

tion. I received a letter from our old friend and fellow-citizen, Colonel Dyde, and others, and I must not omit that our esteemed friends Mr. Murphy and Mr. Horn furnished some valuable information on this subject.

Of course, our old acquaintance "the *first* steamer which crossed the Atlantic," turned up in full force, but I hope that we have laid that ghost for all time to come, by having decided once more in favour of the "*Royal William*."

The *first* petroleum well in Canada also promised fair to engulf us, but I think we got through unharmed.

The Fyelling of the Citadel Hill at Dalhousie Square was another puzzle, but a friend "interviewed" Mr. Dorwin, and the old man (a nonogenarian) clearly remembers the facts, and told of how he shot a snipe in what is now "St. Louis Street, during the progress of the work in 1819.

Another *Ucata questio* was the freezing of the mercury in the bulb of the thermometer—some *Solons* declared emphatically it was impossible and they would not believe it. I have only to say this, that the record I published in THE ANTIQUARIAN in 1874, was an exact transcript from the diary of the late Mr. Andrews, my wife's father, who, like George Washington, could not tell a lie.

One question more and I shall have finished.

51. *Who invented green tint for bank-notes, and why was that colour used?*

Mr. Miles's answer is terse enough, and one would scarcely have imagined that any dispute could have arisen about it; without doubt the honour must be accorded to Dr. Sterry Hunt; but said one—

"The colour was discovered by accident through the wife of a paper manufacturer spilling some ink on the paper when it was under chemical operations."

Said another—

"It was invented by an Armenian sent to America from