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plains to the East. — We have
been very lucky in seeing ^{Mt.} Rockies
Tachna and the Canadian in ^{at} their summer attire & their
winter overcoat. What a difference
the overcoat makes!

Ans You may remember that
my wife and I were in the
Party — including John Burroughs,
Charles Reeler & others — that
called on you one day last
June. You then told us some
interesting things about the
attempted theft of the Hetch,
Hetchy. I am writing up
my trip for Scribner's Magazine.
The article will not be out till
January or perhaps even February;



BANFF SPRINGS HOTEL
BANFF, ALTA. CANADA

Sept 20, 09

My Dear Mr. Mirz.

I wonder if you ever
heard of the little Tyrolean
girl who was travelling in
Germany and suddenly exclaimed
"Oh Maria! Look out the window!
How beautiful! There isn't a
mountain in sight!"

We feel almost like that
spoiled girl, for since May we
have been steadily feasting on
mountains. At any rate we
do not dread, as we might otherwise,
the three days' trip across the

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but it must be finished by the middle of October. In it I want to refer to the Hetch Hetchy. I saw your article in the Sierra Club Bulletin. Have you written anything since, and where could I find it? What is the present outlook, & when will Congress act? I hope my article will not be too late to help along the good cause. If you have time to answer my questions, please address me at 485 Manhattan Ave., New York. I shall be there on October 3.

We recall with much pleasure the hours we spent at your house & only regret that you were too busy to go with us the next day to see Luther Burbank. — My present trip has convinced me it is high time for me to bring out a new edition of my "Pacific Coast Scenic Tour".

With kindest messages from Mrs Finck and myself,

I am Yours Sincerely Henry T. Finck.