

THE following verses were suggested to the mind of the writer while on a visit to General Brock's monument, about the summer of 1875 or '76, the occasion being the recurrence of the yearly picnic of the society of York Pioneers and U. E. Loyalists, held to commemorate the battles of Queenston Heights and Lundy's Lane. Among the people assembled, were a remnant of the old heroes who fought so gallantly through the stirring times of 1812, and who, through the lapse of long years, were still able and pleased to express their love and loyalty to the Queen and the Old Country. The intention of the writer was to produce a national song for Canada, but it can be easily seen that the subject, in the hands of these old veterans, naturally spun itself out to a pretty long yarn. It is hoped, however, that sufficient material may be gleaned from the verses to constitute a loyal song to be set to music. Long may the custom of such gatherings be popular in our Dominion, and perpetuate the love and loyalty of every Canadian to the great empire whose subjects we have the privilege to be.