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DECISION OF ANNUAL MEETING

For the purpose of raising funds for issuing the B. C. Mountaineer the Annual Meeting decided that each member of the Club should be assessed the sum of One Dollar to cover a year's subscription. Members who have not already subscribed are therefore requested to forward this sum to the Treasurer as soon as possible. With the next issue of the Mountaineer it is hoped to establish a regular date for issuing it.

CLUB COLORS AND BADGE

Club colors, green, white, and orange, were adopted at the Annual Meeting. Prices are being secured on the ribbon which may be worn as a hat band or otherwise as desired. In view of the nondescript crowds of hikers now going to the north shore, many members have expressed themselves in favor of some simple method of distinguishing Club members for the benefit of the Club as a whole. A badge was also adopted. An illustration of this will be published. The design embodies the same colors on a shield, with an ice-axe and a pair of snowshoes, and was chosen with difficulty out of a large number of excellent suggestions submitted by Mrs. W. E. Martin and Mr. H. O'Connor.

A quotation has been obtained on ribbon suitable for hat bands, or to be worn in any other suitable manner, and the price will be approximately 50 cents a yard. In order to make sure of getting some of this, members are advised to give their names to the Secretary or Treasurer with a request to reserve the desired quantity when it arrives. One yard is required for an ordinary hat band.

THE BLOOD TEST

When making Club trips or private trips above the intakes on Seymour, Lynn, or Capilano creeks a 1923 blood test certificate must be carried in order to comply with regulations of the Provincial Department of Health which are strictly enforced to safeguard the purity of the water supply. Heavy penalties are provided for breach of these regulations, but apart from that altogether, it is felt that loyalty to the Club will be sufficient to keep members from violating a reasonable stipulation.

The blood test is made at the laboratories of the General Hospital (entrance from Willow Street), from 9 to 5 week days. The securing of the sample of blood is simple, brief and wholly painless. Be sure to mention being a member of the Club. By supplying a stamped addressed envelope, one may save calling back the next day for the certificate.

The Club trips for which this certificate must be carried are Mts. Seymour, Cathedral, North Peaks of Crown, Echo Peak, Seymour Falls, Lynn Peaks.

TO GRADUATING MEMBER'S

Graduating members are urged to qualify for active membership; in common with all mountaineering clubs, this Club limits the privileges of graduating members along certain lines. Attention is drawn to a number of easier trips on this year's programme; by making these first, graduating members are given a chance to get themselves in shape if they feel unequal at once to making qualifying climbs.

**TRIP TO MT. CATHEDRAL AND
WHITE MOUNTAIN**

Unexpectedly good snow conditions were met on the Cathedral trip, April 7-8; in fact the snow in places was very hard. Attendance on this trip was only fifteen, due largely to another trip to Cathedral being on the programme next month. Mr. Fyles was in charge.

At the forks of Lynn the snow averaged about three feet in depth. Around the camp fire a number of parodies with a mountaineering flavor were rendered, one on Garibaldi by Mr. Wheatley being especially fine. Our friends, the Seattle Mountaineers will appreciate a copy of it.

A start was made about 5.30 a.m., the route being varied by going up a shoulder of the western ridge from White Mountain. This course permits wider views than when in the gully to the east, and leads up to the same pass (of which the name should be settled; it is called White, Cathedral and Palisade Pass.) From this point Mr. Wheatley and Mr. Townsend struck straight down to Palisade Lake, crossing it and ascending the west face of Cathedral where they overtook the main party who had traversed the frozen northern slopes of White.

Dark masses of drifting clouds framed entrancing views of the surrounding mountains, this trip giving views of the rugged northern faces of an unusual number. The occasional shafts of sunlight on snowfields seemed of intensified brilliance owing to the softer lighting of most of the scene. The summit of Cathedral remained consistently clouded throughout the day. The peak was reached at 12:45, several previous halts having been made to eat. Several fine cornices adorned the summit ridge, but on a less massive scale than last year. The memorable steep snow slope under the peak is still there.

On the return over White Mt., the party met the tracks of Mr. Stan Millard and Mr. H. Martin, who climbed White Mt. from Burwell Lake cabin over the Easter weekend. They found the snow exceptionally heavy and were forced to use snowshoes. Mr. Knight accompanied them as far as Seymour Falls on the way up.

