

In January, 1776, Major Rogers was appointed Governor of Mackinaw. A few years later he went to England, where he died in 1784.—*Lecture by Lt.-Col. R. Z. Rogers, of Cobourg, at Toronto, January, 1891.*

#### Rorke's Drift in Canada.

Much has been written and told of the dauntless heroism of the 89 British soldiers who repulsed 3,000 Zulu warriors at Rorke's Drift in Africa. It can but add lustre to the fame of Britain's soldiers to relate the following incident which may fairly be named the "Rorke's Drift" of Canada. During the war of 1812-15, in the month of October, 1813, the American General Wilkinson was making his way down the St. Lawrence with an army of 9,000 men. . . . At the same time another American army, 5,000 strong, including a body of cavalry, under General Hampton, marched northward from Plattsburg on Lake Champlain, with the object of forming a junction with Wilkinson's force at Montreal. . . . A force of less than 400 Canadians was thus raised, consisting chiefly of what were known as the Canadian Voltigeurs. This force was placed under the command of Colonel de Salaberry. . . . The combined attacking forces numbered, therefore, about 4,000, or more than ten trained soldiers against each one of the devoted band of Canadian militia. When the first sound of conflict was heard by the firing of the pickets, De Salaberry extended his troops in order of battle, and very soon the fight became general. The Americans met with an obstinate and protracted resistance. . . . They met the American advance guard, and after a skirmish fell back on Chatauguay river. Here, on the 26th October, 1813, was fought the battle of Chateaugay. . . . De Salaberry, fearing that they would be entirely surrounded and cut to pieces, adopted a very clever stratagem, which produced the best possible results. He placed the buglers at intervals all along the front (there was nothing but front), and ordered them to simultaneously sound the advance. This was done with startling effect, giving the Americans the impression that a large army was opposed to them. On the night of the 25th General Hampton despatched Colonel Purdy with a brigade