

at the children would start the suggestion that the danger to them would be very great; but the succeeding thought would amount to a conviction that the new world, in the end, must bring greater comfort and independence to the boys and girls than they could ever attain to in the old land. All honor to the brave men and women who left country and friends and all the dear delights of home; crossed a mighty ocean, and hewed, out of rock and forest, a home in Canada for their children. Peace be to their ashes, and may our children cease to honor and love us, if we forget to cherish the memory of our grand old emigrant forefathers.

The other departure to which my heading refers, came from another direction and was brought about by influences of a widely different character. The European immigrant came usually as a matter of choice, brought his worldly goods with him, and was cheered in his departure by pleasant memories of friends whom he had left behind. The United Empire loyalist had emerged from a long and bitter domestic struggle, in which he had, like Francis the First at Pavia, lost all except honour. Those of the inhabitants of the old colonies who were opposed to separation from Britain, though a minority, were far from insignificant in numbers or intelligence. Many of them agreed with their revolutionary fellow colonists in protesting against the Navigation Laws and the Stamp Duties. But they disagreed with them in the means of redressing their wrongs. When the appeal was made to the sword, the Tories, as the Loyalists were called, sided with the government and incurred the hate of the Revolutionists, even in a greater degree than the English. When independence came they were left defenceless in the hands of their enemies. They had staked all on British connection and they lost.

The treatment of the Loyalists will ever remain a stain on the memory of the revolutionists. By withholding the hand of conciliation, the United States lost thousands of citizens, most of whom were natives of the soil, and who would undoubtedly have furnished the very best material in building the nation. The men who stood up for a sentiment against popular opinion and their own worldly interests, might well evoke the sympathy and

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