

## THE GEORGE YOUNG FAMILY.

Probably no other colonists, except, perhaps, the Huguenot refugees from old France, possessed such undaunted resolution and unflinching loyalty as the United Empire Loyalists. Canada, at the end of the eighteenth and the beginning of the nineteenth centuries, and Canada to-day, owes much to the splendid examples of the men who had the courage and manliness to adhere to a fallen cause, and to leave comparative wealth and luxury for a home in the northern wilderness, rather than be disloyal to their flag and King.

Prominent among these early pioneers of the Bay of Quinte district is George Young, whose father, Isaac Young, left Hanover, then a British continental possession, over two centuries ago and settled for a time in England. While there he married Rebecca Cromwell, cousin of the great Oliver Cromwell, Lord Protector of England, considered by many historians as the ablest of English rulers since Alfred the Great. The name Oliver, always found as a family name in each generation of the Young descendants, perpetuates the memory of their eminent kinsman.

Soon after his marriage with Rebecca Cromwell, Isaac Young came to America, and settled in Islip, Huntingden county, Long Island, forty miles below New York. Isaac and his wife Rebecca had three sons, John, Oliver and George. John, who was the captain of an ocean-going vessel trading with the West Indies, died at sea while on a voyage to those islands; he was unmarried. Oliver lived and died on Long Island.

George Young came to Canada in 1800, and so may be called the pioneer of this family in the Bay of Quinte district. Before emigrating, however, he married at Coeyman's Patent, on the Mohawk River. The notable thing about this marriage is that it brought a fresh influx of the distinguished Cromwell blood into the family, as he and his wife were first cousins. His wife's mother and his own were sisters.

He accompanied his father-in-law, Cornelius Lawrence, who bought a thousand acres of land and settled on what is now the site of the Belleville cemetery; and, desiring to have all his children living around him, after the kindly patriarchial fashion of the time, he gave his daughter Mary Young (wife of George Young) one hundred acres. On this farm, over a hundred years