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# MEMORIALS <br> OF THE LATE <br> CIVIL SERVICE RIFLE REGIMENT. 

## By A PRIVATE,

(Who has been permitted to retire, retaining his rank.)
"Forsan et hee olim meminisse juvalit." -Vnoun
"Of nill the heart's springs none are purer
"Than the eprings of the fountains of mbrih"

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## TIIE FIGIIT AND FLIGIIT cr tue

## CIVIL SRRVICE CHigrpaliss.

"Arma Virumque Cano."
[This sanguinary engagement is especially notable as being the last occasion upon which the British furces and their Indian allies fought side by side.] I.

God of battles! lut 'twere ghorions
To have seen the fiery fight
Which the Civil Service Chieftains waged Upon last Tuesday nigbt.

## II.

At a long-protrected council-board They had sat since carly day; And wearied now with warlike cares

They wend their homeward way.

## III.

Their swords were dangling ly their sides, 'Their coat tails hung behind, And each and every gentleman

Was three sheets in the wind.

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Unconscious of a lurking fue They reared their gallant crests, Save two, whose tipples mixed had brought 'Their heads upon their breasts.
V.

But lo! who's here upon their flank Clad in the garb of peace?
A blus-coat boy, a member of
The city's new police.
VI.
"Front, dress, eyes left," chirped M-r-d-th, "Shut up," the (-1-n-1 roared-
"Bovs, ho for merric Canada! "Upon him with the sword!"

## VII.

But out spake ": Majaw" And-rs-n, "Fight until all is blne,
"And if you get the worst of it, "Then run my comrades true;

## VIII.

"A sudden illness scizeth me, "And weigheth on my brow,
"But my heart shall still be with you lads, "Though $Y$ must leave you now."

## IX.

Their hearts were eager for the fray, a. Heeketed When quoth the cautions P-m-st-r,
"I'll act as the reserve."
X.

Then up he clomb a neighbouring post, And cried in accents thick,
"Now boys I'll hold the Iamp post up "And act instead of wick."

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XI.
"And an observation corps I'll form," Cried I,-nds-y, with a lurch,
As be roll d towards the shelter ufa friendly open porch.
XII.

This thinned their ranks, but firm they stood Undaunted every one,
Young Sm-jthe, and W-lsh, and Herbeius O'Maza, Old Erin's travelled son,

## XIII.

The stalwart Qu-rt-rm-st-r ton,

## tokurott

Rich in both herds and flocks,
And the D-ct-r, and stout D-sb-r-ts,
Great hearts as firm as rocks.
XIV.

And their Indian ally, Koko-Knutt, Waukinglunett Who had joined the faces pale For the sake of all the jolly lush From which he ne er did fail.
XV.

The C-1-n-1 and the Adj-t-nt Le ß. Rose Their scabbards threw away "Now, gallants, charge!" the C-1-n-1 cried And rushed into the fray.

## XVI.

The grim police man stood his ground, And formed a hollow square,
"Fix baton," to himself he said, "For cavalry prepare."

## XVII.

They rushed upon this man so rude As the deer break through the fern, Cried Sm-jthe " shall my knightly father's blood "Grow cold for the Ottawa kerne?"

## xVili.

They bore him down unto the earth, But, as he fell thereto, Like fabled Hydra, ip there sprang Seven peeters elad in blue.

## XIX.

Again they charged, when ah! there slipe
With most confomaded toss,
Into the gutter at his side
The buid Le Br-t-n R-ss.

## XX

They hacked and hewed with falchions bright, Nor quarter gave nor grace, But as the last policeman fell Stood seventy in his place !
XXI.

And seven to seventy then they fight, And prodigies achicved Of valour, which should I indite They would not be believed.

## XXII.

The Qu-rt rm-st-r shouted fierce, "'Ods! blast the trumpery thing," And hurled his sword away with jerk That made the pavement ring.

## XXIII.

Upraising then his brawny arms, Which where's the man resists : Cried he "let's treat the rascals to "A taste of British fists!"

## XXIV.

And laid about him well-aimed blows,
Down went the seventy then, When lol seven score stood in their stead, Like Falstaff's buckram men.

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XXV.

Ah! this was more than men could dare, The chieftains turned aghast ;
Had the fiends of hell been en their track, They had not fled more fast.

## XXVI.

Out rushed the L-nds y from his porch, And joined them in the rout,
And they who saw him doubling wished He had not been so stout.

