



Judge Haliburton, more familiarly known as  
"Sam Slick."

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Thomas Chandler Haliburton was born at Windsor, Nova Scotia, in December, 1796, graduated from King's College there in 1824, then studied law, and commenced to practice at Annapolis Royal, after which he was elected a member of the Legislative Assembly of the Province for the county of Annapolis.

In 1828 he was appointed Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, until 1840, when he was transferred to the Supreme Court. In February, 1856, he resigned this position, and went to England to reside, and was, in 1859, elected to the Imperial Parliament for the county of Lancaster. He died on the 27th of August, 1865.

He is most famous on account of his writings, many of which have been several times republished in both England and America, and some of which have been translated into other languages. In 1829 he published, in two volumes, "An Historical and Statistical Account of

Nova Scotia," and, after going to England, two of his speeches were published—one in 1857 on "Resources and Prospects of British North America;" the other "On the Repeal of the Differential Duties on Foreign and Colonial Wool." But he specially excelled in humor. In 1834 he published "Kentucky," a tale followed, in 1837, by the first series of the "Clockmaker, or the Sayings and Doings of Sam Slick of Slickville." The second and third series followed in 1838 and 1840. In 1839 was published "The Letter-bag of the Great Western; or, Life in a Steamer;" followed by "The Bubbles of Canada," "A Reply to the Report of Lord Dufferin," "Traits of American Humor," "Sam Slick's Wise Saws and Modern Instances," "The Old Judge; or, Life in a Colony," "The Americans at Home," "Rule and Misrule of the English in America," "The Attaché; or, Sam Slick in England," "Yankee Stories and Yankee Letters," "The Sayings and Doings of Sam Slick, Esq., with His Opinions on Matrimony," "Sam Slick in Search of a Wife," "Nature and Human Nature." As a story-teller he was inimitable, and the quaint dialect in which his yarns were spun increased the comic effect of his tales.

The old house and grounds where he resided for many years in Windsor are shown in this number. They still bear his name, and are the object of many pilgrimages by the literary caste when touring through the Province of Nova Scotia.



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