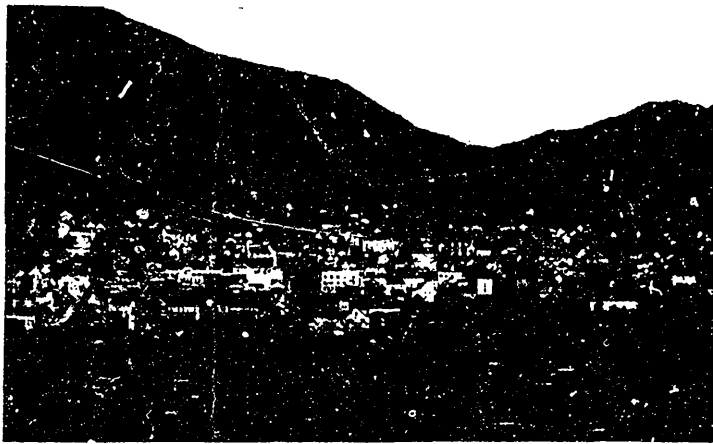


speechless in the presence of such majesty. A feeling half of terror comes over one. Are they great live monsters that will rise in the night and crush you? You had meant to write notes to your friends and describe them accurately. But you can't. You are in the presence of the unutterable. Why speak at all when language fails so utterly? You are hushed before the mysterious, the majestic, the sublime.

We pass the Three Sisters at Canmore, in the mining region, and stop

here, each differing from the others in form and color; and the converging valleys separating them afford matchless views in all directions. Well-made carriage roads and bridle paths lead to the different springs and wind about among the mountains everywhere."

"We climbed the rock-built breasts of earth;
We saw the snowy mountains rolled
Like mighty billows; saw the birth
Of sudden dawns; beheld the gold
Of awful sunsets; saw the face
Of God, and named it boundless space."



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at the far-famed Banff. "Everybody stops here for a day or two at least, and we should do likewise. We shall find luxurious quarters in a large and handsomely appointed hotel, perched on a hill overlooking the beautiful valley of the Bow River. The river comes down from its glacial sources at the west, plunges over a precipice beneath the hotel balconies, and, stretching away through the deep, forested valley, disappears among the distant mountains at the east. Half a dozen ranges of magnificent snow-tipped mountains centre

Thirty-four miles west we pay a visit to the "Lakes in the Clouds," and the wonderful beauties of the Valley of the Ten Peaks. We cross the "Great Divide" at the summit of the Rockies; we pass Mount Stephen, rising 8,000 feet above the track, and enter the Yoho Valley, the Canadian Yosemite, with its wonderful falls 1,200 feet in height. "Takakkow!" ("It is so beautiful!") cried the first Indian who beheld it, and by this name it is known.

After the Rockies come the Selkirk, with their wonders and their