

50 will verify my statement. There is every probability of many of the crew still living; the dark curtain has yet to be lifted; all in fact remains to be known. Should the government of this country turn a deaf ear to their cries, farewell to our national honour, farewell now and for ever to all hopes of ascertaining the fate of our countrymen. The stern and icy feelings of England will then reign triumphant; that cold spirit which distinguishes her from other nations and sacrifices day by day some one of her neglected but talented sons will then rule supreme over the fate of the gallant Sir John Franklin.

An instance of the probability of papers being still in existence amongst the Esquimaux, is seen by Dr. Rae in '54 finding on them part of a book called the "Student's Manual." It is singular that those tribes should preserve this book that was of no value to them. Had they not taken a peculiar interest in its preservation it would not have been found in '54. The only interest they could have in exercising this care is clearly in favour of the white men, who may have given their papers to the Esquimaux to preserve until those tribes met searching parties; however this may be papers were found in '54 and may be in existence to this day, and if diligently sought for amongst the Esquimaux be recovered. In the book found was a leaf marked or doubled, which had evidently fixed the