



HON. PRICE ELLISON AND MYRA KING ELLISON CHRISTENING VANCOUVER ISLAND'S HIGHEST PEAK

for the Province only a few weeks ago.

At the meeting of Parliament in January provision will be made for the construction of roads and trails into the new Provincial Park, while Canadian Northern surveyors are now investigating the possibility of carrying the railway to the new wonderland in the immediate future.

The investigations made by Hon. Mr. Ellison and his assistants have disclosed many new and interesting facts in connection with the little known Vancouver Island Alps, one of which is that there exist, in all probability, other and higher peaks than Crown mountain, in the vicinity of the Provincial National Park, to tempt the skill, the daring and endurance of new generations of mountaineers; while another is that the park boundaries extend for fully seven miles further northerly than had been previously supposed. The park is described by Colonel W. J. H. Holmes, P. L. S., who made a careful triangulation survey of Buttle's lake and the surrounding areas, as "situated in the shape of a right-angled triangle with its northwesterly apex some

few miles to the south of the 50th parallel, and about 26 miles from the east coast of the island. It then follows the boundary line of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway reserve for about 44 miles southeasterly, thence turning due west until met by a perpendicular dropped from the northwestern apex. This enclosed area contains between 270 and 300 square miles of mountains, glaciers, lakes and rivers. Buttle's lake itself is eighteen and a half miles in length, and (at a maximum) one mile wide, the shores and hillsides covered with fir and cedar, gradually giving place to steeply pointed masses of rock towering to heights of from 4,000 to 8,000 feet, covered on their northern faces with perpetual snows. To the east of the lake the Albert Edward and Alexandra ranges dominate the scene."

"The view from Crown mountain," says Hon. Mr. Ellison's report, "is a glorious one of the Victoria peaks, dominating all the surrounding country. One of these, King George peak, rises for 5,000 feet with sheer walls on all sides, and the whole leaning over to the north at a surprising