

MILITARY RECORD

OF THE PRINCIPAL OFFICERS WHO FIGURED
IN THE CELEBRATION OF THE QUEEN'S
BIRTHDAY AT MONTREAL.

LIEUT.-GENERAL SIR EDWARD SELBY SMYTH,
K.C.M.G.

Only son of the late Colonel John Selby Smyth, Royal Scots. Born 1820. Educated at Putney College. Married 1848, Lucy Sophia Julia, daughter of Major-General Sir Guy Campbell, Bart., and granddaughter of the late Lord Edward Fitzgerald. Entered the army 26th January, 1841; promoted a Major-General 6th March, 1868. Appointed Knight Commander of the most distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, 24th May, 1877; promoted Lieutenant-General, 1st October, 1877. The reward for distinguished and meritorious services, conferred by Her Majesty the Queen, 15th October, 1877. Appointed to command the Militia of Canada, with the rank of Major-General in the Militia, 1st October, 1874. Is President of the Dominion of Canada Artillery Association. Lieutenant-General Sir E. Selby Smyth's military record is as follows:—Served as Brigade-Major to the forces in the Southern Concan and Sawant Warea country during the campaign of 1844-45, and was present at the attack and capture of several strong stockades, as well as in the operations before the mountain forts of Monohur, and at the final assault; also at the forcing of the Kirwatee Pass, and subsequent occupation of the country below the Ghats; served also in the Kafir War of 1851-2 (medals), and mentioned in general orders for his conduct in command of a column in action in the Fish River Bush (brevet-major); with the expedition north of the Orange River in 1852-53, afterwards as Deputy Asst. Q. M. Genl. and Deputy Q. M. Genl. to the forces in South Africa, from Jan., 1854, till July, 1860; commanded the troops in Mauritius, from the 13th April, 1870; assumed the administration of the Government there 3rd June, 1870; and from August till September, 1871, was acting Secretary to the Government in the Eastern Provinces, Cape of Good Hope; in 1859, whilst employed there as Q. M. Genl. to the army; and was Inspector-General of Irish Militia from 1861 till October, 1867; appointed a special magistrate for the County and City of Dublin, 1867. Made a journey of inspection across the continent to British Columbia, 1875.

LIEUT.-COL. THOMAS BLAND STRANGE, R.A., entered the army in the year 1847 and served at Gibraltar and in the East and West Indies. During the Indian Mutiny, he was present at Chanda, Sultraenpoor, Fort Moonshajunge, Lucknow, Kooree, Nawabjunge, Serajunge, the passage of the Goomtee and Doonpoor and was highly spoken of by his superiors. At Moonshajunge, March 4th, 1858, assisted in carrying off two captured guns under a heavy match-lock fire from the loop-holes. On March 26th, 1858, at the capture of the Kaiser Bagh, Lieut. Strange endeavored to empty a powder magazine in the great square while the adjacent buildings were on fire; an explosion took place which left that officer the sole survivor. On the 20th October, 1858, at Doonpoor, Oude, Capt. Strange captured two guns and sixteen horses. From 1860 to 1871 was Gunnery Instructor at the Repository Branch of the School of Gunnery, Woolwich. Col. Strange has rendered the most efficient service to the young army of Canada as Inspector of Artillery and Commandant of the Quebec School of Gunnery.

LIEUT.-COL. EDWARD OSBORNE HEWITT, R.E., entered as cadet in the Royal Military College, Woolwich, in 1851, obtaining his commission in the Royal Engineers in August, 1854. In 1861, during the Trent affair, was ordered to Canada and stationed in command of the Royal Engineers at London, Ont., where he remained until 1863, when he proceeded with his command to Halifax, returning to England in 1867. Besides active service in the two Indies and a tour of observation with the armies of the North and South during the American War and travelling throughout every portion of British North America and the United States, Colonel Hewitt has identified himself particularly in the higher branches of military science, having been professor at Woolwich, and been charged with the construction of the celebrated fortifications defending Spithead at Portsmouth. He is now at the head of the new Military College at Kingston, and figured prominently on the General Staff at the last celebration of the Queen's Birthday.