## XXVII.

"Oh!" sighed the C-l-n-l as he ran, "For C-nn-ngh-m St-w-rt this night
"And Br-un and H-y and Br-nsl-y K-ng
"And gallant Captain Wh-te

## XXVIII.

" Were only these and C-mb-e here, "And R. S. M. Bo-ch tte,
"And L ngt-n with his stout oak crutch, " We were not vanquished yet."

## XXIX.

But one remained, the Indian Brave, He could not brook to run,
For in the middle of the fray, His braces came undone.

## XXX.

And now, as by a miracle, The seven score peei ". fled, The P-m-st rlooked de rn and saw I'he one there in their stead.

## XXXI.

The one policeman gnashed his teeth, And shook his gory head,
And to that solitary Brave,
That indian Chief, he said :

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XXXiI.
"Oh ! thou shald rue thee such allies, Thou foolish Indian Brave.
"Pottawassamie Vahn Koko-Knutt "Move on with me, false slave!"
XXXIII.

When all was clear the $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{m}-$ sit-r Slid from his persh and laughed, As he thought how he had shirked the fight, By such consummate craft.
XXXIV.

And now God save ont noble Queen, And grant our country peace,
And keep our warriors from the hande Of the Ottawa Police.

## A DREAM FULFiLLED.

["The Ministiy have thrown cold water on the "Civil Service Regiment; it is abcat to be disbanded." Ottawa Correspondence of the Malifax "Buraing Bush."]

The following piece, taken fiom the Farmouth Bioater, is supposed to be the joint production of the Nova Scotian Cabinet (Axnand supplying the facts and Wheriss the fancies.) lt appears to be a paltry attempt to bring discredit on the Militia Service of the Dominion.

Last ni int within my easy chair I sat, the "Year Book" in my hands ; What infor.atation it commands !
What store of lore is there laid hare,
What knowledge meets you every wheri, What purity of diction!
Whoever rums in it can read
The fact compact which he may need, From a letter's weight and conserpuent rate, To the rate at which our people breed.
The Editor won't take it ill,
If I should compliment his skill
Attacking fact on fiction.
So after dinner I take my ease,
And hold the "Year Book" on my knees;
I read some part statistical,
And straight the world grows mystical.
So great its soporific powers

That I can calmly zest for hours
With it upon my lap,
And start with an indignant grace If ever my wife should have the face To charge me with a nap.

Last night I oped at " $\mathrm{Cr}_{\mathrm{r} \text {-ss }}$ on Mines, And almosi stayed awake at first, But ah! no minor law confines

The action of my duns accurst, No iron ore was ever smelted, Could undermine clause ninety-first ; Mere copper is of slight account
To meet the tailor's small amount ;
No bailift"s heart was ever melted,
And fate mist do its worst. I turned me in my chair again, And blest oblivion seized me then.

I slept and dreamt a woeful dream, Recounting which would waste a ream

Of Hope's best foolscap paper;
Nor have I got the tongue or pen To paint such horrors oder again

Beside my midnight taper.
But some details I must relate, As warning of their awful fate,

Who climb the martial ladder, And trust to Ministers of State, To aid them 'neath the heavy weight Of warlike honors which they bear, Until grown dizzy in mid air
They reached some treacherous round-and there
They always come down sadder And sometimes wiser men.

Methought
I saw the Public Buildings' Square,
And at the nor'west angle, where Th blast blows fiercest from the nor'ward, A wondrous scene was going forward.
Some members of the Cabinet, Were there upon a platform s t , -

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A platform which had tricd the skill And patience of the Count Sr. H-Lil. The Ministers, each to his nose, Were muffled in their heaviest clothes, And clad in winter's warmest fursBencath were ranged the Officers Of the Civil Lervice Regiment ; Men who had ope'd their country's pores Through half a dozen different doors, Who diligently had sought their pay, And fired some tons of powder away

In many a fieree engagement.
Stripped to the waist each warrior stood. And ice seemed curdled in my blood When I beheld their plight.
In L-ng-v-n's hand a hose was held, From which the gushing water welled Upon each hapless wight,
While F-tv-ye gloated o'er his vengeance, As down below he worked the engines.
But few spectators were abroadYet $M-1 \mathrm{lc}-\ln \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{m}-\mathrm{r}-\mathrm{n}$ was there In honor of the "water god;" He sat upon a camp stool chair, And sang the "Ham Fat Man."
The L-nds-y listened with a frown, But tears of langhter trickled down The face of K-mny,-and the while Even L-ng-v-n scarce suppressed a smile, Though still the water ran.
Ancar the platform there was one
Will Shakespeare's dear adopted son,
Who wandering home had hither found him, And now, his tora wrapped around him,
Contemplating the tragic scene,
Stood with Napoleonic mien,
And grand theatric pose unmatehed-
Ah I need I name him? he who knows if
The old legitimate drama flourish, If we its routs and branches nourish, Will recognize our Captain J-s-ph
Sm-th L-e, the unattached.

