

BOOK NOTICES.

REPORT OF THE EXPEDITION IN THE YUKON DISTRICT, N. W. T., AND
ADJACENT NORTHERN PORTION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.—By Dr.
G. M. Dawson, 1887.

The above report which is upon a portion of the work of the Yukon Expedition of 1887-88, by Dr. G. M. Dawson, forming Part B. of the Annual Report of the Geological Survey, (1887) has just been distributed. In this report Dr. Dawson details the results of that part of the exploration carried out by himself, adding thereto some portions of Mr. McConnell's work during 1887, which belong to the same general region. Further reports, dealing particularly with the country to the North and East of that covered by this publication, are stated to be in course of preparation by Mr. R. G. McConnell and Mr. W. Ogilvie.

The present report is a book of 277 pages, and is accompanied by an index map, while a detailed map with Geological indications, in three sheets, including the Strikine, Dease, Upper Liard, Frances, Pelly, and Lewes Rivers, with adjacent country, is promised in the course of a few days, under separate cover.

A comparison of the index map, with previous maps professing to represent the same regions, coupled with Dr. Dawson's well-known accuracy, shows what an important contribution this report is to our knowledge of the Geography of North Western Canada. The first part of the report is of a general character, and in this the ruling physical and geological features are described, and some facts given respecting the climate, flora, fauna, and resources of the country as a whole. In the following part the country examined is taken up by districts, and greater detail is entered into. Historical notes are also added, for each district, of the exploits of the few earlier explorers, who originally penetrated this country in the interests of the Hudson Bay Company, or for other objects.

The report includes seven appendices, of which the first is on the distribution of trees, the second on the Indian tribes of the regions, the third a list, by Professor Macoun, of the plants collected (201 species, of which three are new.) The fourth appendix is zoological, including