

Miles from Mont <sup>1</sup>	Trans-Contin'l Train	STATIONS—DESCRIPTIVE NOTES
	The great glacier and its hotel	station for passing trains, and a most comfortable stopping place for tourists who wish to hunt or fish or explore the surrounding mountains and glaciers. The great glacier is hardly a mile away, and its forefoot is only a few hundred feet above the level of the hotel. A good path has been made to it, and its exploration is entirely practicable, adding sensations of novelty and superiority of size to all those features that attract Alpine climbers in Switzerland. Many other pleasant paths and "improvements" have been made in the neighborhood of this hotel, which offers a luxurious headquarters for mountaineering. Game is very abundant throughout these lofty ranges. Their summits are the home of the bighorn sheep and the mountain goat, the latter almost unknown southward of Canada. Bears can always be obtained, the mural heights, seen across the deep gorge at the mouth of Glacier creek, taking the name of Grizzly mountain from the frequency of those animals upon its berry-bearing slopes.
2487	15.05	<b>Ross Peak</b> —Glacier creek is one of the sources of the Illicilliwaet, through whose gorge the railway makes its descent on the western side of the Selkirks. This descent begins at "the loops," which are at the base of Mt. Ross, just beyond the Glacier House. "Perhaps," writes Lady Macdonald, "no part of the line is more extraordinary, as evincing daring engineering skill, than this pass, where the road-bed curves in <i>loops</i> over trestle-bridges of immense height, at the same time rapidly descending. In six miles of actual travelling the train only advances two and a half miles, so numerous are the windings necessary to get through this canyon. As I sit looking forward down the pass I can see long trestle-bridges below, and yet <i>on a line</i> with the one we are crossing at the moment! They show above the forest, sharply distinct, so far below, that for a moment my heart beats quickly as I feel the brakes tighten, and the engine bear on with a quiet, steady, slower rush round and down and over, while I look through the trestle-beams into the hurrying foam of waters 150 feet below." The best views are now backward, toward Sir Donald and adjacent peaks, which many judge to be the grandest of all the single mountains seen.
	The Loops	
	Illicilliwaet River	
2496	15.41	<b>Illicilliwaet</b> —The Illicilliwaet river is a stream of no great size, but of course turbulent, whose water is at first pea-green with glacial mud, but rapidly clarifies. The gorge is sometimes of considerable width, filled with that remarkable forest of gigantic trees for which British Columbia is famous, and there are exceedingly grand outlooks all along, especially backward. At this station are silver mines of much promise penetrating the crest of one of the lofty foot-hills north of the track. Other "prospects" are awaiting development.
	Silver mines	
2503	16.06	<b>Albert Canyon</b> —Just east of the station, between the 402nd and 403rd mile-posts, the train runs suddenly along the very brink of several remarkably deep can-

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