Indian Legends of Vancouver Island. By Alfred Carmichael. (Toronto: The Musson Book Company Limited, 1923. Pp. 97. $1.50.)

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