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glowing colours, and gives a clear picture of the present state of the outposts of civilization and the economic possibilities in the far North-West. She also provides tables of travel rates, times, and distances, where transport is more or less organized beyond the limits of the railway, and pending further developments these may be found useful.

'Camps and Cruises of an Ornithologist.' By F. M. Chapman. (London: Hodder & Stoughton. 1908. Pp. xvi., 432. *Illustrations*. 12s.) There is a peculiar fascination about the narrative of the daily life of birds as observed at close quarters in many lands. This book is enhanced in interest by some very fine photographic studies of birds.

'The Picturesque Hudson.' By Clifton Johnson. (New York: Macmillan. 1909. Pp. xiii., 227. *Illustrations*. \$1.25.) Messrs. Macmillan no doubt find in America a demand for such picturesque topographical books as their London house produces in the "Highways and Byways" series and others. This volume belongs to the "Picturesque Rivers" series, and is well written and illustrated with photographs.

'In an Unknown Land.' By Edward Robinson. (London: Elliot Stock. 1909. Pp. xi., 155. *Illustrations*. 3s.) In this unpretentious volume the author gives good reason for his belief in the commercial future of Labrador as a mining or lumbering region, if its physiographical difficulties can be overcome. He describes the country and his experiences in a simple and easy style, and shows himself to be possessed of the power of scientific observation.

EXPEDITION OF H.R.H. THE DUKE OF THE ABRUZZI TO THE KARAKORAM.

ON February 16, H.R.H. the Duke of the Abruzzi delivered a lecture before the Italian Alpine Club on his recent expedition. It is, of course, impossible to deal with the scientific results which he has gathered until the maps and other records are published *in extenso*. But treated merely as a mountaineering exploit, there are very sufficient grounds for congratulation, and the high level of the duke's long record of successes is more than maintained by his latest effort.

Leaving Srinagar on April 23, the Zoji La was crossed to the Indus valley, in spite of wintry conditions on the pass, which was not officially open until the middle of May. Travelling with remarkable rapidity, the expedition arrived on the upper Baltoro glacier within a month from the start. The goal of the expedition lay among the great circle of peaks surrounding the head of the Baltoro glacier; and if K₂ was the first objective, it was always contemplated that one of the other giant peaks in its neighbourhood might afford a better chance of success. This, indeed, turned out eventually to be the case. From a base camp halfway up the Baltoro glacier, a light camp was pushed up to the foot of the southern wall of K₂, and from here the mountain was thoroughly explored in various directions. But no route promising any reasonable hope of success could be detected even by the trained eye of experienced mountaineers. The whole mountain on this side proved to be very