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## CANADIAN SUMMER RESORTS.

Within the boundaries of our broad Dominion can be found probably as great a variety of scenery as in any other country in the world. Nature here appears in widely different aspects. The vast expanse of ocean like prairie of our western plains is bounded by an almost equally vast "sea of mountains," within which region the grandest scenes of the continent are to be found, equalling and even rivalling some of the famous resorts of the old world. Within the boundaries of a country of such vast extent as Canada, covering half a continent, varied scenery, varied climate and varied resources are to be expected. Nature has been lavish in all these respects, and in none more marked than in regard to scenery.

Many people go abroad to take in the sights of distant lands. This is commendable. Travel tends to broaden one's ideas, and assists to overcome the narrow prejudices with which we are prone to be afflicted. But if it is to go abroad in quest of light and learning, it is still better to become familiar with the unknown within the boundaries of our own land. We should first seek to become acquainted with our own country before starting in to explore distant lands. With our vast extent of territory and greatly varied resources, there should be ample room at home for research suited to the taste of every one. If natural scenery be the attraction, certainly no Canadian should go abroad until he has inspected the sights of his own land. Residents of

other countries likewise should not think they have seen the natural sights of the world until they have included a Canadian tour among their wanderings.

For grandeur of scenery the trip by the Canadian Pacific Railway through the Rocky Mountains, including if possible some side trips off the main line, such as those afforded by the Columbia river in British Columbia, is of course the most enchanting. Indeed, for scenic effect, the trip over the Canadian transcontinental road is one of the great attractions of modern tourist travel. The splendid service provided by the Canadian Pacific Railway company enables the traveller to enjoy every comfort and even live luxuriously if he so desires, while in peering the grand sights of the Canadian mountain ranges. This year the railway company has greatly improved

tural hot springs found there. Within the boundaries of the park are crowded hundreds of grand and charming scenes, and the place is destined to become one of the famous resorts of the world. The Canadian Pacific hotel at this place affords first-class accommodation for travellers.

Much has been written about the Canadian National Park, and we shall not attempt anything in the nature of a description of the place here. Indeed, it would require a volume to begin to describe the wonders of the place. For the lover of scenery, the traveller for pleasure, the over-worked man of business who requires a rest, or for the disciple of the rod and gun, this mountain resort offers pleasures undescribable. The principal point and Banff, which is a misleading and incongruous name, and one which the railway station in the Park is called



C. P. R. HOTEL, BANFF, ALBERTA.

its facilities for handling tourist travel. A new and faster train service was inaugurated a short time ago, which places the Canadian route far in advance of any of the transcontinental systems for through travel. The company has also this season enlarged and improved its hotels which have been established at particularly attractive spots, for the convenience and comfort of tourists. We give views of a few of these resorts in this issue of The Commercial engraved from new photos.

The finest and most commodious of these mountain hotels is that located in the Canadian National Park, and is called the Banff Hotel. The National Park is a large area of territory reserved by the government for the purpose named. The place has become famous as a health resort, owing to the curative effect of the na-

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Another point, west of Banff, at which an hotel has been established, is called Field Station, situated about ten miles beyond the summit of the "Great Divide" going west. Here, within the shadows of the loftiest peaks of the Rockies is located Mount Stephen house, named after the great mountain which is the principal sight of the locality. There are many beautiful and interesting features about Field, and exceptional opportunities for mountain climbing and hunting for big game.

Westward again is the Glacier House, situated in the midst of the grandest and most romantic scenery of the Selkirk range of mountains. Here is situated the "great glacier of the Selkirks." The hotel accommodation at the Glacier House has been