



THE OBSERVER.

St. John, Tuesday, Dec. 12, 1854.

The Committee on the 'Sovereignty and Water' project, have published, in a small pamphlet, a sketch of the proposed bill...

The repairs of the Water Company's works are still in progress, but it will be some time yet before the City will be as thoroughly supplied with water as heretofore.

The President's Message.—Late American Papers contain, in full, the Message of the President of the United States, delivered at the opening of Congress...

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The weather during the past week, has been changeable, but, on the whole, the most agreeable. Of wind, we had abundance of rain...

Young Men's Christian Association.—We have great pleasure in directing the attention of our readers, to a Notice in another column...

The New Brunswick Society, for the encouragement of Agriculture, Home Manufactures and Commerce in this Province, has favoured us with a copy of Part I. Vol. 2. of the Journal of the Society...

Bible Society.—It will gratify the friends of Bible circulation to hear that two important and efficient Branches have been formed lately in connection with the New-Brunswick Auxiliary...

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Mr. John A. Morrison was chosen in his stead, and the other officers were as follows:— George Canfield, Esquire, President; Mr. Robert Armstrong, Vice-President; Mr. John A. Morrison, Treasurer; Mr. Alexander Adams, Secretary; Wm. Hutchinson, Jr., Esq., Assistant Secretary.

FEARFUL STORM.—On Monday morning last there came on a violent storm of rain, accompanied with a most terrific gale of wind.

The schooner Arrow, Captain Wm. Cole and three men were destroyed, one of the crew only was saved, who was thrown by the fury of the waves senseless upon the shore.

The schooner Standard, owned by the same firm, went ashore upon the beach near Negro Point. She will probably be got off without serious damage.

MELANCHOLY DISASTER.—During the severe gale of Monday week, the schooner Arrow, Captain Rice, from Smith's Cove, near Digby, for this port, with a load of Produce, was lost, together with all on board.

Since writing the above, we learn that certain persons who left here on Saturday last, have returned from the wreck, which it appears, brought up Little Dipper Harbour Ledgers, where the anchor and chain remain.

HALIFAX, Dec. 5.—We learn that the members of assembly, especially those residing out of Halifax, are generally agreed upon a prorogation of the session immediately after the Treaty is settled.

The Chief Justice has attained his Eighty First year. On Monday morning, as His Lordship took his seat on the Bench, the Treaty is settled.

Our readers will be glad to learn, that the steamer for New York next week, will be the Halifax on her regular mail for these Colonies.—Halifax Courier.

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(By Telegraph to the News Room.) Arrival of the "Union." Four Days Later from Europe.

Boston, Dec. 9.—The Union arrived at New York this morning. The Canada boats for New York are withdrawn for transport.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 9.—The news of the arrival of the Union, is the subject of much interest here. The vessel is reported to have arrived in safety.

SUMMARY OF ENGLISH NEWS.—Camp Battery, No. 4, Balaklava, Oct. 27. Sir, I have the honor to inform you that on the morning of the 25th inst., about 7 o'clock, the Russian force which has been on the right bank, for some time, on the hills on our right front, abandoned the open ground in front of the redoubts Nos. 1, 2, and 3, which were occupied by Turkish infantry and were armed with seven 12-pounders iron.

The Irish Militia, en route, was met by the Russian force which has been on the right bank, for some time, on the hills on our right front.

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An Abolition notice posted at Lloyd's, announces that next Spring a strict blockade of the mouths of the Danube; also of all Russian ports in the Black Sea, Sea of Azoff, Baltic and White Seas will be enforced.

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