

commission, so I will speak plainly. I have, as you suppose, advantages whereby to learn much of the prejudice and opinion hereabouts, and I will answer your first question straight. I have, as a loyal subject, and knowing the folk of this Province, no doubt of the final issue, that the loyal cause will triumph; though this war is likely to be a serious one and may last for years. But the greater portion of our people are loyal, and true to those institutions which their fathers, and many of themselves, forsook so much to maintain. There are too many United Empire Loyalists in this Province to let it get into the hands of the Republic without a hard struggle. I come of that stock. My father was killed on the King's side at Bunker Hill, and my mother early instilled in our minds the old British traditions, and I can safely speak for the greater part of our people. Then the heart of New England, as that of New York, is not in this war. They prefer peace, and a chance to trade with our people. So that we will likely reverse the conditions of the last war, when England was but half-hearted, and the Colonies fighting for their independent existence, as we will now be."

"Then you seem to forget that you have the British troops on your side this time, without which you could not hold out a week," returned the other with a slight asperity of tone.

"Very true," admitted the preacher, simply; "do not think that I underrate the King's army. As you say, sir, it is our safeguard. But I also value the patriotic spirit of a devoted people attached to their homes to