

ately the thrills begin, involving experiences that arrest one's attention till the final chapter is read. And while you read, you learn much about the fascinating work of sinking an oil well in wild and unpopulated territory. All the preparations, knowledge, experience and training required are explained and made easy to understand.

All in all it's an interesting story, full of action, suspense and accurate information.

In this book the author reveals the secret of his success as one of Canada's most popular writers in the juvenile book field. He knows what he writes about and how to get it on paper in a pleasing, easy-flowing style. His work deserves space in private juvenile collections.

E.D.

**DALE OF THE MOUNTED ON THE WEST COAST**, by Joe Holliday. Thomas Allen Ltd., Toronto, Canada. \$1.25.

Mr. Holliday enjoys the distinction of having two books reviewed in this issue and both are for juveniles. While "Oil Trails" is a new departure for him, this instalment in the life of Cst. Dale Thompson is the fourth in the "Dale of the Mounted" series. His other books established Mr. Holliday's abilities as an author of popular books for the young and this one lives up to the standards he has set.

Dale Thompson is a young constable in the Mounted Police who has crowded a lot of excitement into his short service. In this book he early becomes involved in the investigation of a gold robbery. Facts form the basis for this story and the crime is one that received a great deal of publicity when it occurred a few years ago. Read for yourself how Mr. Holliday has adapted an international investigation to a fictional story of adventure.

H.E.B.

**DAILY TRAINING BULLETIN** — Los Angeles Police Department. Charles C. Thomas, Springfield, Ill., U.S.A., and The Ryerson Press, Toronto, Canada. Liberally illustrated with excellent cartoons. Pp. 274. \$8.25.

This book deals with the common difficulties which daily beset members of a police force. It was designed to aid peace officers in a more successful fulfilment of their responsibilities.

The problems discussed are relevant only to the prevention of crime and the detec-

tion of criminals. Administrative, personnel and supervisory matters are not dealt with.

Among other things, comprehensive outlines are given on such basic and vitally important topics as Evidence, Court Appearances, Public Relations, Arrests, Traffic Violations, Intoxication, the Mentally Ill, Civil Disturbance Control and Major Disaster Control. The "do's" and "don'ts" of each are emphasized.

Although compiled originally to fill the requirements of a large city police department, the wealth of material in this book can be used to excellent advantage by any municipal, city, provincial or federal force. The simplicity with which the material is presented lends itself admirably to use either as a text-book for group instruction, a reference book or as a manual for individual study.

The subject matter has been compiled by a panel of experts. Police departments throughout the country have received the book with enthusiasm. It bridges a number of gaps in police procedure which had formerly been clouded by indecision.

D.W.T.

**SON OF THE NORTH**, by Charles Camsell, CMG, LL.D, FRSC. The Ryerson Press, Toronto, Canada. Illustrated. Pp. 244. \$5.

This book follows the "traditional" style of biography, treating events more or less chronologically from the time of the author's birth. For the early years Dr. Camsell has relied mostly on his own memory but for the period from 1897 to 1920 he has been aided by documentary references. Some of these were Geological Survey note-books and while a "disappointing source of material of human interest"—as the author puts it—their use lends a note of authority to his observations on the North and its development during those years.

A true "son of the North", Charles Camsell was born at Fort Liard, N.W.T. His father was an officer of the Hudson's Bay Company and except for his years at school in Winnipeg, young Camsell grew up in the Territories, mingling with the natives, trappers and prospectors in the raw frontier life of the pre-gold rush days. In 1897 he and a brother were touched with the "Klondyke madness" and the chapters on