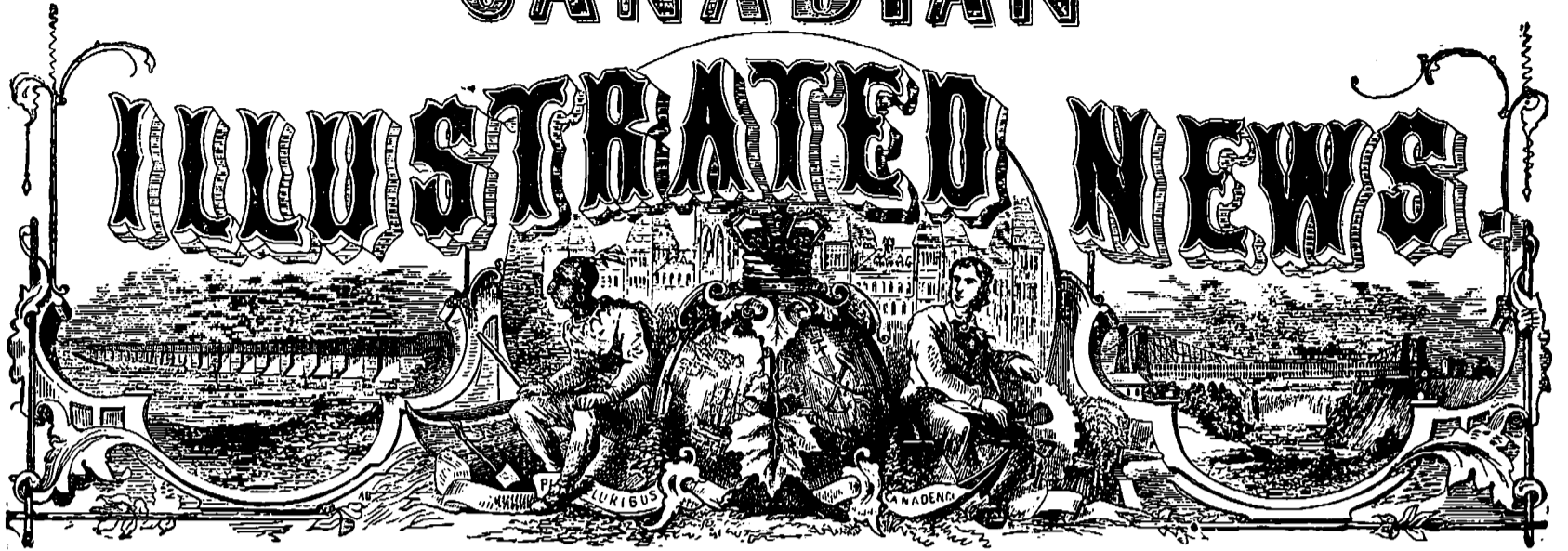


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BRIGADE MAJOR W.  
H. JACKSON.

Lieut. Colonel William Hayes Jackson, Brigade Major of the 2d Military District, U. C., is a Canadian by birth, being a native of the town of Brockville, where he is now stationed. His father was an Englishman and of an ancient family. His mother was of Scotch descent. The family coat of arms denotes that the Jacksons at some former time successfully defended a fortified city against an enemy, and that one of them had been an officer of one of the sovereign dukes of the French confederation, (such as the Dukes of Burgundy, &c.,) and that they had been in the fifth Crusade or Holy War, with the Knights Templars.

His uncle, Captain Jackson of the Royal Artillery, served with his corps in Canada, during the War of 1812-13-14. His grandfather on his mother's side served in the Militia during the same period, and was present at the taking of Ogdensburgh, and at the battle of Chrysler's farm.

Major Jackson is now about 35 years of age, having been born in 1828. He stands six feet and 1 inch in height, and has a decidedly good military appearance. In 1854 he received an Ensign's commission in the 1st Leeds Militia. In 1855 he joined the Volunteer Rifle and Artillery Company of Brockville. In 1856 he was transferred from the 1st Leeds to the Brockville Battalion of Militia. Shortly after



joining the Volunteers he was appointed Sergeant Major, and in 1858 he was Commissioned a Lieutenant of Artillery, that being the highest rank allowed in the gun detachment, in connection with the Rifle Company. After Captain Smyth, (who commanded this corps,) left with the 100th Regiment, Lt. Jackson became the Drill Instructor to the Rifle and Artillery Company to which he belonged, and exerted himself to maintain it in a state of efficiency. In 1860, His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief selected him with nine others to go through a course of Musketry, - Instruction with Her Majesty's troops at Montreal under Captain Lacy, Inspector of Musketry for British North America. The instruction was gone through with in the City and at Logan's farm, the practice being concluded on St. Helens Island. At the close of the course he passed his examination at the head of the class, and was presented by Capt. Lacy with a first class certificate.

In 1861 all the Musketry Instructors that had been approved of as first and second class were employed for four months to instruct the Volunteers; but on account of business engagements Lt. Jackson was unable to devote that length of time to the task. He however volunteered to instruct the forces at Prescott and Brockville respectively without pay. His Ex-

BRIGADE MAJOR W. H. JACKSON, OF BROCKVILLE, C. W.—From a Photograph by Mr. A. C. McINTYRE.

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