



INTERIOR OF THE CAVE, BANFF.
(Messrs Wm. Notman & Son, photo.)

These are locally called the Hoodoos or the Natural Monuments, and are strange masses of conglomerate, left isolated by the deflation of the softer strata around them. They stand on one of the strange natural benches, looking like the Roman earthworks of Dover Castle, characteristic in river valleys of the Canadian North-West.

Our last days at Banff were dreams—clear, cloudless days, so gloriously fine that the grasshoppers were a burden, and the rivers the purest turquoise, and nights so moonlit that one could trace the outline of every peak in the amphitheatre of the Rockies that encircled us. One bathed in that most romantic bathing place nature ever devised, the cave; paddled up the glassy creek into the reedy lakes, and after moonrise sat out in the soft night far enough from jarring voices to be able to hear the gabble of the river and the hoarse roar of the waterfall.

Harrison Springs are not much like Banff. They are struggling for themselves, with no omnipotent Canadian Pacific Railway to make them in a day. But there are capital sulphur baths there, swimming and ordinary, and a capital mountain hotel, with gentlemanly, obliging proprietors. The Harrison Springs hotel is not difficult to reach. It is only five miles from the Agassiz station on the C.P.R., which is only a few miles from the Mission station, where the trains come in from Seattle and San Francisco. The hotel stands at the end of the lake, a very large one, with a magnificent view of mountain and glacier, not unlike the view of the Bernese Oberland from Zurich. In front are a chain of finely wooded islands; at intervals up the lake there are romantic waterfalls and picnicking places, and round the second point, with its bold rocks like the ram of a

warship, the fierce Harrison River commences its descent to the lordly Fraser.

For sport there are no easily accessible places superior to Harrison. Both bear and deer are common round the lake, and can easily be driven to the guns by dogs, (the shooters are posted, the walking being very severe), while the fishing really is first-rate, fine trout, both speckled and the great lake tellows, abounding. At the end of the lake stood once a town of three thousand inhabitants, when the highway through British Columbia lay through Harrison and the adjoining lakes by steamer, and over the intervening necks of land by portage. There is now, I believe, not one inhabitant left to tell the tale. But they were piping days in that dead Caribou gold-rush.

DOUGLAS SLADEN.

Changes in the R. S. M. I.

It is announced from Ottawa that the following changes will be made in the organization of the Royal School of Mounted Infantry and the Company of Mounted Infantry: The Company of Mounted Infantry will henceforth be known as "Canadian Mounted Rifle Corps;" The Royal School of Mounted Infantry will be known as "Royal School of Instruction." Canadian Mounted Rifle Corps will consist of one class of troops, of which strength and distribution will be as follows: 4 officers (combatants), 1 medical officer, 1 sergeant-major, 1 quartermaster sergeant, 2 sergeant instructors, 5 sergeants, 1 sergeant trumpeter, 1 ser-

geant farrier, 3 corporals, 3 lance corporals, 3 trumpeters, 80 privates. The present distribution will be gradually brought into accord with the above. The school of instruction will be of a two fold character—a school of instruction for infantry and a school of instruction for cavalry—the type best suited to the western region. Separate certificates will be given. The following non-commissioned officers and men will form the permanent dismounted section of the corps: Quartermaster sergeant, two sergeants, two instructors, two sergeants, five privates. They will, as far as possible, be employed wholly in connection with instruction and in regimental establishments, canteen, hospital and quartermaster stores, but will be fully qualified to perform mounted duties.

The uniform of the Canadian Mounted Rifle Corps will be altered as follows: Tunic scarlet dragoon pattern, facings blue, buttons universal militia pattern; pantaloons blue with scarlet stripes, as for artillery; trousers, blue with scarlet stripes as for artillery; boot legging and spurs as heretofore; forage cap, field service pattern, as for artillery; winter caps, general pattern, with scarlet busby.

Mr. Balfour is doing his best to emulate Mr. Gladstone alike in industry and versatility. He is reported to be writing a popular book on J. S. Mill's philosophy, which a biography will be incorporated. The race of statesmen-authors has not come to an end, despite the demands of democracy on its servants.