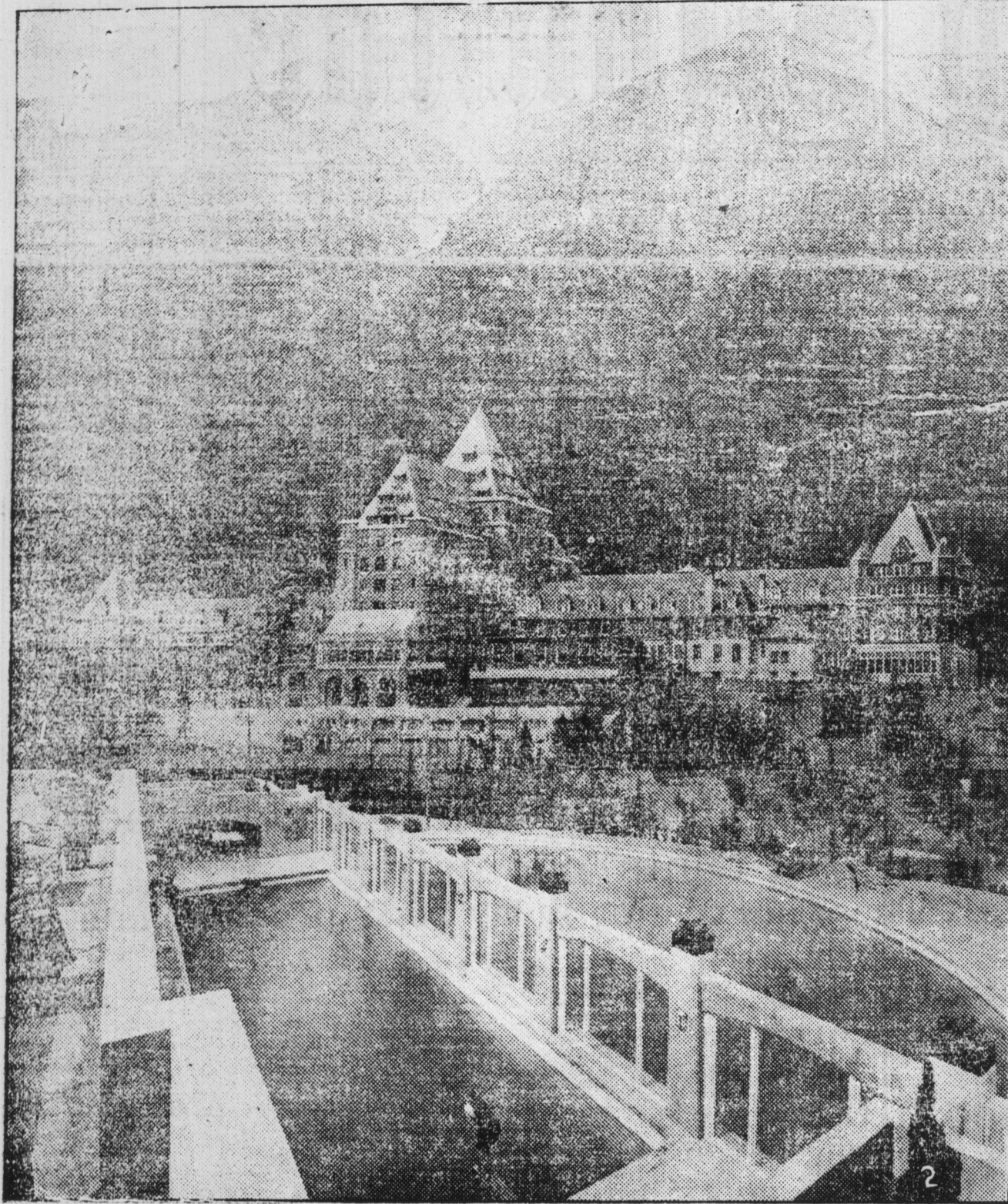


A Palace Amid the Peaks



(1) Banff Springs Hotel.

(2) The swimming pool at Banff Springs Hotel

THIRTY-FIVE years is three and a half decades and a great deal might happen during that time. In fact, one might grow from a toothless, mumbly family pride into a white hope and a nation's pride, or one might grow from a white hope or a nation's pride into a toothless mumbly civic burden. No matter what happens there are always changes, the few things remaining unaltered being the mountains, the ocean, the deep blue sky. Forests wither and burn and draw in their borders, fences and grain fields are now where the wild lands rolled, towns and cities flourish where the antelope and the mule-deer used fearlessly to slake their thirst.

Mountains, having the broader perspective, see the greatest changes, and the mountains of Banff could tell much if they would talk. Forty years ago they looked down on the primeval forests of their lower slopes and valleys, traversed sometimes by red men, sometimes by pioneer whites. Thirty-five years ago they saw the C. P. R. gangs stretching the first steel threads which bind the Pacific to the Atlantic and have opened the land for the coming millions. The white men lived in the open, in tents, in dug-outs and log cabins, they ate of the roughest fare, and they hoped a way for the following horde who brought with every new contingent, new comforts and new developments.

