

KOOTENAY PARK.

The original Agreement known as the Banff-Windermere Road Agreement which was approved by the Dominion Government by Orders in Council dated the 14th and 20th March, 1919, and ratified by an Act of the Provincial Legislature known as the *Banff-Windermere Road Agreement Ratification Act*, being Chapter 5, British Columbia Statutes, 1919, contained the following provision:—

(4) The said Province will grant to the Dominion Government a strip of land along the said Banff-Windermere Road as laid out and completed to an approximate width of five (5) miles on each side thereof; Provided always that, as far as possible, the crests of the mountains shall constitute the outside boundaries of the said area.

Kootenay Park as established by Order in Council, P.C. 827, in 1920 included the area granted by the Province of British Columbia.

A small part of the Park unsuitable for park purposes was removed from the Park area by Order in Council, P.C. 209, of February 2 1922, following an arrangement with the Province.

An official survey of and map showing the boundaries of Kootenay Park were made under instructions from the Surveyor General.

Upon completion of the survey, it was found that the Park area varied considerably from the area mentioned in the original agreement, but the principle set out in the proviso of section 4 of that agreement was maintained in that the survey fixed the boundaries of the Park along the crest of the mountains.

The Provincial Government of British Columbia, upon the completion of the survey and map, implemented the abovementioned statute (Cap. 5, British Columbia Statutes, 1919), by passing Order in Council No. 810 of August 8, 1928, approving of the survey and the boundaries fixed by the survey. The boundaries of Kootenay Park, as surveyed, are set out in Schedule A to the Bill.

The area of the Park when established in 1920 was estimated at 587 square miles. Approximately seven square miles were removed from the Park in 1922. Upon completion of the survey, the area of the Park was established as 543 square miles, more or less.