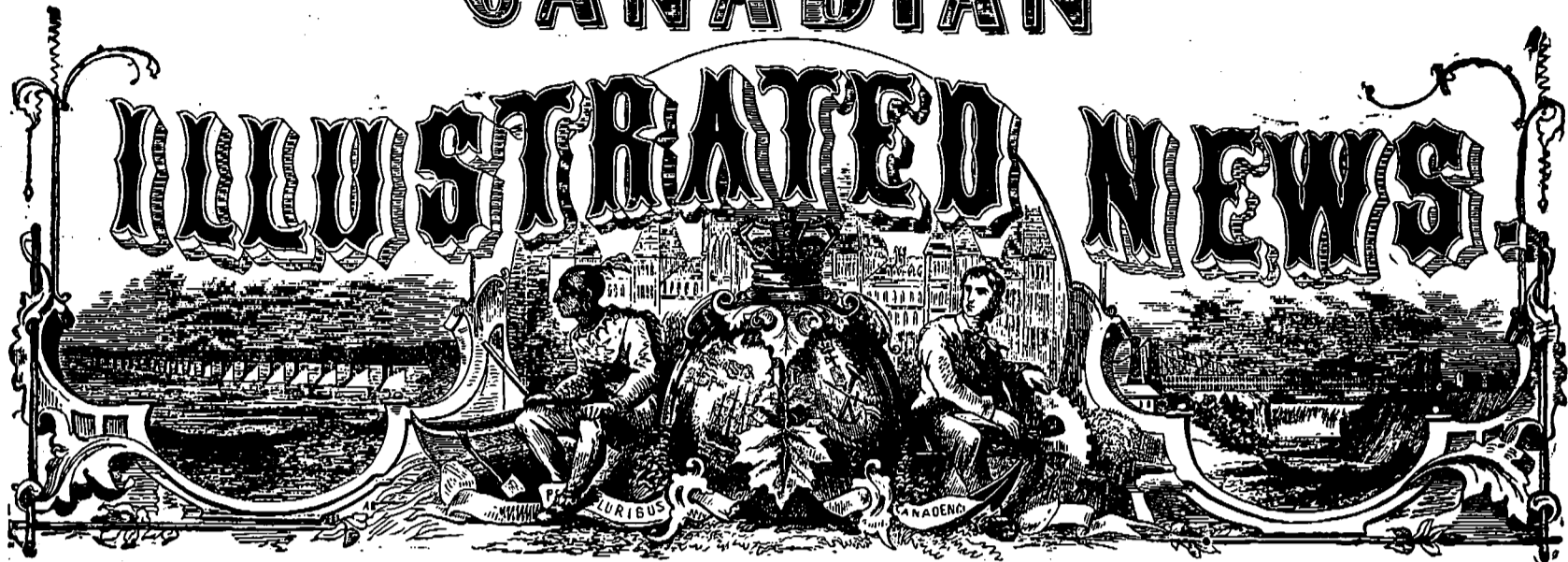


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BRIGADE-MAJOR SUZOR.

S. T. Suzor, Brigade-Major of the Seventh (or Quebec) Military District of Lower Canada, is a Canadian by birth, of French origin, and is 29 years of age, having been born in 1834. He is connected with one of the best families of the Lower Provinces two of his brothers-in-law (Messrs. Sicotte and McDonald) being Members of Parliament. His grandfather accompanied Lafayette to America in 1775, in the capacity of "Chirurgien-Major."

Major Suzor commenced military life in 1855, as Sergeant in the Quebec Field Battery. In 1860 he was promoted to the Captaincy of a volunteer rifle company, and soon after was made Adjutant of the 9th Battalion, A. F., of Quebec.

In 1861 he was appointed by His Excellency, Sir Edmund Head, to receive a course of instruction in musketry with Her Majesty's 47th Regiment, stationed at Montreal.—His abilities here won for him a prominent position, and, at the conclusion of the course, he gained a first-class certificate. The Hon. Lt.-Col. De Salaberry took a deep interest in him; and has on more than one occasion evinced his friendship for the subject of our sketch in a substantial manner.

The excitement attendant upon the Trent difficulty gave an impetus to volunteering in the neighborhood of Quebec and the Province at large.—But a difficulty was felt from the lack of competent instructors who were sufficiently conversant with the French language. Indeed, Major S. is the only French Canadian who ever went through a course of musketry instruction. In this emergency, he tendered

his services to the Government, and was appointed Brigade-Major of the Seventh District. He at once entered upon the arduous duties of his office, and announced his willingness to instruct all the officers of the sedentary force. About 400 of this class came forward; and other gentlemen anxious to protect their country's flag swelled the number to 650. To this almost herculean task the Major devoted himself with untiring assiduity; and for a period of six months he never relaxed his exertions. For eleven hours of every day he devoted himself to his difficult task; and the result was shown in the excellent character sustained by his pupils in various examinations by the Deputy Adjutant General for Lower Cana-



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da. The culminating triumph, however, was the inspection of the pupils of the Quebec Seminary by Lord Monck in the presence of the commandant of the garrison of Quebec, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Quebec, Lt.-Col. De Salaberry, many members of Parliament, almost every officer of the Quebec force, and about 1000 spectators. The thoroughness and faithfulness of Major Suzor's instructions were evidenced by these pupils in a manner to elicit the highest encomiums of all present; and His Excellency, Lord Monck, complimented the Major in the presence of the assembly in the most flattering terms. Several addresses, bearing upwards of 800 signatures, were presented to the Major, by member

of the different associations and companies, accompanied by magnificent testimonials, as marks of esteem and appreciation of the services he had rendered to his country.

During the two years that elapsed between the date of his appointment as musketry instructor, and that of Brigade-Major, Maj. S. published four works on Military Tactics. The first is the "Aide Memoire du Carabinier Volontaire;" the second, "Tableau Synoptique des Evolutions d'une Bataillon;" the third, "Tableau Synoptique des Mouvements d'une Compagnie;" and the fourth, "Exercices et Evolutions d'Infanterie." The last three works are illustrated with plates. Major Suzor is in receipt of autograph letters from Major-General Lord F. Paulet and other military men of high standing, approving and recommending these works. The last is a translation of the Field Exercises of 1862. Major S. stands thus as our first French author on military tactics. The press of Lower Canada, without exception, speaks of these works in the highest terms.

Major Suzor, was the first Brigade-Major appointed in Lower Canada; his District, which comprises the city of Quebec, the Counties of Quebec, Montmorency, Charlevoix, Champlain, Portment, and Saguenay, contains a population of over 160,000 souls, the largest military district of either Upper or Lower Canada. The number of volunteers in this district at the date of his appointment was about 1,800; this number is now increased to 3,500, an evidence, if no other existed, of the fidelity with which he has discharged the duties of his office.

Much of the success attending the ceremonies connected with the inauguration of the monument to the Fal-

len Braves of 1760 (a full account of which was given in our paper of Nov. 21 and 28) was due to Major Suzor, the arrangements being made under his supervision.

Public spirited, enterprising, and ardently devoted to his profession, Major Suzor stands among the foremost men connected with the citizen soldiery of the Province.

'Say, Mr. Clerk, have you a good strong porter about the hotel?' 'Yes, sir, we have the strongest one in the State.' 'Is he intelligent?' 'Quite intelligent for a porter.' 'Do you consider him fearless—that is bold, courageous.' 'I know he is, he wouldn't be afraid of Satan himself.' 'Now, Mr. Clerk, if your porter is intelligent enough to find room No. 107, fearless enough to enter, and strong enough to get my trunk away from the bedbugs, I would like to have him bring it down.'