

beginning at page 289. They do indeed extend our knowledge of Mackenzie the man. In accepting this statement it ought not to be inferred that the rest of Dr. Wade's volume is without use or merit. He has again produced the records of Mackenzie's discoveries and explorations. This he has done in a straightforward, easily followed style and with apparent effort toward complete accuracy. The volume will undoubtedly be warmly welcomed by collectors as a companion for Mackenzie's own book and even more should it be welcomed by those who do not own the original. Alexander Mackenzie was certainly one of the great explorers in North American history and Dr. Wade's volume is a worthy monument to his memory.

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*The Development of the Northwest.* By MANSON F. BACKUS. (Seattle: Privately printed, 1927. Pp. 12.)

Mr. Backus surprised many of his friends by the evidence of wide reading revealed in this pamphlet. It comprises the text of an address delivered before the Sixteenth Annual Convention of the Investment Bankers' Association of America, in Seattle, September, 1927. The author was a Bank Cashier for eleven years and a Bank President for twenty-seven years, all in the City of Seattle. He came in the year that Washington attained statehood. In this address he gives historic background, a wealth of statistics and business facts, gracing the pages with apt poetical quotations. Mr. Backus ought not to rest content with this one effort in the realm of authorship.

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*The Hudson's Bay Company.* By W. D. VINCENT. (Pullman: The State College of Washington, 1927. Pp. 34.)

"Contributions to the History of the Pacific Northwest," "Spokane Study Club, Series A." These items on the title-page indicate the birth of a new plan at the State College of Washington to stimulate the study and appreciation of local history. Mr. E. A. Bryan, former President and now Research Professor in Economics and Economic Science and History at the State College of Washington, in a prefatory statement, says that this paper on the Hudson's Bay Company is one of five such papers that will be published in Series A.

Mr. Vincent, a prominent banker in Spokane, has given much study to the long years of activity experienced by the "Great Company." He had evidently consulted many of the works on the subject and naturally was drawn toward the finances involved