

land always incorrectly blazoned on the Royal Shield; and poor BRITANNIA sitting forlorn on the copper and bronze coinage, as if conscious of being constrained to display on her oval Shield an obsolete blazonry, that places the reign of QUEEN VICTORIA in the eighteenth century.

MEDAL OF THE LOYAL AND PATRIOTIC SOCIETY OF UPPER CANADA.

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HIS Society grew out of the peculiar circumstances of Upper Canada, when war was declared by the United States against Great Britain in 1812. Utterly unprepared for war, the militia of the Province was suddenly called to the frontier to oppose invasion. It had neither arms nor clothing.

The first attention of their gallant leader, after arming them at the expense of the enemy, was to provide clothing suitable to the severity of the then approaching season.

From some cause, not explained, actual relief was so long delayed, that individual sympathy was excited, and the inhabitants of York (now Toronto), by a private subscription, aided by the personal labors of the young ladies of the place, afforded a supply of clothing to the companies doing duty on the lines, between Niagara and Fort Erie. It was soon discovered, that great distress must unavoidably, in many cases, result to families deprived of their sole support, the labor of fathers, husbands, sons and brothers, employed in arms. To meet in some degree, and to alleviate such distress, an Association, to be known as the Loyal and Patriotic Society of Upper Canada was projected, and instantly adopted, with a zeal creditable to the inhabitants of York.