

The descriptive tables which are to be found in the chapters dealing with state departmental reporting are supplied with footnotes that contain information concerning variations in frequency and title of the publications treated. The reference value of these lists and their accompanying footnotes would have been greatly enhanced if delimiting dates had been supplied for each table.

Valuable information concerning the location of copies of unpublished Masters' essays which treat of state documents is to be found in Part II. Notices of work in progress in this field are included in the same section. While some portions of the latter are now out of date, information of this kind is helpful nevertheless.

The method of presentation of the subject matter throughout the manual identifies it primarily as a reference aid. As its title indicates, the emphasis is on the use of the material of which it treats. From this aspect, the book is a complete and accurate guide within its stated field.—*Violet Abbott Cabeen, Columbia University, New York.*

Publications of the Government of British Columbia 1871-1937; a checklist.
[Provincial Library and Archives]
Sydney M. Weston. Kings Printers,
Victoria, B.C., 1939. 167p. \$2.

THIS CHECK LIST, promised in Dr. Lamb's address, "The Public Documents of British Columbia," at the 1938 A.L.A. conference, has more than justified expectations. According to the prefatory

note it "includes all known official documents published by the Government of the Province of British Columbia from the time it entered into Confederation, in 1871, to 1937."

A simple system of arrangement is used—executive publications, departments (in alphabetical order), boards, commissions, etc., followed by a brief but adequate index and a chart showing the organization of the government. Each chapter is introduced by a description of the history, organization and function of the department under discussion. Under the department and branch the serials are followed by separates, listed alphabetically.

Mr. Weston has departed from customary library procedure in several respects. To anyone familiar with the idiosyncrasies of British Columbia government publications, his method—giving author, title, date, paging, and edition for every bulletin in a series—will seem the most satisfactory solution.

The physical make-up of the volume demands special recognition. Variation in size and kind of type, generous use of running titles, and excellent spacing make this one of the easiest of tools to use.

To Dr. Lamb, librarian, and Mr. Sydney Weston, document clerk, librarians and students interested in British Columbia documents are indebted for a valuable reference aid which is kept up to date in the *Ontario Library Review*.—*Anne M. Smith, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada.*