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BRIGADE MAJOR
VILLIERS, OF HAMILTON, C. W.

Brigade Major Henry V. Villiers, whose portrait appears on this page, is an Englishman by birth; being a native of the ancient city of Bath in Somersetshire; a place of fashionable resort much spoken of in the memoirs of our grandfathers, and in the days before stage coaches were superseded by railway cars. That he should have chosen the military profession need not be wondered at, for he comes of a military family, and has been, as we may say, 'a man of war from his youth,' although, to be sure, he is but a young man yet, having been born in the year 1830. His father, Captain Villiers, served at Waterloo, as Brigade Major to Lord Edward Somerset, K. C. B., who commanded the household troops on that memorable field. He has besides had two brothers in the army, viz.; Colonel James Villiers, of the 74th Highlanders, who died in India; and Major Charles Villiers of the 47th Regiment, who is still living.

In the year 1848, at the age of eighteen, the subject of this sketch was appointed Ensign in the 81st Loyal Lincoln Volunteers. He afterwards exchanged to the 1st Royals; and in 1852 again into the 83d Regiment, at that time serving in Scinde, in India. In 1858 he retired from the service, came to Canada, and settled in Dorchester, C. W., where he raised a Volunteer Rifle company. In 1858 he removed to Hamilton; and shortly after was appointed 1st Lieut. to the Hamilton Field Battery. In 1861 he was one of six selected by the Government to undergo a course of musketry instruction with Her Majesty's troops stationed at St. Helens Island, Montreal under Captain Lacy; and at the close of the course passed



BRIGADE-MAJOR HENRY V. VILLIERS, OF HAMILTON, C.W.—FROM A PHOTOGRAPH BY MILNE.

his examination, taking a first class certificate. In November 1862, he received from the Government the appointment which he now holds; that of Brigade Major for the Seventh Military District of Upper Canada, comprising the counties of Wentworth, Halton; Haldimand, Lincoln, and Welland.

At the time of Major Villiers appointment the total strength of the Active Force of the District was 890 of all ranks. The number now amounts to 2,475 men; a pretty handsome rate of increase, we should say; and indicative alike of the patriotic spirit of the people, and of the Major's

success in the performance of his duties.

There are now eleven new companies waiting to be officially recognized; that will add 605 men more, making up a total of 3,125.

It may not be amiss here to mention here for the benefit of those from the country who may have to call on Major Villiers, that he has his office in the old Commercial Bank building on James Street; where he is always to be found during office hours, when not absent elsewhere on duty,

LONG AND SHORT HAIR.—Many customs have prevailed among the fair sex respecting the mode of arranging the hair, and they have a right to adopt a variety of changes; but cutting the hair short and wearing it like boys is not commendable. Men have at different times worn the hair long. This has ever been condemned as an unscriptural custom. In the days of Charles the First of England the Cavaliers, who despised close religious forms wore long hair; while the Puritans cut their hair short, and were called 'roundheads.' It has been calculated that by continual cutting and shaving of the hair, about seven feet in length is removed from a man in twenty-five years. Some writers assert that the practice of close cutting and

shaving tends to weaken the body. Such writers draw a powerful argument from old Samson, who when all unshorn save several thousand Philistines with the jaw-bone of an ass.

A PARISIAN physician, considering typhoid fever to be a kind of paralysis or asphyxia of the vital functions, occasioned by the inhalation of lethiferous atmosphere either from a typhoid patient or any other morbid source, admits air freely to the invalid's bedroom, to which plan he attributes many remarkable cures. He says there can be no infection in the open air—fresh air moreover enables a patient to take stimulants which he could not otherwise bear.