

A BRIEF STATEMENT.

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THE interesting discovery of eleven soldiers' remains was made while 60 men were digging and beginning to extend an already extensive sand-pit, on Sep. 3, 1891. After some delay, information was given to members of the Lundy's Lane Historical Society, who immediately began to take steps in order to obtain a legal possession of all the remains and relics which might be found on the private property. This was obtained, and a further right—to continue the search by excavations. The place of discovery is about 140 yards north of the crest of "the Lundy's Lane" hill.

Among the relics are :

A portion of an officer's coat, consisting of the lower part of the back, and flaps of the swallow-tail (regulation pattern). The scarlet has become a tan colour, and the lace retains some of its original bright threads of silver and gold.

Several buttons, marked 89 and 103.

A piece of a soldier's shako.

Pieces of belt, with buckles.

A port-fire box.

A knife.

A writer in the Toronto Empire of Sept. 8, quotes the following figures from Capt. E. Cruikshank :—

"The losses of the 89th, to which regiment this tunic belonged, and which suffered the most severely of all the troops engaged that day, were:—Two officers and 27 N. C. O. and men killed; eleven officers and 177 N. C. O. and men wounded, and 37 N. C. O. and men missing: and as the two officers killed were Capt. Spooner and Lieut. Latham, one of the skeletons found must be that of one of them.—[Total, 254.]

"The 89th, under Col. Morrison, were the heroes of 'Chrysler's Farm,' which put an end, the year before, to the formidable invasion of Lower Canada; they had arrived at York on the 21st July with Sir Gordon Drummond, from Kingston, and immediately embarked for Niagara.