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of Canadian manhood and its fullest development have been his aim from college days.

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was located at Victoria Street and some of it at Salisbury—where the mud comes from.

Born in Kentville, Kings Co., Nova Scotia, he entered the Union Bank, but deciding upon a military career took an appointment in the Department of Militia and Defence, Ottawa.

He is versed in pay routine, competent in procedure, well posted in policy.

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Col. Regan was made a C.M.G. last year.