

Banff National Park

First Important Part of Government Improvements at Banff Completed

To tourists to the coast who will use the Canadian Pacific Railway, either going or coming, this summer, the attractions offered by the railway will be greatly supplemented by the work already done by the Dominion government in the development of the Banff National Park. While the general scheme of Thomas H. Mawson, the well known authority on town planning and landscape improvement, will be far from completion this year, the new concrete swimming pool and bath house originally planned by the government and incorporated into the scheme, has just been completed. The pool occupies a site on the side of the Sulphur mountain, where there is a large spring of sulphur water rising out of the mountain side. The pool and bath house lie parallel to the mountain side, one end abutting the well known basin, the other covering a tunnel entrance to the cave. The structure of reinforced concrete is built upon a bench excavated in the mountain side, 4,575 feet above sea level, and about 200 feet above the bottom of the Bow river valley of which it affords an excellent view. The pool itself is 150 feet long and 35 feet wide, with a depth varying from 3 feet to 8 feet. The sides are formed by light reinforced concrete walls, lined with white enamelled brick, and finished at the top with a terra cotta scum trough and hand rail. The bottom is a reinforced concrete pavement on an asphalt base. The bath house has a length of 137 feet, is 27 feet wide, and 40 feet high. The roof will be used as a promenade, and will also provide daylight for the dressing rooms, as it consists of 4,000 square feet of prism lights. To soften this light, and also to protect the prisms from the steam arising from the bathers, there is an arch diffuser sash over the dressing room, with openings from which the air and steam are removed by a fan. There are a total of 132 individual dressing rooms in the bath house, with fresh water shower baths and other toilet facilities.