

when a mere lad, joined the "Third Buffs," as they were called, and saw active service in the Peninsular war, and in after years told many a tale of his adventures, and especially of the battle of Corunna, where Sir John Moore so bravely held the French in check. It is not improbable that he also visited the St. Lawrence on one of England's numerous military expeditions in those

good old fighting days. Retiring from the army, in 1816, he settled in the classic town of Kingston, where the future Premier was born on July 22nd, 1820. Sir Oliver's school-boy days make



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a period of which the truest conception may best be gained from his own eloquent words spoken at the opening of the new Parliament buildings, in 1893 :