

have mountains in the Arctic, poking their noses out of the great flood of ice, and mountains in the tropics rising out of deserts. Mountains, wherever you find them, have qualities of their own; there is an immense variety of type and of charm, but in all this variety of beauty of mountain scenery, there are no mountains which combine grace and at the same time boldness of form with forest and with water more beautifully, as far as I can judge, than those mountains Mr. Collie so well described to-night, and I can only conclude by saying it is very hard lines that he did not postpone his trip, in order that he might have taken me with him.

The PRESIDENT: We have been reminded by Mr. Baker that Captain Palliser and Dr. James Hector, who may be considered the pioneers of the Canadian Rockies, were recipients of our Royal awards, and I think it must be with great satisfaction that the Fellows of this Society remember that it was due to our urgent and pressing representations that the expedition of Palliser for the discovery of passes over the Rocky mountains was organized and undertaken. Prof. Collie and his companions have very worthily trodden in the steps of these eminent explorers; they have gone over ground which was entirely unmapped; they have ascended mountains and done some magnificent mountaineering, under, as you have heard, very great difficulties; and I am sure you will all wish me to express your thanks to Prof. Collie and his companions for the most interesting paper which he has delivered so admirably to you this evening, illustrated with such beautiful slides.

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