
CHAPTER X

THE GLENGARRY SETTLEMENTS

THE COMING OF THE SCOTTISH LOYALISTS

*True to Empire and to King,
They deemed all loss of wealth and lands
As little, as a petty thing
Weighed in the scales. Heroic bands,
Devoted, patriot, wandered forth
To build new Empire in the North.*

“ The Loyalists.”

UNLIKE that of Pictou, the Glengarry settlement in Upper Canada was a great military community. It had its origin in the disbanded Scottish regiments composed largely of members of the great clan Macdonald or Macdonell, a name, as history shows, famous in Canadian as well as in British annals.

Claiming a common descent from the stock of the Lords of the Isles, the several branches of the clan spell the name differently. The Macdonells of Antrim and those of Glengarry are of the same stock as Lord Macdonald of Slate in Antrim and the late Sir John A. Macdonald.

