

from Lundy's Lane. He is a very clever fellow, and besides having been in opinion opposed to General Brown's plan of operations, he on that night, I am told by him, *received a positive order from General Brown, at Chippawa, to retire.*

The above extracts give the reader a fair summary of the contemporary evidence relating to this famous struggle. To those anxious for fuller information I would recommend in addition to the work from which these extracts are taken, the most interesting and attractive volume by Mrs. Edgar, entitled "Ten Years of the War of 1812."

THE PENNFIELD COLONY.

BY JAMES VROOM.

"The Loyalists have made many new settlements in the Bay of Fundy; at Passamaquoddy is a settlement of Quakers."

So says a British officer, writing from Nova Scotia in the autumn of 1783. The Quaker Loyalists to whom he refers were then established at Beaver Harbor, and had given their little settlement the name of Penn's Field, since contracted to Pennfield.

From the beginning of their history in America, the members of the Society of Friends, commonly called Quakers, had been victims of suspicion and persecution.¹ Pennsylvania was an asylum for many. In West New Jersey, however, where, in the early part of the last century they formed, in some districts, by far the most numerous and wealthy part of the population, they were less fortunate; and very much of the disaffection and disorder that prevailed in the Jerseys was due to the ill feeling aroused by the presence of Quakers in the governor's council and assembly.

The Quakers at that time were accused of being disloyal to the crown, because they refused to do military service and opposed the

¹ Imprisonment, whipping, branding, mutilation, banishment and death were the punishments inflicted, under Massachusetts' laws, upon the "cursed sect of heretics lately risen up in the world, which are commonly called Quakers;" and it was not until 1681 that the death penalty was abolished. Thus have the Pilgrim Fathers of Massachusetts

"Left unstained what there they found,—freedom to worship God!"