Far off stood M-r-d-th and C-mb-e
Down by the gate ancar the Queen's, Quoth M-r-d-th with bated breath
"I know what all this means;"
"And we may thank our lucky star",
"That we'd retired upon our scars,
"And so escaped this ordeal.
"See with vhat force the waters fall, "What litu-inspiring gifts they boast,
"What gracions powers to heal and bless- -
"Though I, indeed I must confe-s,
"Prefur the dry earth system."
" Egad," cried C-mb-e " there'a a shot,
"He gives it to them hot and hot,
"There was a squirt right deftly sped
"At C-nn-ngh-m's devoted hrad,
"Although, by George, it's missud him."
Calmly did L ng-v-n tend his task, Nor dropped the Ministerial mask

Befitting the occasion ;
Imparially the waturs fall,
With equal hand he squirts on all
Permitting no evasion.
Even as it fell the water froze,
The icicles from B rn rd's nose Revealed how cold the bath.
The gallant W-ly's good grey head Which should have been three hours nbed, Upon his martial pillow laid,
Nor thus insulted, duck: d, betrayer,
Was raised in powerless wrath.
Off And-rs-n the waters glide,
For he had wisely greased his hide,
In fond remembrance of Laprairie.
Goorl dripping hos had used to do it, No water peactrated throngh it.
He blessed the lucky hour and day When she had chanced to cross his way,

The Cook's sweet daughter Mary.
"Oh ! had I fullen in moatal diteh,
"Or even in dried up fusee,
"A fighting in my country's canse,
"To uphold her honor and her laws, "Such death were gain, not loss,
"But such a watery death as this,
"Most ignominious fate that is," Cried bold LeBr-t-n R-ss.
"This water, ton, and never a stick in it, "Is like a candle without a wick in it." He ceased, nor ever spoke again, But fell, the only chicftain slain.

Limp were the Qu-1t-1m-st-r's locks, And shrunk his stalwart frame, Aud the warlike ardor of his eyes,

Which once were wont to flame, At clanging swords, or rattling bones, Was watery now and tame.
And there stood Wh-te in woeful plight, A shivering in his pelt, At nine distinct and different points, The icy shower assailed his joints; In vain would feeble words engage, To paint the mingled shame and rage The indignant Captain felt, The outward cold was $10^{\circ}$ below, His inward heat was high, I know, For even as the waters kissed His manly bust, at once they hissed, And the icicles did melt.

H-y sang "The Wearing of the Green," To show his unconcernment, While W-1sh used L-nds - y as a screen, Which he contrived should intervene The torrent and himself between, Thus proving his discernment.

And there was Captain D-sb-r-ts A worse drowned rat I never saw, Nor olse a worse drowned Printer ; How he sacre'd the hour and day, That e'er he let his footsteps stray From old Qnebec this barbarous way, Until another dash of spray

Bronght cooler feelings back again, And then, and tien, and then, and then, He but sacre'd the winter.

Even L-ngt-n swore, while o'er and o'er His grizzly beard the waters pour, Until re grew most like uito A miniatme of the Wandering Jew, That he " would ne'er pass the account, " Which sure would reach a frightful amount
" For this wieked waste of water ;
"The country's voice would tell in timo, " What it thought of this shocking erime,
" And most unrighteons slaughter""Of the Innocents" W-lsh interposed, And sligntly bettering his position, Quoth he "at least no boncs are broke, "Perhaps it's only all a joke,
"And they re wetting R - w - n's commission."
Bo-ch - tte appealed "That your petitioner "Would tain sulmit it is uncustomary "This to treat a grave Commissioner ;" But John A. laughed till his jaws were aching, And T-lly's jolly sides were shaking, Till Sh-rw-d to Sm-th in a terrible taking, Cried "I wish they'd bust 'em 'Arry !" Then St-w-rt winked at Br-nsl-y K-ng, And whispered " what a capital thing,
"Had they t'other Commissioners also; " I wish they were soused from head to heel,
"How R-yn-lds would wriggle like an eel,
"And how nice Sm - th's pachyderm would feel,
"How his nose would twinge, and his fingers tingle,
" And the cold makt his very eyeballs jingle I
"While C. S. $\Gamma_{i}$-ss would bawl so."
Then Br -nsl-y tarned with horror dumb
Not knowing what name next might come
From sueh sacricgions lips;
Speechless he stood in mute surprise,
With open mouth end staring cyes,
Till $L-n g-v-n$ secing at a glance

