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This is the first issue of the B. C. Mountaineer, but it is for the members of the Club to say whether it is the last—for the time being—for, sooner or later, the Club must have a publication of this nature if it is to realize the success awaiting it in a province with such unlimited opportunities for mountaineering as British Columbia possesses.

This issue is distinctly a trial issue. It is sent free to all members. There will be no more free issues. A large number of members responded to the appeal for subscriptions, but not enough to warrant going ahead with publication. Their subscriptions are being held a little longer in the hope that their support may be put to account. A considerable number of members expressed themselves as favoring the proposal, but up to date have failed to subscribe; if they will now convert their goodwill into tangible support in the form of a dollar bill, success is assured.

Election of the Executive of the Club from year to year has always resulted in a fair proportion of members with experience in this work being re-elected. This is mentioned merely to add emphasis to the statement that for a number of years now the Executive have felt that the Club

needed something in the way of a periodical publication to keep the whole membership in touch with its activities and problems. In the past, meetings at intervals never met this need; not enough members can attend.

There has been only one obstacle in the way of a periodical bulletin—the financial one. The present merely nominal annual dues are insufficient for the purpose. Suggestions of raising the dues have not met with approval. The only solution left was to ask members to subscribe direct to a Club publication.

The B. C. Mountaineering Club is your Club. It needs your support. You would not belong to it unless you were interested in its objects. But the constant problem of the Executive is with regard to the member who gets out of touch with things till he or she decides to drop out. The Club organization exists to serve the members, but the members must be kept informed of the ways in which it is prepared to serve them. Your Executive have given the subject long and serious study, and they feel that the regular publication of the B. C. Mountaineer is in the best interests of the Club. With this opinion a majority of Club members have shown their agreement by subscribing, or promising to do so.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the British Columbia Mountaineering Club will be held on Monday, March 19th, at 8 p.m. sharp, in the Assembly Room of the Board of Trade, corner of Pender and Hamilton Streets. All Members are urged to attend.

THE CLUB'S WINTER ACTIVITIES

In carrying out a programme of winter trips the Director tried something not previously attempted. In the light of the experiences of the past winter there is reason to believe that more trips might have been included, for the response was highly encouraging.

There are climbers who incline to ridicule those who insist on climbing in the winter months, but the winter conditions sometimes met with on the local peaks are easily comparable to possible summer weather on higher peaks in periods of storm, so that the training is excellent; besides, even in the face of adverse weather most of the winter trips prove sufficiently enjoyable to be well worth while, but sometimes the weather is favorable and then such trips are among the ones to remember. In any event winter climbing is increasing in popularity within the Club as well as outside it.

The October trips fell through, and the Rainy River trip at Thanksgiving could not be made owing to lack of boat service at that time. Goat Lake afforded splendid skating one week-end but only two members guessed conditions accurately and took advantage of it.

The attempt to climb the North Western cliffs of Grouse Mountain on November 18-19, drew a large party to the Cabin, but torrential rain following a fall of snow made the climb out of the question, much to the disappointment of the Director, Tom Fyles, who had spent some time plotting a line of attack that promised to prove interesting. Many of the members have not had a good view of these cliffs which are seen to the best advantage from the Alpine Club trail up Dam Mountain.

The day trip up Dome Mountain, December 19, returning by the Cabin, met with smaller response. Mr. L. C. Ford was in charge. This trip came rather close to Christmas, and at a time when snow conditions made travelling with, or without, snowshoes a matter of some difficulty; in addition, the intense frost kept a number of members home to play nursemaid to water pipes which threatened to freeze. However, the trip was carried through.

The Lions trip, January 13-14, resulted in a party out of which 23 climbed. Through the courtesy of St. Mark's Church the Club was granted the use of the fine camp building on Lions Beach, where the party were very comfortable. At sea-level rain fell heavily the whole week-end, but a short distance higher snow and wind combined to make the wildest kind of weather. In spite of a great depth of new snow, the party reached the top of the ridge. Mr.

Neal M. Carter was in charge of this trip as Mr. Fyles had not expected to be able to be there.

The snowshoe trip to Mt. Strahan, February 10-11, was led by Mr. Eric Fuller. The night was spent at the Mill cabin the Club has permission to use, on Hollyburn Ridge. This was one of the very cold nights in the February cold snap. Snowshoes were used from the first lake, and excellent going was encountered all the way to the south summit. Mrs. Don Munday was the only lady in the party of 13. The ice-sheathed trees and the extremely fine cloud effects offered good subjects for photography, as well as adding to the pleasure of the tramp. The rare colouring of Howe Sound and the mountains beyond, was especially fine. Real winter temperatures prevailed.

The trip to Goat Mountain and return by Lynn Valley was not carried out in full on March 10-11, by a party of 20. Mr. Don Munday was in charge. The weather was perfect but many of the party did not have snowshoes; three feet of new snow made climbing most tedious. Some of the party reached Goat, some went down to Goat lake and thence to Lynn Valley. The snow-decked trees were marvellously beautiful being so delicately adorned yet so completely mantled in white.

Mt. Cathedral, April 7-8, is the last trip of the winter programme as scheduled originally. Mr. Fyles intends to take charge.

In addition to the regular winter trips, parties of Club members have been active whenever the weather was favorable, and sometimes when it was not. Snow conditions have been better for snowshoeing than is often the case. The south slopes of Mt. Seymour were discovered to offer some scope for snowshoeing from the vicinity of the steel bridge above the canyon. Echo Peak, Crown, Seymour, and Lynn Peaks have been visited in the winter under varying conditions.

