

Building a \$10,000,000 Hotel

NEW YORK'S latest addition to its hotels is the Biltmore, now approaching completion. This is being erected on the plot which was Commodore Vanderbilt's grazing field for his famous horses. The hotel will cost \$10,000,000.

Hotel planning was, in this case, brought to a supreme point of excellence. There was no over-lapping—no extras to the cost of building. The hotel is to entail an expenditure of \$10,000,000; no more, no less.

But if it takes money to build a hotel, it takes more to run it. The Biltmore has been rented for 42 years, for a total rental of nearly \$20,000,000. The furnishings are on a lavish scale. Some idea of the money involved may be gathered from the following figures:

Linen	\$150,000
Furniture	225,000
Table silver	120,000
Crockery, etc.	100,000
Bedding	75,000
Wine and cigars	100,000

Of course, it needs a small army to run a ten million dollar hotel. The Biltmore will have 200 waiters, 150 chefs and cooks, 100 bell boys, 100 chamber maids, 50 engineers and 15 watchmen, besides managers, assistant managers, housekeepers, clerks, bookkeepers, pages, sewing girls, and ladies' maids. The switchboard in the hotel office will have 25 operators.

There are one or two unusual features in this hotel. It is built quite near to the New York Central depot, and there are five underground trains which convey passengers from their Pullman car right to their suite in the hotel. There is to be a wing for business men only, where the rustle of milady's skirt never penetrates, where men may snatch a hasty, albeit luxurious lunch.

As to actual equipment, the Biltmore will rank as one of the largest hotels in the world. It will have a thousand rooms and twenty-three floors above ground. There will be, of course, the usual Turkish baths, cafe and grill rooms, great and small dining halls, roof gardens, palm rooms, club rooms and ball rooms. A president's suite will also be included, which can be isolated from the rest of the hotel, and which has its own elevator from the trains passing beneath the structure.

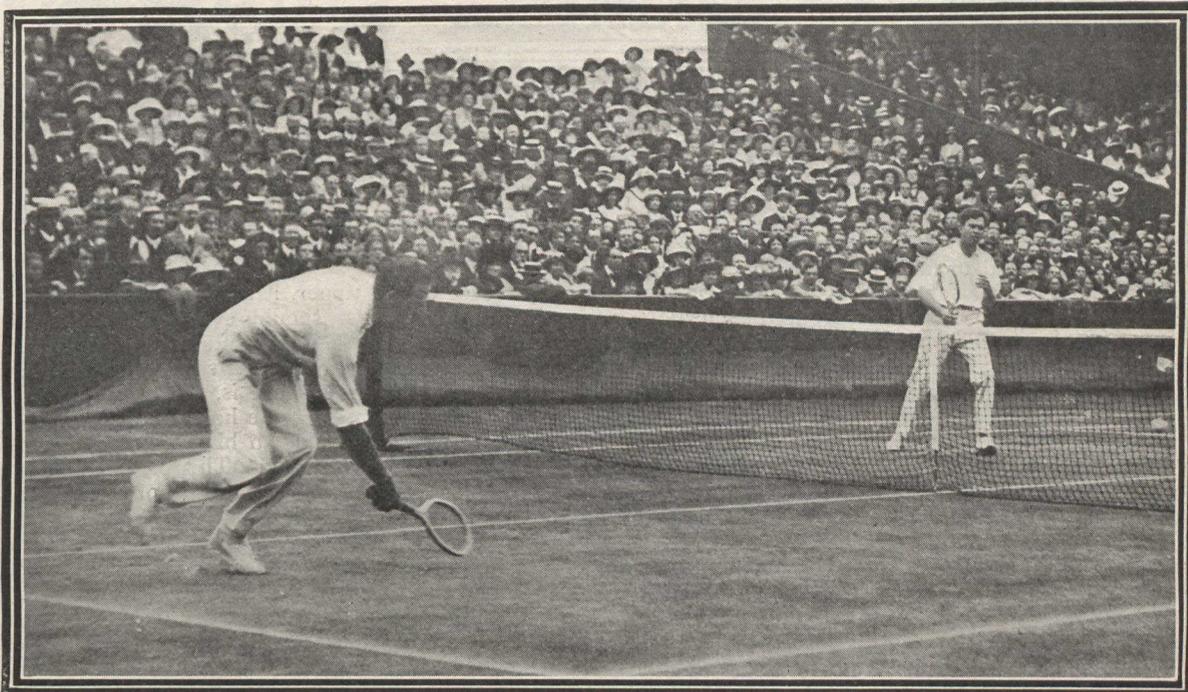
Not the least commendable feature of the Biltmore is the excellent provision it has made for its army of helpers. Bath rooms, parlors, libraries and dining rooms are there. This is a sign of the times.

Historical Catechism for Hot Weather

NOW that vacations are on and thousands of people are prowling about in places they have never seen before, a great many questions are being asked and answered about Canadian history and geography that never occur to any man at his desk down town. It's a good thing, not only physically, but mentally, to retrace in this idle kind of fashion the scenes of the journeys made by great explorers, old battlefields, camps of Indians, old churches, ancient monuments, anything that freshens up a man's interest in his country. It's a good thing to ask questions—at the same time allowing for a few absurdities in the answers, such as may be noticed in the following:

- "Children, why is Dominion Day?"
- Bright American youth: "Please to celebrate the Independence of Canada."
- "Who was George Etienne Cartier, whose memorial is to be erected in Montreal?"
- "Please, his first name was Jacques."
- "Who discovered Montreal?"
- "Sir William Van Horne."
- "How did the Mackenzie River get its name?"
- "From Sir William Mackenzie."
- "Who headed the Rebellion against the Family Compact in Canada?"
- "Louis Riel. The Tories wanted to drive out the half-breeds."
- "Who named Vancouver Island?"
- "It was named after the city of Vancouver."
- "How did Ottawa become the Capital of Canada?"
- "Because Sir John Macdonald assembled the first Parliament there."
- "Who is the Premier of Canada?"
- "Sir Wilfrid Laurier. But Mr. Borden is taking his place for a while, because Sir Wilfrid wanted time to start a Canadian navy."
- "Who made Ontario such a vast Province?"
- "Sir James Whitney."
- "Where is the Quebec Bridge?"
- "Please, ma'am—there isn't any."

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