

INTRODUCTORY ANECDOTES.

I AM chiefly indebted to a very able and gallant officer, who served many years in the 49th regiment, but whose name I am not at liberty to mention, for the following most interesting passages in the life of Sir ISAAC BROCK: they have been elicited by a perusal of this work, and I avail myself of the few remaining copies to give them publicity. It will be seen that the details of the suppression of the mutiny at Fort George (page 26) are incorrect, owing to my having been unintentionally misinformed by the nearest surviving relative of the general; but if I wronged any one in the narrative, it was Lieut.-Colonel Brock, as I did not give him the credit he deserved for his decision and admirable presence of mind.

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At this period, (1802,) desertion among the troops in both provinces was, as it has been of late years, very prevalent; and, attached as his men were to him, Lieut.-Colonel Brock could scarcely hope that they would escape the general contagion. He, however, lost only one man from the several posts under his personal command during the three years of his regimental service, in Montreal, York, Fort George, and, lastly, Quebec; and that man deserted from Montreal soon after his arrival there, in September, 1802. In the fall of that year, an educated soldier, named Carr, was observed by Colonel Brock to salute him with less apparent confidence and manliness than usual, and hence he inferred that Carr would desert as soon as the river St. Lawrence became frozen over. He ordered the sergeant-