

formerly president of the Commercial Bank of New Brunswick, and had issue eight children, of whom seven are living, five sons and two daughters.

MAJOR GENERAL HERBERT,

Ottawa, Ont.

IVOR JOHN CARADOCK HERBERT,
C.B., Major-General, Officer Commanding
the Canadian Militia:

"It is one of the most admirable documents of the kind that has been contributed to the militia literature of Canada in years, and evinces a knowledge and intelligent appreciation of the state of military affairs here that are surprising, considering the comparatively limited time that the General has had to inform himself of the details of the Canadian service as it exists. It is evident that he is an officer of unusual ability and ambition, and purposes to be more than a mere figurehead in connection with the service, as, unfortunately, some of his predecessors were. The comments in his report are critical and incisive, yet so just and admittedly correct as to commend themselves to all lovers of the service, and his recommendations and plans of reform meet with general approval."

The opinions in the extract quoted above were those of a capable and well informed critic on the appearance, early in 1892, of Major-General Herbert's first annual report on the Canadian Militia, and to the readers of Canadian biography they will serve as a fitting introduction to a brief sketch of the career of the distinguished officer mentioned. Major-General Herbert comes of high and honourable lineage. He was born July 15th, 1851, at Llanarth Court, Monmouthshire, Wales, the family seat, occupied by his family in direct descent since the time of the Norman conquest. His father was John Arthur Herbert, of Llanarth, who was formerly in the Diplomatic Service, and his mother, the Hon. Mrs. Herbert, was a daughter of the first Lord Llanover, better known as Sir Benjamin Hall, under which name he occupied the position of President of the Board of Trade and First Commissioner of Works in Lord Palmerston's administration. It was under his direction that the fine system of public gardens in London was inaugurated. The Herbert family were ever noted for their fidelity to their religion and for their unwavering loyalty to King and country, and history records that they were among those who remained true to Charles I. in all the stormy years of that unfortunate monarch's career, during which period the family seat was besieged and captured by Gen. Fairfax. The subject of our sketch was educated at St. Mary's Roman Catholic College, Oscott, and in 1870, at the age of 19 years, he entered the army as ensign and lieutenant in the Grenadier Guards. In 1874, he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant and captain, passed through the staff college, and in 1882 was appointed brigade-major to the brigade of Guards. In that capacity he served on the staff of H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught in the

Egyptian campaign of 1882, including the actions at Magfar and Kassassin and the famous battle of Tel-el-Keber, and at the close of the campaign he received his brevet majority. On his return to England he was re-appointed to the staff of the brigade of Guards, and continued in that position till the end of 1883, meantime having received, in May of that year, his promotion to the rank of captain and lieutenant-colonel. In September, 1884, he was selected to command a troop of the camel corps (known as the Guards Camel Regiment), organized by Lord Wolseley for the Soudan campaign, and the adjutant having been severely wounded in January, 1885, Lt.-Col. Herbert was appointed in his place, and performed the duty of adjutant till the return to England in July of the same year. In this short but eventful campaign he took part in a number of engagements, the corps to which he was attached forming part of the contingent under Sir Herbert Stewart, which crossed the Bayuda desert and fought the actions of Abu Klea, Abu Kru and Metemneh. After his return to England he was appointed Commandant of the School of Instruction for Auxiliary Forces, in London, in which service he was brought much into contact with the militia and volunteer officers, and the knowledge and experience thus gained no doubt did much to commend him for the position which he now occupies at the head of the Canadian militia. In 1886, probably owing to the fact that he was well versed in a number of foreign languages, he was appointed military attaché at St. Petersburg, and remained there until his appointment (Nov. 20th, 1890) as Officer Commanding the Canadian militia with the local rank of Major-General. Prior to this, in 1889, he had been promoted to the rank of brevet-colonel, and in August, 1890, was created a Companion of the Order of the Bath. Since coming to Canada, Gen. Herbert has devoted himself energetically to the work of obtaining, by personal inspection and examination, a thorough insight into the condition and requirements of our volunteer force, and in pursuance of this duty he last year travelled upwards of twenty thousand miles, visiting the headquarters of the different battalions. In religion General Herbert is, like all past generations of his family, a staunch Roman Catholic. In 1873 he married Hon. Albertina Denison, youngest daughter of the first Baron Londesborough, and granddaughter of the Marquis of Conyngham. The latter was Lord Chamberlain when Her Majesty Queen Victoria came to the throne, and the manner in which he announced her accession to the young princess forms the material for an interesting page in the memoirs of Hon. Chas. Greville. Gen. Herbert's family consists of two children, a son and a daughter.