

caped to Canada preferring the dangers to the conditions of surrender. Several officers shewed that they had a paper signed by General Philips under the order of Burgoyne for them to make their escape to Canada but in one place he speaks of them as "running away" Some were captured and kept in prison for months. Sir John Johnson's Royal Greens fled to Canada after the disaster at Stanwix. In 1779 the sum of 6,460£ was paid to Sir John Johnson for the present relief of several corps of royalists belonging to Burgoyne's army. It may be seen that much of the Loyalists emigration into Canada was military, coming in groups under leaders in some cases accompanied by women and children in destitution. At the close of the war transports came in bringing varying numbers to Montreal, to Quebec, to Sorel, to different military posts, in one case of 700 as Vercheres, Chambly etc, the exact number can be told accurately by the number supplied with food as shewn in the military records. Many came in under a flag of truce and exchanges of prisoners were thus made and sent to join relatives already in Canada. A letter of Wm. Fraser to his sons Capt. Wm. and Thos. Fraser at Yamaska near Sorel is worthy of quoting in part. Not knowing the address of the sons it was simply addressed "Province of Canada." It told them that their wives, mothers and children were well. He had permission to remove to Canada, had sold off his movables but being delayed had sent off the women and children in thirty sleighs with seventy-three men, women and children, were delayed by bad roads, the creeks unfrozen, had left the party at Fort George, had waited for a flag of truce and suffered much, living chiefly at the expense of the poor Loyalists. The letter closed with the pathetic appeal, "I have turned myself out of doors for your sakes. For God's sake don't neglect us but do your best to get us into Canada."

It is pleasant to know that these people reached their destination found their relatives, and the aged father was granted a pension. The Rev. John Stewart came under a