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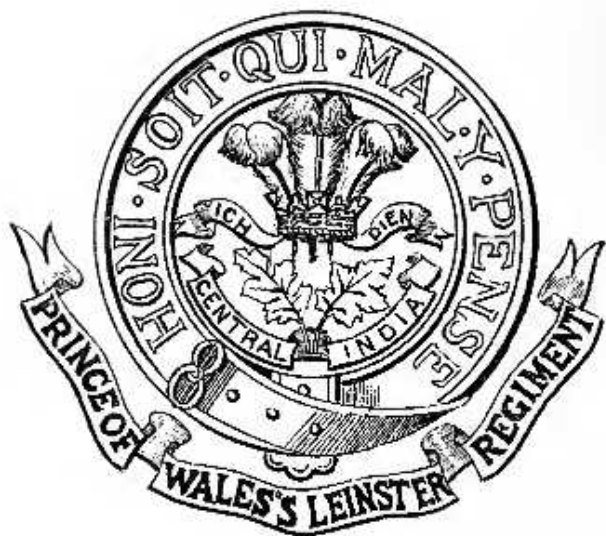
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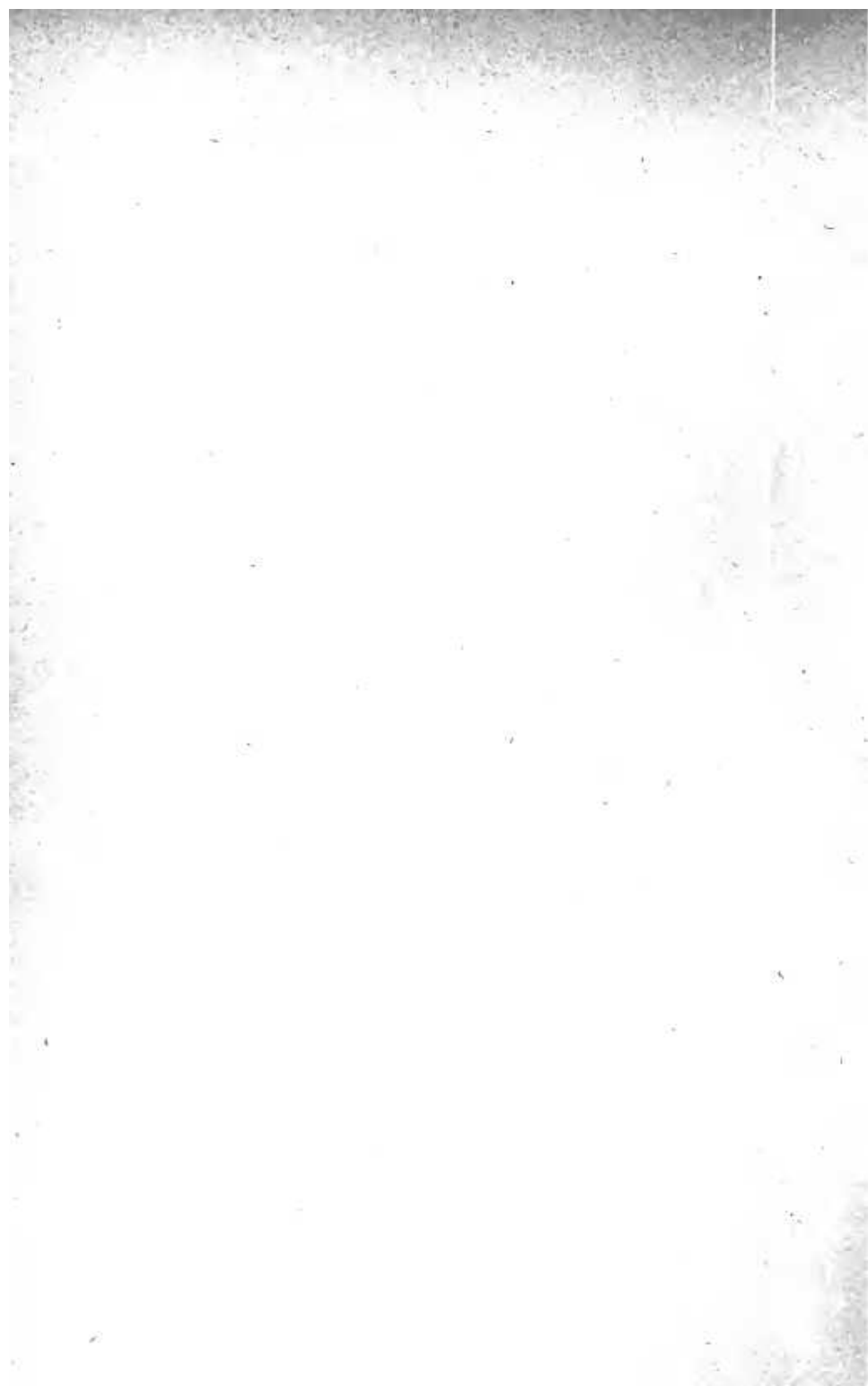
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The Governor General of Canada,

LORD STANLEY OF PRESTON,

BY

THE AUTHOR.



PREFACE.

CANADIANS, if they know their country, do not know their countrymen so intimately as they might. The histories of Canada are numerous and elaborate, but the same cannot be said with regard to the histories of Canadians. The remark refers more particularly to those of our countrymen who have entered the naval and military services of the Empire, and have gone abroad.

In visiting the chief libraries it was found that information concerning the subject of this little book is surprisingly scant.

For this reason the writer resolved to undertake the pleasant duty of gathering from authentic sources such details as exist. Though in the course of the time occupied, nearly three years, he has travelled over twelve thousand miles in search of trustworthy testimony, that testimony is unfortunately incomplete. He has proceeded on the principle of admitting only that which he had ascertained to be true, and rejecting altogether mere tradition or hearsay. Literary

excellence has not been the first consideration. The necessity of some work of this sort became the more manifest as time went on. Naval and military men and others received very favourably a serious attempt at giving some historical account of their services. The writer felt that travelling to and fro simply in Canada would not accomplish the object in view. He therefore went to England and spent a considerable time in the British Museum, in conning over the naval, military, and public records of Great Britain, and in journeying about that country for the purpose of gathering material.

The collection of materials in England was rendered most agreeable both by the cordiality of Englishmen and their kind interest in the matter, and by the active sympathy displayed by many of the Canadians resident in England. It is the writer's wish to acknowledge most gratefully the obligations he is under to those Englishmen, Scotchmen, and Irishmen with whom he had the pleasure of coming in contact, as well as to the Canadians, whose assistance he has received. The number of names is much larger than by this book appears, and until those who possess information, and of whom the writer has not heard, send in not only new names but more details, nothing complete and worthy of the subject can be put together.