LIEUT.-COL. M'GIBBON.

Lieut.-Col. McGibbon's military record is as follows:—2nd Lieutenant Field Battery, 31st March, 1858; 1st Lieutenant do., 9th July, 1858; Brevet Captain do., 22nd January, 1862; Brevet Major do., 23rd April, 1867; Brevet Lieut.-Col. do., 23rd April, 1872.

LIEUT.-COL. STEVENSON.

Col. A. A. Stevenson's military record is as follows:—2nd Lieutenant Field Battery, 15th February, 1856; 1st Lieutenant do., 3rd July, 1856; Captain Foot Artillery, 11th December, 1856; Captain Field Battery, 2nd April, 1857; Brevet Major do., 11th December, 1861; Brevet Lieut.-Colonel do., 15th March, 1867.

LIEUT.-COL. HANDSIDE,

Commanding 3rd Battalion Victoria Rifles, is a native of Montreal, of Scotch descent. Enrolled in the regiment as a private on the occasion of

the Trent difficulty, when the corps was organized, 17th December, 1861; was shortly after appointed Orderly Room Clerk and Treasurer of the regiment, serving in the ranks as left hand man of No. 2 Company; was elected by the voice of the corps and gazetted Ensign 9th June, 1868; recommended by Lieut.-Col. W. Osborne Smith, then commanding, for the Paymastership with the honorary rank of Captain, and gazetted 15th March, 1864; appointed to the command of No. 6 Company, 1st December, 1865. Gazetted Major 6th March, 1868; Brevet Lieut.-Colonel, 20th June, 1873; Lieut.-Colonel commanding, 24th August, 1877. He has ever manifested the warmest interest in the battalion, having served with the regiment when and wherever ordered, and esteems above all else the honour of having been the first man to wear the regimental cloth. First-class certificate M.B., May 5th, 1865.

LIEUT.-COLONEL JOHN FLETCHER

commenced when quite young his military career at the breaking out of the rebellion in 1837, by joining the "Montreal Light Infantry" in which corps he served in the ranks as a non-commissioned officer for two years. He joined the Montreal Fire Department in 1836, and soon rose to a superior command in that volunteer organization, serving for twenty-two years efficiently. In 1846, when trouble was apprehended with the United States on the Oregon Boundary Question, several corps of volunteer militia were formed. The Montreal Fire Department was organized into a battalion under the command of the then Mayor, the Hon. James Ferrier, as Lt.-Colonel; Mr. Fletcher was appointed Adjutant of the corps with the rank of captain. On the breaking out of the Russian War in 1854, Captain Fletcher offered his services together with those of one hundred men of the Fire Battalion as volunteers for the Crimea. For this offer he received the thanks of the Secretary of State for War. In 1855, when the Canadian Militia Bill was passed authorizing the formation of 50 rifle companies for the Province of Canada, Capt. Fletcher was appointed to the command of one of the two to be raised in Montreal. In 1856, he, together with Captain Theodore Lyman, was promoted to the rank of Major in the militia for the reasons given in the General Orders of the 20th November of that year, viz: "Captains Lyman and Fletcher shall likewise be promoted to the rank of Major, these officers having formed the first rifle companies in Montreal, and commenced the organization of a force in that city, whose discipline and appearance are not excelled by any corps in the Province." On the breaking out of the East Indian Mutiny in 1857, the offer of the services of a Canadian regiment was accepted, and in the spring of 1858, the 100th Regiment was organized. Capt. Fletcher was one of those selected for a commission; he raised the quota of men for a Lieutenant, to which he was appointed. He served with the regiment until 1862, when he returned on leave during the excitement of the "Trent" affair to Canada. He volunteered his services to drill the 5th "Royals," Montreal, just formed under the command of the late Lieut.-Colonel Bouth. Subsequently Capt. Fletcher, with a view to an appointment on the militia staff, retired from the 100th Regiment, and was appointed Major of the 5th Battalion "Royals." In the fall of the same year, 1862, Major Fletcher was appointed Brigade-Major with headquarters at St. Johns, Q. In the course of a short time he was instrumental in raising thirty-three new companies in his division, and in placing the border force in a good state of efficiency. He also gave valuable aid in forming three Rifle Associations; for these services he was promoted to the rank of Lieut.-Colonel in 1865. During the Fenian troubles in 1866, he commanded a Provisional Battalion on active service at St. Johns. In April and May of 1870, he commanded the volunteer brigade at Huntingdon, and at the "Trout River" engagement he commanded—assisted by Lt.-Colonel McEachern, 59th Battalion—the line of skirmishers that drove the Fenians across the borders from their entrenchments. For their services during this raid, Lieut.-Colonels Fletcher and McEachern were decorated with the Order of St. Michael and St. George. In 1874 Lieut.-Colonel Fletcher was appointed to his present position, Deputy Adjutant General Commanding No. 5 Military District. Since his appointment he has had several times the responsible duty of commanding troops called out in aid of the civil power.

