

of inexpensive and still entirely satisfactory accommodation when the great objective is reached.

In this connection we quote from an authoritative statement of one of the most recent guides to come off the press:

"Ever since 1887, when the engineers first flung the steel across this universe of peaks, the Canadian Pacific Railway has grappled with the task of making it the playground of North America. No human being can be expected to sit up twenty-four hours on a stretch watching scenery, and, therefore, hotels were built at convenient points along the line, so that travellers could rest, and, if they so desired, could explore the neighboring country.

"These hotels have grown with time, and districts, such as Banff, Lake Louise, Field and Glacier, have become so popular that travellers from all over the world come each year to the matchless scenery of the Canadian Rockies to reinvigorate their systems with the pure air and the opportunity for sport of every kind—fishing, hunting, Alpine climbing, rides, drives, golf — knowing that there are large, comfortable, well-equipped mountain hotels run by the Canadian Pacific Railway itself on Canadian Pacific standard — than which none is better.

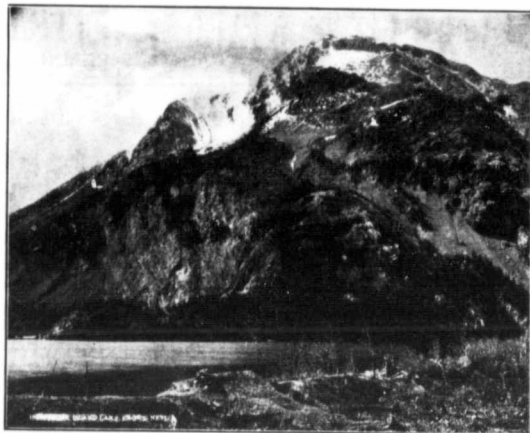
"With nearly thirty years' experience in this business and with increased resources at its disposal, the Canadian Pacific has provided facilities for comfort and recreation which no other similar playground on the North American continent can hope to equal for many years to come.

"The Canadian Pacific Hotel at Banff has a kitchen and dining-room capacity for dealing with six hundred guests at one sitting.

"The Chateau Lake Louise is also built on a generous scale, and it is natural, therefore, that visitors of the highest rank in English and European society, and that

the wealthiest and most exclusive Americans shall be found there every summer. The rates are reasonable, and the tariff for drives and rides has now been fixed by agreement with the Canadian Government Superintendent of the Rocky Mountain Park. At Banff, quite a large village has grown up, with other excellent hotels, catering for all classes of travel.

"On the Crow's Nest route, crossing the Rockies farther south, a pretty and comfortable hotel has been erected by the Canadian Pacific Railway at Balfour, a picturesque promontory on Kootenay Lake. No more delightful round trip could be made than one which included Banff, Lake Louise, Field and Glacier on the main line—then southwards, via Revelstoke and the Arrow Lakes to the Kootenays, making Balfour as the centre for exploration in the mountains and lakes of that exquisitely beautiful region.



Three Island Lake, Crow's Nest.

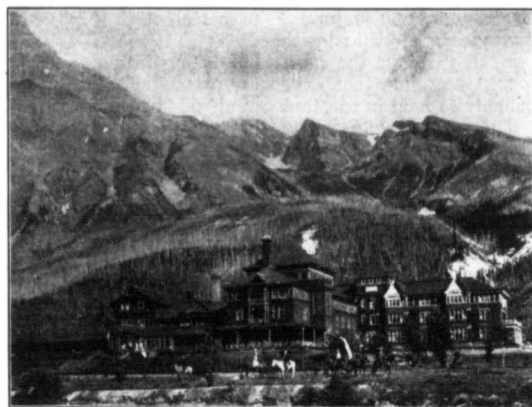
to make such a round trip encircled by mountains all the way. The new stretch of line from the Crow's Nest Branch to the main line, at Golden with the Rockies

these astounding products of Nature are of far greater magnitude and significance than anything else in natural phenomena that men know of on this earth, but because of their very accessibility and the fact that the tide of fashion had wholly set in the direction of Europe, they were pigeon-holed with the lists of "common objects of our countryside!"

Now, the probabilities are that they are going to receive the attentions of "fashion" to an extent that might suggest "embarrassment" were it not that the case is one in which overcrowding is impossible. An infinite capacity to receive the attentions of the whole world's tourist army will guarantee any spot of this magnificent world's playground from the invasion of the "madding crowd."

It is utterly impossible for the understanding to grasp the proportions of this great scheme of Nature, but it can safely be said that however the earth's population may multiply in many generations and flock to the Canadian Rockies, there will be room and lung space for all, and the "crowd" would make no greater impression than two humming birds in a ten-acre park.

If there is one section of the world's great family to which this wonderful corner of God's universe makes an irresistible appeal, it is the citizenship of Canada. Does the average Canadian realize the privilege he holds all the time at arm's length? Does he know how easily, inexpensively and quickly he may reach the finest haven of rest on earth? Has the thought ever struck him that here of his own beloved Canada is something—never more than a few hours from his own domicile—that practically the whole outside world is hungering to get in touch with?



Mount Stephen House, Field, B.C.

"Through the construction of the Kootenay Central Railway, through the Kootenay and Columbia valleys, it is now possible

on the one hand, and the Selkirk Mountains on the other, is exceptionally picturesque and yet different in character from any other section of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

"The opening of the Kettle Valley Railway (opened this year) has presented other new vistas to those who come to the Canadian Rockies, and makes the fruit-growing districts of the Okanagan Valley accessible from the South as well as the North."

Even in pre-war times it had often been a source of amusement, if not of real concern, to the writer, to fraternize with far-travelled Americans and Canadians in Europe who had spent a tolerable fortune in globe-trotting and who had never visited Yellowstone Park, who had only read of the mammoth cave of Kentucky and who were only familiar with the Canadian Rockies "by name."

In point of fact, any one of



Lake Louise, from Chalet.