

APPENDIX E.Parks.

1. There are in Alberta six national parks and part of a seventh. Of these three are scenic parks on the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains, known as the Waterton Lakes, Rocky Mountains (Banff) and Jasper National Parks, and they present a problem of considerable difficulty, the present relative positions of the Dominion and the Province of Alberta in respect of them being far from satisfactory. These parks are included within the province and to the inhabitants of them the ordinary provincial law therefore applies. At the same time it is essential to their proper administration as parks that elaborate regulations should be enforced upon all who either live in or visit them, and this has involved conflict between the provincial and Dominion jurisdictions on a number of points, of which many have been adjusted by agreement.

2. For example, the complete year-round protection of game has been secured by the Province making the parks game sanctuaries; the Dominion has assumed responsibility for the maintenance of law and order within the park areas; the sharing of motor car license fees between the Province and the parks administration has been arranged for; the Province has agreed to permit the Dominion to issue chauffeurs licenses good only in the parks, retaining the whole of the fee, and it has also agreed not to collect license fees for guides or for places of amusement, boat liveries, restaurants and like establishments which exist chiefly for the convenience of tourists. Certain concessions have been made by the Dominion in respect of schools, which are of course administered by the Province, and the provincial liquor laws from time to time in force extend to the parks.

3. Even on these settled points there is the risk of friction owing to provincial legislation being framed without regard to the agreements made. For example, at the last session

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