

Government have for many years exploited the mountains of the Western States no such books as either of these have been published on the flora of these mountains, a fact sufficient in itself to show that they do not offer the attraction to the tourist and Nature lover that our Canadian mountains do. These books and the work of the Canadian Alpine Club will do more to attract strangers to our mountains during the next five years than anything else will. It is to the credit of the Canadian Government and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company that this is not only appreciated by them but that their appreciation has been shown in a practical way by affording every possible assistance to the authors of these books and to the officers of the Alpine Club in the prosecution of their work.

Miss Farr's "Catalogue," as has already been said, is the natural complement of both of the books referred to above. But it is something more than a Catalogue. Like Macoun's "Catalogue of Canadian Plants" which gives the general distribution of all the species of flowering plants which were known to occur in Canada at the time of its publication and also the particular localities at which rare species had been collected, Miss Farr mentions a locality in either the Rockies or Selkirks, or both, at which each species may be found, which makes it possible for one who has only a part of one season to spend in the mountains to collect most of the species known to occur there. The "Catalogue" is also a practically complete list of the plants of those parts of the Rockies and Selkirks that it covers. Based on her own collections in 1904 and 1905 Miss Farr has added to her own list all species reported by other collectors. That a *complete* list of the plants of any region should be published is of course out of the question. All that anyone can do is to publish a list of the plants *known* to occur and this Miss Farr has done. Botanists like Prof. Macoun and Dr. Fletcher who have collected in the Rockies and Selkirks for more than twenty years could add a good many names to even Miss Farr's list, but these names have not been published, and indeed some of the plants collected by them are listed for the first time in Miss Farr's "Catalogue." To the professional botanist the "Catalogue" will prove more valuable than either the "Flora" or Mrs. Henshaw's book. The amateur botanist and the casual visitor to the mountains will find it an absolute necessity, for they will certainly find many species that neither Mrs. Henshaw nor Dr. Brown has described, but which are catalogued by Miss Farr.

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