Up on the slopes of Sulphur Mountain the sulphur springs bubbled, and smoked and steamed for centuries, known only to the wild animals and natives, but when the railway steel was put down white men came and saw the commercial possibilities of the medicinal waters. One of these earliest pioneers decided to be forehanded and obtain possession. On the northeast side of Sulphur Mountain, where the sulphur bubbled and a wondrous cave of geyser pools and stalactites promised attractions for future tourists he erected a small log hut and placarded it with a roughly planned board branded "hotel" in letters of charcoal. Consequently, while waiting for the rush of tourists he fed and washed stray railroaders, trappers, guides and prospectors. He was a free and easy landlord, if there was room on his floor they could sleep under his roof, if there was four in the sack and bacon on the nail they could eat. They paid what they thought was right. This was the first hotel in Banff park.

The government, realizing for the first time the great possibilities of the mountains, streams, and medicinal springs of Banff decided that it should be reserved as a national playground and health resort for L. C. Canada and the world. The squatter who had hoped to retain the medicinal springs for his own profit, was consequently bitterly disappointed. He took up other work and the "hotel" drooped in decay. Wood lice ants, mountain rats, bears, and moun-

tain storms soon wiped out the structure.

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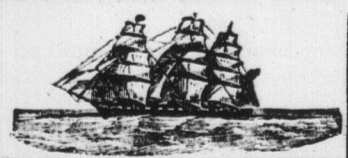
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Marine News



Nova Scotia is building steel ships, wooden ships and ships of concrete, the first of the latter being ready for launching at North Sydney.

The fog signal at Boston Light is to be changed about Feb. 20th. It will sound two blasts every sixty seconds, the blasts to be three seconds' duration, separated by three seconds. A compressed air system is being installed to give greater volume to the horn.

Messrs. Z. Nickerson & Son's schr. Elizabeth D., which arrived in Yarmouth from Portland, Me., on Tuesday afternoon, has been hauled out on the marine slip where she is being overhauled, caulked and painted, to put her in condition for winter fishing.

The schooner Ruth Heckman reached St. John's from Cadiz on December 28 with a cargo of salt for A. E. Heckman and Co., Ltd. She encountered unusually rough weather during the last fortnight of her voyage. Twelve miles off Cape Spear, she was taken in tow by the tug John Greene. Her master is Captain Legge.

The schr. Curlew, formerly of Barrington, but now owned by L. C. Prime, Freeport, is at Yarmouth, where a crew joined her on Thursday. An outfit of dories has arrived for her and she will engage in the winter fisheries out of Liverpool, operating in conjunction with the Ohio, Roseway and Lucy A., of the Gateway Co.'s fleet.

The latest report of the wrecked

steamer Corinthian is that she is gradually disappearing. It is thought the stern has been broken off. There is a large quantity of lard afloat about the wreck, and much pork is going ashore at Grand Manan. Steamer B. & M. LeBlanc and schr. Lucy have landed goods in Yarmouth this week and Messrs. Law & Co., will conduct an auction sale of salvaged goods next Wednesday forenoon.

Messrs. Z. Nickerson & Son's schr. Elizabeth D., which arrived in Yarmouth the first of this week with a cargo of lobster bait from Wilson's Beach, N. B., sailed this morning for Sandy Point, Shelburne Co. This vessel has just closed an excellent charter to carry a cargo of green fish and pickled herring from several south shore points to Boston and will start loading for the trip immediately upon arrival at Sandy Point.

Shipping inward and outward bound may now use the old ship channel thru the Narrows in Boston harbor as before the war. All restrictions have been removed, the obstructions have been taken up and the light in the tower at Boston Light station was re-lighted Thursday night for the first time since Sept. 30, when, owing to war conditions, it was ordered extinguished. The fog signal at Boston Light station is also in operation.

What is claimed to be the largest stock ever realized by a sailing vessel on a 10-days' fresh haddocking trip

was made by the schooner Ruth and Margaret, Capt. Val. O'Neil, at Boston recently when the vessel took down a check of 88715 as the result of a 10 days trip on western banks. Each of the crew shared the fine sum of \$234 clear. The vessel weighed off 80,000 pounds of fish and struck a lucky market, when fish were scarce and prices were high.

Liverpool Advance:—Robie McLeod, the veteran shipbuilder of Queens Co., has recently accepted the position of exclusive surveyor in the Province of Nova Scotia for the American Bureau of Shipping. Mr. McLeod is eminently fitted for the position, and the Bureau has been very fortunate in being able to secure his services. He left here on Monday, and after spending a day in the shipyards at Mahone will proceed to Shad Bay where a steamer is being built for Burns & Kelliber, Halifax.

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