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OUR NATIONAL PARKS SANCTUARIES OF WILD LIFE AND HEALTH RESORTS.

By Far the Greater Number Are in the West, But Ontario Has Two and Nova Scotia Has One—Reserves Cover an Area of 25,094,400 Acres.

The Canadian National Parks are eleven in number. These it will be remembered are the property of the Federal Government; and, in addition to these are large areas belonging to the provinces, that are set apart as sanctuaries of wild life and health resorts and pleasure grounds for the people.

By far the greater part of this federal park area is in the West, comprising those well-known, and even famous parks at Banff, Yoho, Glacier, Mount Revelstoke, Jasper, Waterton Lakes, the Buffalo National Park at Wainwright, and the Elk Island Park.

There are two federal National Parks in Ontario—one at Point Pelee, the southern projection of Essex County, and the St. Lawrence Islands National Park—several of the Thousand Islands. There is one in Nova Scotia, Fort Anne Park at old Port Royal, now Annapolis Royal.

The Dominion Parks and Forest Reserves cover an area of 25,094,400 acres.

J. B. Harkin, Commissioner of Canadian National Parks, represents the happiest combination of the creative and the practical, a well blended prescription of Celtic vision and Scottish cannicness. It seems to most of us that the Canadian National Parks system has been a fifty-year reality, so well entrenched in the idea in the public mind, and so widely advertised have been the names and characteristics of the great Western playgrounds, but as a matter of fact that national organization of parks, on the present plan, was not launched until June, 1911, when J. B. Harkin took his place as commissioner.

The choice of a commissioner was well made. Mr. Harkin had been city editor of the Ottawa Journal which probably taught him all the Alps tricks of leading from crag to crag. Mr. Harkin with his newspaper man's sense of balance at once launched a plan to make the National Parks a great economic asset, a magnet to tourist business, and in a comparatively few years had focussed national attention on the subject.

power of the parks as well as their high importance to the more crowded populations of Western Canada a few decades hence. To-day the system of National Parks is beyond the possibility of political or other interference. The sound idea of setting aside for the perpetual use of the people great and superlatively beautiful areas of forest and mountain and river cannot now be disturbed. Moreover, the demonstrated national profit in dollars and cents from tourist traffic derived chiefly from the United States has made Parliament sensibly indulgent to annual appropriations for upkeep and improvements.

One of Mr. Harkin's wisest steps was to put through the construction of a fine motor road across the Rockies, linking Alberta with British Columbia and giving direct access to the motor roads of the United States. Other outstanding successes to Mr. Harkin's credit are the thoroughness of game protection in the parks, by which, in particular, the Bighorn and the Rocky Mountain goat have been saved for the future; the protection of the Migratory Birds Act; the preservation of the historic and prehistoric sites of our Dominion. The work of the Canadian National Parks Branch of the Department of the Interior is one of the worthiest achievements to the credit of our public service.

Last year the total appropriation for the National Parks was \$96,000, or \$34,000 less than one million dollars. Let the other side of the account, that of revenue, be presented in the words of the commissioner, who writes:

"An analysis of the year's travel shows that 88,763 people went to the large parks along the main railway lines, of whom approximately 65,000 were from foreign countries. Estimated, on the basis of expenditure of \$900 for each foreign visitor, it means that the national parks are responsible for an indirect revenue of approximately \$19,500,000.

The total appropriation for the national parks during the past year were \$96,000. According to the last census the population of Canada numbers 8,775,753 so that the national parks last year cost the people of Canada about 12 cents per capita. They bring in an indirect revenue of \$19,500,000, or a per capita return of approximately \$2.22. That is indirect revenue. But it must be remembered that this \$19,500,000 is divided among the people and increases their incomes to that extent. There are also other revenues from the parks, from the sale of timber and from various concessions and leases, which amounted last year to \$72,000.

In addition there were approximately 27,000 foreign visitors to the parks. He remembers, too, that the parks performed a direct service, which cannot be calculated in dollars and cents, by serving as a means of recreation for nearly 75,000 Canadian."

SPACE SOON SNAPPED UP. Canadian National Railways' Parisian Headquarters Self-sustaining.

"There is every reason for confidence that the Hotel Scribe in Paris, which has been acquired by the Canadian National Railways, will not involve any additions to the burden of the system," said Major Graham A. Bell, Deputy Minister of Railways and Canals, on his return from several weeks in London and Paris on business related to the Dominion's big public enterprise.

