

Macdonnell On The Heights

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Another unsung hero of Canadian history . . . The texts give a
terribly sparse
Accounting of this man. He was a Major under Brock, and appare
ntly not a very
Popular one. He was one of those "good young men" form the "ri
ght" kind of
Family with the "right" kind of gentleman's education, a law pr
actise and te
Ear of influential people of the day. there's nothing to indic
ate he was not a
Decent sort, but somebody writing up the accounts didn't want t
oo much of the
Glory to be taken from the General! Perhaps this is one way of
vindicating the
Historical vagaries of this nation. It gives me no small amoun
t of
Satisfaction to think that more people will know that there's m
ore than just
Brock under that huge stone monument.]
Too thin the line that charged the Heights
And scrambled in the clay.
Too thin the Eastern Township Scot
Who showed them all the way,
And perhaps had you not fallen,
You might be what Brock became
But not one in ten thousand knows your name.
To say the name, MacDonnell,
It would bring no bugle call
But the Redcoats stayed beside you
When they saw the General fall.
Twas MacDonnell raised the banner then
And set the Heights aflame,
But not one in ten thousand knows your name.
You brought the field all standing with your courage and your l
uck
But unknown to most, you're lying there beside old General Broc
k.
So you know what it is to scale the Heights and fall just short
of fame
And have not one in ten thousand know your name.
At Queenston now, the General on his tower stands alone
And there's lichen on 'MacDonnell' carved upon that weathered s
tone
In a corner of the monument to glory you could claim,
But not one in ten thousand knows your name.
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