

NOVA SCOTIA SCENERY.—Mr. Egar's first number of Illustrations of Nova Scotia, on Stone, has appeared. Its reception has given much pleasure, both for the beauty of the drawings, and for the degree of success which has attended Mr. Egar's persevering efforts, to get his work well lithographed, and to present it to the Public in a respectable form, and at a very low price.

We have in this number four Scenes for five shillings,—any one of which, some time ago, without the aids which modern improvements give the draughtsman, would be cheap at the whole money.

The first is a Vignette, embellishing the title page. It is a sketch of the Rotunda at Prince's Lodge, a few miles from Halifax, on the Basin road. This is a neat, delicately handled, representation, of an interesting subject. The rotunda is a picturesque object in a little sylvan scene, and has somewhat of the romance which time and change attach to inanimate things. It reminds of the pageant and banquet, when the Duke of Kent was there surrounded by some of England's chivalry and beauty,—when its royal owner little anticipated early dissolution, and when order and beauty, instead of wildness and delapidation, was characteristic of itself. An objection might be taken to the picture on this head,—it can scarcely be called a portrait,—the tangled glade, and the ruined wall, are not depicted,—all seems in a state of graceful prime. This may be deemed an excellence, by some, as giving the little summer temple in its better days. Considered as a mere fancy sketch, the vignette is of value,—it is a study, worthy of the amateur's portfolio.

The second illustration is a view of Halifax from the Red Mill, near Dartmouth. In the foreground is the rude aqueduct, by means of which the ships of war get their supply of fresh water, pure and cool, from the shades of the primeval forest. This is a pleasing view,—a rural foreground,—line-of-battle ships and the town beyond,—and the islands and ocean, in the distance. It wants more force, however, particularly in the foreground;—the distant features of the landscape, seaward, also, have to be imagined by those acquainted with the real scene, for they are scarcely delineated in the picture. Some hold too timid a pencil, in this respect, and some, run on the other extreme, and are too bold and harsh. These slight objections, by the bye, may be caused by defective press-work, in the lithographer,—which, also, may be limited to a few copies.

The entrance to Halifax harbour, from Reeve's Hill, Dartmouth, forms the next picture. Here we have a forest glade, on which cattle are reposing, for a foreground,—and, beyond, the village scene of Dartmouth, the harbour, the town, the bay and its picturesque banks and islands. The objections made to number 2, respecting definiteness and force, seem to apply here also.

A view on Bedford Basin is the last in the number. The trees in the foreground are worth more than the cost of the picture. As a whole it is rather spotty, and wants harmony, and definiteness; but it affords one specimen of a multitude of fine scenes, in the same direction, which would well repay the attention of the rambler, whether gifted with a painter's power or not.

We hail Mr. Egar's work, for its own sake, and the artist's,—and also, because it tends to demonstrate how much of beauty and interest lie within an easy walk of Halifax,—it will also help to increase taste in this delightful department of intellectual effort, and to make the province better known, and more respected, at a distance. No doubt the series will improve, in some of the points alluded to, as it advances,—we trust that the artist will receive the ample encouragement which his industry and talent, and the nature of the work which he has undertaken, deserve.

The number noticed above is for sale at Mr. Belcher's.

NOTHING NEW.—The good citizens of the United States were lately set staring, by the propositions of a philosopher who would indeed cast Franklin into the shade. He asserted, that he could cause rain to descend, at pleasure, and thus negative one great cause of occasional sterility, and public difficulties. He required compensation for his stupendous discovery, and undertook to prove his scheme, on facilities being afforded. In some late lectures this prince of naturalists disclosed his secret, and like most great things, it was of the simplest character. He attempted to demonstrate, that whenever a great fire occurred, the action of the concentrated heat on the atmosphere, invariably produced rain. From this, he philosophically argued, that if he made a great fire, at any given place, similar results would follow. His plan, therefore, was, when rain was desired, to raise a great pile, and set it on fire, and thus to attract the clouds laden with moisture, to the district where rain was desired. We have no wish to dispute the theory, but would not the cost and labour of the wood piles, soon exhaust the forests of even America, and much sooner the patience and pockets of the rain-causer's employers?

This trade of causing rain is not new, it appears,—the ancient medicine men of the Indian nations, undertook by their charms and incantations to cause rain to descend, when the ground of the squaws was parched, and their crops of corn in danger. The mode was simple in this case also,—the medicine man continued his antics, presenting his shield to the wind, firing arrows at the

clouds, and burning fragrant shrubs as incense to the great spirit, until rain did come;—and he did not try a second time, but, establishing his fame on one shower, left to others further efforts in the same line.

