

being qualified to fill public offices under the crown. So that a handfull of new comers had the whole administration of the people of Canada, whose language they completely ignored.

This tyrannical system of government had the full support of the loyalists of the time. Every intelligent canadian, who asked for self government, was hounded down as a trator and a disloyal subject.

Now the loyalist of the day is the offspring and natural descent of the loyalist of that dark period, in Canada's History. Time and the progress of the age have both improved him somewhat, but he is still a chip of the old block.

Luckily for the political freedom of Canada, the New England States, in 1876, declared their independence. Then did Great Britain require the assistance of the french canadian militia to keep its hold on this part of the American Continent. As a condition of that assistance the french leaders asked and obtained self government for the colony. But still the new constitution was unsatisfactory to the people, and the loyalists yelped as loudly and as persistantly as ever, at the heels of the distinguished men who were asking from Great Britain a larger measure of self Government for Canada.

Other invasions by the United States Army made it imperative for the home Government to satisfy the just demands of the French leaders, who alone, through their influence over their people, could secure the successful defense of the country against the Americans. Every time important concessions were made to Canada, till at last, after the revolutionary period of 1837, we obtained, at the sacrifice of many valuable and true men, the full control of our local affairs and responsible Government.

Never was the loyalist press so violent than at that last period of our history. Instead of discussing calmly the situation, they piled up abuse, mountain high, over the true patriots who were at the time doing the country such valuable service.