

MILITARY AND NAVAL OPERATIONS BEFORE QUEBEC, AND DEATH OF GENERAL WOLFE.

Our readers are generally aware that it is the intention of Mr. Hawkins, author of the "Picture of Quebec," to publish an engraving under the above title. The subject is one of particular interest to the inhabitants of these Colonies, as independently of the chivalric gallantry of the opposing leaders, in the memorable "Battle of the Plains," it was that event which gave to Britain the possession of the Canadian Provinces. To commemorate this, is the design of the contemplated work. We had the pleasure of examining the plan, during the recent visit of Mr. Hawkins to this city, and may confidently state that it is calculated to do honour to our Colonial art. The plan is embellished with a copy of West's celebrated painting, "the death of Wolfe, on the field of battle," and the engraving will be executed by one of the first Artists in England. The following is the Prospectus of the work:—

Among the events recorded in the History of the Martial Achievements of the British Empire, the glorious victory of WOLFE, on the Plains of Abraham, must ever stand conspicuous.

To commemorate that proud triumph of British valor over a gallant and powerful enemy, entrenched in every accessible point, and command by a General whose skill, bravery, and devotion, had long rendered the name of Montcalm, illustrious among the bravest of the sons of France.—*A Plan of the Battle*, has been carefully and accurately prepared, including the line of entrenchments, redoubts, batteries, and other defences, extending nearly nine miles.

The progressive positions occupied by the advancing British forces, with their field works, at the Island of Orleans, Falls of Montmorency, Point Levi, &c. &c. and the co-operating squadrons under the command of Vice Admiral Saunders, covering the landing of the troops, are also laid down.

The drawing is embellished with an exquisite copy of West's celebrated painting,—*The Death of Wolfe*, on the field of battle.

The *Vignette* represents Britannia (supported by the Lion) pointing out to the victorious troops, the *Citadel of Cape Diamond*; her shield is inscribed with the name of Wolfe on the rays of which are emblazoned the numbers of the gallant regiments which shared the glories of the day, namely:—the 15th Amherst's, 28th Bragg's, 35th Otway's, 43d Kennedy's, 47th Lascelle's, 48 Webb's, 58th Anstruther's, 60th (2d and 3d Battalions) Moncton's and Lawrence's, 78th Fraser's Highlanders, and the Grenadiers of the 22d, 40th, and 45th Regiments.

The drawing will be placed in the hands of a first rate Artist, to be engraved on copper, in a style suitable to the memorable and glorious event it records, so soon as a sufficient number of subscribers will warrant the undertaking.

The number of copies subscribed for amounts to six hundred—the price is twenty-five shillings. We are informed by Mr. Hawkins, that he will not be able to furnish it to non-subscribers at a lower rate than two guineas.

DIGEST OF THE BRITISH CONSTITUTION—BY DR. BRIDGES.

This pamphlet has been some time before the public, whose unanimous approval of its contents has induced the author to issue proposals for its republication, in the form of a Class Book for schools. We are glad to perceive that the design has met with the approbation of many eminent teachers, and that every probability exists of its being speedily introduced into the leading seminaries of both Provinces. Our own opinion is, that it will be a valuable addition to the books already in use. By teaching the rising youth of these Colonies, duly to appreciate and understand the excellence of the British Constitution, it may be reasonably hoped that the dissensions, originating in ignorance, which have recently shaken the foundations of social order, may, in future, be avoided. To attain this most desirable end, this little work is eminently fitted, and, as such, we cannot too strongly recommend it to public favour.

NICHOLAS NICKLEBY,—BY BOZ.

The last number of this most interesting tale, has at length reached us, and we are happy to state, that its conclusion is worthy of the surpassing excellence of the preceding numbers. We do not remember ever to have read any tale of fiction, which, in interest, excels this. The various characters are drawn so vividly, that it scarcely requires the illustrations with which the book abounds, to place them before the eye of the reader. The sale, in a few days, in England, of fifty or sixty thousand copies, and its circulation, in America, with nearly equal rapidity, sufficiently attest the interest attached to this delightful tale. The last number contains a portrait of the author. We need not recommend it to the Canadian public—it will be read with avidity whenever it is possible to obtain it. We observe that Mr. Dickens is engaged upon a new work, to be commenced early in the ensuing spring.