

REPORT

ON MANUSCRIPT LISTS IN THE ARCHIVES RELATING TO THE UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS WITH REFERENCE TO OTHER SOURCES.

There are in the Archives several incomplete lists of the United Empire Loyalists, and many of them are not authenticated.

There are also other documents and series of documents bearing upon the United Empire Loyalists. These lists and documents, for the purpose of this report, are classified as follows:—

- (1) Those dealing exclusively with Upper and Lower Canada.
- (2) Those pertaining to the Maritime Provinces, which have been divided into—
 - (1) New Brunswick.
 - (2) Nova Scotia (general).
- (3) The general United Empire Loyalist list and other documents pertaining to all the Provinces.

UPPER CANADA AND LOWER CANADA U. E. LISTS, &c.

I.—THE PRIVY COUNCIL U. E. LIST AND THE ORIGINAL DISTRICT ROLLS.

The U. E. List for Upper Canada, formerly in the custody of the Privy Council office.

(A thick book, bound in leather, with the title 'U. E. List' on the back.)

This is the only official U. E. list which we have. It was, without doubt, made from the Original District Rolls of Upper Canada, which are referred to in its pages.

It contains a supplement, but is not by any means complete. There are, however, many names in its pages; and it forms the backbone, as it were, of the possible U. E. List, so far as the Province of Upper Canada is concerned. This is the original list wherein the names of Loyalists were entered by Order in Council, or expunged or restored by the Lieutenant Governor's order. The dates of entry range from 1788 to 1824.

Many of the original district rolls referred to in this list are in the manuscript room in the Archives. These district lists are also incomplete. Yet there are a large number of them extant, and as they are official and the result of decisions of the courts of Session on the standing of the different persons claiming the rights and privileges of U. E. Loyalists, they are decisive as far as they go. These rolls are also valuable as defining exactly who were, and who were not, entitled to be considered U. E. Loyalists.

They describe the U. E. Loyalists as those 'who adhered to the unity of the empire (being dwellers in America), and joined the Royal Standard in America before the treaty of Separation in 1783.' These, and these alone, could claim the dignities, rights and privileges of U. E. Loyalists.