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Nec Reges, Nec Populus, sed utroque.

Volume II.

THE CHRONICLE

National Loan Fund Life Assurance Society of London.

CAPITAL £500,000 STERLING.

EMPOWERED BY ACT OF PARLIAMENT.

CHARACTER OF NAPOLEON.

[From Blackwood's Magazine.]

It is evidently a law of Providence, that all the great changes of society shall be the work of individual minds. Yet when we recollect the difficulty of effecting any general change, embracing the infinite varieties of human interests, capacities, passions, and purposes, nothing could seem more improbable. But it has always been the course of things. Without Charlemagne, the little principalities of Gothic Europe would never have been systematised into one empire; without Luther, what would have been the progress of the Reformation?—without Napoleon, the French Revolution would have burst itself, and vanished like air, or like a summer's dream.

He shows collected his materials, combined them into a new and powerful shape, crowned this being of his own formation with the imperial robe, directed it in the centre of Europe, and called the nations to bow down before it now also.

But like the gods of the Indian known only by its mysterious frown the sword and serpents grasped in its hand.

That the character of Napoleon was a singular compound of the highest intellectual power with the lowest moral qualities, is evidently the true description of this extraordinary being. This combination alone accounts for the rapidity, the splendour of his career, and the sudden and terrible completeness of his fall.

Nothing less than pre-eminent capacity could have shot him up through the clouds and tempest of the Revolution into the highest place of power. A mixture of this force of mind and desperate selfishness of heart could alone have suggested and maintained the system of his imperial wars, policy and ambition; and that he was the instrument of his bitter faithlessness could alone have rendered all thrones hopeless of binding him by the common bonds of sovereign to sovereign, and compelled them to find their own security for the peace of Europe in consigning him to a dungeon. He was the only instance in modern history of a monarch dethroned by a universal conviction; warred against by mankind as the sole object of the war; delivered over into captivity by the unanimous judgment of nations; and held in the same unremitting and judicial fates until his death.

He strikingly showed, in all the details of his government, the characteristics of his own nature. Impetuous, daring, and contemptuous of the feelings of mankind, from the first hour of his public life, his government was like himself, the model of fierceness, violence, and disregard of human laws. Whatever was to him an object of ambition, was instantly in his grasp; whatever he seized was made the instrument of a fresh seizure; and whatever he possessed, he misused; in the full spirit of tyranny. He was to be supreme; the world was to be composed of his subjects, his sons, confederates, and tools. The earth was to be only an incubator of millions of French slaves. There was to be but one man free upon the globe, and that man Napoleon.

We find in this romance of power, the source of his education. It has been often said that he was Oriental in all his habits. His plan of supremacy bore all the stamp of Orientalism—the solitary pomp, the inflexible will, the unshaken power, and the inexorable revenge.

OF THE THOUSANDS Cured by Dr. MEYER.—The English Life Assurance Company of London, and the National Loan Fund Life Assurance Society, will charge on their Policies for residence in British North America, an additional sum, to be deducted from Premiums, for Extra Premium to be paid by the Insured, for the services of a Physician, Surgeon, or Doctor, to be engaged by the Courts of the Province, and abide the decision thereof.

Terms made known, and if accepted, policies are to be renewed without delay.

PROTECTION

Insurance Company of Hartford

OF HARTFORD, CONN.

OFFERS to insure every description of property against loss or damage by fire, lightning, or other causes, and during that period has settled all their losses without compelling the insured to resort to a court of justice.

The Directors of the company are Elihu Root, James H. Wade, S. A. Tuck, A. Terry, James D. Davis, Samuel Williams, F. G. Huntington, Eliza C. R. Ward.

ELIJAH F. TERRY, President.

JAMES G. BOLLES, Secretary.

The subscriber having been duly appointed as Agent for the above company, is pleased to inform Friends of Insurance against fire for all descriptions of property in this city, and throughout the Province on reasonable terms. Conditions made known, and every information given, on application to JOHN ROBERTSON.

John, 1st March, 1846.

The above is the first agency established by this company in St. John.

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SAINT JOHN AGENCE

THE subscriber having been duly appointed Agent for the above Company, will stand in the office of Police issued by the late Agent, W. H. Scott, Esquire, as also to effecting new Insurances against Fire, on Houses, Factories, Merchants, &c., stock on hand, will

offer to insure against Fire, on Horses, Wagons, &c.

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Broker, 16 years of experience, 344, 4, 5, 4

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