

INTERESTING SKETCHES OF OUR LIEUT. GOVERNORS

In the good old times—long ago—when Queen Anne and Louis XIV. used to hobnob there was an English governor, at Port Royal named the Hon. Lawrence Armstrong. It is recorded that his servant was the hero or culprit of a singular episode. He accompanied his excellency on a voyage to Canso and when there—whether the Hon. Lawrence was particularly exasperated or his servant particularly hot-headed is not known—but they fell out and as a result His Excellency was "trimmed" pretty badly by his servant. He was obliged to submit, but in returning a month later to Port Royal, he entered his complaint with H. M. Council. The latter took prompt action. They ordered as follows:—

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The royal governors in those days were generally military commanders, and did not very much concern themselves about civil rights, the forms of law, or civil authorities. Colonel Charles Lawrence considered himself a "savage" and of "uncivilized" mind. He ministered them himself without the aid of the people's representatives in and until pre-emptorily ordered, evaded instructions by the Home government to establish one. He is said to have been a giant in mind as well as body; no man with less resolution on his side mandate have expelled (except a small percentage) the entire population of this country. One governor, Mr. Parr was obsessed with the absurd idea that he was head of the church and he succeeded in monopolizing many episcopal functions greatly to the dis-

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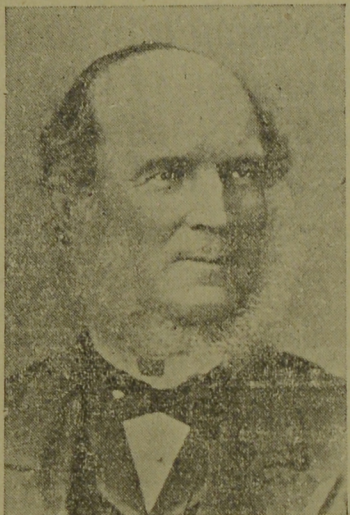
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gust and annoyance of Bishop Inglis. This, he conceived was by virtue of his being the representative of the King. It was not until Confederation that the right of appointing rectors in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick was entirely relinquished by the Lt. Governors. Until then, clergymen of the Church of England were in the same degree functionaries of the state. It is questionable if their records, like the parish records of England are not official.



HON. LEMUEL ALLAN WILMOT
New Brunswick's First Home Made Governor.

Another governor, Sir George Provost—having been transferred to the Upper Canada as administrator during the war of 1812 made such a lamentable display of incapacity and cowardice—was recalled to England, and there obliged to account by the War Office, but on the eve of his examination suddenly died—suicided. The sailor King—Wm. IV.—when Prince Henry spent two years about 1790 on the Halifax station, where social gaiety in the official, naval and military circles, was fierce and rapid. The governor, Sir John Wentworth and Lady Wentworth were very popular and the latter was a great favorite with the Prince. Another Royal Governor, Lord Falkland made an admirable foil for Howe, whose wit and poetry at the noble lord's expense, nearly drove him to distraction.

HOME MADE GOVERNORS

At the advent of Confederation the appointment of Royal Governors—those who represented the King ceased. Home made governors superseded them. They represented not the King, but Mr. Newcomb, the Deputy Attorney General of Canada. Their business is to assent to everything except when the Deputy directs them otherwise. They are shorn of all military authority and all power except to sign bills, orders in council and also marriage licenses, and also to endorse their monthly pay check. The former is important to the public and the latter to the governor. The responsibility and work are so insignificant that one wonders why the framers of the Act of Union did not constitute the chief justice, the administrator and omit the Lieutenant-governorship. Put in this and other matters they avowedly enacted what was opposed to their better judgment. The first Canadian governor of Nova Scotia was Joseph Howe the first of New Brunswick, was Judge Lemuel Allan Wilmot. The

BUDGET SPEECH ON THURSDAY NEXT

The House met on Monday evening at 8.45 p. m.

Mr. Baxter presented the petition of the City of St. John in favor of a bill to amend the Victoria Chapter 27.

Hon. Mr. Wilson presented the petition of the New Brunswick Hydro Electric Co. in favor of a bill to amend their incorporation act.

Hon. Mr. Fleming moved to extend the time for introduction of private bills one week.

Mr. Fleming introduced a bill to amend the act respecting the purchase of lands from the New Brunswick Railway. He explained that the previous act passed provided for the payment of four thousand dollars whereas the amount necessary to complete the purchase was four thousand three hundred dollars.

Hon. Dr. Landry presented the statement of the Consolidated Revenue Fund from the close of the 1st fiscal year, which was referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

Hon. Mr. Landry moved that a supply be made the order of the day for Thursday next.

The House went into committee with Mr. Tilley in the chair and agreed to the bill to consolidate the acts providing for the issue of debentures on account of the N. B. Coal and Railway Co.

The committee also agreed to the bill to provide a sinking fund for the redemption of the Public debt. House adjourned at 9.35.

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latter's name is scarcely known in the literature of the Province, but he was in his day a great orator—probably the greatest the province ever produced. Since the days of Wilmot and Howe, there has been in the Maritime Province quite a medley of appointees. In more than one case creditors have been influential at head quarters. Some actuated by a keen trading spirit have bettered some other job, say a senatorship for a Lt. governorship. Some others were in the way politically decayed and a Lt. Governorship and nine thousand was a cheap way to get rid of them. We have never been humiliated as Upper Canada—a newspaper to gibe a Lt. Governor for stealing a horse but on the other hand they never had one who dodged paying his debts by pleading the statute of limitations. A Lieut. Governorship is a sort of jumping off job. It is positively the last appearance of a politician before the curtain is rung down and the lights put out. They generally want a second term but the grub does not become a butterfly twice. It is not etiquette. There is always a procession more or less long waiting at the door for Mr. Newcomb to call "next."

The lack of teachers in the common schools is the result of poor pay. Nine thousand dollars a year if so applied would add forty dollars a year to the superannuation allowance of one hundred male teachers and sixty dollars a year to male teachers. Under our present political system much money is wasted that could be most advantageously used for public purposes.

Extended sketches of our local governors, dealing with their personality the men and of their days, would be most readable and interesting and we understand one of our historians is collecting material for it.

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Later the guests assembled in the dining-room, covers being laid for twenty-five. The program consisted of a poem composed by the hostess, the theme of which was based upon the name and characteristic of each individual. Prizes were awarded to the ones whose verses, best carried on the thought as to their name, Miss Bertha Wisland, Miss Ina Sheridan, and Miss Jule O'Brien acting as judges.

Mrs. Shepard received the guest prize, Mrs. G. D. La Bar first prize and Mrs. (Dr.) Hoorn, the second prize. The Misses Sheridan, O'Brien and Wisland had charge of the tables and served in the buffet style. Mrs. Maria Slipp and Mrs. R. J. Hartley had charge of the refreshments.

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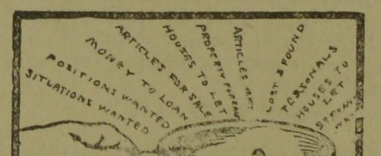
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