

"Mufti" (Mr. H. J. Morgan) has communicated to the *Ottawa Citizen* some interesting particulars of a lady recently deceased—the Hon. Mrs. Robert Bruce—who took a prominent place in Montreal and Quebec society forty years ago. She was the wife of Col. Bruce, of the Grenadier Guards, brother of Lord Elgin, whose military secretary and principal A.D.C. he was. She lived in Canada from 1848 to 1854, making many friends by her cheerful and winning ways. After her husband's death, in 1862, she was appointed by Her Majesty to an important position in the Royal household, and remained on duty there until her death.

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#### A TRIP FROM NEW BRUNSWICK TO QUEBEC.

In the *Monthly Magazine*; or, *British Register*, published in London, March 1st, 1808, is the following "brief account of a very unusual tour":—

"Last winter I received orders from our Colonel to proceed to Canada upon urgent business. On the 12th of March I set out from this place on snowshoes, *à la sauvage*, with a knapsack on my back. I was attended by a stout private of our regiment, a guide, and a large dog, who drew a small sledge loaded with provisions, blankets and other necessaries. The weather was extremely cold, and the snow in general three and four feet deep. Our route lay about N. W. for one hundred and fifty miles up the river St. John. The usual method is to travel on the ice, but unfortunately it was broken up or dangerous, so that we were forced to strike into the woods, and force our way through wilds untrod by human feet. We reached the "Grand Falls" in six days (150 miles), marching from sunrise to sunset. The fatigue baffles all description; walking on snowshoes, encumbered with a knapsack, through thick woods, up and down steep hills.

"We contrived to get into a house every night except one, when we encamped in the snow. This is a curious way of