

whole country above Montreal. The practice in such cases was usually to go before the officer commanding the post, who publicly read the service in the book of common prayer, using the ring and observing the other forms, or, if he declined it, by the adjutant of the corps. After the peace this was done by the justices of the peace till clergymen were established in the country. Each of the two lower districts have had resident Protestant clergymen since 1786; the Nassau District, one only for the past few months, while the Western District is still without one. The immigrants from the United States, it was expected, would be for the most part "sectaries or dissenters." In the Eastern District there was no Anglican clergymen, but a Presbyterian and a Lutheran, and a Roman Catholic priest at St. Regis. There were also many Dutch Calvinists in that part who had made many attempts to procure a minister of their own sect, but so far without success. In the Midland District there were two Anglican clergymen and many itinerant Methodist preachers, the followers of whom were numerous, and many of the inhabitants having the greatest property were Dutch Calvinists who had been trying to get a minister. In the Home District there was one Anglican, (the Reverend Robert Addison,) established since the preceding July. The Scotch Presbyterians were numerous and had built a meeting house and raised a subscription for the support of a minister who was expected to arrive soon. There were many Methodists and Dutch Calvinists among the settlers. In the Western District there was no clergyman except a Roman Catholic priest. Most of the Protestants residing there were Presbyterians.

"In order to promote an aristocracy, most necessary in this country," Simcoe added, "I have appointed lieutenants to the most populous counties, which I mean to extend from time to time and give them recommendatory powers for the militia and the magistracy, as is usual in England. The Hon. Robert Hamilton, being the largest landowner and wealthiest resident, was accordingly appointed Lieutenant of the county of Lincoln.