

society, and the officers are *par excellence* the lions of the day. This spoils the weak-minded people of "the cloth;" and attributing the attention they receive to other than the real kindly feeling of colonial hospitality, they look down upon all around, and fancy themselves for a time "monarchs of all they survey." This has tended much to exclude them from the houses of many families, who cannot and will not perceive any superiority in these gentlemen, to their own educated and accomplished sons. Nothing has such a beneficial advantage upon young officers, as when their regiments return to England, their being quartered in large cities and towns. They at once find their proper states, and are no longer the only people of importance who inhale the same atmosphere."

Lt. Col. Sleigh (retired) had his own grievance against young officers: One whom he met at Windsor had exhibited the "self-importance" he complains of; but other observers will agree with him.

Captain Moorsom thinks Haligonians are much like English people, but more like the Irish; society is not stiff or formal.

"There are many spots in this province, to which, if one of our countrymen were suddenly transported, he would not immediately perceive any dissimilarity to Great Britain, and more especially to parts of Ireland. The universal wooden house, in place of more solid materials, and the absence of hedges in the cultivated tracts, are the most striking changes. Let him be placed in the midst of the party at the Governor's weekly *soirée*—he would not conceive himself to be elsewhere than in some English provincial town, with a large garrison. In fact there cannot be any town out of Great Britain where this similitude is so complete as at Halifax; for at least one-half the circle of society consist of those who are