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### Military Celebration of the Queen's birthday at Quebec.

11th of September 1759, more than a century has rolled away, since that eventful night, when the gallant generals Wolfe and Montcalm who fell in all their pride of might, gave to us the key of our future greatness and opened the gates of an unknown fertile vastness, to the hardy sons of ancient Britain, who were to rise into a mighty people grateful for the willing sacrifices a parent made, to provide future homes for her children, and happy in the knowledge, that the bonds of union which unite the distant shores of their lands, are woven into a fabric of imperishable texture.

Circumstances in our lives recall days of the past, and the events of the history of our country stand out more clearly in review, when the light of reflection is made, by passing circumstances, to beat fiercely upon a ground made famous by the deeds of our forefathers.

Let us then for a moment reflect in turning our eyes towards this parade of the Militia of our Dominion, upon so glorious a day, and upon a famous ground, that, at this

moment, there is sitting at home, "A Royal Commission," for the purpose of considering a plan, to reunite that once great power of Great Britain, which now lies scattered throughout the four quarters of the globe, so that by linking the arms of England and her Colonies together into one mighty force, the trade Commerce and happiness of the sons of "Greater Britain," may continue to flourish to the end of time, and it is to be sincerely hoped, that by the returning 24th of May, Canada will be able to boast of an Imperial reserve to take part in the celebration of the next "Queen's birthday."

The past review and sham fight, which were held upon the celebrated Plains of Abraham, and under the very ramparts of the "Key of the Dominion," welcoming in the commencement of another happy year, in the life of Her Most Gracious Majesty The Queen, was fortunate in the presence of His Excellency our Governor General and their Royal Highnesses the Princess Louise and Prince Leopold.

Space does not permit us to give a detailed account of the evolutions performed or to criticise the bearing or efficiency of the troops engaged, this we will do in our next; under the heading of:—"Tactical lessons suggested by the past sham fight,"—all we can say here is, that every corps and regiment