

Robert Brown and the Vancouver Island Exploring Expedition. JOHN HAYMAN, ed. Vancouver: University of British Columbia Press, 1989. xiii, 211 p. ISBN 0-7748-0322-3 \$29.95 (cloth).

Robert Brown and the Vancouver Island Exploring Expedition is the latest publication in the UBC Press series titled *Recollections of the Pioneers of British Columbia*. In the early 1860s, government and business figures in Victoria were anxious to secure reliable information about the region's geography and natural resources and appointed Brown to head a small exploratory survey of the southern half of Vancouver Island during the summer of 1864. During the expedition, Brown kept a daily journal (held by the British Columbia Archives and Records Service), and it is reproduced here in its entirety. Although Brown was a botanist by training and was generally interested in all forms of physical and natural phenomena, his journal contains less on scientific matters than on topography and travel conditions. The daily entries also include numerous references to the various Indian groups that the expedition encountered and attest to Brown's interest in ethnography.

The journal is accompanied by an extremely useful introduction, several pages of meticulously researched explanatory notes, a bibliography of Brown's published writings on the northwest coast, and a simple map of the expedition's route. The sketches made by expedition artist Frederick Whympere have also been reproduced and placed throughout the main body of the journal; a checklist of Whympere's drawings and their present location is given in an appendix. Finally, the editor has included a sampling of Brown's observations and notes on Indian ceremonies (the potlatch in particular) and legends; these writings represent some of the first records on the topic.

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Guide to the Papers of James Mavor. DOLORES A. SIGNORI, compiler. Toronto: Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library, University of Toronto, 1989. vi, 101 p.

James Mavor (1854-1925) was a Scots-born economist and social reformer who in 1892 immigrated to Canada, where he was an early member of the Department of Political Economy at the University of Toronto. He was recognized as a leader in the new field of social science, and undertook contract work for governments in Canada. His numerous other interests included Doukhobor immigration and Canadian art.

The *Guide to the Papers of James Mavor* is a pan-Ontarian thematic guide to Mavor material in six repositories: the Archives of Ontario, Art Gallery of Ontario, National Archives of Canada, the archives of the University of Toronto and of York University, and the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library at the University of Toronto (which has the most comprehensive Mavor collection). The guide was produced with the aid of a Canadian Studies Research Tools Grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council. Regarding format, a biography of Mavor is followed by descriptions of fonds in each repository, with the Mavor documentation highlighted. The existence of finding aids and microform copies is mentioned. There is also an index that gives access to all the fonds listed, not only by author but also by subject.

This is a useful and well-constructed guide for its purpose, which is to facilitate research on Mavor and related subjects such as the social sciences in Canada. Readers of