LIEUT.-COL. RICHARD ALLEYN.

Colonel Alleyn was, during the excitement of the "Trent" affair, in 1861, one of the first originators of the general volunteer movement at the time as far as the City of Quebec was concerned, having with a few others founded the "Quebec Victoria Rifles," then an independent Company, but now merged into the 8th Battalion as No. 1. He has filled every rank in the regiment from that of private to the one he now holds as Colonel of the Royal Rifles. His record of service extending over eighteen years is a very good one. He was as Captain of No. 1 Company stationed at Windsor, Ont., from December, 1864, to May, 1865, and was also on active service with his Company during the Fenian troubles of March and June, 1866, and as Major commanding the regiment which formed the reserve of the field force under Col. Bagot, of H.M. 69th Regiment, was again called out in May, 1870. He has, besides this, on several occasions rendered assistance to the

civil authorities when local disturbance was feared. His commissions date—Ensign, November, 1861; Lieutenant, February, 1862; Captain, 21st August, 1862; Major, 3rd August, 1867; Lt.-Colonel, 20th September, 1872.

LIEUT.-COLONEL FRANK BOND,

who commanded the 1st Rifle Brigade on the Queen's Birthday, has been 18 years in the 1st Battalion (Prince of Wales' Regiment), having joined the corps in 1860. In 1864 he volunteered for service in Western Canada, and commanded for four months, in the town of Sandwich, a detachment composed of one company from the 5th Royal Fusiliers and one company from the Prince of Wales' Regiment, receiving a complimentary address from the Mayor of that town. During the Fenian raid of 1866, he commanded at St. Johns, P.Q., a provisional battalion consisting of four companies from Montreal and two country companies. In 1870 he commanded his own regiment at the frontier during the Fenian raid of that year. Colonel Bond passed through the Cavalry School, then under the charge of Major Russell, 13th Hussars, and holds a first-class certificate. He also holds a first-class infantry certificate taken before Col. De Horsey, Grenadier Guards, Major Dillon, 30th Regiment, and Major Gordon, 60th Rifles.

MAJOR BOND

dates his first military experience from the formation of the High School Cadets, in 1863, by Mr. Barnjum. Major Bond joined the Cadets as private, and worked his way up, till in 1865 he was Captain of No. 2 Company, and the late C. C. Bridges, Captain of No. 1 Company, of a corps that was at that time known all over Canada as a model of drill. Leaving the Cadets he joined No. 6 Company Prince of Wales Rifles, as Ensign, on 1st March, 1866, just in time to serve with Col. Devlin in the expedition in defence of the Huntingdon frontier. In 1870 he commanded a company in the St. Armand and Pigeon Hill expedition, and was appointed Major on the 11th July, 1873. Major Bond holds a 1st class Military School certificate. Joined the Victoria Rifles in 1862 as private in No. 1 Company; was elected Ensign in 1864, and holds at present the rank of Brevet-Lieut.-Col. with the regimental rank of Major. Has been with his regiment on every occasion on which they have seen active service. Was in command of the only Montreal Company that was under fire at Ecole's Hill during the last Fenian invasion.

