

Wolseley, to suppress the first Riel rebellion, he volunteered his services and was apptd. surg. of the 2nd Quebec Rifles. The value of his services during that campaign, and during the small-pox scourge in the N.W.T., 1870-71, have been publicly acknowledged. He was recalled to the east, Oct., 1871, to assist in the organization and to take med. charge of "A" and "B" Batteries of Can. Arty. He remained at the Citadel, Quebec, until 1877, and was present with his regt. at several sanguinary and fatal encounters between the troops and certain of the townspeople in times of political and trades' union excitement. Proceeding to Eng. he was for 2 yrs. attached to the army, and was also present as a Red Cross surg. in Serbia and the Balkans during the Russo-Turkish war, 1878. Before resuming his duties in Can. he made an extended tour of Europe, enquiring into the army med. organizations in the several countries visited. He afterwards visited the U.S. with a like object. Transferred to Kingston, Ont., June, 1880, he was placed in med. charge of the R. M. Coll. and garrison of that city, a position he still occupies. When it was decided to send a contingent of Can. *voyageurs* to assist the Gordon Relief Expedition, 1884, Lord Wolseley selected the late Lt.-Col. F. C. Denison and Surg.-Maj. N. to recruit, organize, equip and officer the contingent. Dr. N. remained in Egypt in med. charge of the *voyageurs* until after their return to Can. (Jan., 1885), when he volunteered for further services with the army in the Soudan, and was attached to the Desert column which fought at Abu-Kléa, Metam-neh, etc. He rendered much meritorious service for which he was specially mentioned in the Commander-in-Chief's despatches (see *London Gazette*, Aug. 25, 1885). (War medal with two clasps, the Khedive's Star and the Order of Melusine 5th class.) Dr. N. has always taken much interest in Can. hist., and more particu-

larly in bibliography. He inherited the rich library of his grandfather, Hon. John Neilson, and of his great-grand-uncle, Wm. Brown (Canada's first printer), which was formed by the purchase of many of the old Quebec Jesuit books and MSS. It now forms a collection of *Canadiana*, second to none. He has contributed numerous articles to the mags. and daily press—French and Eng.—on historical and bibliographical subjects, and has written the history of "The Royal Can. Volunteers, 1794-1802," for the *V. R. I. Mag.* Of late yrs. several papers from his pen on psychol. subjects have appeared in the *Revue de l'Hypnotisme et des Sciences Psychologiques*, of Paris. He is at present preparing for the press a volume of notes on our early printers and their work. He was promoted Deputy Surg.-Genl., Feb. 1, 1895. Is a mem. of the R. C. Ch., and was m. to Wilmot, eld. dau. of Lt.-Col. J. Bramley Ridout, late 26th Cameronians.—*Royal Canadian Artillery and Royal Mil. College, Kingston, Ont.; Garrison Club, Quebec.*

NEILSON, Robert, railway service, was b. in Ont., Aug. 19, 1837. After graduating from Rensselaer Polytech. Inst., he entered the service of the Philadelphia and Erie Ry. as a rodman, 1863. In Sept., 1865, he was apptd. resident Engr. of the middle div. of that road, and, in Jan., 1868, resident Engr. of the middle div. of the Penn. Ry. Later, he was promoted Supdt. of the Western Penn. div. of the latter. In Feb., 1874, he was chosen Supdt. of the Elmira and Canand. div. of the Northern Central Ry., but, in 1881, was called back to the Penn. Ry., as Genl. Supdt. of the Philadelphia and Erie div., and of all divs. of the Northern Central Ry. north of Harrisburg. In Jan., 1883, he was further advanced by being made Genl. Supdt. of all lines belonging to the Northern Central Ry., and of the Phil. and Erie divs. of the Penn. Ry. He was admitted a mem. of the Am. Soc. of C. E., 1869.—*Williamsport; Pa.*