

The Pioneer Women of Vancouver Island, 1843-1866. By N. DE BERTRAND LUGRIN. (Victoria: The Women's Canadian Club of Victoria, Vancouver Island, British Columbia, 1928. Pp. 312. \$3.25.)

This unusual and valuable book has received an enthusiastic welcome in its home city. *The Daily Colonist*, of Victoria, on November 17, 1928, gave a full-page, illustrated review of the work, saying: "The book is one of the most readable documents of the kind ever compiled, and is likely to be very much more in demand than was ever dreamed of by those who conceived the idea."

It is hoped that the newspaper's prophecy is already proving a true one as the book is packed with merit. There is every evidence that the author and the committees of helpers have been diligent in their searches for information. The place of honor is given to Lady Douglas, widow of Governor James Douglas. Her portrait is the frontispiece and her biography occupies the first chapter after the introduction. It seems as if all the other pioneer women received a similarly tender discussion in the succeeding chapters. The ladies sponsoring the book had the good judgment to secure the assistance of John Hosie, Provincial Librarian and Archivist. His name appears on the title-page as Editor.

Sir George Simpson, Centennial Celebration, Fort St. James, 17th September, 1928. (Winnipeg: The Hudson's Bay Company, 1928. Pp. 48.)

This beautiful pamphlet, sumptuously illustrated, contains the addresses and remarks delivered at the ceremonies indicated in the title. The principal addresses were made by Charles V. Sales, Governor of the Hudson's Bay Company; Hon. R. Randolph Bruce, Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia; Judge F. W. Howay, New Westminster, a member of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada; George W. Allan, Winnipeg, a member of the London Committee and Chairman of the Canadian Committee of the Hudson's Bay Company; and T. C. Elliott, Walla Walla, who bore greetings from the neighboring States of Oregon and Washington. His address appears elsewhere in this issue.

Lower Fort Garry. By ROBERT WATSON. (Winnipeg: Hudson's Bay Company, 1928. Pp. 69. \$1.05 postpaid.)

This brief and wonderfully compact history of one of the

important forts of the west is cordially welcomed into the literature of the Northwest. The author frankly says: "The author looks forward to the time (which it is understood is not far distant) when certain records of the Hudson's Bay Company are published. So soon as this event takes place, this brief history will probably have to be amplified in the light of the information which will then be available." This Lower Fort Garry, known to all early westerners as "The Stone Fort," is located twenty miles north of Winnipeg. It was begun in 1831 and completed in 1839. This little history is effectively illustrated.

The Astorians. By W. D. VINCENT. (Pullman: State College of Washington, 1928. Pp. 28. \$1.00).

This is No. 3 in a series called "Contributions to the History of the Pacific Northwest." The Librarian of the State College of Washington has copies for exchange with libraries and other institutions. Collectors may purchase copies at the price indicated above.

Mr. Vincent has told the story of The Astorians in interesting, though very brief, form.

The Pacific Northwest and Alaska. By C. J. COLLINS. (Omaha: Union Pacific System, 1928. Pp. 48.)

This pamphlet bound in beautifully embossed paper is much more than a railroad folder and is well worth saving as an item in the literature of the Northwest. It is not revealed who wrote the book or compiled the information. It is copyrighted by Mr. Collins, General Passenger Agent of the Union Pacific System, and he is thus credited with the authorship. In addition to the useful information in the narrative, there are numerous beautiful illustrations and maps of the Pacific Northwest and Alaska. An invitation is appended for readers to send for other publications on such subjects as California, Yellowstone National Park and Unknown Places in Idaho.

Suicides in Seattle, 1914 to 1925: An Ecological and Behavioristic Study. By CALVIN F. SCHMID. (Seattle: University of Washington Press, 1928. Pp. 93. \$1.00).

This is Volume V., Number 1 in the University of Washington Publications in The Social Sciences. It is a technical and scientific study fortified by tables of statistics and diagrams show-