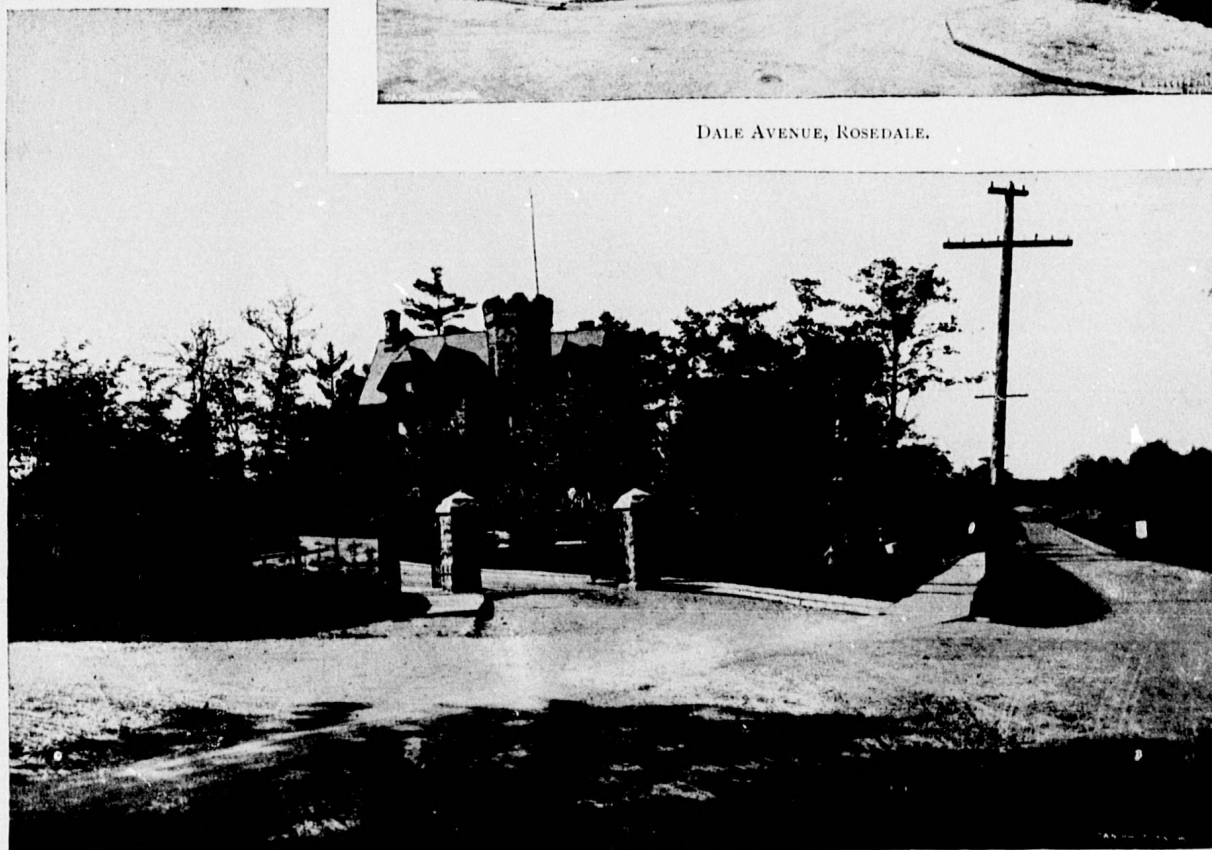


of exile in the wildernesses of Canada. We need hardly point out that this expatriation had its happy, though as yet distant, sequel in the "making of Toronto."

Much has been written about the United Empire Loyalists, on the one hand in disparagement of their hostile attitude towards the new-born Republic, and on the other, in well-deserved praise of their loyalty to the British Crown. Our own view is, that they made great and undoubted sacrifices in abandoning their homes and possessions for a domicile under the Old Flag. Some of their detractors have gone the length of saying that their devotion to the House of Brunswick had not the merit of being even a sentimental one—that they were actuated by mercenary motives; by party alliance with the administration that had provoked the war; and by a spirit of Tory hostility to the Whigs, who were opposed to coercive measures towards the colonies. But this is surely an extreme and an unfair view of the matter, and a libel on the memory of these patriots. Party feeling then, as now, no doubt ran high, and faction was almost certain in a great issue then pending to have its followers. But rebellion was a



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serious alternative; and with men who loved the Old Land and revered the Flag, to renounce the one and be untrue to the other was a step they might well be excused from taking, however impolitic may have been the course of British administration, and unjust the measures forced upon the colony.