The Cathedral party included Torn Fyles, E. A. Fuller, H. O'Connor, Gus. Fraser, C. Townsend, Bill Wheatley, A. Cooper, W. Hendry, B. C. Cayley, T. C. Brown, J. Spihey, F. H. Smith, Nunn, Mr. and Mrs. Munday.

NOTES

Additional copies of the programme of trips may always be obtained. They are useful to give to friends wishing to join, and copies of the Mountaineer will also be available for this purpose.

Larch Valley, near Moraine Lake, in the Rockies will be the site of the 1923 camp of the Alpine Club. The alternative site was in the vicinity of Rogers Pass in the Selkirk Range.

The Kokanee Mountaineering Club, Nelson, B. C., have petitioned the Dominion government to map the Kokanee Glacier Park (reserved last year by the Provincial government) on a scale of three miles to the inch. The survey will be made.

"Len" Holdsworth, one of our members in Los Angeles at present, is reported to have sent to Vancouver for his lathing gear. Perhaps we'll hear from him later about the use to which he puts it.

For sale: an ice-axe, used only once; too heavy for use by a lady; price, \$8.00. Write or phone Mr. Munday.

Miss G. M. McDonald, who has spent the winter in California is expected back in Vancouver before long. B. C. has a way of calling the wanderers home.

Interesting notes of mountaineering activities are invited for the "Mountaineer" from members of the Club; also suggestions of any kind, as well as news from out of town members.

Miss B. Stewart, of Victoria, is expected to make a visit to Vancouver next month; probably she will find the North Shore peaks irresistible, lack of similar mountains being one of Victoria's shortcomings from a climber's point of view.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Park, both well-known members of the Club, are being congratulated on the birth of a daughter. Mrs. Park and the baby are reported as doing well; they are in a private ward at the General Hospital.

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A TRIP TO THE TANTALUS RANGE

By Neal M. Carter

Over the Easter week-end, Mr. Neal M. Carter and Mr. Charles Townsend, together with Mr. Alec Zoond, a friend, made a trip into the seldom-visited Tantalus region to the west of the head of Howe Sound with the double purpose of scouting for possibilities of new routes of access, and possibly climbing a peak or two. The latter purpose was not achieved, but in regard to the former, some interesting data was obtained.

Leaving Vancouver on Thursday morning by boat, Squamish was reached soon after 2 p.m., where connections were made on the wharf immediately with the Cheekye daily auto bus. A pleasant ride up the old road following the Squamish River affords many splendid views of Garibaldi en masse, as well as showing the topography of the Tantalus Range to a large extent. This range consists of a series of rugged ridges running in a more or less east and west direction, culminating in Mt. Tantalus at the far end a little to the north; the south side consists of snowfields and glaciers topped by the dark rocks of the final peaks which can be better seen from the boat on the way up Howe Sound. The north side however, has a high snow-filled valley running parallel to the ridge, which could be, and has been, traversed from end to end by going over a rather high (6500 feet) glacier pass in its middle. Six distinct parallel ridges rise from the Squamish Valley at right angles to the range, and after terminating in lesser peaks, drop away into a dip and again rise to join the north glacier-clad slopes of the main range itself. It is these dips that form the floor of the valley mentioned above; and as the height of the terminal peaks lessens from east to west while the elevations of the dips remain practically the same, it is evident that to reach the range from the Squamish, it pays to ascend a ridge as far west as possible to avoid having to drop any more than necessary into the gap joining its terminating peak with the range. This is accomplished by following the road past Cheekye along the Squamish and crossing as near the base of the desired ridge as boating accommodation will allow.

This party was fortunate in getting a logging gang to ferry them across, and then made the mistake of ascending one of the five valleys between the six ridges. The third valley leads to Tantalus lake, the fourth to an amphitheatre surrounded by steep cliffy slopes down which the snow was avalanching all day long, as they found much to their disappointment, and resulted in preventing their climb as much as the failure of the weather. If a camp were to be held in this region, it would be better

to ascend a valley such as the third, which allows camping at a lake with easier facilities of climbing out of the amphitheatre; but for a climbing party of three or more, it seems that after profiting by mistakes on this trip, it would be better to ascend one of the far ridges (the fifth as seen from Cheekye) and camp on its timbered summit about 6000 feet. From here, all the Tantalus peaks except Alpha are within an easy day's climb, Mt. Tantalus being not more than half a day distant.

