

CHAPTER V

THE DAUGHTER OF A REBEL

THE locality in which Captain Etherington's journey had come to so sudden and unexpected a termination, constituted in itself a growing settlement in that part of the Province where two prominent points or headlands jutted out into the shallow and often tempestuous waters of Lake Erie.

Among those who had chosen it as their place of residence were three personages, who were regarded as the most important individuals in this remote community. The chief of these was Colonel Monmouth, of Castle Monmouth, as his place was called. His close friend and near neighbor was Captain Philpotts, a retired naval officer, who, with the Colonel, headed the Loyalist party in the neighborhood; that is, he made a very bold and enthusiastic lieutenant, where the other more remarkable personality led in all matters civil and military.

But among a portion of the settlers, and chiefly among those who were non-conformists or known to be dissatisfied with the present conditions, or doubtful or lukewarm in their loyalty, the leading family was one of the name of Bradford, the head of which, while standing aloof from the other families who were regarded as aristocratic, was looked upon as the leader of