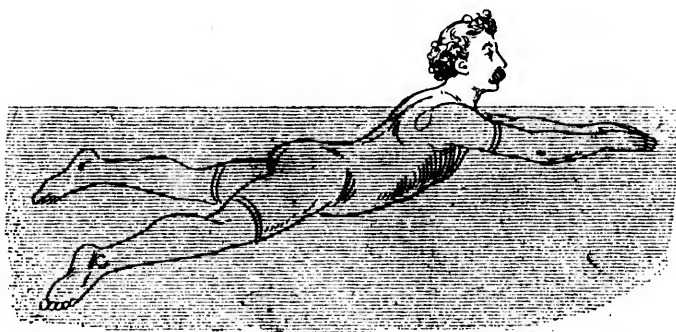


and Erie have been the principal scenes of his exploits, and his fame has spread throughout the entire Lake District.

His recent recommendation for that most distinguished honor, the Albert Medal of the first class, in recognition of his many daring acts of bravery in saving life from drowning, gives timely interest to the following sketch of his career :

Capt. W. D. Andrews was born in the city of Kingston, Ont., Canada, May 19th, 1853. From his boyhood up he has been employed in one way or another upon the water, and happily for him and many others, he early in life acquired a thorough knowledge of the art of swimming.



Capt. Andrews' exploits in saving life date from the year 1869, and from that time he has always been ready to risk his own life to save the lives of others.

The danger incurred in plunging overboard is very great. Many expert swimmers shrink from it. Andrews has encountered this risk under almost every variety of circumstances. He has followed the drowning under rafts of timber, under vessels at anchor or in docks, from great heights, and often to the bottom in great depths of water, and, what is very remarkable, always successfully.