

respectably connected; and was first employed in this country on the Welland Canal during its enlargement soon after the Union. In 1849, he went to California and Australia, and after residing there four or five years, returned to St. Catharines, accepting the situation of Engineer and Draughtsman on the Welland Canal, which position he held until lately. He marched with his men to the frontier during the Fenian excitement last June, although his health had been precarious for some time previously; and was with Colonel Peacocke during the memorable march to Fort Erie at that time.—*St. Catharines Constitutional*.

—JAMES SIDDON GARNETT, Esq., J.P., died recently in Rama Township. He was 83 years of age, and served during the eventful period of the Peninsular War. He was born in Manchester, England, joined the 82nd Regiment, or Prince of Wales' Own at the youthful age of 15 years, under the command of Colonel Grant. He was in the engagements at Fort Erie, Chippewa, and Lundy's Lane. He again came to this country in 1836, and was one of the first settlers in Rama, was 15 years a Magistrate, and was always courteous and ready in giving his advice and counsel to all those who required it.—*Advance*.

—DAVID SMART, Esq. Mr. Smart was born in Kincardineshire, Scotland, in the year 1797. He was the fourth son of John Smart, Esq., of Burnton. In the year 1816, being then 19 years of age, he emigrated to Canada, and resided in Montreal for a period of two years; he then removed to Upper Canada, and settled in Port Hope, which was then scarcely worthy the name of a village. Here Mr. Smart commenced a general mercantile business, and was also appointed Postmaster, at a time when there was in Upper Canada only 12 Post Offices; in Lower Canada, 13; in Nova Scotia, 6; in New Brunswick, 3; in Prince Edward's Island, 1; and a mail only came once a week to Upper Canada, and news from Europe was sometimes wanting for two months at a time; an appointment which he filled up to the time of his death, being a period of 48 years; and was, at the time of his death, the oldest Postmaster in Canada. At different periods he was agent of the Bank of Upper Canada, the Commercial Bank and the Bank of British North America. He was the founder of the first Mechanics' Institute here and was its President for a long term of years. During the troubles of '37, he was a Colonel of Militia, and was the first man east of Toronto that Sir Francis Bond Head called on to come to the defence of that city. Of staunch Conservative principles and unswerving loyalty, he immediately responded to the call of duty, and repaired to the assistance of the Government and the country. Nor could a more striking proof of his character in this respect be given, than on the occasion of the recent Fenian excitement, when after being confined to his house for two years and a half, to the surprise of every one, he appeared in the midst of our Volunteer Force to encourage their already enthusiastic ardor, seeming for the time to completely forget his feeble condition. As a Scotsman, he was the first to originate the St. Andrew's Society in this place to relieve needy or suffering fellow countrymen, and was for many years President of the Society.—*British Canadian*.

—CAPTAIN A. S. FRASER's death took place in Peterborough lately. He was born in Roxboroughshire, Scotland, in the year 1795. He entered the army when only fifteen years of age, and served through the greater portion of the Peninsular war under the Duke of Wellington. About the year 1833, he found his way to Canada, and settled at first in the Township of Verulam, where he continued to reside until 1847, when he removed into the Town of Peterborough. In 1838 he was captain in the 7th Provisional Battalion of Peterboro' Militia, then on duty in this town. In 1841-3 he was appointed a Justice of the Peace. For many years he has conducted a considerable portion of the magisterial business of the county required to be transacted here.—*Review*.

—CAPTAIN GEORGE WILSON, R. N., who died at Orillia on the 3rd inst., at an advanced age. Like many other veteran officers, he exchanged the perils of the deep for the life of a backwoodsman in Canada. Thirty-four years ago Capt. Wilson plunged into the Canadian forest, in the Township of Medonte, in the County of Simcoe, and there converted the forest into a beautiful farm.—*Advance*.

—COL. JOHN ROBINSON, of the Provincial Militia, died at his residence, Pine Grove, near Fredericton, on Friday, the 7th instant, aged 79 years. He was sixth son of Colonel Beverley Robinson, late commanding the Regiment of New Brunswick Fencibles, and grandson of Colonel Beverley Robinson, of the Highlands, opposite West Point, in the State of New York. Col. Robinson served 13 years in the 10th Regiment of Foot, and saw much service in the Peninsula from 1809 to 1815. He retired from the army in 1818, and has since resided in New Brunswick.—*Head Quarters*.

