



Lake of the Hanging Glaciers

Side by side—under the same blue sky—in the same rare atmosphere, the fir,—calm, austere, seemingly unmoved by the beauty around, unbending to the light breeze, unsoftened by the warmth of the sun—the cottonwood, a veritable French cocotte, every golden leaf dancing for the sheer joy of motion, careless whether there were spectators or not, intoxicated, mad in the sunshine. They made a wonderful study.

Later, in December, on quite the wrong day, for it was dull and cold with over 16 degrees of frost, we motored into the first canyon of the new Banff-Windermere road, and up to the stores and huts grouped about the Radium Hot Springs. Here we bathed in the open, lingeringly—hating to leave the waters.

It seemed an absolutely mad thing to do, with a return drive of twenty miles in the late afternoon, with the remembrance of how utterly inadequate leather coats and Scotch tweeds had proved on the outward journey, but natives, who were in the party, assured us no harm would come, and assuredly none did, only the most heavenly sense of exhilaration.

Hardly less attractive than the waters were the rocks. A few miles up the road, there is only space in the road and the stream—here the mountainous rocks on either side change to vivid yellow and flame colour. I was almost glad to see them for the first time on a dull day—with sunshine the effect must be stupendous.

Surely there is a wonderful future for this corner of British Columbia and the new Banff-Windermere road should hasten the day.



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Should still be near us at our side?

Is there no baseness we would hide?

No inner vileness that we dread?

Shall he for whose applause I strove,

I had such reverence for his blame,

See with clear eye some hidden shame

And I be lessen'd in his love?

I wrong the grave with fears untrue:

Shall love be blamed for want of faith?

There must be wisdom with great Death:

The dead shall look me thro' and thro'.

Be near us when we climb or fall:

Ye watch, like God, the rolling hours

With larger other eyes than ours,

To make allowance for us all.

Tennyson (I. M. Stanza L1.)