Indications point to a demand for more frequent scheduled trips next winter; whenever an improvised trip is held there are always members who express regret they did not know of it beforehand so that they might have gone.

THAT BLOOD TEST CERTIFICATE

Members are reminded of the necessity for carrying a blood test certificate when above the intakes on Capilano, Lynn, and Seymour watersheds. (As the Capilano Timber Co. own land above Capilano intake they claim authority to stop or permit trips in that direction.)

In view of the generous arrangements ??ting in connection with the securing of the blood test certificate there is no excuse for any member failing to have one, and failure to have one when it is demanded might result in loss of the privileges the Club now enjoys with regard to the water-sheds, and only obtained by dint of much hard work on the part of the Executive in the course of the past year.

To those not familiar with the procedure of making the blood test, it may be said that the whole thing does not amount to a pinprick, in fact, is disappointingly simple after the bold mountaineer has mustered his courage for the unknown ordeal.

As the requirements are reasonable and by no means difficult to comply with, loyalty to the Club ought to make everyone live up to what is expected of them in this respect.

ANNUAL DUES

Membership fees, \$2.00 a year, in advance, become due on March 1st, except in the case of new members accepted in the three months period before that date, their subscription carrying them through till the end of the next financial year. By prompt payment of dues members may save the Treasurer from the unpleasant duties of a bill collector; he is not a paid official.

CLUB TELEPHONE

The Club telephone will be listed in the new directory. It is Sey. 3189, in the office of the Treasurer, Mr. W. E. Martin, 303 Crown Building, 615 Pender street west. This ought to be a great convenience to members, and it is hoped they will make use of it.

The information box will remain at Camera & Arts, 610 Granville Street. The box behind the counter has been replaced by a drawer in a table at the front of the store. While the store invites members to make reasonable use of their telephone behind the counter, they are asked not to telephone to the store for information about mountaineering matters.

CONGRATULATIONS

The prospective mountaineering population of B. C. was increased by one on February 27th, when a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fyles. Our popular Director and his wife are still receiving congratulations as the good news spreads among the members.

THE SUMMER PROGRAMME

The Director will present a programme of summer trips for the approval of the general meeting, and alternative proposals

for the annual camp. The marked enthusiasm displayed for climbing has seemed to justify weekly trips for the coming season, and an attempt has been made to include some trips to suit the less strenuous members as well as the others. The programme will be printed as soon as possible after the annual meeting.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please notify the Secretary, P. O. Box 1223, of any change of address. If you are interested in the Club, the Club is interested in you, and wants to know where to find you promptly. In conclusion, have you subscribed to the B. C. Mountaineer?

PERSONALS

On behalf of the Club the Executive Committee expressed its sympathy with Mr. A. O. Cooper on the death of his father recently. The late Capt. Cooper died at sea in the service of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine.

Mr. C. J. Heaney, formerly president of the Club, is now working in Los Angeles. He and Mrs. Heaney have been in the south several months.

Mr. Len Holdsworth and Mr. P. B. Long ("Pelo,") are also in Los Angeles at the present time.

Mr. H. Selfe, who has been in Anyox for several years, paid a brief visit to Vancouver a few weeks ago.

Mr. "Bob" Dalton, a well-known member a few years ago, and a former director, is still in the city. He has not renewed his membership yet.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Smith, Britannia Beach, have been in Vancouver several times in the course of the winter. Both were members of the Club when living in Vancouver, and always give the members of the Club a warm welcome on trips to the Sawteeth, Mr. Smith being instrumental in getting us many privileges and favors from the Britannia Mines.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Beltz, who have been in Trinidad for a long time, are expected back this summer.

News of members leaving the city or returning is welcomed.

As it may be news to a few members, mention is made of the decision of The Mountaineers, of Seattle, to hold their annual camp this year in Garibaldi Park as the result of the publicity given by the B. C. M. C. The Provincial Government has also shown some appreciation of the value of the Park to the extent of a willingness to spend money to make it more accessible for The Mountaineers.

BALANCE SHEET

<i>Assets</i>		<i>Liabilities</i>	
Land (5 acres Grouse Mountain)	\$175.00	Reserve Fund.....	\$ 150.00
Improvements on above	100.00	Bulletin Subscribers	40.00
Tents, Alpine Ropes, etc.	135.00	Surplus a/c	954.33
Tools	37.00		
Library	50.00		
Photo Record	20.00		
Cook-Stove	50.00		
Heaters	15.00		
Furniture, lamps, etc.	30.00		
Kitchen & Dining utensils & towels	45.00		
Lantern Slides	75.00		
Boats at Garibaldi Lake	50.00		
Cash in Bank	362.33		
	\$1,114.33		\$1,144.33

REVENUE ACCOUNT

<i>Receipts</i>		<i>Expense</i>	
Members subscriptions.....	\$224.00	Cabin & Equipment a/c ...	\$ 87.09
Members Entrance Fees	\$ 72.00	Stationery a/c	27.21
		Printing a/c	39.35
		Revenue & Expense a/c.....	84.10
		Stamp a/c	12.04
		Annual Camp Deficit	17.30
		Annual Dinner Deficit.....	18.71
		Excess Revenue over Ex-	
		pense to be transferred	
		to Surplus a/c	10.20
	\$296.00		\$296.00

W. E. MARTIN,
Hon. Treasurer.
F. W. JOHNSON,
Auditor.

February 28th, 1923.

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