

STATION	RADIOSONDE DATA	PILOT BALLOON DATA	OPERATED BY	TYPE OF RADIOSONDE
AKLAVIK.....	Sept. 42-Aug. 47	Jan. 44-Feb. 47	Can.	Can.
FORT NELSON.....	Mar. 42-Aug. 47	Jan. 43-Feb. 47	Can.	Can.
PORT HARRISON.....	Oct. 43-Aug. 47	Nov. 37-Aug. 47	Can.	U.S.
CLYDE RIVER.....	Jan.-Feb. 43; Apr.-Aug. 45	—	U.S.	U.S.
UPPER FROBISHER BAY....	Mar. 43-July 47	Mar. 42-Nov. 43	U.S.	U.S.
FORT CHIMO.....	Jan. 44-Dec. 45	Nov. 41-Oct. 43	U.S.	U.S.
ARCTIC BAY.....	Apr. 43-Aug. 47	Nov. 43-Aug. 46	Can./Nov. 43	U.S.
CHURCHILL.....	June 43-July 47	Sept. 45-Aug. 47	Can./Aug. 45	U.S.
CORAL HARBOUR.....	Nov. 43-Oct. 47	Oct. 45-July 47	Can./Sept. 45	U.S.
FORT SMITH.....	Dec. 43-Aug. 47	Dec. 44-Feb. 47	Can./Dec. 44	U.S.
NORMAN WELLS.....	Mar. 44-Aug. 47	Jan. 45-Oct. 46	Can./Jan. 45	U.S.
WHITEHORSE.....	July-Dec. 44; May 46-Aug. 47	Jan. 44-Jan. 47	Can./May 46	U.S.
CHESTERFIELD.....	—	Jan. 44-June 48	Can.	—
FORT SIMPSON.....	—	Jan. 45-Feb. 48	Can./Dec. 44	—
HAY RIVER.....	—	Dec. 44-Jan. 47	Can./Nov. 44	—
WATSON LAKE.....	—	Jan. 44-June 48	Can.	—
YELLOWKNIFE.....	—	Jan. 45-Nov. 47	Can.	—

This report will be of value to engineers, aviators, and the Services generally. Its greatest value, however, is scientific, and the Canadian Meteorological Division and the Defence Research Board have, by this publication, made a most valuable contribution to our knowledge. We may hope that it is only the first of a series of such studies of various aspects of the Canadian North. There is probably no region in the world so well worth studying. It is refreshing, too, to note that, in spite of the official character of the report, credit can be given to the authors by name for their distinguished work and it is to be hoped that this practice will be followed in the future.

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REVIEWS

FRANKLIN OF THE ARCTIC.

By RICHARD S. LAMBERT. *Toronto: McClelland and Stewart, 1949. 8 x 5½ inches; 338 pages; illustrations. \$3.50.*

I believe the publishers have done Mr. Lambert a disservice in stating that this tale is told for youngsters and "will enrich the classroom." If certain liberties with unwitnessed situations and a simplicity of style make this a children's book, then it is a pity that more biographies of adventurous men are not written in this way. 'Franklin of the Arctic' is a full and stirring story of the life of the discoverer of the Northwest Passage, from his boyhood to his death on board the imprisoned *Erebus*. Only a few errors mar the essential accuracy of the account. On page 191 for instance George Back's gallant trip to obtain extra food was not

carried out alone; on p. 308, McClure's ship did not drift right through the Passage but was abandoned on Banks Island whence he continued by sledge, and last, on the same page the British Government's expenditure on the Franklin search was a thousand-fold less than stated. This unfortunate error has been seized on as marvellous by another reviewer of this book—indeed it would be, if true. The author in an appendix gives a good bibliography concerning Franklin and has obviously studied these works with enthusiasm and care. He does not speculate on where Franklin was buried. Was it at sea or on land? The answer to this and to other mysteries of the last undocumented voyage may yet be given: this is the continuing fascination of the Franklin story.

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