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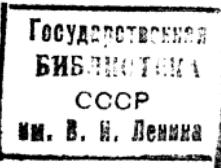
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### INTRODUCTORY.

SIBERIA only a short time ago possessed neither towns, nor villages, nor even habitable houses. Her steppes were not traversed by any practicable roads, or varied by arable fields bearing witness to agricultural labour. No trace of a thinking being existed. Wherever the eye ranged there spread an immense desert, hiding in its valleys and innumerable steppes Polar inhabitants completely isolated from the rest of the world. In the west lived the Tartars, in the north the Ostiaks, in the south the Sayans and the Buriati. The centre was occupied by the Tunguz and Yakuts. Their occupation consisted of hunting, fishing, and rearing animals. They migrated from place to place, were governed by