

the trustees is furnished and a number of Tables supply convenient historical data. One of these tables gives the population of Seattle year by year from 1889 to date together with population estimates continued yearly to 1940. Still another table supplies information in regard to the eight branch libraries indicating for each the date of opening, the cost of the building, and the amount expended for equipment.

This *Ten-Year Program* has been worked out with great care and its publication places the data conveniently in the hands of all interested in the development of an important educational agency. Members of the City Council will doubtless find its reasonable findings a helpful guide in the preparation of their annual budgets. A decade from now it will be a pleasure to check this publication and to find that the forecast has been surpassed by accomplishment.

The Story of the Hudson's Bay Company. By GEORGE P. SCRIVEN, United States Army, Retired. (Washington, D.C.: St. Anselm's Priory, 1929. Pp. 66. \$1.00).

This brief story of a great institution is told in a straight-forward interesting style. The footnotes show that greatest dependence was placed on Sir William Schooling's *The Hudson's Bay Company, 1670 to 1920*, although Beckles Willson's *The Great Company* and other works are cited. On page 35 reference is made to the report of Mr. Charles R. Sale, Governor of the Hudson's Bay Company on June 28, 1927. The quality of appreciation of the great company's work is shown by the last sentence: "That force, to which, rather than to the force of arms, England has owed her grandeur and well being throughout the centuries of brilliant life that began when her ships and her trade first found their way to distant shores beyond the seas."

Young Pioneers on Western Trails. By ORVILLE H. KNEEN. (New York: Frederick A. Stokes Company, 1929. Pp. 311. \$2.00).

The author's preface relates a personal encounter with a bear on a trail in the Cascades. He formerly lived at Bremerton and was a member of The Mountaineers. In this book he has rendered a real service for young readers by assembling materials so as to allow five famous explorers to relate in their own words wild experiences they had encountered while they were still boys or young men. The five are: "Samuel Hearne, first overland to the Arctic; Alexander Mackenzie, first overland to the Pacific; Zebulon Montgomery Pike,