



BRULE LAKE, JASPER PARK

the gorge over which the bridge is built has a depth of 250 to 300 feet. Beyond the Pembina the country is quite flat.

The first view of the Rockies, on the Grand Trunk Pacific route, is had at the McLeod River, 123 miles west of Edmonton. This view embraces the range to the south of the Yellowhead and is about 80 miles distant. At Prairie Creek, which is practically the entrance to the mountain region, the railway runs high up on a ridge to the south side of the Athabaska River and passengers will be afforded one of the best views of the Athabaska Valley and the mountains. The river at this point is about 300 feet wide, with a swift current of eight miles an hour. Roche Miette, a prominent rocky pinnacle, rears itself to the southwest and looms up in stately grandeur. This mountain is at an elevation of about 8,000 feet and as seen from Prairie Creek seems quite close, although about twenty miles distant. After leaving Prairie Creek the line enters Jasper National Park, the five thousand square miles Reservation set aside by the Dominion Government for the preservation of the forest and the game and fish in that section of country. This is the greatest of the National Parks of Canada.

One hundred and ninety-seven miles west of Edmonton the railway enters what is known on the other transcontinental railways in America as the Foothills, but in connection with this northern route the term is a misnomer compared to the hills that are found on other transcontinental