

SWISS GUIDES, WITH KID OF MOUNTAIN GOAT

Mr. A. O. Wheeler, the President of the Alpine Club of Canada, has to say of the wonderful Spillimacheen Mountains, which are a feature of the district:

"Except to the prospector these are little known, and would provide a grand exploration ground for the alpine man. Pyramids, cones, towers, pinnacles, and great snow-clad domes rise superbly. Wide snow fields lie between. Deep valleys cut into the heart of the range. At their heads are beautiful grassy uplands. Picturesque ice-falls fill the gorges. Glacial torrents break from ice-caves and fall hundreds of feet over rock ledges. The region is unmapped and unnamed, except locally by the hunter and prospector. I have heard old prospectors tell of a wonderful waterfall that leaps two

thousand feet down a precipice in a valley rimmed in by high cliffs, to which there is no entry except by a stiff climb over the rim, the exit of the stream lying in a deep, impassable canyon. I have heard of another waterfall that cascades eight hundred feet in a series of striking rockets. I have seen a snow field where a group of snow monoliths, hundreds of feet high, rise from its centre. Seen from the heights of the Dog Tooth Range, this wonderland is enthralling. An intense fascination grips the beholder and urges an exploration of its hidden recesses."

This, then, is the character of that region of the high alps of Canada's vaster Switzerland which is at last to be rendered "residential."

