

## PACIFIC NORTHWEST AMERICANA

### *Roderick Finlayson Manuscripts*

The family of the late Roderick Finlayson have recently presented the following manuscripts to the Provincial Archives of British Columbia. The first two are on parchment and are signed by the Governor and Committee of the Hudson's Bay Company in London, the third is signed by Queen Victoria.

1. Roderick Finlayson. Appointed as Chief Trader in Hudson's Bay Company. 23rd January 1850.

2. Appointment as Member of Council and Chief Factor in Hudson's Bay Company. 1 February 1859.

3. Appointment as Member of the Council of Vancouver Island. Signed by Queen Victoria. 16th March 1852.

Roderick Finlayson was one of the most trusted servants of the Hudson's Bay Company. He was born March 16, 1818, at Lochalsh, Rosshire, Scotland, and came to Canada in July, 1837. On arrival, he at once secured appointment in the service of the Company, and in 1839 crossed over to the Pacific Coast. In the Spring of 1842, Finlayson was employed at Fort Simpson. In May, 1843, he was removed by Mr. Douglas to the intended new post at the south end of Vancouver Island, now the city of Victoria. When Fort Victoria was established Mr. Charles Ross was placed in charge with Finlayson as second. On the death of Ross in the spring of 1844, Finlayson was placed in charge and he there remained for many years. He was thus virtually the founder of Victoria. He was a Member of the Legislative Council for Vancouver Island and its dependencies from 1851 to 1863. He retired in 1872 and died in Victoria, 30 January 1892.

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### *The "Kamloops Wawa"*

Reverend J. Edward Rendle of the Nitinaht Mission, Clo-Oose, British Columbia, has presented to the University of Washington Library a file of the first five volumes of the *Kamloops Wawa*, covering the years 1891-1896. This journal has the distinction of being the only periodical ever regularly published in the Chinook Jargon. The history of the beginning of this publication and a description of the early numbers is to be found in Pilling's *Bibliography of the Chinookan Languages*, pages 45-51. A complete, or

practically complete, set of this periodical is to be found in the Provincial Library at Victoria, B. C.

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*A New P. N. L. A. Bibliography*

At its recent meeting in Olympia, the Pacific Northwest Library Association authorized the publication of a Select List of Titles relating to the Pacific Northwest. The new work will cover the most important items relating to the history of the Pacific Northwest. These will be chosen with special reference to the needs of the smaller libraries of the region. The principal facts regarding the books will be given, including prices of books in print and the range of prices on out-of-print items. The compilation is in charge of E. Ruth Rockwood of the Library Association of Portland. Miss Rockwood has built up the splendid collection in that Library and her adequate knowledge of subject matter will be drawn upon in giving critical annotations upon all important items listed. This brief list of best books will doubtless prove of great assistance to collectors and librarians of the smaller libraries.

The Tacoma Daily Ledger of September 9 carries a half column article upon the "Publishing Activities of the Pacific Northwest Library Association." The *Quarterly* refers to this article and joins in the sentiment there expressed, that "such publishing activities as these are destined in time to leave their mark on the cultural development of this entire region."

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*Hewitt's "Notes by the Way"*

The University of Washington Library has recently received by gift a copy of one of the rarest pamphlet narratives of overland travel to the Pacific Northwest, namely, *Notes by the Way. Memoranda of a Journey Across the Plains from Dundee, Ill., to Olympia, W. T., May 7 to November 3, 1862*, by R. H. Hewitt. This item was unknown bibliographically until Mr. H. R. Wagner in his *The Plains and the Rockies* located and described the copy in the Bancroft Library, University of California. The Checklist of *Pacific Northwest Americana* later revealed another copy in the Library of the Oregon Historical Society. The present copy is donated by the son of the author, Judge Leslie R. Hewitt, of the Superior Court of Los Angeles, California. Of the original published narrative of this important journey to the Pacific, there are now three recorded