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## THE HON. LIEUT.-COL. BOULTON.

Lieut.-Col. Boulton is a descendant of Judge Boulton, who came to Canada nearly a century ago and settled in Toronto, leaving that beautiful residence, "The Grange," as a monument to his memory. An interesting episode in connection with Judge Boulton's appointment to the young colony is worth recording here. On his way out to New York in the year 1799, the vessel was captured by a French man-of-war, and he, with the rest of the passengers and crew, were all taken to France and there incarcerated. At the end of nine months they were released by an exchange of prisoners, and in August, 1800, he landed in New York and joined his wife, who, unaware of his capture and imprisonment, had preceded him. Judge Boulton's eldest son married Miss Robinson, a sister of the late Sir John Beverly Robinson, Chief Justice of Upper Canada, and their son, Lieut.-Col. D'Arcy Boulton, who is now the senior Lt.-Col. on the Active Militia list of Canada, established himself in the practice of the law at Cobourg in 1837, where he still resides. He married in 1838 the daughter of Lieut.-Colonel Heath, a brigadier-general in the East India Company's service, who died on the field in India in the year 1820. Charles Arkall Boulton, their eldest son, was born in Cobourg in the year 1841, and was educated at Upper Canada College. At the age of 16 he obtained a commission in the 100th Royal Canadian Regiment, a regiment that was being raised for service in India during the Indian Mutiny. He went abroad with the regiment in 1858 and served in Gibraltar, Malta and other stations, returning with his regiment to Canada in 1866. In 1868 he



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left the service to remain in Canada instead of going abroad again with his regiment. In August, 1868, he was appointed major of the 40th Battalion under the late gallant Col. Williams. In June, 1869, he joined Col. Dennis' surveying party which went to the North-West for the purpose of laying the foundation of the future surveys of that country. The history of the stirring period that followed during the winter of 1869-70 is graphically told by him in his book entitled "Reminiscences of the North-West Rebellion." His capture and imprisonment, his being put in chains, the sentence of death passed upon him by Riel, his subsequent reprieve at the solicitation of Sir Donald A. Smith, the late Arch-

deacon McLean, and others, form an interesting episode in the history of the North-West, and identify him in a prominent way with the early development of that country. After thirty days' imprisonment he, with his fellow prisoners, was released upon the intervention of Archbishop Taché, and he shortly after returned to Ontario and engaged in lumbering in the village of Lakefield. After spending a couple of years in Ontario he determined once more to start afresh upon the broad prairies of the West, and in 1880, with a yoke of cattle and six months' provisions, he took his family and settled in the Shell River district, 350 miles north-west of Winnipeg, when his nearest neighbour was 30 miles distant. Since that time he has been closely identified with the development of that portion of the Province of Manitoba and its public life. He was the first Warden of the County of Russell, and held that position for three years, and was afterwards chairman of the Judicial Board of the Western Judicial district.

In 1885, when the rebellion broke out, he tendered his services to General Middleton to raise a corps of mounted men from his own neighbourhood, which were accepted, and he had the honour of serving through that memorable campaign at the head of a fine body of men. When the campaign was over, he added to his diversified experiences that of author and publisher, giving a personal narrative of the two rebellions, in which he had been an active participant, which will serve as a valuable book of reference in the future history of the country. He now fills the vacancy in the Senate consequent upon the appointment of the Hon. Dr. Schultz to the post of Lieutenant-Governor.