

Dame street, along the line of march, the sidewalks were crowded with people to see them pass; the brigade having previously mustered at the Champ de Mars. Several officers, including Lt.-Colonel Worsley, acting D. A. G., Lt.-Colonel A. A. Stevenson, Montreal Field Battery; Lt.-Colonel J. M. Crawford, Victoria Rifles; Lt.-Colonel F. Bond, Prince of Wales' Regiment, and others, rode at the head of the brigade, which was preceded by its own and two other militia bands. As the men turned down the descent from Notre Dame street and curved round to the station in a continuous column, the effect was very striking. On each side of the railway platform the crowd was exceedingly dense, and over the rampart walls, hundreds were gazing down upon them. The steep banks above, wherever a foothold could be obtained, was alive with people, whilst every platform, as well as the tops of the surrounding cars, was occupied by spectators. There were at least 5,000 persons present to see this favorite corps off. As each battery wheeled right about, and passed through the mass of people to the platform on the other side of the cars, which had been kept clear for the men to embark by, hundreds of hands were extended to give a parting shake, and, "Good bye, Tom," "Good bye, Joe," "Good bye, Bill," "God speed you," and other kind wishes could be heard all along the line. In twenty minutes the men were all on board, the engine whistled, the wheels revolved, and amidst the most hearty cheers of well-wishers, the Montreal Garrison Artillery took their departure for Winnipeg.

COLONEL OSWALD.

Lieut.-Colonel William Robert Oswald, in command of the Garrison Artillery, is Scotch by birth, and is a member of the firm of Oswald Bros., stockbrokers, St. Francois Xavier street, Montreal. He was in command of No. 1 Battery at Trout River in 1870. After being for a time in the Field Battery of Artillery, he rejoined the Garrison Artillery in June, 1881, and has since held the command. He was in command of the team which competed at Shoeburyness, and won the prize for shifting ordnance, also otherwise distinguishing themselves. Colonel Oswald has been for some time president of the Dominion Artillery Association. In this position last year, the reception of the English Artillery team fell to his lot, and the satisfactory arrangements were mainly owing to his energy. Colonel Oswald is about 40 years of age, and is married to Miss Greenshields. His portrait is re-produced from a photograph by Wm. Notman & Son.

FUNERAL OF TWO MEMBERS OF THE 90TH BATTALION.

THE funeral of Lieut. Charles Swinford and Private A. M. Ferguson, of the 90th Battalion, was a solemn public ceremony in the capital of the Prairie Province. Everybody, from the Lieutenant-Governor down to the newsboys, took part in it, and a correspondent of large experience writes us that "the only funeral I ever saw resembling it was that of the Hon. George Brown, in Toronto." It will be remembered that the corps to which these young men belonged was one of the first to go to the front, and being on the right bank of the Saskatchewan, when General Middleton came up with the rebels at Fish Creek, it bore the brunt of the fighting on that occasion. Swinford was shot through the head, and did not recover consciousness before death relieved him from his sufferings, though he lingered three days. The circumstances attending young Ferguson's death were related to his father, Dr. Ferguson, as follows, by the captain of his company:—

FISH CREEK, April 27, 1885.—* * * * * Your brave boy fell in the very hottest of the fire at my side. I was just telling him to keep down or he would get shot. I had hardly spoken when he exclaimed, "My God, captain, I am shot," and died instantly. He was shot through the heart, and I am sure felt no pain. I took his rifle and avenged him. I carried his weapon all day, and think some of the vermin felt its weight. * * * * * C. F. FORREST.

The joint funeral service took place in the First Congregational Church. The draping of the edifice, the Winnipeg Times report says, was under the direction of the ladies of the Relief Committee, assisted by the Masonic fraternity. The folding doors between the Church and the School-room were thrown open, making one vast audience room. A miniature chapel was formed in the school-room by an artistic arrangement of flags and crape. Within this enclosure, side by side, lay the coffin remains of Swinford and Ferguson. The face of Ferguson was exposed to view, and on his breast lay a beautiful

wreath of white roses and geraniums, with a card attached "From Mother," and a similar one from the family of Swinford. On the coffin of each lay wreaths of prairie crocuses, arranged by the ladies of Qu'Appelle, also a wreath of prairie grasses and flowers from the 35th Battalion, besides many bouquets of affection from friends in the city. There were also loose wild flowers that came down with the bodies from Fish Creek, gathered by their comrades on the battle-field. The gallery railing and pillars of the Church were appropriately draped. The pulpit desk was heavily draped in black velvet, in front of which a beautiful wreath of white lilies and a cross of everlasting flowers broke the gloom, and spoke to sorrowing hearts of a brighter and fuller life for those now numbered among the dead. Everything was done that taste and affection could devise to honor the memory of those who lay down their lives in their country's cause. The deep mourning of the Church was in harmony with the feelings of the vast audience, for there were many present who had sons and brothers and husbands at the front.

