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MR. ROBERT MILLAR.

IN introducing Mr. Robt. Millar, the subject of our biographical sketch, we feel as though it was a mere *pro forma* operation, as he is already well known to our readers under his *nom de plume* of "Rufus Reddy." There is an appropriateness in connection with this pseudonym which will be apparent to those who are familiar with Mr. Millar, whose complexion is very suggestive of an *Auburn-loveliest-valley-of-the-plain* residence, while the *semper paratus* style of his facile and forcible pen still further marks the connection. Our personal recollections of Mr. Millar were somewhat antecedent to his birth, or as Sir Boyle Roche would say, "We knew him before he was born." In other words, prior to his advent on this sub-lunary sphere, we had the pleasure of knowing his immediate progenitor, Robert J. Millar, Esquire, during his life-time a very prominent resident of Drummondville, Que., and who in the palmy days connected with the early salmon fishing of the St. Francis river; wielded a fish spear with a result only circumscribed by the number, or number of pounds weight of salmon, inscribed on his fishing license. He was an honest Millar, although the grist that ran through the stones of Drummondville Falls was well tolled. To repeat his prowess in the way of securing grist would be a twice told tale. Those who consider this method of securing salmon unsportmanlike, must remember that the St. Francis river salmon never rise to the fly, and that Mr. Millar was paid in salmon for his services as salmon



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(RUFUS REDDY.)

protector. He has told me that during several successive seasons he had recognized one enormous salmon which he was always tempted to spear, but which happened to be amongst the last of the run, when the complement to which he was legally entitled had been secured. The subject of our sketch was born at Drummondville, and is descended from old military stock, his paternal grandfather having been a Lieutenant in H. M. 1st Regiment of Scotch Foot, where he saw service in the great war that opened the present century. His mother is a daughter of the late Lieut. Robins, of the well known Demeuron Regiment. The military spirit has descended in a milder form upon the present Mr. Millar, who is a member of one of Canada's Crack Volunteer Corps, the Victoria Rifles of Montreal, being one of the crack shots of that Shooting

Regt, and the happy possessor of medals, cups and other valuable prizes won at the Rifles Ranges. He is a railway man and connected with the Canadian Pacific Railway. For several years he has been a regular contributor to the Canadian newspapers, and is everywhere recognized as a vigorous and forcible writer on current topics and one of the best informed men in Montreal, on all matters of general interest. As a pen caricaturist he holds a leading position, and he has a wonderful faculty of pen painting any human follies and foibles which attract his attention. A few years ago he visited the British Isles and the European continent, as a correspondent of the *Montreal Herald*, and his articles to that paper were eagerly looked for and well received, the interest taken in them being manifested by their reproduction in other Canadian, as well as American newspapers. Mr. Millar is one of Canada's humorists, and will be remembered by our readers as the author of "My Grandfather was wounded at Lundy's Lane," "How I won my Spurs," and other humorous sketches which have appeared from time to time in this journal over the name of "Rufus Reddy." For some time past an affection of his eyes has interfered with Mr. Millar's usual literary contributions, but it affords us much pleasure to say that he has so far recovered as to be able to become a regular contributor to our columns, a pleasure which we know will be shared by the numerous readers of this journal.

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