

MISS AGNES LAUT, AUTHOR, IS DEAD

**Journalist and Social Worker
Ex-Secretary of Childhood
Conservation League.**

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WASSAIC, N. Y., Nov. 15.—Miss Agnes Christina Laut, author, journalist and social worker, died at her home here today after an illness of several weeks. She was 65 years old.

Besides her many books, which were principally biographies and historical works about North America, Miss Laut wrote special newspaper articles and short stories and articles in magazines.

As secretary for a number of years of the Childhood Conservation League, she investigated social conditions in many parts of this continent. After her return from Mexico in 1919 she testified before a Senate subcommittee in Washington, declaring that the lot of women and children in Mexico was "worse than in Belgium or Armenia."

Miss Laut was born in Ontario and her grandfather had been principal of Queen's University at Kingston, Ont. When she was a child she went out to Winnipeg with her parents and later attended the University of Manitoba. Owing to frail health, however, she was obliged to leave that institution in her junior year.

Since childhood she had spent her Summers in the Canadian Rockies and the Selkirk Mountains. From 1895 to 1897, she was an editorial writer on *The Manitoba Free Press*, and she was later correspondent for American, Canadian and English newspapers, as well as for magazines in New York, contributing articles for *The Saturday Evening Post*, *Financial Post*, *Review of Reviews* and *Collier's*.

Miss Laut's first book, "Lords of the North," was published in 1900. She also wrote "Heralds of Empire," "The Story of the Trapper," "Pathfinders of the West," "Vikings of Pacific" and "Freebooters of the Wilderness."

These historical works were followed by "The Hudson's Bay Company," "New Dawn," "Through Unknown Southwest," "Adventures of England on Hudson Bay," "Canadian Commonwealth" and "Pioneers of the Pacific Coast."

In 1927, twelve years after the latter book, she wrote "Conquest of Our Western Empire" and, in 1928, "Romance of the Rails," a work in two volumes of the railways of North America. Miss Laut wrote also "Overland Trail," "Life of Cadillac" and "Pilgrims of the Santa Fe."