

## PEN PICTURES OF EARLY PIONEER LIFE IN UPPER CANADA.

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#### THE FIRST SETTLEMENTS.

WHO THE EARLY SETTLERS WERE—THE UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS—BUTLER'S RANGERS—THE MENNONITES AND TUNKERS.



LARGE proportion of the people who settled on the frontier of Canada during the earlier days of settlement were United Empire Loyalists, those who came from the neighboring States of the American Union at the close of the Revolutionary War of 1776. The first settlement of any note was that made at Adolphustown, on the Bay of Quinte, in June, 1784. After that date, settlements grew up on the St. Lawrence Niagara and Detroit Rivers, and at Long Point, on Lake Erie. The impression is general that there were but a few squatters previous to that time. Provincial Government affairs, however, being at that period in an unorganized condition, such records as are at hand have only the