LIEUT.-COL. OUEL

joined Q. O. R. as private, in October, 1861; served as Lieutenant in 2nd Administration Batt. at Niagara in 1864-5; was Adjutant of Regiment from 1865 to 1869; was present at Ridgeway and Thorold camps, also the Niagara camps of 1871-2 and 1875. He commanded the regiment at Belleville in January, 1877, during the Grand Trunk strike riots.

MAJOR ARTHURS

joined the regiment as a private in November, 1861; served as a Lieutenant at Ridgeway and Thorold camp in 1866; and as a Major in the Niagara camp of 1871-2 and 1875. He is now senior Major of the corps and a Brevet Lieut.-Col.

MAJOR JARVIS

joined the Q. O. R. as a private in Oct., 1862; was a Sergeant at Ridgeway and Thorold camp in 1866; served as a Lieutenant and Captain; present at Niagara camp of 1871-2 and 1875 as Adjutant; was Major during Belleville riots, now senior Major and a Brevet Lieut.-Col.

DR. FRANCIS WAYLAND CAMPBELL

was born in Montreal on the 5th November, 1837. He graduated at McGill University in 1860, and in 1861 passed most successfully an examination before the Royal College of Physicians of London. About the same time he was also elected a member of the Royal Medical Society of Edinburgh and of the Microscopic Club. In 1872 Dr. Campbell joined with Drs. David, Smallwood, Hingston and Tremblay in organizing the present Medical Faculty of Bishop's College. He joined the volunteers in 1854, and in 1860, on his graduation, was appointed Assistant Surgeon of the 1st Battalion of Volunteer Rifles of Canada, now the Prince of Wales' Rifles. He was at Hemmingford and Durham during the Fenian raid of 1866; in the fall of that year he was promoted to the Surgeoncy of the regiment, and in 1870 was present with it at Pigeon Hill, St. Armand and St. John's. From the above it will be seen that Dr. Campbell is one of the pioneers of the volunteer force in Montreal.

CAPTAIN RICHARD LE SUEUR, ADJUTANT.

Captain Le Sueur is one of a large number of officers holding commissions in the Quebec active force, who began their service in the Victoria Rifle Company, for many years commanded by the present Colonel of the Royal Rifles. Joining the corps as a private in 1865, he received his first commission in April, 1870, and has held the appointment of Adjutant since December of the same year. He passed the Military School under Col. Gordon, H.M. 17th Regiment, and was permitted to re-enter under Col. Pakenham, H.M. 30th Regiment. When the field exercise of the British army was revised, he attended the Laprairie Camp of Instruction, under the present Sir P. J. McDougall and Sir Garnet Wolseley, in September, 1865, and has been on active service with his regiment in March and June, 1866, and in May, 1870.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL THOMAS BACON

was born at Cambridge, Eng., and educated at C. E. under his uncle, Sir Wm. Cubitt, the celebrated engineer. He was engaged in the construction of several railways in England, to wit—the South-Eastern and Great Northern railways. He came to this country as an engineer for Peto, Brassey & Betts, contractors for the Grand Trunk Railway, and constructed the road between Somerset and Morrisburg. He was thence sent to Kingston to complete the section between Kingston Mills and Collin's Bay. Mr. Aikman, Secretary to Mr. Hodges, C. E. for contractors, wrote a letter congratulating Mr. Bacon on the fact of his section costing less per yard than any other section in Mr. Hodges's division. He was subsequently contractor for a maintenance of the road between Montreal and Morrisburg. His military career commenced on the 17th December, 1861, when he enlisted as a private in the "Vics," being drafted to No. 3 Company. On the 18th February following, he was gazetted Lieutenant, and on the 27th August of the same year, was appointed Adjutant of the Battalion, when he greatly assisted the then Colonel, Lieut.-Colonel Osborne Smith, in its organization. He received his Captain's commission 20th October, 1864, and in April, 1866, took the volunteer Company from the Battalion for active service to Cornwall. In June of the same year, Capt. Bacon commanded another volunteer Company at St. Johns, and, on his return, was complimented by General Lindsay as commanding the finest volunteer company that had ever come under his inspection. His successive promotions were: Major, 5th October, 1866; Brigade-Major, 14th December, 1866; Lieut.-Colonel, 22nd November, 1867, and Acting D. A. G., 16th October, 1871. In conclusion, we have only to add that, if the review which took place on the Queen's Birthday reflected so much credit on the volunteer force of our city, it is principally due to the untiring and unceasing efforts to promote its interests and efficiency on the part of the present Brigade-Major.