Four days are necessary altogether, camping first night on the south side of the river at the base of the ridge, the burnt open slopes of which make easy climbing, arriving at the patch of timber on its top on the afternoon of the second day. By making an early start, the snow ridge could be traversed safely before sunrise, and almost any peak by noon. Camp would have to be moved part way down the ridge the third night, to enable the party to complete the descent and catch the stage at Cheekye by noon of the fourth day, arriving home in the evening.

SOUTH PEAK OF THE GOLDEN EARS

Over the Easter week-end five members of the Club, Messrs. "Gus" Fraser, H. Davidson, Dudley Foster, Harold O'Connor, and E. A. Fuller, made a successful trip to the south peak of the Golden Ears, seen from Vancouver as a snow-covered triangular peak beyond the end of Burrard Inlet.

Leaving Vancouver Thursday evening, they reached Haney about 8 p.m., and continuing up the Lillooet River by the bright moonlight, camped for the night on its shores. Alouette Lake was reached after a four-mile hike in the morning, and the party was ferried across by Mr. Matthews, a resident there. A trapper's trail led up the ridge to the north, and the party was soon able to use snowshoes on the summit of the ridge, which was followed to its highest point, about 4500 feet, where camp was pitched in a sheltered hollow on snow estimated as between twenty and twenty-five feet deep.

Saturday dawned dull and cloudy, but a start was made towards the peak, which looks absolutely impregnable from almost any direction, and certainly does not improve on a closer inspection. On the east it is a sheer wall of rock dropping at least 4000 feet down into the valley of Gold Creek. The south and west slopes are almost as sheer. The party had hopes of climbing the south face by means of a steep gully; but the warm weather had melted the snow, making the route up the rocks impracticable. Thus the only alternative was to descend west 1000 feet and then go

up excessively steep snow slopes on the north-west side, by which route the summit was reached at 1.30 p.m.

Upon opening the summit cairn, always an impressive ceremony on a seldom-scaled peak, the party were surprised to find they had made the second ascent, the first having been made by Mr. Don Munday, Miss James (now Mrs. Munday) and Mrs. M. Worsley in 1918.

Descending, the party had to face into the slope for over 1000 feet.

(There seems some ground for concluding the name "Golden Ears" is a corruption of "Golden Aeries." The fact that the three peaks are visible from most directions rather conflicts with the idea of any resemblance to ears which usually go in pairs. Mrs. M. Worsley, a member who lived at Port Haney for some time, favored "Aeries.")

EQUIPPING BEGINNERS

When bringing friends on trips, members ought to make sure that they are supplied with suitable equipment at least to the extent of strong shoes well-nailed. The Director has emphasized this important point in the programme of trips sent out already. The style of equipment with which some beginners have been brought on trips by their friends could not have been much worse if their enemies had had a hand in it. If unable to accompany a prospective member on a trip, please arrange to have him, or her, looked after personally by the Director, or someone else on the trip.

EDGE-NAILS AND ICE-AXES

Advice has been received at last, that the large shipment of edge-nails ordered last year is on the way and may arrive any day. Three sizes of nails are included. The shipment of ice-axes is also in transit and the

members who ordered them will be notified of arrival. If another order is placed immediately, the axes might arrive in time for use at the Summer Camp; those wishing to order should notify Mr. Don Munday. Part payment in advance, \$5.00, is required.

FORTHCOMING TRIPS

April 21-22.—Mt. Bishop. This launch trip up the North Arm of Burrard Inlet is always popular, particularly early in the year when the glissading enlivens the descent. Mr. Fyles, the Director, is in charge. The launch "Alili" leaves Pascoe's wharf at 3 p.m., Saturday, and should leave the camp for the return trip about 7 p.m. Sunday evening. Fare will not exceed \$2.00 each, and is likely to be much lower.

April 28-29.—Dome Mt.—Leader, W. E. Martin, Sey. 3189 and Doug. 2253Y. This trip will be made from the Club Cabin to which members of the party may go any time Saturday afternoon or evening. It is one of the less strenuous climbs, but not lacking in interest, and is suitable for prospective members without previous climbing experience.

May 5-6.—Mt. Seymour. The Director in charge; the 3 p.m. ferry as usual. Blood test certificate required. This trip is famous for glissading at this season of the year.

May 13.—Lynn Peaks.—Leader, Mr. Neal M. Carter, Sey. 7590. Leave Vancouver on the 8.20 a.m. ferry. This is a short trip, affording fine views of Lynn and Seymour valleys. Blood test certificate required.

Those going on trips are advised to place their names on the notice left for each trip in the Club drawer at Camera & Arts, or to communicate with the leader of the trip.

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