

health generally good. A few ravens seen occasionally; snow birds numerous; deer in abundance up the Ottawa.

PETERBOROUGH.—On 2nd, hail. 4th, at 6.50 p.m. sudden storm of wind; several falling stars seen. 7th, lightning, or the flash of a meteor, about 9 p.m. 8th and 9th, in morning, atmosphere hazy, smoke close to the ground; at 12.57 p.m. sudden storm of wind, shifting SE to SW. 9th, several brilliant falling stars about 11 p.m.; about 1 a.m. commenced suddenly blowing, blew a gale from SE till daylight. 11th, many falling stars. 12th, partial rainbow at 7 a.m., at NNW horizon. From 7 a.m. on 13th to 7 a.m. 16th, continuous fall of barometer, range for the period being 1.289 inches. On 13th, auroral twilight appeared early in the night, and about 2 a.m. fringed with light streamers; between 1 and 4, frequent falling stars observed, one of which flashed very brightly; nothing remarkable except that they were more frequent than ordinary; the sky became partially clouded soon after 9 p.m., and continued so till 1, when it cleared and remained so till 4.34, when again almost overcast. On 14th, sky heavily overcast, and raining all night; no observation of the meteoric phenomenon could be made. Storms of wind 1st and 11th. Fogs 6th, 13th, 28th. Rain on 1st, 2nd, 11th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 19th, 20th, 26th, 28th, 29th, 30th. Snow on 2nd, 3rd, 17th, 22nd, 24th, 30th.

SIMCOE.—On 1st, wind very high from 10 a.m. to midnight, reaching velocity 7 at 8 p.m.; at midnight calm with clear sky; thermometer highest at 10 p.m. On all clear nights preceding the 13th, shooting stars were observed to the number of about 10 or 12 per hour, chiefly in NW. From 7 a.m. on the 13th to 7 a.m. 16th, continuous fall of barometer, range for the period being 1.022 inches. On 13th, from sunset, till about 3.30 a.m. on 14th, sky almost entirely overcast with light nimbi, except occasionally when it became clear in the direction of Z and S; on 14th, at 3.30 a.m., the sky became nearly clear for an hour, during which period a number of shooting stars, variously estimated at from 30 to 60 were seen, some unusually brilliant, apparently starting from some point near the Zenith; about 2 a.m. an unusual light was seen in some parts of the sky where the clouds were breaking up, as if illuminated by the moon—this was noticed by others than the observer. 21st, Lunar halo at 9 p.m.; clearest part of the sky, at zenith, seemed hazy, moon dim, only the brighter stars seen. 22nd, snow storm from before day break till 3 p.m. 23rd, clear cold evening; observer could not make out any difference between wet and dry bulb thermometers, after using proper care. 29th, fog. Rain on 8th, 10th, 11th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 19th, 27th, 28th. Snow on 22nd, 24th, 30th.

STRATFORD.—6th, mill pond partially frozen. 9th, fog; Indian summer day. Storm of wind from SE, SW and W began 7 p.m. on 10th, and continued till some time during night between 11th and 12th. From 7 a.m. 13th to 7 a.m. 16th, continuous fall of barometer, range during the period being 1.017 inches; no meteors seen, sky unfavourable. 18th, indistinct lunar halo at 8 p.m. 21st, large lunar halo from 6.30 p.m. 23rd, mill pond frozen over, but again free from ice on 28th. Storms of wind on 1st, 10th, 11th. Rain on 1st, 11th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 19th, 20th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th. Snow on 22nd, 24th, 29th, 30th.

WINDSOR.—On 1st, storm of wind—appearance of sky rapidly changeable; at 12 m. strati only about II; at 2.30 p.m. sky overcast and threatening, wind rose to 7; barometer fell to 29.158; at 4 p.m. clouds changed to ci-st and cum., wind fell and barometer rose. 2nd, first frost injurious to vegetation; first appearance of Indian summer; a meteor observed from Z to W. 6th, 4 meteors from Z to W. 11th, a meteor from Z to SW. 12th, a meteor from NE to S. From 7 a.m. on 13th to 7 a.m. on 16th, a continuous fall of barometer, range for the period being .830 in.; observer watched for meteors, but noticed nothing remarkable; sky extremely unfavourable; on 14th, rain commenced before midnight. 20th, prismatic halo round moon at 10 p.m. 21st, first continuous fall of snow. Fogs on 3rd, 6th, 10th, 12th. Rain on 10th, 14th, 15th, 18th, 19th, 27th, 28th. Snow on 21st, 22nd, 30th.

