

of the Alberta Legislature, a general act was passed dealing with the licensing of chauffeurs, livery men, garages, etc., from the application of which the parks were not excepted, although the Act has not been enforced in the parks so far as it conflicts with the agreement. Moreover, no arrangement has been made on the subject of the roads built by the Dominion through the parks and regarded by the parks administration as private ways under its exclusive control. There is a risk that such roads might be held to be public highways. These are only two of many points on which difficulties might arise; the possible sources of friction are almost infinite in their variety.

4. The greatest difficulty, however, arises from the establishment in the parks of town sites, particularly those at Banff and Jasper. The former contains several hotels, and the latter has been made a railway divisional point under an order of the Board of Railway Commissioners. The erection of these urban areas into ordinary municipalities is clearly out of the question. The Province does not desire that it should be done, and it would be most unwelcome to the parks administration, which must assume the responsibility for the character of the buildings, for water supply and for the enforcement of numerous special regulations necessary to prevent the towns acquiring characteristics which would divert the tourist traffic which it is an important object of the parks to attract. Almost the whole of the townsite areas are held under leases which in some measure apply the parks regulations to the use of the land; and make water and other like rates payable by the lessees; but the municipal administration is unsatisfactory from the points of view of both the parks administration and the inhabitants. The former is handicapped by the lack of constitutional jurisdiction in the Dominion to impose direct taxes, and the latter grumble because they are, as they allege,

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