

COLONEL KINGSMILL.

Of the many old and tried servants of the Crown in this country who have claims upon the gratitude of the Government there are few who have deserved better than Col. Kingsmill. And yet no man, we venture to say, has been more ungratefully treated by the country for which he has suffered. Sixty-three years continuously has Col. Kingsmill served under the Crown in various capacities, civil and military, and the sole reward he has hitherto received for this long and faithful service has been an appointment to the Postmastership of Guelph.

The following brief statement of Col. Kingsmill's services will prove of interest. After a careful perusal thereof the reader will be fain to admit that it is not only republics that are ungrateful.

After a service of 25 years in the regular army, including the Peninsular War, Col. Kingsmill sold out and became a settler in Canada, and was appointed, by Sir John Colborne, the then Governor of Upper Canada, to the office of Collector of Customs at Port Hope, and continued to be so employed, until an order was received from Sir Francis Bond Head directing him to proceed to Toronto, with all the men he could muster, to assist in the suppression of the Rebellion. During that period he raised, organized, drilled and brought into the field, three regiments in succession, the discipline of which was approved of, in a marked manner, by the commander of the Forces on the Niagara Frontier. On the close of the Rebellion, Col. Kingsmill was appointed, by Sir George Arthur, to the Shrievalty of the Niagara District, then containing three counties. During his incumbency of that office he paid unremitting attention to the prisoners under his charge, by constantly visit-



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ing, lecturing and instructing them, which he has reason to know resulted most beneficially in many instances. Many culprits, and more especially inebriates, have thus been made to see the errors of their ways, and in fact restored to society. Col. Kingsmill continued to exercise the duties of Sheriff for the period of twenty-one years, till he found them too laborious for the mind and body, and consequently resigned on receiving his present appointment.

Surely it was for the benefit of such old servants as this that the Superannuation Fund was established.

But this is not all. Colonel Kingsmill has also pecuniary claims upon the Government, which, though of long standing—not his fault—are not the less equitable, viz:

On being appointed collector of customs, he built a handsome house, in the vicinity of the harbor, for the purpose of being near his business, and more effectually discharging his duties. A class of people called "smugglers," however, caused it to be burnt down, for the obvious reason that it was too near their operations, resulting in a loss of about six hundred pounds to this claimant. The whole of the circumstances of this extremely hard case were brought before Parliament, but remuneration was denied by a majority of only two, and that as it was quite understood at the time, under the apprehension that a precedent might have been established: whereas, in England, the law would have compelled the "Hundreds" to pay the amount thus lost through incendiarism. During the period that Col. Kingsmill filled the office of Sheriff, he had occasion to go over to Buffalo, and while there was, to his great astonishment, arrested under the authority of American laws, for an act perfectly legal, and in fact obligatory, committed in his own country, by



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