LIEUT.-COL. NAPOLEON LA BRANCHE

son of Louis La Branche, one of the veterans of the war of 1812, who died last week at the age of 86, was born in Rigaud, in 1838, and brought up in Montreal. He joined the Montreal Rifles, now the Prince of Wales' on the 6th November, 1855, as private, and served in all the ranks up to his present position. In 1856 he entered into the ranks of the Montreal Light Infantry and remained in that corps until 1862. In 1862 he was appointed Drill Instructor to the total volunteers during the Trent excitement, for that purpose giving up his business, and he has since devoted the whole of his time to military matters. Col. La Branche was stationed at Amherstburg, Ont., during the time of the St. Alban's raiders, and at Beauharnois, St. John and Hemmingford during the Fenian raids. From 1867 until 1874, he was Assistant Adjutant Interpreter at the School of Military Instruction in Montreal. Col. La Branche has been in command of the 66th since 1874. He holds first-class certificates of Cavalry, Gunnery and Infantry.

MAJOR GEORGE GRANT

joined H. M. service in 1832. Served in the 74th Highlanders, 12½ years (7 of which was in West Indies), 2 of which he was sergeant-major. On that corps leaving Canada in 1844, he purchased his discharge. Appointed Assistant Storekeeper in Commissariat at Montreal, in March, 1846, and served therein 14 years. Therefrom was appointed quartermaster to the 10th Prince of Wales' Royal Canadian Regiment on its formation in March, 1857, and was the first officer gazetted to that corps. Accompanied it to England and Gibraltar in 1859. Retired on half-pay on completing 3½ years service, making a total of 30 years in all in Her Majesty's service. Returned to Canada in 1862, and served 3 years in Customs Department, Montreal. Served as Camp Quartermaster to cadet camp of three battalions at Laprairie in 1864, under the command of Lt.-Genl. Sir Garnet Wolseley, and received the thanks of that distinguished officer in his report. Resigned appointment in Customs Department on threatened invasion by the Fenians in 1866, to join the Militia Department, and was appointed Camp Quartermaster and Commissary to the expeditionary volunteer force of 1,400 men under command of Lieut.-Col. Osborne Smith, dispatched from Montreal on 1st June, 1866, to intercept the Fenians on the frontier of Hemmingford and Huntingdon. Afterwards ordered to join the Store Branch of Militia Department at Ottawa, in October, 1866, and still serving. Gazetted Quartermaster to the 1st Battalion Governor-General's Foot Guards, with honorary rank of Captain on formation of corps on 18th June, 1872, and promoted to the honorary rank of Major in said corps by General Order of 25th February, 1877.

MAJOR S. C. STEVENSON

was born in Montreal, in 1818, and commenced his military career by joining the High School Cadets as a private in 1861. On leaving school in 1868, he entered into No. 1 Company of the Victoria Rifles and was present with the regiment at Huntingdon in that year, subsequently working his way to the rank of Colour-Sergeant to the Company. In 1869 he was appointed Ensign to No. 2 Company of the Prince of Wales' Rifles, taking part in the St. Armand and Pigeon Hill expeditions and gradually rising by successive steps to the rank of junior Major in