

is as wild as it was when first the eyes of the white man were startled by their overpowering grandeur. Upon or among these marvels of old-time rock-building are the favorite haunts of every "man-fearing or man-skeering" brute known in the whole country—elk, moose, deer, caribou, Rocky Mountain sheep and goat, panther, grizzly, black and brown bear, lynx, wolf, etc., etc., while waterfowl abound upon many of the mountain lakes, and several varieties of grouse are in the forests. But you would never come away over here for feathered game, when it may be so easily got upon the plains. You want big game—stately elk, fierce bears, sneaky panthers, big-horned sheep, snowy goats, etc.? Very good. You can have them, one and all, and caribou and deer to boot, providing you yourself are game to follow your guide.

Now, there are places without number among these mountain ranges where a man can find many of the varieties of the game mentioned; but mention need only be made of a few, from which a sportsman may safely plan his operations.

The first important halting place is at Banff, in the Canadian National Park, Rocky Mountains, where the railway company has erected a palatial hotel. Should a brief sojourn here be decided upon, the sportsman may enjoy good duck shooting on the Vermillion Lakes, a short distance from the hotel, and fine mountain trout fishing on the Bow and Cascade rivers; also deep trolling for lake trout on Devil's Lake, all but the latter within easy walking distance. Guides and complete outfits can be secured for extended trips into the mountains after bear, sheep and goat, to the north, south, or west.

Farther westward, at Field, is one of the Company's inviting little chalet hotels, and there and at Emerald Lake seven miles away good fly fishing can be had; but it is hardly a desirable point for shooting. Still farther west is the town of Golden, and from here a steamer makes regular trips up the Columbia River to the lakes at its head, distant about 100 miles, and affording access to a fine game district in which are sheep, goat, caribou, and bear. Outfits can be procured at Golden, and guides and supplies at Windermere. The lagoons on each side of the steamboat channel swarm with duck, geese and swan—in fact, they are the favorite breeding-grounds of the water-birds—and the headwaters of the river afford excellent trout and grayling fishing. Westward, again, the next important stopping-place is at the foot of the Great Glacier of the Selkirks, where the railway company have another of their comfortable mountain chalets, which, with its annex, can accommodate a large number of guests. Immediately behind the hotel is the Fish Creek Valley, reached by the Asulkan Pass and Glacier, Asulkan meaning in the Siwash tongue "the home of the white goat." Securing a guide here, you can climb the mountains with a certainty of a chance at goat or bear. In the early spring and autumn there is fairly good fly fishing in the streams near the Glacier Hotel.

A new water, and one that has already become famous, is the Lower Kootenay River, which teems with mountain trout of fair size. The many who have tried it agree that it is one of the best streams available, while the scenery is simply superb. The country contiguous to it is well stocked with big game,