

PREFACE

Our fifteenth publication is offered to the members of our Society and the general public in the belief that a favorable reception will be accorded it as these papers read before other Societies have been frequently asked for. It is well that we should honor the name of Sir Isaac Brock and we are glad that steps are being taken to keep before the youth of our country the names of our great men whether in arms, in art, in literature or in statemanship. The Count de Puisaye, a notable character in French history as well as in our own Canadian annals may be called the pioneer of literature in Niagara, indeed in Upper Canada, as he commenced writing his History of the French Revolution while living in his home on the banks of the Niagara River in 1801. It has been found since the printing of this publication that he married his first wife in 1788, she being the only daughter of Marquis de Manilles of large property in Normandy.

It is our sad duty to publish obituary notices of two esteemed contributors to our publications and members of our Society, our Patron, Wm. Kirby, F.R.S.C., and Mrs. Greene whose work may be found in pamphlets 8 and 13.

Preface to Second Edition

It is thought well in this centennial year of the war of 1812-14 to republish this sketch of the life of Brock which was received with so much favor, and since the edition has been exhausted so many requests have been made for its republication.

The ceremony of Queenston Heights, 13th of October, 1912, so impressive in its every feature and in which so many took part, different Historical Societies, descendants of those who had fought there a century ago, military of different regiments, representatives of the Six Nation Indians whose ancestors took no insignificant part in gaining the signal victory, all formed a unique sight on that lovely autumn day, gathered around the monument decorated with wreaths from so many sources, even the Isle of Guernsey, the birth-place of Sir Isaac, being represented—all showed that the memory of Sir Isaac Brock is yet green in the minds of Canadians.

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