

## BOOK REVIEWS

*The Canadian Historical Review.* By W. S. WALLACE, Managing Editor. (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1920. Pp. 129. \$2.00 the year.)

In the last issue of the *Quarterly*, pages 73-74, there was published a brief article about the annual *Review of Historical Publications Relating to Canada*. As it now turns out that was the last of an important series of reviews extending over a quarter of a century. Hereafter the work is to be accomplished in the form of a quarterly magazine, the new series being called Volume I., Number 1.

In content and style the new venture is somewhat similar to the *American Historical Review*, the standard or model of such publications in the United States. The magazine contains special articles and documents as well as abundant book reviews. On pages 122-123 are brief notes on articles recently published about the western provinces. These notices contain the material of especial interest to the Pacific Northwest. While much more condensed than in the former annual reviews, the comments are pointed and touch the most important phase of each contribution.

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*Report of the Governor of Alaska, 1919.* By THOMAS RIGGS, JR. (Washington: Government Printing Office, 1919. Pp. 134.)

As is required by law the Governor of Alaska makes his annual report to the Secretary of the Interior. In this case the report is a complaint and an appeal—a complaint of neglect and an appeal for justice or fair play at the hands of Congress. Recent news dispatches show that some of the appeal is being listened to and for that reason a quotation is selected from the Governor's introduction to reveal the spirit of appreciation:

"While much that herein appears may seem critical, it must not be thought that the people of Alaska are not keenly alive to, and appreciative of, the few constructive measures which have been inaugurated by the Federal Government. The governmentally constructed and operated railroad between Seward and Fairbanks will open up a vast territory to exploitation and settlement; slowly, very slowly, aids to navigation and coast surveys are lessening marine perils; the scientific bureaus of the executive departments are rendering undoubted help to the prospector, the miner, and to the