

CALGARY AND THE ROCKIES

At Calgary, the second city of the Province of Alberta, Paul was glad to find Mrs. Simpson and Betty waiting for him at the Palliser Hotel.

They informed Paul that Douglas was having a great time at the Boy Scout camp he had earlier arranged to attend. Mrs. Simpson described the Calgary Stampede while they drove past the Stampede ground. Paul realized how much he would have liked to see the Indians in their colourful headdress and beaded costumes. She also told him of the cowboys whose bronco-busting, roping and chuck-wagon races drew thousands of people from all parts of the world every July.


One of the first thrills in his visit to Calgary was the Natural History Park, with its life-size figures of dinosaurs and other giant prehistoric monsters, whose bones have been found from time to time in Southern Alberta.

One day they drove from Calgary to visit a ranch in the foothills of the Rockies, not far from Calgary. They saw the ranchers supervising their huge herds of cattle in well-kept corrals, at the foot of the snow-capped Rockies.

Back from the ranch, Paul expressed a longing to see the Rockies from the air.

"It may not be quite so good as seeing them from below," replied his aunt. "The best way, I'm sure, is to see them from the observation car on the train."

So they set off on a Canadian Pacific Railway train from Calgary for Banff, which, like Jasper, is a spectacular mountain holiday resort. They spent most of the trip in the observation car. After quite a short journey, their



DINOSAUR IN NATURAL HISTORY PARK OF CALGARY