

French Minister at Washington. A large party in the United States was, therefore, in favor of joining France, "the nation which had made them a nation," in her war against England. In 1794 Governor Simcoe was directed to erect military posts on the frontier at Miami, one of the retained posts in the State of Ohio, as a precaution against the threatening attitude of Gen. Wayne's army, then encamped where Cincinnati now stands, making war against the Indians, but threatening the British post of Detroit. Another post erected at this time, by Governor Simcoe, was at the head of Lake Ontario, the site of which was last year marked by the Wentworth Historical Society, and known as the King's Head Inn, placed in the communication between Niagara and London to the west.

In 1795 the population of the Province had grown to 30,000: the most populous portion still continued in the Eastern district, from Kingston to the interprovincial boundary. In 1796, a traveller (Isaac Weld) who visited Niagara thus expresses himself :

"I think the two Canadas will never become connected with the present States, because the people of these provinces and those of the adjoining states, are not formed for a close intimacy with each other.

"The bulk of the people of Upper Canada are refugees, who were driven from the States by the persecution of the republican party; and though the thirteen years which have passed over have nearly extinguished every spark of resentment against the Americans in the breasts of the people of England, yet this is by no means the case in Upper Canada. It is common to hear, even from the children of the refugees, the most gross invectives poured out against the people of the States; and the people of the frontier states, in their turn, are as violent against the refugees and their posterity; and, indeed, whilst Canada forms a part of the British Empire, I am inclined, from what I have seen and heard in travelling through the country, to think that this spirit will not die away."

It is not my purpose to discuss Canada's relationship with the United States. A retrospect, however, brings to Canadians no national reproach. If unneighborly feeling has existed, it has not been the fault of Canada. The action of Congress in the War of 1812 (sixteen years subsequent to the writing of the words