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Quote #1:

“... it is hereby ordered that
whereas near the station of Banff
on the Canadian Pacific Railway, ...
there have been discovered several hot mineral springs
which promise to be of great sanitary advantage to the public,
and in order that proper control
of the lands surrounding these springs
may be vested in the Crown,
the said lands... including said springs
and their immediate neighbourhood,
be ... hereby reserved
from sale or settlement or squatting...”

Order in Council, November 1885

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Quote #2:

“The said tract of land is hereby reserved and set apart
as a public park and pleasure ground
for the benefit, advantage and enjoyment
of the people of Canada...
and shall be known as
the Rocky Mountains Park of Canada.”

[The ACT also made provisions for the...]

“preservation, from injury or spoilation,
of all timber and mineral deposits,
natural curiosities or wonders...
and their retention in their natural condition.”

Rocky Mountains Park Act, June 1887

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Quote #3:

“... large game and fish, once various and plentiful...
are now scattered and comparatively scarce.
Skin-hunters, dynamiters and netters, with Indians,
wolves and foxes, have committed sad havoc....
How to avert irreparable disaster to the remnant of
game and fish... is worthy of immediate and serious consideration.”

[He then went on to deal with the issue of bears...]

“... not being habitually carnivorous, but rather vegetarian feeders,
bears need not be wantonly killed, nor dealt with
as we should do with the lupine, vulpine, and feline vermin
that prey upon furred and feathered game with savage impartiality.”

W.F. Witcher's Report to the Minister of the Interior, 1886

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Quote #4:

“The shooting at, wounding, capturing, killing or in any manner injuring wild animals or birds within the park is hereby prohibited excepting, however, mountain lions, bears, wolves, lynxes, wolverines, coyotes, wild cats, and hawks.”

Regulation added to the Rocky Mountains Park Act, 1890

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Quote #5:

“My first problem on taking office was the economic one. How was I to get the money for developments that were immediately necessary?”

To restore the disappearing wild life,
an efficient game protective service should be built up.

The sublimest scenery in Canada had been placed
under my protection and I lay awake at nights thinking
of the damage one bad fire might do. Hundreds of miles of
new trails and forest telephone lines were needed at once.

Already enthusiastic motorists on the prairies were urging that the old
‘tote road’ from Calgary to Banff should be made suitable for cars.
Motor roads within the parks could not long be denied.

All this would cost money – a great deal of money.”

J. B. Harkin, Commissioner of National Parks c. 1911

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Quote #6:

“National Parks are maintained for all the people –
for the ill, that they may be restored,
for the well that they may be fortified and inspired by
the sunshine, the fresh air, the beauty, and all the other
healing, enobling, and inspiring agencies of Nature.

They exist in order that every citizen of Canada may
satisfy his craving for Nature and Nature’s beauty;
that he may absorb the poise and restfulness of the forests;

that he may steep his soul in the brilliance of the wild flowers
and the sublimity of the mountain peaks;

that he may develop in himself the buoyancy, the joy,
and the activity he sees in the wild animals;

that he may stock his mind with the raw material of
intelligent optimism, great thoughts, noble ideals;

that he may be made better, happier, and healthier.”

James Bernard Harkin, Commissioner of National Parks, c. 1930

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Quote #7:

“The national parks of Canada are hereby
dedicated to the people of Canada
for their benefit, education, and enjoyment...
and these parks
shall be maintained
and made use of
so as to leave them unimpaired
for the enjoyment
of future generations.”

National Parks Act, 1930

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Quote #8:

“Maintenance of **ecological integrity** through the protection of natural resources shall be the **first priority** when considering Park zoning and visitor use in a Management Plan.”

1988 Amendment to the 1930 National Parks Act

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Quote #9:

“Maintenance **or restoration** of ecological integrity, through the protection of natural resources **and natural processes**, shall be the first priority of the Minister when considering **all aspects of the management of parks.**”

Canada National Parks Act, 2000

