



GLACIER BIRTHPLACE OF PRICE RIVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA PARK

angle. To the north, almost beneath, fed by the living snows of Crown mountain, is an unfathomable emerald-green lake entirely shut in on three sides by the horse-shoe conformation of Crown mountain, this lake being the source of the Adams river, which winds away to the north through a deeply-indented forest landscape, until it disappears behind a long range of mountains in the middle distance. In the far distance, crowning this range, appear the snow-covered mountains of the mainland, between Knight and Bute inlet. To the east, through a gap between Myra and Flanagan mountains, a long valley opens out, containing lower Campbell lake and the seaboard around Cape Mudge. To the south the eye meets a never-ending succession of peaks and glaciers stretching to the horizon.

There can be no doubt, in the opinion of H. Mr. Ellison and the professional members of the party, that Mount Flanagan has heretofore been mistaken for Crown mountain; also that the maximum altitude of the Vancouver Island Alps will be found to considerably exceed 8,000 feet. Surveyors

describe the country generally as rougher, wilder and more picturesque than anywhere in the Selkirks, where the mountains tower to heights of 12,000 feet and upwards.

Throughout the entire country of the Provincial Park, signs of wapiti (great American Elk), of black bear, of timber wolves, and of common red deer were numerous. A fair proportion of grouse and ptarmigan is reported, while the fishing is incomparable everywhere. Mountain goats, sheep and chamois will be introduced at an early date, the park being intended as a special game preserve, as well as an Alpinist's and fishermen's resort.

At no place were any signs of aboriginal residence or visitation encountered, the interior of Vancouver Island in its northern reaches having been shunned from time immemorial by the native races, either through superstitious fear of the "massache ikta"—the Evil Spirit of the red man—or, a more practical explanation, because the coast Indian cares not to venture far from his canoe, and has in him no germ of the enthusiasm of the mountaineer.