

Calendar for Dec. 1908.

Moon's Phases. Full Moon on 7d. 5 44 a. m. Last Quarter 15 5h 13m. p. m. New Moon 23 7. 50 a. m. First Quarter 30 11. 40 a. m.

Table with columns: Day, Sun, Sun, Moon, High, High, of Week, Rises, Sets, Sets, Watr, Watr. Rows 1-31.

Pains in the Back

Are symptoms of a weak, torpid or stagnant condition of the kidneys or liver, and are a warning it is extremely dangerous to neglect, so important a healthy action of these organs. They are commonly attended by loss of energy, lack of courage, and sometimes by gloomy foreboding and depression.

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The Exploration of the Northwest.

Through the McKenzie Basin.—A narrative of the A. A. Mackenzie and Peace River Treaty Expedition of 1859, by Charles Mair. Also, notes on the Mammals and Birds of Northern Canada. By Richard MacFarlane. (Simpkin, Marshall.)

The romance of the trappers and Indians' life in the Northwest of Canada has been reinforced of late years by an active consciousness that the time is now at hand for the settlement and development of a large part of that area. Vast regions which were previously known to few white men but the fossils of the Hudson's Bay Company, suddenly gained a new importance ten years ago from their position on the land route to the Klondike gold-fields. Disputes and ill feeling arose between parties of travelling gold-seekers and the Indian tribes; and the consequent necessity of placing the position of the Indian and half-breed inhabitants on a firm and definite basis was the chief cause which led to the despatch of the A. A. Mackenzie and Peace River Treaty Expedition in the summer of 1859. In the present heterogeneous volume the story of this expedition is interestingly told by Mr. Mair, a Canadian of long experience in the Northwest, who took part in it as English secretary of the Half-breed Scrip Commission, which supplemented the work of the Treaty Commission, presided over by the Hon. David Laird. To accompany this narrative, certain papers on Canadian Natural history have been culled from the archives of the Smithsonian Institution and republished here by Mr. MacFarlane, who has had exceptional opportunities of observation during more than forty years' experience as an official of the Hudson's Bay Company at many widely scattered posts on either side of the Arctic Circle. Though Mr. Mair's contribution is rather belated, and Mr. MacFarlane's has already secured a limited publicity, they form, between them, a welcome addition to the literature dealing with a part of Canada to which many eyes have lately been turned. Mr. MacFarlane's part of the book includes also a narrative of the Franklin Expedition, and the subsequent attempt to gain tidings of it, which not only follows his notes on birds with a singular prominence of arrangement, but had much better been omitted altogether. The story of Franklin and his followers is an inherent part of the lore and traditions of the Northwest; but it has no place in a study of the fauna of the region.

The circumstances of the treaty of 1859—1860, as is wrongly stated in one conception presented, afford, as recognized by Mr. Mair, a good example of the fair and honorable spirit which has marked, to his laudable credit, the relations of the white man in Canada with the native races. Mr. Laird's speech to the assembled Indians at Leaser Slave Lake gives a plain and candid statement of the mutual obligations of the two peoples; and the Indians, for their part, appear to have acquiesced in it with a little diffidence. Its main features, this "No. 2" treaty was framed on the lines of its predecessors concluded with the Indians of other districts; but as the result of past experience a clause was inserted by which each Indian could, if he preferred, be a proprietor of land in his own right, instead of being grouped, as under former treaties, with neighbors who might hinder his progress. Mr. Mair, who appears always to form his estimates, whether of the land or the people, in a fair and discriminating spirit, gives some striking and welcome testimony to the prosperous

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