

ing good accommodations for visitors, and from them many branch and stage lines diverge to desirable points, where hotels and boarding houses will be found.

East of Fabyans the first station is Twin Mountain House, close to Twin and Cherry mountains, and from here a fine view is obtained of Mount Washington and of Mount Lafayette. The several picturesque villages to the north about Cherry Mountain, Randolph and Jefferson, are easily accessible. The White Mountain House, one of the oldest hotels in the country, is one mile away to the east, Fabyans being the central point of the entire district.

From Fabyans trains run to Bethlehem Junction, from whence short branch lines lead to the Maplewood hotel and cluster of pretty cottages, and to the well known village of Bethlehem, where numerous fine hotels and boarding houses will be found. Owing to the freedom from hay-fever, and the extreme beauty of the surrounding landscape, this village is a very popular resort. A noteworthy side-trip of ten miles can be made by rail from Bethlehem Junction to the famous Profile House, situated in a deep cleft between Franconia and Lafayette ranges, at the source of the Merrimack. Close at hand, projecting from the brow of a tremendous cliff, is the mighty profile of the "Old Man of the Mountains." It is colossal in proportions and a perfect face throughout, as though one of the wizard craftsmen of old who chiselled the stupendous Sphinx had sought to carve some magnificent statue from the living rock and giving up the task after completing the features. Six miles below the Profile is the Flume and Flume House, reached by stage, and within easy driving distance is North Woodstock. To the south and west of Fabyans lies a wilderness, mountains and wild in the extreme, and to the north and east tower the lofty heights of the Presidential range. A branch line, six miles long, runs from Fabyans along the bank of the Ammonoosuc and past its pretty falls to the base of Mount Washington, whence the Mount Washington Railroad carries visitors to the summit, 6,293 feet above the sea.

The summit of the mountain is occupied by a large hotel. While the majority of tourists devote only one day to Mount Washington, those who remain over at least one night on the top of the peak are abundantly rewarded. The incline railway by which the ascent of the mountain is made has been in operation since 1869, and is the model for the similar railroads in the Alps. The total length of the line is nearly three miles, and the time of ascent about one and one-half hours. Precautions for safety are so numerous that an accident is impossible.

A narrow pass leading southward from Fabyans carries the Maine Central Railroad from the Connecticut slope to that of the Atlantic. In the jaws of this pass, one-half mile beyond Fabyans, stands the Mount Pleasant House, one of the most popular mountain resorts, and four miles further is the celebrated Crawford House, occupying a secluded nook at the base of Mount Clinton. A little pond just in front of this hotel is the source of the Saco river, which flows thence southward through the White Mountain Range and onward to the ocean at Portland.

Turning southward from the Crawford House the railway next passes through the narrow "Gate of the Notch," winds its way by skillful engineering along the sheer eastern slope of Mounts Willey and Willard, and thence follows the Saco through a narrow canon for several miles down past the Willey House, Bemis, Upper Bartlett, Glen Station, Lower Bartlett, and Intervale to North Conway, where the valley expands and furnishes some of the most beautiful scenes in New Hampshire.

The Maine Central Rd. proceeds southward from North Conway to Conway Centre on the banks of the Saco where it turns eastward and pursues its way down the valley and around the southern end of Sebago Lake to Portland, Maine, and thence eastward to all points in the State of Maine and the Maritime Provinces. This is a rich farming country, presenting charming landscapes and many different tours, including those leading to Bar Harbor, Old Orchard Beach, Poland Springs, the Maritime Provinces, Boston, etc. In the immediate vicinity of Portland are several noted resorts much frequented by Canadians, including Cape Elizabeth, Prout's Neck, Cushing's Island, Peak's Island and other attractive places.