

POLITICAL NOTES.

A Glance at the Leading Measures Carried in the House of Assembly of New Brunswick, from the Year 1854.

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PERSONAL RECOLLECTIONS.

L. A. WILMOT.—This gentleman was one of the leading champions of Responsible Government, and the greatest orator that New Brunswick has yet produced.



L. A. WILMOT.

ters of the gospel were ineligible to a seat in the Legislature; and it was positively inconsistent and shocking for a "dissenter" and "lay preacher" to represent the people on the floors of the House in violation of the laws of the land and against the peace of the King's most excellent Majesty, his crown and dignity.

R. L. HAZEN.—This gentleman is here referred to as the great political antagonist of Wilmot—the two having been pitted against each other—for and against Responsible Government—in the earlier stages of the agitation. Though not the equal of Wilmot as an eloquent speaker, he was a loeman not unworthy of the steel of the former.

CHARLES FISHER.—If Wilmot was a great orator, Fisher was a great Constitutional Lawyer. Each was essential to the other, as companions in arms on the side of the Responsible Government army.



CHARLES FISHER.

the force of his utterances. Privately he was not always to be understood—there was a non-committalism about him, even in important matters, which many of his friends could not account for, as though he always felt that his best counselor was himself, and the least he divulged to others it would be all the safer for his side.

JOHN H. GRAY.—This gentleman was perhaps the most polished speaker on the floors of the House, as though he had prepared his speeches over the midnight oil, and set his phrases to music, and his periods to deep, meditative thinking, every point falling into the right place, with the accuracy of a compositor's hand at the distribution case.

W. J. RITCHIE.—Probably, and without disparagement to others, this gentleman has ever known. In saying this, however, it cannot be said that good lawyers make the best of statesmen; for it is no uncommon thing in many Legislative bodies—at present and in times gone by—for laymen of great abilities to be great leaders. Ritchie's power was more conspicuous at the Bar than in the Forum—in the former he was invincible and soon took the lead, or in a few years after his arrival from Annapolis—1837.

R. D. WILMOT.—This gentleman was the very antipodes of his cousin, L. A. Wilmot, in politics. Descended from a good old stock, he seemed to act as though it was incumbent upon him to perpetuate that stock politically unimpaired, without regard to time, or circumstances, soil or climate, he was always approachable by the humble—as a lawyer he was high-minded, and far above the petty tricks of the special pleader.

other member, our present subject, was the very opposite, so that St. John at this time had two strings to his bow in the Legislature—that is to say, St. John as on other occasions went to the polls with one eye open and the other shut. But with Wilmot was a conscientious man, a better debater than speaker, but his statements were always accepted with respect, if not approval.

These sketches will be continued at intervals, or from time to time, as these letters proceed.

HOW THEY ARE POLITE.

In This Country Some of Them Should be Called Cranks.

The ancient Greeks used to say to each other at meeting and parting "Claire" ("Rejoice") The Romans, when meeting said "Ave" ("Greeting"); on parting, "Vale" ("Remain in health").

In Protestant Germany the usual greeting is "Good morning"; in Austria, "Serious"; in South Germany, "Gruss Gott" ("God greet you"), whilst the Roman Catholic parts of the country have adopted the formula recommended by Pope Benedict XIII., in 1728, viz., "Praised be Jesus Christ," with the response, "For ever and ever, amen."

A Russian throws himself on the ground at his master's feet, clasps his knees, and kisses them. A Pole bows down to the ground, or kisses his master's shoulder. A Bohemian kisses the lower hem of the garment worn by his superior.

The Hindus in Bengal touch their foreheads with the right hand and bend their obsequious heads to the ground, and lastly on their forehead, whilst calling themselves "obedient slaves" of the object of their adulation.

The Abyssinians drop on their knees and kiss the earth. In saluting a woman the Mandinkas take her hand, put it to their nose, and smell it twice. The Egyptians stretch out one hand, then lay it on their breast, and bow the head.

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NOT A BAD OLD MAN.

The Sultan Does Not Live Up to His opportunities for Evil.

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The daily life of Abdul-Hamid is one of simplicity and toil. He rises very early, and after his prayers takes a very light breakfast, and is then ready for business. He works six days in the week until three o'clock, and then walks, rides or drives, or sometimes hunts a little.

The Sultan is noted for his simple and unaffected piety. The last, one of which lasts forty days, are just as rigidly observed by the Sultan as by the poorest laborer in the realm.

It has been said of Abdul-Hamid that he is a timid man, living in constant fear of assassination, weak and irresolute of character, and without executive ability. There are few sovereigns in these days who do not fear dynamite or the assassin's knife; but instead of being weak and irresolute, Abdul-Hamid has shown himself to be the strongest and most resolute Sultan who has ever reigned.

