

PREFACE

IN writing "THE LIFE AND TIMES OF MAJOR-GENERAL SIR ISAAC BROCK, K.B.," I have been influenced by a desire to place before the Canadian public, in a compact form, the life of a Soldier who, by common consent of the people, was given the title of "The Hero of Upper Canada." That he well deserved this title will appear from a perusal of these pages.

When Canada, in 1812, was invaded by her nearest neighbors of the United States, it was Brock to whom was committed the responsible duty of defending the Upper Province from the unprovoked attack made upon the colony by men of the same lineage and speaking the same language.

How well Brock performed the duty cast upon him is manifest from the successful result of the conflict.

It was his genius which laid out the plan for opposing the large forces employed in the hopeless task of conquering Canada. Brock bravely fell leading his troops in the first campaign, but his spirit hovered over and inspired the men fighting for their hearths and homes to the end of the war.

How happy a country and how happy a people to have had in time of greatest peril a commander so noble as Brock, and defenders so courageous as these men in the front of battle!

That the memory of the General commanding, and the memory of those who aided him in his arduous labors in the field, may ever be preserved, is the constant wish of all Canadians, among whom is included

THE AUTHOR.