

NIAGARA HISTORICAL SOCIETY. No. 2. *Niagara, Ont.: Times Book and Job Print*, 1897. In-16, 2-18 p., illustrated.

Contents: Centennial Poem, by Mrs. Curzon; Fort Niagara, N. Y., 1783-1796, by Rev. Canon Bull; Slave Rescue in Niagara, sixty years ago, by Miss Carnochan.

TWENTY YEARS ON THE SASKATCHEWAN, N. W. Canada, by Rev. William Newton. *London: Elliot Stock*, 1897. 12mo., cloth, VII-184 p., ill. \$1.25.

"This book contains a narrative of the life and thoughts of a simple missionary during twenty years spent in North-Western Canada".

A portion of the chapter which gives an account of the Right Reverend John McLean, first Bishop of Saskatchewan, has been written by his widow.

THE LAKE OF THE WOODS, its history, geology, mining and manufacturing, by George Bryce. *Winnipeg: The Manitoba Free Press Company*, 1897. Sm. 8vo, 17 p., map and ill.

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FARM LIFE IN THE SELKIRK COLONY, by Rev. R. Q. MacBeth. *Winnipeg: The Manitoba Free Press Company*, 1897. Sm. 8vo, 4 p.

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ALASKA: Its history, climate and resources, by Hon. A. P. Swenford, ex-Governor of Alaska. *Chicago: Rand, McNally & Co.*, 1898. 12mo., cloth, ill.

In the opening pages of this timely and valuable work one makes the pleasant discovery that it is a dignified and proper History of Alaska, and not a hand-book for miners nor a guide-book for tourists. And yet, after reading it, one feels like advising both miners and tourists to give the book a careful reading before taking the journey to the far north-land. It is the first and, thus far, the only work containing full and reliable information on Alaska.

The scope of this fascinating work includes all that can be known of the subject it treats—the discovery, settlement and colonization of Alaska by Russia; native traditions; purchase by the United States; the military administration under the United States government; the district legislation provided; the scenery, climate and resources of the country; and, not least in attractiveness, a charming voyage of ten thousand miles along the coast and among the island of this new and valuable acquisition to the territory of the United States.