

sequent Government seriously interfered with the welfare of the little settlement, and Mr. Ingersoll himself removed to the newly set off County of York, eventually settling in the Township of Etobicoke.

In the meantime the infant daughter was growing up, sharing hardships of which the present generation know nothing, laboring with her hands in concert with her mother and sisters for the comfort of the father and brothers whose lives had to be spent battling with nature, and in laying the foundations, deep and wide, of that civil and religious liberty we now, perhaps too complacently, enjoy. In those days the means of education were small. Mothers and fathers whose learning and polish had been received at Harvard, William and Mary, and the numerous seminaries founded by the munificence of the English Government, and the liberal tastes of wealthy colonists, saw with pain their own advantages denied to their children; but like brave men and true, they made the best of things, and, while imparting to their children such knowledge as they were able in the midst of sterner labors, never omitted to avail for them of every opportunity that came in their way, whether it were the occasional visit of some university graduate on the search for a site of refuge, some civil officer whose duties placed him among them for a brief period, some clergyman whose widespread parish called him to periodical visits of Christian consolation and religious office, or some school, reached at a great expense of means, time, and labor, set on foot at an important centre, as at York, Kingston, or Newark. Of such intermittent, though, it may truly be said, thorough education, the heroine of the future partook a share; and as she developed into youth and beauty, she was fain to shine at the official functions and entertainments of her father's old and faithful friend, Major-General Simcoe, who was fittingly chosen, on the setting off, in 1791, of the western region of Canada into a separate province, as first Lieutenant-Governor of Upper Canada.

At that period one of the most important families settled in the Niagara district were the Secords. United Empire Loyalists of the strictest type, they had espoused the King's cause with might and main,