

the great calamity of a European war would have, in all probability, been averted. A wise physician consequently could have done the state more service than the wiliest diplomatist. We do not believe however, in any such arrant vagary, as well might we believe he is the amiable creature represented by Mr Pease or the young Nick of great promise parentally claimed by the Prince of Darkness. There is no evidence before us of the insanity of the Czar. His health latterly has been much shattered by different attacks of illness, but none ever reached his brain. His memory continues unimpaired. No weakening of his mental faculties has been noticed, and although of old age he exhibits no sign of imbecility. His moral nature has suffered no change; at most it can only be said he is rather more sober and morose than is his wont. He still is and always has been very prone to fits of violent anger, but these are not morbid in one of a despotic and irritable tendency involved in perplexity and embroiled in calamity—subject to a perpetual recurrence of cares and vexations in public and private so that his ears are never out of a hornet's nest. The only wonder is that he is not driven mad. We have been chiefly induced to notice the above as another proof of the present desire to refer every atrocious villany to a diseased mind.

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*Health of the City.*—The anticipations so long entertained concerning the invasion of this city by cholera, have at length been realized. The ruthless destroyer was imported here by some German emigrants, who were brought from Liverpool in the ship John Howell. Further cases broke out among the passengers by the Adler. Four days after the admission of the first case into the General Hospital, evidence of the pestilence having reached the citizens, was furnished by the occurrence of, among others, two remarkably severe cases, which speedily proved fatal, in spite of a fair trial of the orthodox treatment. We regret we are so far unable to give any statistical information of a sufficiently comprehensive kind to be worthy of publication. We hope that the means for furnishing such matter will not be long postponed.

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*Cholera in Quebec.*—We have just room to add, that we have been notified of the presence of cholera in Quebec. The first death occurred on the 21st June; and the disease was first seen among the passengers of the John Howell and the Glenmanna.