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MAJOR MACPHERSON, MONTREAL.

Brigade Major Macpherson, of the 11th Military District, Lower Canada, whose likeness appears on this page, is a Canadian by birth, having been born in the County of Glengarry, Canada West, to which place his father emigrated some forty years since.

He is descended from a highly honorable and ancient Scottish family who claim as their Chief Cluny Macpherson.

On his father's side he is connected with the late Lieutenant General Kenneth Macpherson, of the Honorable East India Company's service, who served in the 71st, or 'Fraser Highlanders' at the taking of Quebec, as also to the late Lieut-General Robert Barclay Macpherson, C. B. and K. H., whose services in the East Indies, South America, the Peninsula, and Canada are on record. This officer, who died in 1853, was a grandson of the famous Lord Lovat, and cousin-German to the present Cluny Macpherson.

He is descended on his mother's side from the ancient family of the 'Roses of Kilbraoch' in the County of Nairn, and is also connected with the Mackenzies, his grandmother being a near relative to the late Sir Alexander Mackenzie of Aoch, well known in Canada by his discoveries in the desert regions of North America, and who was a partner in the late North West Company.

Major Macpherson was early brought up to mercantile pursuits in the city of Montreal. In 1849 he received a commission as ensign in the 3rd Battalion Montreal Militia under Lieut.-Colonel Shaw,



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and in 1856 organized the first Highland Company in the Lower Province, of which he was appointed captain. This fine company, being attached to the 1st, or Prince of Wales Regiment Volunteer Rifles, has ever been conspicuous for its efficiency and discipline amongst the Volunteers of Montreal. He retained this command until his promotion to the rank of Major in the Militia of the province in 1861.

Major Macpherson performed gratuitously from the month of April 1861 to the date of his present appointment, November 1862, the duties of Brigade Major to the active volunteer force at Montreal, and when the new regulations respecting the formation of

military districts came into force, he was selected by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief to fill the post he now holds as Brigade Major of the 11th Military District, Lower Canada, one of the most important in the Province—the volunteer force in the City of Montreal comprising upwards of 3,400 of all ranks, besides ten Battalions of Sedentary Militia.

The various Drill associations formed in Montreal under the auspices of this officer, in connection with the Sedentary Militia force, and colleges, bear proof to the exertions he has made to further the objects of these organizations.

Major Macpherson is entitled to great credit for the energy and perseverance evinced by him as official Secretary to the Executive Committee of the great Rifle tournament held in Montreal in September last. In carrying out the duties de-

volving upon him on that occasion—suffice it to say that the business habits and courteous bearing of the gallant Major has won for him the good opinion of his superiors and the volunteer force in general, and that he is considered in every respect a most efficient staff officer.

The receipts of Customs duties at London, C. W., were \$123,676 in 1863, against \$141,893 in 1862. The exports from London in 1863, were \$394,237, against \$290,109 in 1862.

Small pox, says the London, C. W., Advertiser, is very prevalent in Hamilton at present, and is almost exclusively confined to young children. We are informed that diphtheria very common in Strathroy just now.