The excellence of such a chance, Just turned, without a warning note, liis hose, and down poor $\mathrm{Br}-\mathrm{nsl}$ - y's throat, The gushing water slips.
This brought his labors to a close, From his tired hand he dropped the hose.
Then L-nds-y facing to the chair Enquired, (there being no Speaker there, "Is it your will this House adjourn"? He waited not for Sir John to turn But off like a rocket went he, And then there rose a wild commotion, And a noise like the roaring of the ocean, While they all, at once, declared the motion Passed nemine contradicente.

I had hoped these horrors might have lain
Hidden like J -ck R -sie among the, slain,
But ah! I am too singuine yet,
'Twill be in Montrea' Guazo $^{6}$
For there stands W. D. L - Su - ur
With pencil swift and note book wet
To sketch them unaware.
I started at the sight and woke,
And finding day had almost broke
Betook me to my bed;
Grateful that all was but a dream, This knowledge cheered me like a gleam Of sunshine round my head.

Yet in the morning when $I$ rose And donned my best of Sunday clothes For His Excellency's levee;
There seemed a weight upon my brain, A dull presaging sense of pain

Which made my heart grow heary.
I passed along with hasty pace,
And having reached my wonted place
Found $O$. on hand with lengthy visage,
And melancholy air and bluc,
Both quite unsuitable to his age-
Ten words the riddle did undo, And then alas! I found my dream was all too true.

## DISBANDED! "Sunt lacrime rerum."

Some remarks tyon a late inhospishus ewent, containing the views thercanent of Giles Hodgetts, Messenger in the Hcuse of Commons, and late Lance Co.poral in the late Civil Service Rifle Regiment. Thaen down by his daughter Rebecca Hodgetts.

The Poet deelareth his nationality, and discloseth his political and religious views.

His descent, and ancestral eonnection with a great ducal house.

Announceth the josition his father held in the sume.
I.

Tm a trooly loynt Englishman, One as loves the aristoxy, And a constitutional govment, And a luw Church orthodoxy.
II.

I come of an old Whig family, For I've heard my father ttil How he served the Dook of Bedford, Which I'm sure he served him well.

## III.

In the 'sponsible post at Woburn, Of gardener, I may say,
Though assisting the under gardener Was for why he drawed his pay.

## IV.

The garrulity of the aluresaid parent and his rejrehensible hiabit of smoking.

And the old man leved to tell us When the years of his life were ripe. As he sat in the chimbly corner, A smoking his evening pipe.

Ilis parent's recollection of the infant years of an English Statesman.

Whose achievements the loet pinegyrizes.

> V.

How he minded him a baby, Which we all know as Lord John ; As putty a little laby As ever the sun shone on.

## VI.

Which he growed to be in Parliament, And such a victory took, Upsetting Peel and Eldon, Let alone the Iron Dook.
VII.

And father he'd a prophesied How his greatness was to come, When he see'd the nurse-maid draw him by A sucking of his thumb.

## VIII.

Which as such being my connexshuns Do you wonder as they came
When this ridgement was a talked of 'To ask me lend my name.

## IX.

To shew the other gentlemen, And clerks, what they must do In their country's hour of danger; As loyal men and troo.

The Colonel complimenteth the Poet, and

Elevateth him to the respunsible post of

## X .

And the Kurnel, he says unto me, As he walked me up and down, "Hodgetts" he says, " you 'ave a'art "Devoted to the Crown."

## XI.

" So yout must be an officer, " And 'elp us drill the men, "And if the bloody Fenians come "We'll drive them back again."

> Lance Corporal.
> He studieth inill inry tactics.

> And receiveth the encomiuins of the Adjutant.

> He regretteth the severity uf his civil duties.

Which have nlunfited him for military distinction.
What he endured to overcome this disqualification.

Being irdued into his wife's corset, and the catastrophy which ensued thereupon.

The terrir his military bearing inspired in the busom of his wife

His ambitionwas gratified.

## XII.

So I was made Lance Corporal, And opened all my pores
A studying of the "goose step," And a practising "all fours."

## XIII.

And the Adjutant he praised my drill, And said his only trouble
Was how I couldn't keep quick step As being already double.
XTV.

