



The United Empire Loyalists' Association.

"United Empire Loyalists" are "those persons who remained faithful to the British Crown during and after the revolutionary war in America," or, to be more precise, 1—"the families who adhered to the Unity of the Empire and joined the Royal Standard in America before the Treaty of Separation in the year 1783." [*Order in Council passed at Quebec 9th November, 1789*].

2.—"Those who, both at and after the revolution, were, in consequence of their loyalty, driven out of the revolted States, or found continued residence in those States to be intolerable by reason of the persecutions to which they were subjected, or voluntarily withdrew therefrom in order to reside under the flag to which they desired that they and their children should remain forever loyal;" and 3, "Their posterity." [*Order in Council above referred to.*]

The eldest or adult members of United Empire Loyalist families who settled in Canada, for the most part passed away in the next few succeeding years after their arrival.

It was their sons mainly who preserved this country to the British Crown in the War of 1812-14.

The grandchildren of the original U. E. Loyalists are becoming fewer in number year by year. The fourth generation are the men and women of the present day.

The descendants of the U. E. Loyalists are now widely dispersed; some are building up new provinces in what but a few years ago was the illimitable wilderness of the North West, whilst others are scattered throughout the world.

Some few (a very few, it is to be feared), still retain the original homestead granted by the Crown to their forefathers.