

St. John, Tuesday, Dec. 22, 1853.

Monday last having been observed as a general holiday in this City, we have been compelled to delay the publication of this paper till Wednesday morning, but we do not think it necessary to alter the usual Tuesday date.

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LATEST NEWS.

By Telegraph to the News Room.—Monday Evening, December 20th.

Terrible Naval Engagement.—Thirteen Turkish and Seven Russian Vessels Destroyed.—Aerial Caravan.

New York, Dec. 20th.—Pacific arrived at noon to-day. Nov. 30th, Russian Fleet under Admiral Machinoff, from Sebastopol, (twenty-one sail) arrived off Turkish harbour of Sinope.

Flour 1s. 6d. to 2s. advanced, since sailing of the American. Wheat, 2s. to 3s. advanced.

St. John, 20th November, 1853. The arrivals into St. John, from British North America, during the month, have been 38 vessels, registering 208,579 tons.

St. John White Pine of 10 inches average, brings 2s. 5d. per foot; 12 inches average, brings 2s. 7d. to 2s. 8d.

THE COMMON YEAR.—The year 1854 begins, and ends on Sunday; there are two months in the year that contain five Sundays each, and there are fifty-three Sundays in the year.

A CITY FOR SALE!—The City Chamberlain of the City of Bath, advertises in the Express of the 20th ult., over 2,000 city lots for sale.

THE BIBLE AND ITS POWER.—At a late Bible meeting at London, Lord Shaftesbury, in a most eloquent and eloquent language on the modern influence of the Bible.

THE POPULATION OF THE ISLAND.—The population of the Island is about 600, of whom one-third are connected with the Hudson's Bay Company.

ARRIVAL OF THE AMERICA.—The Royal Mail Steamship America arrived at Halifax yesterday morning, at 8 A. M., with 51 passengers.

CANADA WANTS UP.—The Great Western Railway is about to open between Niagara Falls and London—150 miles—the distance, which it took four days to travel in a one-horse wagon.

THE SYSTEM OF FORTELLING IS NOW BEING PREVALENT in the Province of Ontario, and it is next to impossible for any of the citizens to purchase a single article, without paying intricate tariffs.

THE LATE FIRE IN NEW YORK.—It has been ascertained, on an investigation of the cause of the recent fire in New York, that it originated from a certain station on the part of the plumber who carried it out.

Toronto, Coburg, and Belleville, lay rules at 8 1/2, 8 1/4 per ton while at Syracuse, Rome and Utica, the price does not rise above 8 1/2.

FLEET IN AID OF TURKEY.—The following compose the British Mediterranean fleet at present at anchor in the Dardanelles:

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PORTLAND.—The steaming Puffin Bluff, Capt. W. H. Wainwright, arrived at Portland from Liverpool on Saturday morning, with 205 passengers and a large cargo of freight.

A GREAT CARGO OF A GREAT SHIP.—Amongst other articles engaged by the Great Republic for Liverpool, are the following, viz:—About 9000 bbls. flour; 60,000, to 70,000 bushels of corn and wheat.

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THE EMPEROR HAS ORDERED A GOLD MEDAL OF HONOR, first class, to be given to Captain Remon, of the Zenobia steamer belonging to the East India Company.

ROME.—Twenty young men have been arrested on suspicion of being members of secret societies and agents of a revolutionary club in London.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 21.—The Turks, under Abdol Pasha and Kherim Pasha, have gained new successes in Asia.

THE WONDER OF THE AGE.—Cassell's Weekly Illustrated Paper, price One Penny, containing single numbers as the "Illustrated London News."

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The Steamer Anna Augusta, lies at Indian Point, off the wharf, having been cut through by the ice.—(See News Room Slate.)

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