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VISIT TO WONDERFUL PARK AT JASPER

By H. F. Pullen

It is hackneyed to speak of "one of Canada's greatest playgrounds," but that is what Jasper Park is destined to be. I saw only a very small portion of it, but I saw enough to assure myself that I should not be satisfied until I had seen more. One day spent in a park of 44,000 square miles is so trivial that it is hardly worth mentioning but the lakes I saw were so blue, so clear, the beaches so sandy, the mountains so indescribably picturesque and the rivers and streams so unusual it is impossible to describe by words or picture what they are like.

Prince Rupert people who wish an enjoyable trip to Vancouver or Victoria should go by train. That is what I did during the strike days when the boats were not running. It is a trip that I look back to with pleasure and I thank the strike committee for having been the cause of so enjoyable a time.

All Different.

Nearly everyone has seen the wonderful scenery of the Skeena river, the mountains at Hazelton and the canyon at Kitlas, they have seen the crowning glory, Mount Robson of the Canadian Rockies, all on the line of the G. T. P. Railway. Those are wonderful sights. The mountains of Jasper Park, however, are different. There are hundreds of them. By taking a pony at Jasper and riding up one of the adjoining mountains and then climbing a short distance no less than one hundred peaks will come into view. I did not see them, I simply saw the mountains from the lower levels, but I saw the lakes and the rivers and that was plenty for one day.

There were plenty of saddle-horses to be obtained in Jasper but I chose the more prosaic mode of travelling, in a democrat wagon. Through the courtesy of Colonel Rogers, superintendent of the park, I was able to take with me Constable Adams and his wife and daughter who were also making the trip to Vancouver by the same train. Mr. La Chance of Surf Inlet was also of the party.

Wonderful Lakes.

We crossed the Athabaska

river, and passed numerous little lakes, among them being Lac Beau Vert where the famous tent city is located during the summer months; Lake Annette, named after Mrs. Rogers, wife of the park superintendent, and Lake Edith named for Mrs. Edith McCall of Prince Rupert, wife of the general superintendent of the G. T. P. There were other lakes, reflecting in their blue depths the mountains, trees and fleecy clouds, indescribable in their beauty. To tell of them in detail is impossible.

Our destination was the Maligne River canyon, a small stream that has worn its way through the solid rock, ground out immense pot holes and travelling sometimes in a channel so narrow that it is almost possible to step across, yet the stream is away below still grinding the narrow passage deeper. The work of ages was shown in the bed of that stream and all wondered at the persistence of nature and realized how little we understood her.

The Mountains.

Why tell of Pyramid mountain that seemed to obstruct itself on every scene? Its colored effects mottled with snow were the charm of the place. No one can imagine the Palesades and Snaring Mountains, the Sons of Anak, the ash-colored Colin Range or Old Man Mountain, with its remarkable picture of the old Indian lying on his back along the top. Mount Edith Cavell was prominent in one direction, which I cannot say for certain, but I think west.

I was told that there were bridle paths leading up many of the mountains as far as the snow line, and that along the valleys it was possible to travel on horseback and take along a pack horse. Some day I hope to return and climb those mountains, explore the recesses of the valleys and gloat over the wonders of this park that belongs to the people and in which the people of the Dominion are invited to play.

VISITOR SEES POSSIBILITIES

E. C. Cotes Addressed Board of Trade on Timely Subject Yesterday.

At a special meeting of the Board of Trade in their rooms yesterday afternoon, an interesting address was given by E. Cotes on "The Possibilities of Oriental Trade with Prince Rupert." Mr. Cotes urged the necessity of transpacific steamships from this port, suggesting that lumber and fish might be exported and that in return vessels for this port would provide through cargo for the railway.

Mr. Cotes spoke of the value of the local climate and scenery and advocated a change of timetable which would give through travellers from the East a longer time in the city. Also the steamers to and from Alaska were notified that they had but an hour ashore, whereas the boats often remained longer. Amusements were important in attracting visitors and frequent boat services to the lakes and other points would add to the pleasure of a visit. Facilities for looking over the city should be provided and advertised. The fishing and hunting should also be advertised. An extended report of the address will be published later.

Mr. Cotes is a newspaper man and a keen observer and as such his opinions have weight.

Arrivals from up river last evening include H. W. Chambers of Balmoral; George Moffat, Port Essington; Miss M. Horbury, of Hazelton; and A. G. Harris, Port Essington.



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Already Provincial Governments, Universities, Farmers' Associations, and Veterans' Associations are giving valuable assistance. Many manufacturers and sellers of farm supplies have agreed to allow the soldier settlers special prices. Many successful farmers have willingly worked on Qualification Committees which have to pass on the applicants. Men who have had experience in lending money on farm property are serving on Advisory Loan Committees, judging land values.

But even such practical assistance is not enough. In each community farmers can be of real service to the soldier settler. They can give him advice about local conditions. They can lend him an extra horse or plough, give him a day's help at seeding or harvest time, and extend to him that friendly, neighborly, respectful spirit which he deserves.

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Full information about lands and loans for soldiers will be sent on request to the Provincial Superintendent, Soldier Settlement Board,

Rogers Building, Vancouver, B. C.

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