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The First Ascent of Rogers Peak.

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SOME one has rather unkindly remarked that a complete directory of the present and past officials of the Canadian Pacific Railway could be compiled from the names of the peaks along its line. Though admiration for the enterprise of the projectors and managers of this great highway may have had undue influence on the nomenclature of the region, no one who has passed through the magnificent defile in the Selkirks will question the appropriateness of naming both it and the chief mountain on its northern side in honor of the discoverer.¹

¹ Albert B. Rogers, whose indomitable will led, in 1883, to the discovery of a practicable route through the second of the three ranges that separated the settlements of British Columbia from the rest of the Dominion, was born in Orleans, Mass., on May 28, 1829. His boyhood was spent in Maine. He was prepared at Providence, R. I., for the Sheffield Scientific School, was graduated at Yale College as Ph. B. in 1853, and served there a year as assistant in engineering. He was then successively engaged on the enlargement of the Erie Canal, the construction of various lines of the Chicago, Milwaukee, and St. Paul Railway, the Minneapolis and St. Louis Railway, and the Hastings and Dakota Railway. From 1881 to 1885, he was in charge of the Mountain Division of the Canadian Pacific Railway. In consideration of his arduous duties in exploring, and the success that crowned them, he was presented with a purse of \$5000 by the directors in January, 1884. In 1886-87, he was again engaged in seeking a railroad location in Montana and Wyoming. After a long illness, he died 4 May, 1889, at Waterville, Minn., of cancer of the stomach. He was a valued member of the American So-