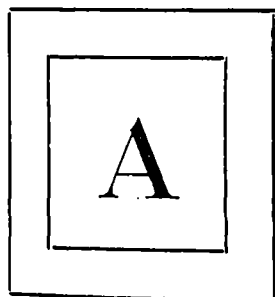


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# A New British Columbia Playground

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NEW national play and pleasure ground, comprising approximately three hundred square miles of the wildest and most majestic mountain, lake and river scenery

in America, has just been set apart for the use and benefit of future generations by the Government of British Columbia, in what is to be known as the Provincial National Park, in the heart of the Vancouver Island Alps. The park surrounds Buttle's lake, named for its discoverer, a California prospector of very early days, who was one of the first to penetrate the interior of Vancouver Island; and constitutes a veritable wonderland of mountain peaks and glaciers, tumultuous waterfalls, gem-like lakes and sombre forests.

It has never been explored until the just past summer, when Hon. Price Ellison, then minister of public lands, in person headed a party to penetrate its fastnesses, and incidentally to conquer hoary-headed Crown mountain, the monarch of the Island Alps. The party was a remarkable one, in that it included the daughter of the Minister, Miss

Myra King Ellison, who, although but seventeen years of age and girlishly slight, succeeded in keeping pace with the hardest frontiersman of the expedition, and insisted upon carrying her own fifty-pound pack during the whole ascent of Crown mountain, which it was her proud privilege to christen in foaming wine as "Ellison Peak." Myra lake, river and falls, discovered in the course of the expedition's researches, are named in honor of this dauntless little lady, the first of her sex to have invaded the maze of mountains found in the Vancouver Island interior.

The special report of the expedition was laid before the government of British Columbia by Hon. Mr. Ellison just prior to his departure for England, where he is now visiting, it being his first return to his native land since he left it thirty-five years ago, determined to build up a fortune in this new world. In this ambition he has succeeded as well as he has in local politics, being rated today among British Columbia's millionaires and the proprietor of one of the largest and finest farming estates in western Canada. Retiring from the administration of the Department of Public Works, he became Minister of Finance and Agriculture