

the Arctic are comprehensively condensed into this interesting text-book, without omissions. There is little on the subject of the Arctic with which Dr. Stefansson is not personally familiar, yet, since his epic Canadian Arctic expeditions, he has spent all his time studying the science of living in the Arctic. As a result, it is undoubtedly a fact that no other explorer-writer is so well qualified to write this manual.

One of his most valuable chapters deals with the building of an igloo; it is clearly written and well illustrated. Very few white men can build a good igloo in the Arctic where conditions are most favourable, yet in the mountains of Colorado, at Camp Hale, Dr. Stefansson built one and demonstrated step by step how it was done.

*Arctic Manual* is a book which could be studied with profit by anyone contemplating an excursion of any extent into the Arctic regions. H.W.S.

**CHECKMATE IN THE NORTH.** The Axis planned to invade America. By W. G. Carr, Lt. Cmdr., R.C.N.R. The Macmillan Co. of Canada Ltd., Toronto. 304 pp. Illustrated. \$3.50.

This is an outstanding book by an author whose half-dozen books on submarine warfare have already stirred interest in the reading world. Mr. Carr, following several adventurous years as master mariner, settled in Toronto where he remained until War II demanded his services as senior naval officer at Goose Bay, Labrador. There he gathered first-hand information which is here given us to read.

The narrative opens with a sketchy reference to the part played by the R.C.M.P. when they cooperated with the F.B.I. and British Intelligence Service in "the frustration of the Nazi plan". The Force . . . "contributed their share of valuable information gained while covering thousands of miles of Arctic patrols". Many incidents are interestingly described: Eric Fry's discovery of the location for "the greatest airport and aerial-defence project the world has ever known"; Bill Durell's part as general superintendent of the project; Al Cheesman's adventures as a salvage pilot.

The book, a veritable store house of breath-taking occurrences, contains a wealth of data and practical advice for bush pilots and survey engineers. Y.L.T.



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