

one inch. If there was a Canadian Museum of a national character, supported by the Government of the Dominion—an Institution which must be formed some day—I would have presented this relic of 'Franklin to it with much pleasure, but as it is otherwise it must remain for the present in my possession.

Note.—In the same Volume and page of the *Canadian Magazine* already referred to, is the announcement of the death on the 22nd February 1825, in Devonshire Street, Portland Place, London, of Eleanor Anne, the wife of Captain John Franklin R.N. This Lady was the first wife of Sir John Franklin, and her death must have preceded his departure from England for New York.

1 Bryanston Street, London,
7th September, 1872.

ANCIENT BRITISH POTTERY.—Some interesting relics of ancient Britain were lately found buried in the earth at Sunbury-on-Thames. Most of these urns were discovered in an inverted position, and their bottom parts had been broken off by the plough. The materials of which they are composed vary considerably. They are mostly of unbaked clay, tempered with ground flints of charcoal; but some (these are found in fragments) were of clay, tempered with sand of a much finer description, and partially burnt. There has been only one urn discovered with anything approaching to a lid. The inverted position of most of the urns, as they contained the ashes of the dead, seems to have rendered the lid unnecessary. In the same neighbourhood where the urns were discovered several pits some four or five feet square and two or three feet deep, were found lined entirely with flints, which were partially or wholly calcined by fire and covered thickly with charcoal.

— 1 Diamonds first polished and cut, 1439.