers of the force that held the position of La Haye Sainte; his grandfather also held a commission, and his great-grandfather was presented by the Duke of Cumberland with his own pistols at the battle of Culloden.