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In ten extended chapters, Ian Nish gives an account of the turbulent times suffered by the three north-eastern provinces of China, generally called 'Manchuria', in the course of the 'critical century' – from the 1840s to 1948. The territory rarely enjoyed peace, although its economy progressed as a result of the building of arterial railways. Three major wars – all resulting in appalling casualties – were fought on its soil in 1894, 1904 and 1919. It also had an important role in world affairs from 1932, when the short-lived state of Manchukuo, based at Changchun, was declared by the Japanese Government; but that was brought to an end by the punitive incursion and occupation of the country by Soviet forces in 1945.

Thereafter, the devastated country was fought over in a brutal civil war by Chinese Nationalist and Communist armies until Mukden (Shenyang) fell to the Communists in October 1948.

Importantly, this work is supported and enhanced by extracts from a wide selection of contemporary documents from the archives of the parties concerned, which are to be found in volume II together with the rarely seen full report of the Lytton Commission (1932).

The History of Manchuria, 1840-1948 will undoubtedly become required reading by all students researching the history of the region.

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Pu Yi (1906-1967) – the 'Last Emperor of China' – abdicated 1912. 'Emperor of Manchukuo', 1934-1945



Great Square in front of Mukden Station



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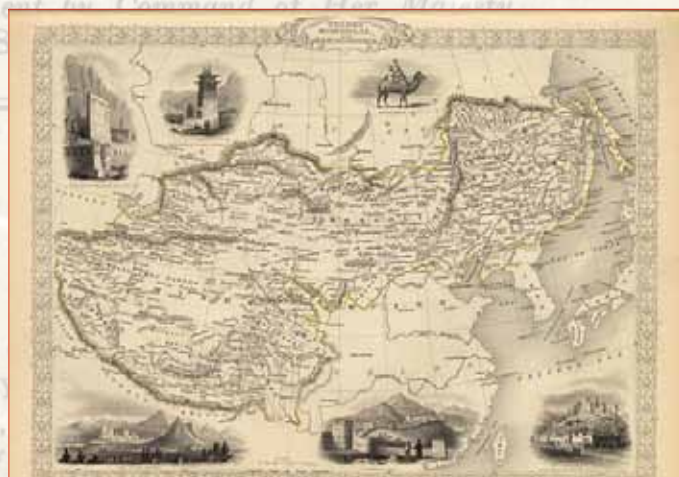
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