

Just beside the Cave is the Basin, a pool of a little larger size than the one in the Cave, but unlike this last it is always exposed to the air. A fine bath house has been erected beside it, from which thousands emerge every year to enjoy the refreshing water. Tourists say that there are no other Springs in the world, which can compare with those here, but they are especially loud in sounding the praises of the Basin.

It has been the policy of the Superintendent not so much to try and improve Nature, as to make her beauties accessible. Fine roads have been built to all the most important points and the streams have been bridged. Besides these main roads many trails have been opened up, leading to the hunting grounds among the mountains. A ride along one of these trails, seated on the back of a sure footed cayuse, is a source of keen enjoyment.

In the Park, are the two towns of Anthracite and Banff both of which are small, containing about 350 permanent residents between them. It is not intended that much business will be done in Banff, for it is to be kept quiet for the pleasure of visitors. Although a small town, Banff has some fine buildings and well kept streets. The detachment of Mounted Police see that all premises are kept in order and in general have an eye to the neat appearance of the place. Here are three churches, one of which is built of brick, seven hotels, including the palatial C. P. R., hotel and the Sanitarium, one of the best hospitals in the country, two public halls, a fine school house, and last but by no means least, a museum. This museum is to be one of the great attractions. It is intended to have fully represented in it, the birds, animals, fishes, minerals and so forth, of the Canadian Rockies. Exhibits are now rapidly arriving, so that by next season all will be in readiness for visitors. This museum will be a credit to the country.

Anthracite is a mining town. Coal of fine quality is found here in great abundance. It has no attractions for tourists. Some time in the future it is intended to largely increase the area of the Park, so as to include the sources of most of the rivers running through it. Bridle paths will be built to these sources, so that tourists can reach them and enjoy the fine hunting and fishing.

Although there will always be attraction here for a certain number of foreign tourists still with so many good provincial pleasure resorts, the Rocky Mountains Park must look largely to the Territories for its increase of visitors and especially to Alberta. Calgary is now a city of some 5000 inhabitants and annually sends here many cottagers, but when the North West will be as thickly settled as is the American West, when Calgary will be a second St. Paul or Minneapolis, then will be the really prosperous era of the Park. That time is surely coming and with increasing swiftness.