At 2.30 p.m. the service was held in the church. A hymn was sung, and the Rev. O. Fortin read a form of service and a Scripture lesson from the 15th chapter of Corinthians, commencing at the 20th verse. An address was then delivered by Rev. J. B. Silcox, after which prayer was offered by Rev. Prof. Hart, this concluding the service in the church.

In the peroration of his eloquent address, Mr. Silcox spoke as follows; he said: "The names of Swinford, Ferguson, Wheeler, and others, who fighting fell, will be an inspiration to young men to live noble lives. Such deeds and deaths exalt our conception of human nature and incite us to greater fidelity and duty. We may be called to make still greater sacrifices, and others are ready to fill the thinned ranks. We have begun and must continue. We do not wage this war to glut revenge, but to establish British law and justice over these vast plains. We seek the welfare of those we oppose. Wherever the British flag is unfurled there justice is done to all men. May the God of the armists of Israel go with our soldiers and give them victory, and may peace speedily be restored to our land!"

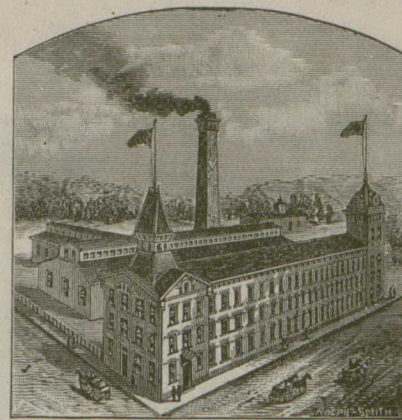
The congregation in the church was very large, crowding the building to its utmost capacity, while very many remained outside. At the close of the service the "Dead March in Saul" was played on the organ by Mr. J. C. Dunster.

The procession was then formed in front of the church, Mr. J. W. H. Wilson acting as marshal by appointment of the Masonic body. It included the clergy of various denominations, officers of the army and militia (in active service and retired), members of national societies, the Lieutenant-Governor and members of the Provincial Government, the Mayor and Corporation, the Fire Brigade, and the Principal and students of Manitoba College. The line of march extended along Hargrave street from the church to Portage avenue, thence along the latter to Main street, and along Main street to St. John's Cathedral cemetery. The band played the "Dead March in Saul;" business was generally closed throughout the city; the public schools were given a half holiday, and flags were flying at half-mast on the Government, Parliament, Court-house and other public buildings; also on the U.S. Consulate, and a number of business houses. The side-walks were lined with people, who accompanied the procession through the principal parts of the city, and the windows and doors of hundreds of houses were filled with spectators. On arriving at the gate of the cemetery the procession was met by the Bishop of Rupert's Land, with Rev. Canons Coombe, Machray, O'Meara, and others of the clergy. His Lordship read the burial service of the Church of England, after which the ceremonies of the Masonic fraternity were performed by the masters and other officers of city lodges. Rev. Canon O'Meara, as chaplain, read a prayer, after which the Master of Prince Rupert's Lodge, Bro. J. T. Cain, read an exhortation, and the impressive Masonic ritual was carried out in respect of Lieutenant Swinford, who belonged to the order.

Lieutenant Charles Swinford's portrait is from a photograph by A. Marshall of Guelph. He was a crack rifle shot, and visited Ottawa last year as a member of the team which represented Manitoba at the annual matches of the Dominion Rifle Association. He held the rank of second Lieutenant in "C" company of the 90th, and bid fair to be one of the most useful officers of the corps. On arrival in Manitoba, he was first employed in the freight department of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and afterwards in the office of the Freehold Loan and Savings Company.

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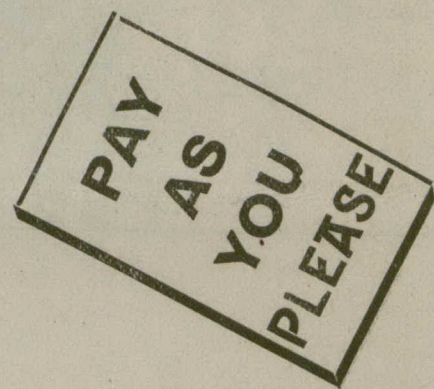
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