

United States, this book is a must not only to the student of Canadian politics, but to everyone interested in the history of this country.

Covering such varied subjects as theatrical reviews, town meetings, women voting in Lower Canada, education, escaped slaves, tolerance in religion, a plan for the St. Lawrence Seaway, the first chapter gives an excellent picture of life in Canada in the early 19th century.

In the latter chapters, the Scottish MacKenzie writes of the political problems of his adopted country with a fire and eloquence that makes it easy to understand his part in the 1837 revolution. This is a well edited collection of some of the little known writings of one of our great statesmen.

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PRACTICAL POLICE KNOWLEDGE, by Captain Juby E. Towler, Director of Personnel and Training, Police Department, Danville, Va. Charles C. Thomas, Publisher, Springfield, Ill., U.S.A., \$5.75.

The author of this excellent book on the practical side of policing graduated through the ranks of the Danville, Virginia, Police Force during which time he obviously gained a wide knowledge of police functions through being assigned to many different phases of police work. Upon reading the book, it is not difficult to see that he is a dedicated policeman.

All the author's police experience was with the Danville Police Force, however, this does not distract from the application of the information contained in the book to police work in Canada. Naturally, there are a few references to law in the book which have to be adapted to Canadian law, but such references are not great as the author deals almost entirely with the practical mechanics of police work.

While this book is recommended to all policemen, it is of particular value to recruits, or prospective recruits, as it offers a searching insight into police duties and how they should be carried out. To the new policeman, it is a valuable supplement to training. It also provides a refresher for the experienced policeman.

In this easily read book, the author has covered every facet of police work in a remarkably detailed manner. He deals with various subjects as they are met by the policeman and gives examples of the best

method of dealing with various situations. Each of the 23 chapters deals with a particular aspect of police work, such as law enforcement techniques, dealing with the public, elements of crime, search and seizures, surveillance, scientific aides in crime detection, the field of criminal investigation, police psychology, the personal notebook, testifying in court and public services.

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COMBAT SHOOTING FOR POLICE, by Paul B. Weston. The Ryerson Press, Toronto, Ontario. Illustrated. Pp. 194. \$8.25.

This publication covers very realistically the defensive actions to be taken by policemen who find themselves under actual combat or threatened combat with armed criminals. To set a hard and fast rule of conduct under each of the varying situations where life and property are endangered by armed criminals is a difficult task and the author in his approach to the problem has compiled his personal experience and observations in this text as a guide to those whose duties place them as guardians of the public.

"The modern police officer throws out the rules of pistol shooting as a sport in order to compete on more equal terms with the jungle-gutter type of criminal likely to fight police." This quotation does not mean the basic fundamentals of shooting have been thrown out, rather the text emphasises fundamentals such as "Grip . . . Sights . . . Aim . . . Squeeze."

Various shooting positions are covered such as prone, kneeling, sitting, shooting from behind barricades, two-handed standing position and firing at night, always with a view to conditions of actual combat with the criminal element.

A section is devoted to service revolvers and off duty guns stressing their dependability. The various calibres available in these firearms and the striking power of each is elaborated upon. Another section covers the many types of holsters used when in uniform or plain clothes with an emphasis on quick draw and easy access to the firearm.

No amount of theory alone will result in the proficient use of firearms without a program of planned practice. This is outlined in the book. The program then advances to the Practical Police Course or FBI course which is also outlined. Refresher courses plus others such as the Close Combat Course are covered.