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No. 69.—LIEUT.-COL. HON. L. A. WILMOT, D. C. L.  
LIEUT.-GOVERNOR OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

New Brunswick can boast of having amongst its population many descendants of the sturdy British loyalists, who, disdaining to desert the old flag, proved their fidelity to it by taking up arms in its defence, and finally settling in the British Provinces in preference to yielding allegiance to the American Republic. Among this class, and occupying a very prominent position, is the Wilmot family, the most prominent member of which, at the present time, is the respected Lieut.-Governor of the Province. It thus happens, curiously enough, that two of our Provincial Governors are of American descent, and these two preside over Provinces which are certainly not the least loyal in the Dominion. Mr. Wilmot, from his high local standing, from the judicial position he had held so long having raised him above the confines of political party strife, and from his acknowledged abilities, was soon "booked" for the office of first Governor of his native Province, after the Confederation; but the appointment was not made until a year after the Union, that is, in July 1868, probably for the same reasons that assigned to some of the other Provinces Military Governors during the first year of Union. When, however, the appointment was made, it gave very general satisfaction throughout New Brunswick, and His Honour will doubtless retire from office at the end of the prescribed gubernatorial term with the public respect for him still further increased.

Lemuel Allan Wilmot was born at Sunbury, New

Brunswick, in January, 1809, and is consequently now in his 63rd year. His grandfather, Major Wilmot, of the Loyal American Regiment, saw service in the cause of king and country, and settled in New Brunswick at the close of the American Revolution. The blood of the U.E. loyalists is also inherited by him from the maternal side, so that he can fairly claim to be a scion of one of the oldest British American families. He devoted himself to the

study of the law, and was called to the New Brunswick Bar in 1832, six years after which he was created Queen's Counsel. This high distinction at so early an age was, doubtless, in appreciation of his great abilities. He had not been long at the Bar before he entered into political life, having been returned to the Provincial Assembly in

In 1848 he became Premier and Attorney-General, which position he held until the beginning of 1851, when he was appointed a Judge of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick. During the troublous times of '38, Mr. Wilmot raised and commanded a troop of volunteer dragoons, which performed despatch duty pending the

border troubles of the time. His martial spirit was again evinced in 1842, when he raised two companies of Rifles; and lastly, in 1860, he had the great honour of commanding a troop of Dragoons for escort duty during the visit of the Prince of Wales in this country in 1860, for which service H. R. H. was graciously pleased to accord his thanks in person. He has also served on numerous delegations on Provincial affairs, going to England in 1836 and again in 1837 on matters connected with the Crown revenues and Civil List. So successful was he on this mission that the Local Assembly unanimously accorded him a vote of thanks. The Reciprocity question and the early negotiations in regard to the Intercolonial Railway were also among the subjects in the discussion of which he took a prominent part on behalf of New Brunswick. He has also taken an active part in forwarding the cause of education, and in support of many voluntary associations of a benevolent or religious character, and has been a Member of Senate of the New Brunswick University, from which he received the degree of D. C. L.

Though Judge Wilmot had been for many years removed from the arena of politics, it is well understood that he was a firm friend of British American Union, and therefore his appointment to the high office he now fills was alike consistent with his political views, and appreciative of the esteem in which his character and abilities were held by the people. His public addresses, and even his official speeches in connection with the opening and closing of the Legislature since his appointment to the Governorship, have been distinguished by sentiments of fervent patriotism, and the expression of broad and enlightened



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1834. He continued in political life for a period of seventeen or eighteen years, during a great portion of which he was the acknowledged leader of the Reform party of New Brunswick. His name is associated with many important legislative measures, among which may be mentioned the Consolidation of the Criminal Laws (1849), and the Municipal Law (1850). He first entered the Executive Council in 1843 as a Member of the Government without a portfolio.

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