

NORTH POLE BOARDING HOUSE

As told by **ELSIE GILLIS** to **EUGENIE MYLES**. *Toronto: Ryerson Press, 1951. 8½ x 5½ inches; viii + 206 pages; illustrations. \$3.95.*

In the summer of 1945 Mrs. John Gillis and her husband sailed in the R.M.S. *Nascopie* to Arctic Bay where a meteorological station had been established during the war. Mr. Gillis was one of the meteorological staff of four, and his wife was employed as cook for the station. 'North Pole Boarding House' is an account of her experiences, written in collaboration with Mrs. Ernest Myles, during her year's stay in the north. At a time when so many arctic narratives are more fiction than fact, it is refreshing to read such a straightforward account. Mrs. Gillis describes her daily life throughout the year and faithfully records the activities at the station. She was fortunate in seeing a good deal of such well-known characters in the Eastern Arctic as Canon Jack Turner and his wife, Father Cochard, and Jimmy Bell. It was an uneventful year and it is greatly to the credit of Mrs. Gillis and her collaborator that the reader's interest is held throughout the book. The temptation to exaggerate and embellish has been firmly resisted, and there are remarkably few errors, none of them important. G. W. ROWLEY

GRØNLANDS FUGLE: THE BIRDS OF GREENLAND: PART III

By **FINN SALOMONSEN**, with illustrations by **GITZ-JOHANSEN**. *Copenhagen: Ejnar Munksgaard, 1951. With parallel texts in Danish and English. 13 x 9 inches; pp. 349-608; 16 coloured plates, and line drawings. Complete set, Parts I-III, \$42.00.*

This is the third and final volume of Salomonsen's great contribution to arctic ornithology. Biographical accounts are given of twenty-two forms: the auks, birds of prey, and passerine birds. These accounts are full and informative and are of value not only to the ornithologist but to those interested in the economy of the native people.

There is a section devoted to a systematic list of the 224 kinds of birds that have been known to occur on the island; a particularly useful inclusion owing to the many footnotes in which Salomonsen evaluates controversial records.

The bibliography, covering 18 pages and including some 600 titles, and an adequate index of Latin, Danish, English, and Eskimo bird names, complete the text. There is included with this volume a map of Greenland (folded, 23 x 16 inches). This has been prepared especially for the work by the author and the Danish Geodetic Institute.

T. M. SHORTT

INSTITUTE NEWS**Election of Dr. A. L. Washburn as Honorary Member**

At the Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors on 8 November 1952 Dr. A. L. Washburn was elected an Honorary Member of the Arctic Institute. Dr. Washburn is thus the fifth Honorary Member to be elected since the start of the Institute. The other Honorary Members are: Admiral R. E. Byrd; the late Lincoln Ellsworth; Dr. J. B. Tyrrell; and James M. Wordie.

Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors was held at the Institute Headquarters in Montreal on 8 November 1952. The following members and officers were elected for 1953:

Officers of the Board: Chairman, Rear Admiral E. H. Smith; Vice-Chairman, A. E. Porsild; Secretary, Graham W. Rowley; Treasurer, Walter A. Wood.