

ably, as, for instance, in describing the explosion of a nine-pounder gun as an "earth-rocking roar."

F. W. HOWAY.

The Glamour of British Columbia. By H. GLYNN-WARD. (New York: Century, 1926. Pp. 238. \$3.00.)

"Few people realize that, once they are over 'The Great Divide,' there is a whole empire between the Rockies and the Coast, which is British Columbia." The reader who has penetrated this province with H. Glynn-Ward in her *Glamour of British Columbia* becomes aware of the vastness, the wildness, the variety in mountain, lake and stream and is inspired if not always enthused.

The book is the account of an adventurous woman who dares to explore the Fraser River Valley, to hunt in the "Cariboo Region" and to climb in winter Mount Robson, the highest, the most beautiful, the most dangerous mountain in all the Rockies. Here are incorporated the tales of trapper George who takes the route of the Yukon Telegraph Trail, of McNeil the Irish rancher, of Cataline the Mexican pack-team driver. The sparse population of British Columbia is a strange conglomeration of races.

The country described here has a combination of climate and soil that yields amply to those who have sufficient grit and hardihood to test it. It is only the hardy pioneer who has dared to make the venture. As yet the resources of British Columbia have been scarcely touched. These fifteen sketches embody a challenge to conquer the province for its riches.

ELVA L. BATCHELLER.

The Rocks and Rivers of British Columbia. By WALTER MOBERLEY. (London, 1886. Pp. 104. Reprinted 1926, Pp. 102, by R. Douglas, Secretary, Geographic Board of Canada, Ottawa. Price \$2.00.)

In the roll of pioneers of British Columbia, the name of Walter Moberley stands high. From 1864 until 1874, he was exploring, almost continuously, in the Selkirks and the Rockies: in the former, for the colonial government; in the latter for the Dominion, as one of the earliest explorers for the Canadian Pacific Railway. In 1885, he published the account of his explorations, under the title: *The Rocks and Rivers of British Columbia*. The book was especially valuable as the personal record of the first examination of the Gold and the Selkirk ranges, and the first after

David Thompson on the stretch of the Columbia River from Blae-berry Creek to the Boat Encampment. For many years it has been quite unobtainable. Very rarely did it appear in the old book catalogues. Students are indebted to the enterprise of Mr. Douglas of the Geographic Board of Canada for its reissue. It is to be regretted that of the four cuts only one has been reproduced. The pagination of the original edition has been preserved through about three-quarters of the volume.

Mr. Moberley died in the city of Vancouver, British Columbia, in May, 1915.

F. W. HOWAY.

Way Sketches, Containing Incidents of Travel Across the Plains.

By LORENZO SAWYER. With Historical Notes Compiled from Rare Sources and an Introduction by Edward Eberstadt. (New York: Edward Eberstadt, 1926. Pp. 125. \$5.00.)

The publication in book form of Lorenzo Sawyer's *Way Sketches* is a welcome addition to the literature of the West. The position and importance of this narrative is indicated by the following annotation drawn from Mr. H. R. Wagner's *The Plains and the Rockies*, page 96: "These sketches appeared in the *Family Visitor* of Cleveland, probably copied from the *Ohio Statesman*, during the fall of 1850 and the winter of 1850-51. They were written by Lorenzo Sawyer, afterward Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of California, in the form of a day by day journal and form one of the most readable of all the overland narratives of gold rush days that I have read."

The journal covers a trip from St. Joseph, Missouri, to California, dating from May 6 to July 20, 1850. It is followed by a selection of letters written by Sawyer during the first few months of his life in the mines. The work is furnished with ample historical notes by the editor. These have been drawn from rare printed sources and manuscript diaries and add greatly to the usefulness of the volume. The book is attractively printed and bound and contains a biography and a portrait of the author.

CHARLES W. SMITH.

Twenty Years of York Factory, 1694-1714: Jeremie's Account of Hudson Strait and Bay. Translated from the French edition of 1720, with notes and introduction by R. DOUGLAS and J. N. WALLACE. (Ottawa: Thorburn and Abbott, 1926. Pp. 42. \$2.00.)