

in his correspondence recently calendared in one of the Reports on Canadian Archives (for 1895); but our interest in the men who made our early history is far from satisfied by an enumeration of their public services. We desire in addition some knowledge of their origin, progress and personality, and on these matters in the case of Governor Carleton our local histories give us little satisfaction. Of his life prior to his coming to New Brunswick, there are no records known to me other than the abstracts of some of his own letters written while he was major of an American regiment in 1779 to General Haldimand; these are printed in The Canadian Archives Report for 1887, and one or two references to him occur in Haldimand's Diary, in the Archives Report for 1889. Murdoch, in his "History of Nova Scotia" (III, 35, 38, 54) records his arrival at Halifax in 1784, his reception in New Brunswick, and a later visit to Halifax. Lawrence in his "Footprints" (6, 10, 11) notes his arrival at St. John, his liberality, and his death in 1817. Five letters of his written in 1793-94 are printed in the Archives volumes for 1891, and there are a few references to him in



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Cooney's History and in other works. He is not mentioned in any Dictionary of Biography, not even in the excellent "Dictionary of National Biography" which gives a full account of his brother, Sir Guy Carleton, Baron Dorchester.

In the absence of records we turn naturally to traditions, of which there are some still current in the province relating to Governor Carleton. We are near enough to his time for these to have some value, but they should be collected soon, if at all, for of course they are subject to that law of degeneration which