—MR. WILLIAM FRASER, one of the heroes of the battle of the Windmill, died at Prescott last week. Mr. Fraser was born in Scotland, and, before settling in Canada, served his country several years in the Royal Navy. At the battle of the Windmill he received a wound in the knee, which crippled him for life. For this wound he received a pension from the government.—*Brockville Recorder*.

### No. 3.—RECENT CANADIAN DEATHS.

—JOHN M. A. CAMERON, Esq., father of John Cameron, Esq., of Brantford, and M. C. Cameron, Esq., Q.C., M.P.P., of Toronto, died on the 11th inst., at the advanced age of 80 years. The deceased was for many years a resident of Hamilton, but for the last twenty-five years has held a responsible position in the Canada Company's Office in the City of Toronto. His loss will be felt by the poor of Toronto, many of whom are largely indebted to him for his charitable assistance furnished in times of need.

—MR. JAMES LUMSDEN, whose death we record, was the oldest printer in Toronto, and one of the earliest pioneers in its settlement. Mr. Lumsden, who resided in Toronto from his early boyhood, was actively employed as a printer for the long period of nearly forty-five years. He served his apprenticeship, we believe, with the late Mr. Wm. Lyon Mackenzie, in the office of the *Advocate*, published by that gentleman. He was afterwards engaged as foreman by Mr. Charles F. Fothergill, formerly Queen's Printer, who published the *Palladium* about the time of the troubles in 1837-8; and subsequently for some time he was engaged on the *Gazette*, published by Mr. Stanton, Queen's Printer. When the *Leader* was established, Mr. Lumsden was one of those who "set up" the types for the first issue, and he remained among its staff of compositors till a few weeks ago, when he was seized with the illness which resulted in his death. He was a witness during his long lifetime of many stirring scenes and incidents; he saw Toronto grow from an insignificant village into a large and prosperous City.—*Leader*.

—MR. JAMES A. SMITH, many years a resident of this City, died suddenly yesterday. Deceased was a graduate of King's College, Aberdeen. For several years he occupied the position of Classical Tutor in the Toronto Academy, an institution connected with Knox's College. He was a man of sterling principle and superior attainments.—*Toronto Telegraph*.

—MRS PEARSON.—Among the persons who perished in the wreck of the unfortunate British bark Coya, on the California coast on the 26th ult., was Mrs. Pearson, for several years a resident of this city. She was a native of Upper Canada, and for a long period occupied the position of a teacher in the Government Model School, Toronto. Soon after her arrival here she obtained and held for two years a similar post in the Deuman School. She left for Sydney on board the Coya last June, and was returning to San Francisco on that ill-fated vessel when the wreck occurred in which she lost her life. Mrs. Pearson was deeply respected by a very large circle of friends, who will sincerely mourn her loss.—*San Francisco Daily Examiner*. [Those of our readers who knew the late lamented Mrs. Pearson, (formerly Miss Sheneck,) will be grieved to hear the foregoing sad news.—*Ed. Journal of Education*.]

—JOSEPH CRELE died at Caledonia, Wisconsin, Jan. 27th, aged 141. He was called, probably correctly enough, the oldest man in the world. He was born in 1725, at Detroit, then, however, merely an Indian trading station. The record of his baptism in the Catholic Church in that city establishes this fact beyond a doubt. He was a resident of Wisconsin for about a century, and was the "oldest citizen" in that State beyond any dispute. He was first married in New Orleans in 1755, and settled at Prairie du Chien, while Wisconsin was yet a province of France. Before the revolutionary war he was employed to carry letters between Prairie du Chien and Green Bay. A few years ago he was called as a witness in the Circuit Court of Wisconsin, in a case involving the title to certain real estate at Prairie du Chien, to give testimony in relation to events that transpired eighty years before the litigants were dreamt of. Up to 1864 Mr. Crele was as hale and hearty as most men at seventy. He was a man of medium height, spare in flesh, but showing evidence of his having been in his prime—a century or so before—a man of sinewy strength. Of late years a haunting sense of loneliness overwhelmed and seemed to sadden him. The only weakness of mind which he ever betrayed was in the last year or two of his existence, when he frequently remarked, with a startling air of sadness, that he feared that perhaps "Death had forgotten him;" but he would always add, with more cheerfulness, that he felt sure "God had not."—*Montreal Witness*.