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Recent Library Acquisitions

The Provincial Library of British Columbia has purchased a noteworthy collection of historical materials collected by and relating to Alexander Caulfield Anderson, one time Chief Trader of the Hudson's Bay Company. Information regarding the collection has been furnished by Mr. John Forsyth, Provincial Librarian. His description includes a calendar of forty manuscript letters of historical importance covering the years from 1836 to 1884, together with a list of numerous historical items showing a wealth of materials, including many maps, sketches and manuscripts.

Mr. Anderson will be remembered by students of Washington state history as the Chief Officer in charge of Fort Nisqually, Puget Sound, during the summer of 1840, and Chief Trader at Fort Vancouver on the Columbia River from 1851 to 1854. He became subsequently the first collector of customs of British Columbia and postmaster at Victoria. He was later appointed a commissioner for the settlement of the Indian land question and was Provincial fish commissioner at the time of his death in 1884. He was a man of enterprise and ability and the author of several pamphlets and descriptive essays relating to British Columbia. Students will be glad to know that this material has been acquired by the Provincial Library for permanent preservation and use.

The Library of the Oregon Historical Society has recently obtained the following items: 1. Transcripts of some thirty-four letters written by William H. Gray concerning the Oregon Mission, from 1838 to 1844. The originals are on file in the Archives of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions in Boston. 2. *The Christian Advocate and Journal and Zion's Herald* (New York), volume 7, August 31, 1832 to August 23, 1833; volume 9, August 29, 1834 to August 21, 1835. The number for March 1, 1835, contains the famous letter of G. P. Disoway regarding the Flathead Indian delegation to St. Louis.

Canadian Bibliography

Professor Robert Max Garrett of the University of Washington has contributed to the February issue of the Canadian Book-

man volume 4, pages 42-46, a bibliography of "Canadian Short Stories from Periodicals." This is an outgrowth of his work in English colonial literature. He has previously issued a 14 page reading list on Canadian literature (University of Washington, 1920) and is the author of two lists of slang and colloquial phrases from the Northwest published by the American Dialect Society in *Dialect Notes* for 1919 and 1920.

Montana Bibliography

Miss Gertrude Buckhous, Librarian of the University of Montana, is preparing a revised edition of the "Temporary List of Montana Writers and Writers Who Have Written About Montana," first printed on large sheets in 1909. Librarians will be glad to see this useful bibliography brought to date and printed in convenient form.

Bibliographic Work of Henry R. Wagner

Encouraged by the cordial reception of his bibliography of *The Plains and the Rockies*, Mr. H. R. Wagner of Berkeley, California, has in contemplation a companion volume on the Pacific Coast. Such a volume would be limited to travel and description and its value would lie largely in the fulness of the notes furnished. Mr. Wagner's *California Imprints, 1846-1851*, has been completed and is expected from the press shortly. It is fortunate that he is drawing upon his fine private library and his wide fund of bibliographic information thus placing it at the disposal of scholars everywhere.

British Columbia Archives Publications

Students familiar with the large amount of important manuscript material in the Archives of British Columbia, will be glad to learn that the publication of the *Memoirs* of that Department is shortly to be resumed. Four numbers have been issued as follows:

1. Newcombe, Dr. C. F. **First Circumnavigation of Vancouver Island.**
2. Minutes of the Council of Vancouver Island, 1851-1861.
3. Minutes of the House of the Assembly of Vancouver Island, 1856-68.
4. House of Assembly Correspondence Book, 1856-59.

With the exception of the first number, now out of print, these *Memoirs* are available by purchase from John Forsyth, Provincial Librarian and Archivist.