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to H. M. the Queen and the Prince of Wales, etc. In 1852, Mr. Redgrave renounced the study of law and left England for Australia. Like many others Mr. Redgrave tried his luck at the mines but not being very successful he managed to procure an appointment in the government service as a cadet in the "City Mounted Cadets " in Melbourne. In 1859 Mr. Redgrave resigned his position on the force and sailed for Cape Town, where he formed a company whose object was to open up trade between Cape Colony and the interior of the Dark Continent, but, owing to sickness in his family, he was obliged to leave Africa for England and arrived in London during the same year. After a short stay in the "old country" Mr. Redgrave left with his family for Canada, arriving in Quebec in the fall of 1859, whence he proceeded to Kingston staying some time there as guest of Sir Henry Smith. A new police force being formed at that time for the City of Toronto, Mr. Redgrave received a position on it, which however, he soon resigned, and formed an expedition to travel overland to the British Columbia gold fields. Leaving Toronto on April 24th, 1862, the different parties met at old "Fort Garry," now the populous City of Winnipeg. After fitting out for the journey, the whole expedition consisting of about three hundred persons-all told-travelled over the vast plains to Fort Edmonton, and thence to Yellow Head Pass, at which place they separated into two parties, the one travelling down the Fraser in boats, while the other struck out overland till they reached the Thompson river at Kamloops,-the weary marches and immense difficulties having been overcome in six months. Mr. Redgrave spent the winter in Victoria and early in 1863 travelled back via Panama to Toronto on private business, at the completion of which he returned to the mines in Cariboo, working all the summer on Lightning creek. Not meeting with much success Mr. Redgrave abandoned his claim and left Cariboo for Victoria, whence he went to San Francisco where he spent the winter. In 1864, Mr. Redgrave returned again to Cariboo where he was appointed Provincial constable, which position he afterwards resigned and entered the service of the Western Union Telegraph Co. The work of that company being abandoned in 1866, he, in connection with his brother (John Redgrave, Esq., solicitor of Birmingham, England,) purchased estates in Virginia, but the climate proving unhealthy Mr. Redgrave returned with his family to British (19)

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