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DIARY OF AN OFFICER IN THE WAR OF 1812-14.

I HAD the honor of reading the following paper before the Kingston Historical Society, at its February meeting. It consists of the diary of a Captain in the "Voltigeurs Canadiens," while on detachment duty at Kingston during the summer of 1813. This article is therefore a translation from the original in French, to which I have added a few notes. It contains so much of interest to the historian, the antiquarian, and even entertaining matter for the general reader, as told in the original text, that I have taken pains to depart from it as little as possible. I beg the reader to overlook gallicisms, even if of frequent occurrence.

This diary has been attributed to Captain Jacques Viger, who subsequently rose to great distinction in civil life, and in 1833 became first Mayor of Montreal. I believe that portions of it appeared anonymously in a small periodical, printed in Montreal, about 1824, I cannot say. Viger's name, however, does not appear in the list of officers of the Voltigeurs for 1814. Had he resigned after the campaign of 1813? He had been most actively employed during that year's operations, having been present at the attack on Sackett's Harbour, the siege and capture of Oswego, the battles of Chrystler's Farm and Chateauguay, the engagements at the Four Corners and Lacolle, etc. The Voltigeurs Regiment was raised in Quebec in May, 1812, specially for the war. It was commanded by Colonel de Salaberry, the hero of Chateauguay. It was nearly exclusively composed of French-Canadians. It greatly distinguished itself in the field, but was disbanded in 1815.

DIARY—TRAVEL TO UPPER CANADA IN 1813.

*April 1st.*—On the first of the month I left St. Philippe, after having dined with my friend Sanguinet at La Tortue, and slept that night at Chateauguay, in a tavern kept by a doctor.

On the 2nd we left Chateauguay and dined at Isle Pernot, near the church. The village stands on an elevation, overlooking the lands of Chateauguay, the Lake of Two Mountains, and