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“What was he then? Whence, how? And what did he achieve and suffer in the World?”—*Carlyle*.



Fred. Waldman

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CHAPTER I

A SOLDIER OF FORTUNE

ONE hundred and ten years ago there died in Switzerland a gentleman who had been born there some seventy odd years before, and who had come back to end a life more varied and eventful than most, within sight of the lakes and mountains of his native land. This was Sir Frederick Haldimand, sometime lieutenant-colonel in the Royal American regiment, military governor of Three Rivers, commander of the southern district in North America, commander-in-chief at New York, and governor-general of Canada.

To have an ancestor with the prefix *Honnête* to his name is no mean distinction, for the soubriquets "prudent," "learned," "magnificent," "very honourable," "generous," "much feared," etc., so plentifully besprinkled throughout European nomenclature of the eighteenth century had generally some foundation in fact. That Frederick Haldimand's grandfather should be known as "straight-forward" bespeaks for himself a patient hearing. He may be prolix, he will never be untrue.

There is a tradition that the family was originally French Huguenot, driven into Switzerland by religious persecution; but of certainty it is known