

Preface

strictly in accordance with the Vienna Rules, in so far as these have been worked out in Canada.

Plants will be found to vary greatly in size and appearance at various altitudes, becoming smaller and shorter as the summit of the mountain is approached, until at 7,000 or 8,000 feet one will find the tiny leaves of the Moss Campion and Mountain Saxifrage growing flat upon the ground, their starry blossoms having no perceptible stalks, but being set close down into the moss-like plants. The Speedwell, Mouse-ear Chickweed, Alpine Azalea, Whitlow Grass, Eriogonum, Androsace, Saxifrage, Gentian and Stonecrop are all in evidence at very high elevations, growing in dwarfed alpine forms, and, together with the Heath, Heather and Anemone, are amongst the last flowers found at the edge of perpetual snow.

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