## VI. Biographical Sketches.

### No. 1.—GEORGE B. FARIBAULT, ESQ.

Mr. Faribault died in the latter part of Dec. He was for many years second clerk of the House of Assembly in Canada. His family was from Mons in France. He was called to the Bar in 1811, served with the Militia in 1812, and in 1822 entered the service of the House of Assembly. He was remarkable as a collector of books, many of which unfortunately were destroyed by fire in 1849. In many respects the late Mr. Faribault was no common man. Born in Quebec in 1789, of a good family, which had come to Canada just before the conquest, he was, during a long life, a diligent student of the history and antiquities of his native province, and ably aided Messrs. Viger, Ferland, and Garneau, in their archaeological researches. He was appointed assistant-clerk of the Legislative Assembly at the Union, and was employed by the Canadian Government in 1851 to visit France for the purpose of collecting all the works he could find bearing on Canada. This task, after some painful interruptions, he finally completed with the aid of Mr. Wicksteed, in a very satisfactory manner, securing a most valuable collection of books bearing on Canadian History, part of the gift of

the French Government. This library had reached 2,000 volumes, when it was consumed in the great fire of the parliament buildings at Quebec in 1854. This shock sensibly affected his health, and he retired from the public service, but continued to occupy himself with the history and antiquities of Canada to the last. He was one of the founders of the Historical Society of Quebec, and on one occasion received a very complimentary letter from the last descendant of Montcalm. Humble, modest, gentlemanly, learned, patriotic, and industrious, Mr. Faribault was generally esteemed, and his services have been of no little value to a country which has too few men of letters and students of history. He died full of years and honor. His funeral on the 24th ult. was attended by the elite of Quebec society.—*Montreal Witness*.

### No. 2.—CANADIAN MILITARY DEATHS.

—COL. AUGUSTUS HEWARD, so long known in this community, left Montreal on a business tour in the Maritime Provinces; and the other day a telegram was received announcing his sudden death at St. John, N. B. Mr. Heward belongs to a good Irish Protestant family, who came to this country a good many years ago. An elder brother in business here years ago, transferred his business to Toronto, but Augustus continued here, and for several years did a large business as a produce and general broker. Not long ago, however, misfortune overtook him, and he became insolvent. It was in an effort again to retrieve his losses that he set upon the journey from which he was destined never to return. Mr. Heward besides being an active business man, was in his younger days an athlete of much more than ordinary strength and skill. He was also a keen sportsman, never happier than with his dogs and gun off for his autumn's holiday. He was very fond of music. In politics he was a staunch Conservative of the true old type, and generally active and prominent in elections. In 1849 he was one of the parties imprisoned on account of the riots, with Messrs. Ferres, Mack, Montgomery, Esdaile and Perry. At the time of the Gavazzi riots, also, he was among the foremost of those ready to sell their lives in order to defend liberty of speech among us. At the time of the "Trent" affair he helped to raise the Victoria Rifles, and was for a long time Major, and later Lieut. Col. of that crack corps. There were few men more thoroughly loved by his friends and those under his command. He was kind hearted and generous to a fault, and hearty manliness was seen in all his bearing and his every act. Kind friend, true heart, brave gentleman, cut off thus in the prime of life, few will be more missed in the circle he has quitted, few mourned with a more genuine sorrow.—*Montreal Gazette*.

—COL. DANIEL McDOUGALL died recently at the ripe old age of 84 years. The deceased was one of the oldest inhabitants of Niagara, having lived there since the war of 1812, in which he served and proved himself a brave and loyal soldier. At Lundy's Lane, where he served as a lieutenant in the incorporated militia, he received no less than seven wounds, was highly spoken of in general orders and returned as mortally wounded. His vigorous constitution, however, enabled him to recover, although he was a sufferer all his life after, from the pain of several balls that remained unextracted. During the rebellion of 1837, Col. McDougall both as an active magistrate and an officer of the militia, rendered very important service to his country. About the time he was appointed treasurer of the Niagara District, and subsequently on the division of the district, he was continued treasurer of the County of Lincoln, which office he filled up to the time of his death. Colonel McDougall was a native of the Highlands of Scotland, upright and reliable in every relation of life, a true subject of his Queen, faithful to his country, and a sincere and devoted member of his church, (the Roman Catholic.) He was one of those sterling men of that brave and loyal generation who founded, fought for, and made Upper Canada what it is.—*Niagara Mail*.

—COLONEL HAMILTON died in this City at the advanced age of 84 years. Col. Hamilton came to Canada at the close of the war of 1812, and since that period, now upwards of 50 years, has proved himself a loyal subject and most efficient public officer. For nearly forty years he occupied a confidential position in the office of the Receiver General, and only recently was granted an honorable retirement. His ability as an accountant, and his sterling integrity as a man, secured the esteem and confidence of his superiors, while his kind and obliging disposition attached to him a wide circle of friends. His removal will be much felt, particularly by the poor.—*Leader*.

—CAPTAIN GEORGE STOKER, late commander of the St. Catharines Volunteer Battery of Artillery, died at his residence in this town—aged 48 years. The deceased was a resident of St. Catharines. He was a native of Dublin, Ireland, where he was very