He is well built, with a soldierly bearing, but is pale, and wears a serious and rather sad expression. There is an atmosphere of great refinement about him that is very attractive, and one feels that the destiny of the empire is safe in his hands, for he is quietly labouring for the best moral, national, and industrial welfare of his people.

When He Stopped Payment.

In a civil action on money matters the plaintiff had stated that his financial position was always satisfactory. In cross examination he was asked if he had ever been bankrupt.

"No," was the answer. Next question was, "Now, be careful; did you ever stop payment?"

"Yes," was the reply. "Ah," exclaimed the counsel, "I thought we should get at it at last. When did that happen?"

"After I paid all I owed," was the answer.

Flowers of the Nations.

Some of the flower badges of countries and cities are as follows:—Athens, violet; Canada, sugar maple; Egypt, lotus; England, rose; France, fleur-de-lis (lily); Germany, corn-flower; Ireland, shamrock leaf; Italy, lily; Prussia, linden; Saxony, mignonette; Scotland, thistle.

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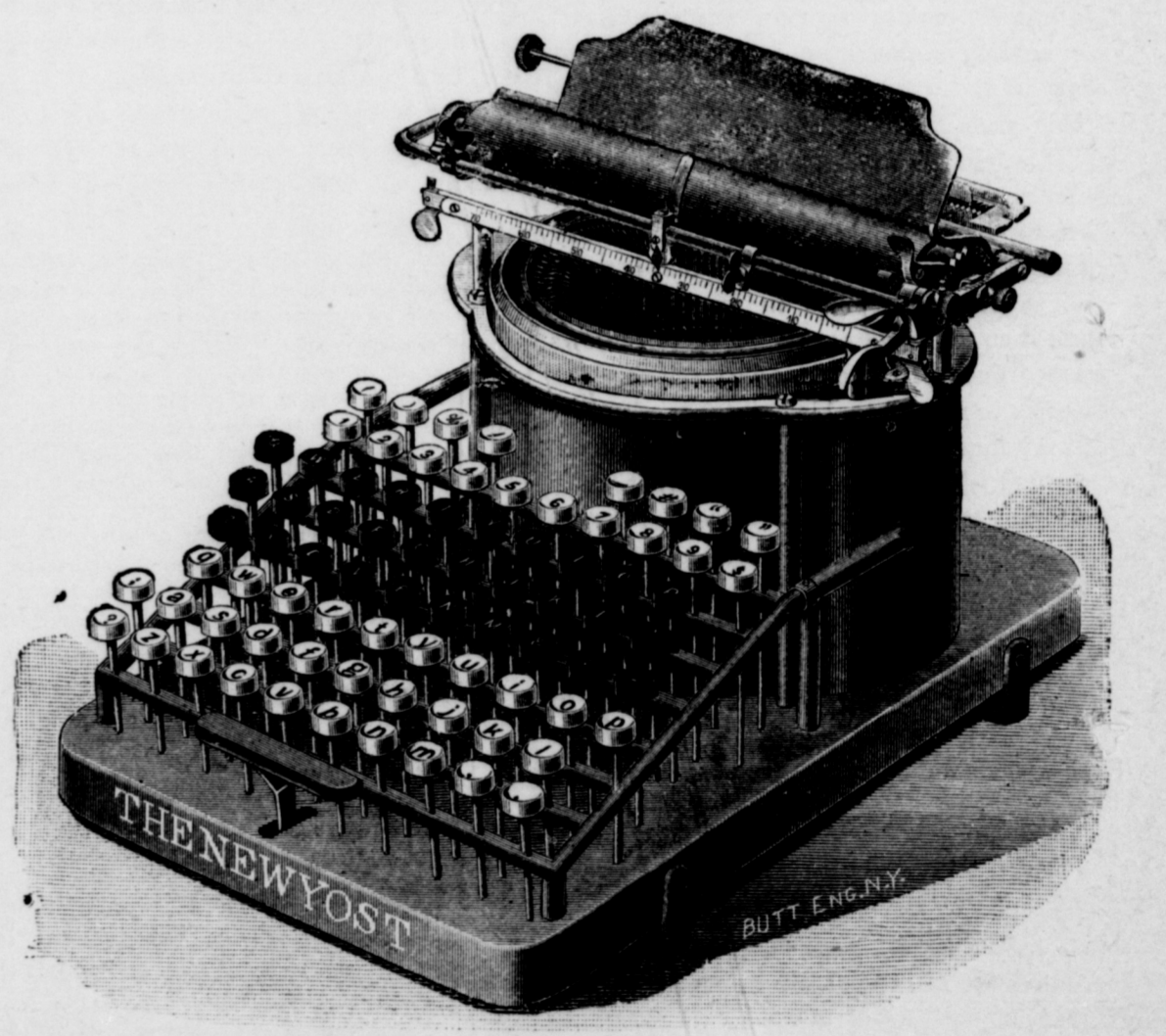
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