For you see the sedentary life,
A sitting in my chair, And a nodding to the members As they passed me here and there,
XV.

Had made my figure over-stout For soldierly demands ;
But Lord, the lacing thet I stood At daughter Becky's hands !
XVI.

When she put hermother's stays on me
To make me have a figure, Which how they busted at the drill And only made me bigger.

## XVII.

And 'zounds, my wife, her bones did ache,
And her poor old teeth did chatter, When she heard me march up stairs at night
And my bayonet make a clatter.

## XVIII.

But I loved the high position, And the handle to my name, A feeling I was on the road To greatness and to fame.

## XIX.

He accuseth the Colonel of deceit

In that the list of officers who retain their rank on retiring

Doth not contaln his name.

And his rank ac. knowledged in his househuld.

Relateth to do-
mestic matters.
Relateth to do-
mestic matters.
"Lance Corporal, the supper's served,' Or, if she were awry,
"L. C. put down that nasty pipe, Don't you hear the baby cry?"
XXI.

But now the brilliant dream is past, And bitter tears I're shed, For us officers all gone adrift, And the gallant ridgement dead.

> XXíI.

The Poet and the Colonel mingle their tears.

For I got my title in the house, And, as I live by bread,
It used to make my heart beat fast Whencer the woman said,
XX.
,

The drem vanisheth, and the officers are dismounted cavalry

I caught the Kurncl to my breast, And kissed him then and there 0 I And I told how my heart was sore For him my chief and hero.

## XXIII.

But I'm not sore for him no more, The false deceitful creature,
Which by his wily tongue imposed Upon my trusting nature.
XXIV.

For I read in Saturday's Gazette The names of all the men, Who still their honored rank retainI read the list again.
XXV.

I read it half a dozen times, And Lord it made me stare, To find that I, Giles Hodgetts, Lance Corporal, was not there.

IIe exposeth the joaluilsy of lis inother witleers and lamenteti his downfall,

And resenteth s served, pipe, ry?"
is past,
t, t dead. that lufer or men are prefirred before him.
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retaiuhere.

Allumeth to Captain White, whose denueathor ho commendeth.

Telleth how his vote and infliaence had gone fur the Captilin at a certain clection of nathonal importance.
Acknowledgeth that he is mystifled.

Advertet ${ }_{1}$ to Cuptain Yindsay, who holds a Mili-
tary Sehnol Cur. tifleate,

Andavereth that he can certify that he himself was at school in his youth.

XXYI.
So now because of petty spite And oth r jealous wilen,
I lase my rank and am come down To Hodgetts or mero Giles.
XXVII.

And I can't see why these other men, Mere elerks whom most I scawn (e.oorn?)

Should hold their rank like Walsh and Stewart, And Bosse, Smith and Braun.

## XXVIII.

## XXXIII.

Mentioneth Mr. Langton, who likewise doth not retain his rank, and relateth sundry of that distingaished gentleman's achievements.
II e reques'eth R-becea to pause while he imbibes and toasts the name of Mr. R. 8. M. Bouehette.

The hanor cemfuseth him, and he foncieth that Mr. Ashworth also loses his rank, whereat he wecps afresì.

Relateth Mr. Ashworth's serviees in advaneing the iatcrests of the regiment.

Now me and Mr. Langton's out, To think they'd cast off such! Which I've see'd him fighting like a Turk
And nim upon a crutch.

## XXXIV.

Now, Becky, hold your pen a bit While I take another wet, And driak to a fellow sufferer, Mr. R.S. M. Bouchette,
XXXV.

Whu's left out in the cold with me And Mr. Ashworth too:
Your hankercher, my lass, his name Brings back my tears anew.
XXXVI.

When I thinks how he had helped us on,
And worked, and all but bled, And now his efforts go for naught, And him as good as dead.

Mentioneth Mr. Ashworth's faverite pursuits. and particuarizeth that gentleman's girth and weight.

Attributeth the breaking up of the regiment to the absence of Sir George Etienne Cartier, Bart.

Whom he commendeth fer his principles and his practices.

## XXXVII.

A farmer amytoor is he, Which loves a well-bred beast, And is five feet in girth, and weighs Three hundred pounds at least.

## XXXVIII.

Well, this had never been our fate, If Sir George he had been here, He'd a stood by us, and we by him, With a heicuty British cheer.

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For he knows what honors is, you see,
And the value of a title;
And he loves respekability, And good drinking and good vittal.

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XL.

It all comes of this here Futvoye, Who has been and done the Civil, For at pulling down and hreaking up Them lawyers are the divil.



