

Limerick, and full of the national ambition of his countrymen for a military life, he entered the service in the twentieth year of his age, and served successively in the 20th, 25th, 42nd and 91st regiments of the line. The first action of which we possess any record of his being engaged in, was the taking of Minorca, in the year 1796, when he was distinguished by hoisting the British colors upon the citadel, having wrapped them around his body to accomplish his gallant purpose. His conduct upon this and subsequent events attracted the notice of the several commanders, who appreciated his services by the rewards, first of the quartermastership of the 91st regiment, in 1804, from which he was promoted to a lieutenancy in the 25th regiment, in 1807, and obtained an exchange to the 10th Royal veteran battalion, in 1809; he also served in the 4th and 5th garrison battalion, previous to his joining the 15th veterans, which he did in this country, in August, 1809. On the opening of the war in 1812, he was selected to fill the situation of assistant adjutant-general of the militia, and he drilled and organized the militia of the country to the entire satisfaction of the government. In 1814 his services were rewarded by the appointment of town major of Kingston, and assistant adjutant-general. The latter situation being dispensed with, he retained the former, with the addition of superintendent of the quartermaster general's department, in 1829, both of which he retained until his demise, meriting the approbation of every successive commanding officer in the garrison. To the last moment of his life he received from Sir H. Vivian, Sir James Kempt, and other distinguished general officers the strongest testimonials of their continued interest in his prosperity. As a soldier, husband, father, friend and Mason, he was equally fortunate in securing the esteem and affection of all after forty-two years of active military service. He was a member of the Church of England."

Corbett, George Frederick, the eldest son of Major Patrick Corbett, was a prominent merchant in Kingston. He was born in Limerick Castle, Ireland, in 1799, and died in Kingston about 1840. He married a daughter of Lieut.-Gen. Glasgow, R.A., at one time acting lieut.-governor at Quebec. By this lady he had three daughters and two sons, Frederick and George H. The former resides in Australia, and the latter is a leading physician in Orillia, Ontario. He is a graduate of Queen's College, Kingston, a Freemason, and a member

of the Church of England. He has been twice married. His first wife was a Miss Sinclair, of Kingston, by whom he had four daughters. His second wife is a daughter of the Rev. John Dawson, of North Wales. By this wife he has three daughters. Of his daughters one is widow of the late D'Arcy Boulton, barrister, of Toronto. Thomas A., the second son, was high sheriff of the united counties of Frontenac, Lennox and Addington, before the division of the counties, and afterwards of Frontenac. He held the office for twenty-five years, resigning in 1867, to accept the position of military store-keeper at Kingston. He was lieutenant-colonel of the first Frontenac regiment, (the Bloody First.) He was a Freemason, and died in 1878, being buried with military honours. He left four sons and one daughter. Of his sons, the two eldest, Augustus and William, entered the British army as surgeons, at the breaking out of the Crimean war, in 1851. After the close of the war they both went with their regiments to India, and served through the mutiny. The eldest died in England in 1882, after a service of thirty years; William is still in India as a chief of medical staff. The third son, Henry, was also a doctor, and practised for many years in Ottawa. On the breaking out of the late Canadian rebellion, of 1835, he volunteered his services to the government, and was sent to the North-West, but was taken ill at Qu'Appelle, and was removed to Winnipeg, where he died on the 1st of July, 1835. The youngest son, Thomas A., was a civil service employé, and died in 1880.

Corbett, Richard, born in Dublin, 1808, was the third son of Town Major Patrick Corbett, who came to Kingston when our subject was only two years old. The lad was educated at the Royal Grammar school, under George Baxter. In his youth he visited his twin brother, William H., who was a planter in Demarara, West Indies, and remained there for a number of years. He returned to Canada in 1834, and was appointed head master of the Grammar school, Napanee. He filled this position for some years. In May, 1852, he received the appointment of governor of the gaol at Kingston, which office he filled until his death, which occurred 20th December, 1865. He married in June, 1844, Harriet, youngest daughter of Benjamin Lake, a wealthy farmer of the township of Portland, and by this lady had one son and three daughters—the former succeeding to his father's position. The eldest daughter died in infancy, and