Established to preserve forever the scenic beauty, native wildlife, and natural wonders of the landscape, Canada's National Parks contain all the requisites of an ideal vacation. Extending from the mountain regions of British Columbia to the Atlantic Coast of Nova Scotia, this chain of national playgrounds offers the enjoyment of majestic mountains, flower-bedecked valleys, sparkling lakes, foaming streams, virgin forests, and picturesque stretches by the sea.

Hundreds of miles of roads and trails lead to thrilling sights and new experiences. Summer and winter sports, augmented by modern facilities, have an added zest in picturesque surroundings. Historic places excite the imagination and recall stirring episodes in Canada's storied past. In these vast areas may also be enjoyed the peace and quiet of wilderness regions, where the cares of everyday life may be forgotten, and health and happiness restored by association with primitive nature.

In the great parks of the Selkirk and Rocky Mountains are regions of breath-taking alpine grandeur. Huge peaks, eternally capped with snow or ice, stand silhouetted against the sky, or mirrored in mountain lakes as clear as crystal and as smooth as glass. Great glaciers creep slowly down from immense ice-fields, waterfalls cascade riotously down mountainsides, and rivers rush swiftly along on their way to the sea. On the lower slopes of the mountains grow evergreen forests, and higher, in the alplands and passes, one may walk knee-deep through meadows of colourful wild-flowers.

Eastward, in the prairie regions, are parks embracing unexpected areas of forested lakeland. Here scores of lakes, interconnected by numerous streams and bordered by sand beaches, form a paradise for the canoeist and fisherman. In Eastern Canada are lakeshore and island park units, endowed by Nature with advantages that enhance their reputation at outstanding recreational and camping areas. Along the coasts of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, the Bay of Fundy, and the Atlantic Ocean remarkable seashore areas have been set apart as national parks. Beaches beaten smooth and hard by the surf, miles of rugged coastline with a mountain background, and quaint fishing villages afford a vacation land unique in North America.

All national parks are wildlife sanctuaries, where wild animal, bird, and plant life are rigidly protected. As a result of this protection, many of the animals have lost their inherent fear of man, and a trip along the roads or trails may yield studies of deer, moose, elk, bear, mountain sheep or goat, and other interesting creatures of the wild. In Alberta a special park has been set aside primarily for the protection of the bison or buffalo, the former "monarch of the plains", a species that less than half a century ago was threatened with extinction.

The National Parks of Canada are part of a great national heritage, and under careful administration will continue as a perpetual asset—undiminished by use—for all future generations.

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