

King, through the representations of the Marquis de Beauharnois, his friend and patron, then Governor of New France, a monopoly of the fur trade in the country he proposed to explore. But neither he nor his sons realized any of their hopes. Misfortune dogged them constantly, and they were misrepresented and deprived of their hoped-for wealth by enemies in Montreal and Quebec, who intrigued against them in France. Even after their strenuous lives were ended, it was long before their names were given the place they deserve in the history of this continent.



HERE is not room in this booklet for even the most summary resume of the narrative of the expedition of which the tablet is a record. Parkman has set forth that narrative with great fulness, from the manuscript journal of the Chevalier de la Verendrye. After noting the burying of the tablet, Parkman closes as follows: "Sixty-two years later when the vast Western regions then called Louisiana had just been ceded to the United States, Captains Lewis and Clark left the Mandan

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