

lieutenancy, and in 1870 retired from the Imperial service. In the following year he joined the Canadian Militia, with which he has ever since been connected. Col. Aylmer served with his regiment, the 7th Fusiliers, during the Fenian raid of 1866, and was present with them at St. Armand's and Pigeon Hill. During the second Fenian raid in 1870, being in Canada on leave, he was attached as Adjutant to the 54th Battalion, at that time commanded by his father, Lord Aylmer. The *Canadian Military Gazette* says: "He is in heart and soul a Canadian, a fearless rider, a lover of all sports, and a genial and pleasant companion." We personally know the last to be true.

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Dr. Borden, who has been appointed Minister of Militia in the Laurier Cabinet, is the surgeon of the 68th (King's County) Batt. of Infantry, and has served on the Medical Staff of the Regiment since 1879. He has always taken a very warm interest in the force, and we, therefore, feel that he is in touch and sympathy with the militia. The *Canadian Military Gazette*, July 15, thus writes of him: "Hon. Dr. Borden joined the 68th Battalion as a boy of 16. He was big for his age, and paraded with his Company as the flank man of the front rank. He worked his way up to a commission. He studied medicine, and when a vacancy occurred he was transferred from a lieutenancy to be Surgeon. He has served continuously for 33 years in the 68th Battalion, and, if we mistake not, he has never missed a camp in that time. He is still surgeon in his regiment with the rank of Lieut.-Col. That he has remained so long shows what an enthusiastic officer he must be. He is a man of means and ability, with more than the average amount of good practical common sense, so necessary in a department where there are so many theorists."

The editor of the V.R.I., whose military history is almost identical with that of the new Minister, tenders him his personal congratulations, as well as those of the V.R.I. Club.