

Church of England. Men like Chipman, Hazen, Lee, Tilley, Bliss, Winslow, Dibblee, Carman, Robinson, Bliss, Wetmore, Hubbard, Raymond, Clements, Gilbert, Cooke, Sayre, Bissett, Byles, Jarvis, Gray, Beardsley, Allen, Odell, Andrews, Clarke, Arnold, Botsford and many others that might be named, rather than ~~swore~~^{swear} allegiance against the King left their possessions in the United States—then known as the thirteen colonies which were in rebellion against England—and came here to this province when it was a vast wilderness, to settle and make homes for themselves and their children, where they might dwell in peace and loyalty to their Church, their Sovereign and country.

Politically, their one great principle and aim was to maintain British connection in this country. And later history proves that these men were the real originators of what is now known as Imperial Federation, no longer an idle dream, but becoming year by year a great reality. These men sowed the seed and we are now seeing the harvest ripen.

The Loyalists brought with them their religion, it was that of their fathers and forefathers. And they established here in the very beginning of the history and formation of this province, the Church of England. It was the Church of England which in no small measure had trained them to be loyal to King and country, and had inspired them to make heroic sacrifices rather than renounce their allegiance to the throne of England.