

CANADIAN GOVERNORS.

Sir John Colborne, afterwards Lord Seaton, was gazetted Lieut.-Gov. of Upper Canada in succession to Sir Peregrine Maitland, Aug. 14th, 1828, arriving at York (Toronto) the seat of government, the following November. This post he held for eight years, afterwards assuming the post of Commander of the Forces and Administrator in succession to Lord Durham. The same year Sir James Kempt, his companion in arms through the Peninsular War, in Italy and at Waterloo, was made Governor-General of the Canadas, and the entire British North American Provinces. In this connection it is recorded that Governors-General were usually charged £500 (\$2000) for their commissions, which Sir James Kempt, it is said, refused to take out rather than pay the price; while for some reason Sir John Colborne had his sent free of charge, naively remarking, "Oh, well, it gives us a frigate to go home in." (See G. C. M. Smith's "Life of Lord Seaton," p. 309). Sir James Kempt was A.D.C. and Military Secy. to Sir Ralph Abercrombie in Egypt, was Major of the 66th Regt. later stationed here, was Lieut.-Gov. of Nova Scotia in 1830, and had served in Canada during the War of 1812-15.

Sir John Colborne, who was Col. of the 66th Regt. in the Peninsular War, which regiment he again met under such tragic circumstances in Lower Canada, had a distinguished military career. He shared the varying fortunes of the army in both campaigns in Spain and was severely wounded in the right shoulder in the battle of Ciudad Rodrigo and witnessed the final scenes at the death of gallant Sir John Moore at Corunna, where, as a dying gift, he was recommended for promotion to the Colonelcy of the 52nd Regt. He saw the remains of Sir John Moore removed at the hour of midnight from headquarters at the citadel to the bastion preparatory to burial.

"We buried him darkly at dead of night,
The sods with our bayonets turning."

It is interesting to note in this connection, that, in the Museum at Whitehall, Eng., there is deposited a well-worn prayer book with this inscription on the fly-leaf, "From this prayer book I read the burial service over the body of Lieut.-Gen. Sir John Moore, K.B., who received a mortal wound, while engaged with the French army in front of Corruna, Spain, on the afternoon of the 16th Jany., 1809. H. L. Sym-