Only let the ancient medicine man go on long enough, and he succeeded,—only give the modern fire enough, and no doubt he will succeed. Still either, in time, or fuel, and failure is the fault of the employers.

The New York Mirror tells a story of a medicine man on the Upper Missouri, who was performing, on one occasion, in the rain thunder and lightning line. After persevering exertions, an explosion was heard, which he announced as the precursor of the storm;—but it was only a gun from the first steam boat, which was plying up stream. From the elevation where he stood, to his astonishment, he soon espied the monster, with its unnatural breathings and bellows, and, believing that something worse than thunder had come at his bidding, and that his nation would take vengeance on him for the evil which was approaching, he fled, and hid himself, and was not to be found until the mystery was cleared up. Others, besides the "poor Indian," make attempts beyond their knowledge, at times, and cry "that's my thunder," when nothing more than the strange steam boat is passing along.

FINE ARTS.—The Members of the Academy of Vienna, requested permission to take casts of the Elgin Marbles. Her Majesty caused casts to be taken, and presented them to the Academy.

These Marbles receive their name from the Earl of Elgin, who was appointed British Ambassador to the Court of Constantinople, in 1799. Feeling deep interest in the Fine Arts, his Lordship devised the bold project of removing the remains of ancient sculpture from Athens, then under Turkish subjection. The project succeeded; the marbles, and other specimens were removed, and were finally lodged in the British Museum, where they now are.

These remains are considered standards of perfection, in Art. They consist of statues, and fragments of statues, friezes, and vases. Canova, the most celebrated of modern sculptors, was consulted by Lord Elgin, respecting the retouching of the statues. The artist attested to their great beauty, rarity and value, and declared that it would be sacrilege to attempt any renewal or repairs, by a modern chisel.

MARRIED.

On Saturday evening last, at St. Paul's Church, by the Venerable Archdeacon Willis, Mr. P. L. Zaionczek, to Anne, daughter of the late George Greaves, Esq. M. D.

At Trinity Church, Yarmouth, N. S. on the 26th ult., by the Rev. T. H. White, Mr. J. Collins, Merchant, to Miss Deborah, eldest daughter of James Bond, Esq. M. D.

At Galt, Upper Canada, on the 28th of June, by the Rev. Mr. Strang, Mr. Gilbert Elliott, of the firm of Stewart & Elliott, Halifax, to Miss Mary, second daughter of Mr. Thomas McKenzie, formerly of Dartmouth, N. S.

DIED.

Last evening, Mrs. Sarah Wells, aged 57 years,—funeral on Sunday next, at half past 4 o'clock from her late residence, near the Honorable H. H. Cogswell's,—the friends and relations of the family, are respectfully requested to attend.

On Monday morning, James Fraser, aged 70 years, a native of Aberdeenshire, Scotland.

At Picton, on the 14th inst. after an illness of nearly three years, duration, Jotham Blanchard, Esq. eldest son of Mr. Jonathan Blanchard, of Picton; aged 40 years.

At Crimmond, N. B. on the 28th of April last, the Rev. William Boyd, Minister of that parish, in the 80th year of his age, and 43d year of his ministry, in connexion with the Church of Scotland.

At Digby, N. S. on Wednesday, the 26th ult. the Rev. Roger Veits, (for upwards of 20 years Rector of that parish,) in the 55th year of his age, deeply lamented by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance.

On Saturday morning, James Boyle, youngest son of the Hon. James Boyle Uniacke, aged six months.

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Thursday, 15th—Brigs Mabel, Nicholson, Quebec; Planet, Crockett, Gibraltar—rum, tobacco, etc. by Creighton & Grassie; schr. Micmac, LeGresly, Gaspe—rum and molasses, by do. 17th—Brigt Effort McDonald, BW. Indies—oil, etc. by M. B. Almon; schr. Caroline, Deagle, P. E. Island—general cargo.

CLEARED.

Thursday,—18th Am. schr Mary, Bridgeport,—coal and herrings; schr Rifleman, Power, Quebec, 19 days;—flour, pork, etc. to W. I. Starr, S. Binney, and S. Cunard & Co. Schr Rival Packet, McLean, Liverpool, N. S. 1 day; schr Mary, McInnis, P. E. 18 days—produce; brig Luna, Hoyle, St. Vincent, 26 days.

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Halifax, May, 1839.

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