"All the floor space in the Hotel Scribe which will not be required by the Canadian National Railways for Dominion Government purposes already has been reserved by various financial and other institutions, many of them Canadian," said Major Bell. "We are persuaded that the revenue derived from rentals will not only pay for the maintenance of this office building, but also will enable us to lay aside sufficient to build up a sinking fund to take care of the capital outlay. The Dominion Government, for the space it occupies, will pay rent on the same basis as the other tenants."

Major Bell devoted every energy to make the proposition as safe as possible for the Canadian National Railways. With the retirement of Mr. A. Ronovici, the original promoter of the transaction, a special holding company, subsidiary to the Canadian National Railways, was formed under the French company laws, with Major Bell as provisional president and F. A. Young, of the London office of the Canadian National Railways, a director and general manager.

Some alterations in the Hotel Scribe are necessary before the best possible use can be made of it.

Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec.

The Hon. Narcisse Perodeau, LL.D., who has been appointed Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Quebec, in succession to the late Hon. L. P. Brodeur, has an unimpaired reputation of never having taken any active part in politics, apart from behind the stage, and of never having addressed a political meeting.

His association with the Provincial Parliament dates back to 1897, when he was called to the Legislative Council. He became a member of the Government in 1910 as Minister without Portfolio, and since then has acted as Government leader in the legislative Council, directing the transactions of that body.

Mr. Perodeau was born at St. Curs, county of Richelieu, Que., on March 20, 1851, and received his education at the College of St. Hyacinthe, later taking the law course at McGill University. He is a notary by profession and practically a life member of the Provincial Board of Notaries, having been secretary from 1880 to 1912 and president from 1912 to 1918. He has also been professor of law at Laval University (now the University of Montreal) since 1897.

He has also been connected with many commercial institutions, such as director of the Montreal Light, Heat and Power Consolidated, director of the Assurance Mount Royal, first vice-president of La Sauvagerie, vice-president of the Board of Commissioners of the Provincial Bank of Canada, etc.

Mr. Perodeau is a widower, his wife, who was a daughter of the late Dr. Charles Buckley, of St. Hyacinthe, having died some years ago. He will be assisted in his social duties at Spencerwood by his daughter, Mrs. McKenna, of Montreal.

Commanded Canadian Brigade. Brigadier-General Leonard Guy Francis Maynard Greville, Lord Brooke, who has just succeeded his father as sixth Earl of Warwick, is well-known to many Canadians, more especially to those who took part in the great war, in which he served as brigadier-general and commanded the Canadian cavalry brigade and an infantry brigade.

He was born on September 10, 1882, the eldest son of the fifth Earl of Warwick, and received his education at Eton. He married, in 1909, Marjorie, daughter of Sir W. Eden, and has three sons. He entered the army as an officer in the First Life Guards, and served in South Africa in 1900, becoming extra G.D.C. to Lord Milner in 1901. He acted as Reuters' special correspondent during the Russo-Japanese war of 1904-5, and holds the Order of the Rising Sun and the Russian Order of the Red Eagle. He acted as private secretary to the chief of the Imperial Grand Staff in 1913-14, later commanding the Canadian cavalry brigade, becoming G.D.C. in chief of the British army in France. He next commanded the fourth Canadian infantry brigade of the expeditionary force, with the title of brigadier-general, and is still on the list of officers of the Canadian forces. He is at present Inspector-General of Forces in Great Britain.

Canadian Wins Success in London.

Edward Robert Peacock, a lieutenant of the City of London, who has just been elected a director of Barling Brothers and Co., Ltd., is another Canadian who has had a successful career in the sphere of finance in the British Metropolis.

Born in Glengarry, Ont., on August 2, 1871, the eldest son of the late Rev. W. M. Peacock, a Canadian, he received his education at Queen's University, Kingston, from which he graduated with the degree of M.A.

He started his business career as English master and Senior House master at Upper Canada College, Toronto, remaining there from 1895 to 1902. He was next with the Dominion Securities Corporation of Canada and London, retaining his connection with the company until 1915, when he launched out into general business, becoming a director of the Bank of England, a member of the British section of the International Committee of Bankers on Mexico. Mr. Peacock married Katherine, a daughter of the late John Coates.

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