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### MT. BISHOP TRIP

The trip to Mt. Bishop, April 21-22, opening the Summer Programme, proved successful and enjoyable in every way. The familiar launch "Aleli" carried a party of 29 to the usual camping place opposite Croker Island. After a supper eaten while watching the evening hues glowing on the summits, a roaring fire was lighted below high water mark and the whole party sang, dodged sparks, and otherwise enjoyed themselves until 10 p. m., which by nearly unanimous consent was bedtime. At 11 p.m. two enthusiasts arrived, having paddled a canoe 10 miles from Dollarton in order to share in the climb.

The log chute and blazed trail was followed to the amphitheatre where six inches of new snow was encountered, and evidences of many avalanches from the imposing cliffs where ice still clung in broad sheets. The ascent was by way of the 1500 foot gully on the south side of the amphitheatre as this route for descent would obviously furnish no sliding, and a circuit of the peaks was desired. Gathering clouds touched the peaks of Indian Chief, Mamquam, and Garibaldi, which came into sight successively, then the Snow Peaks, Mt. Blanshard, the Golden Ears, and finally Mt. Baker, but with the exception of the latter all these prominent peaks cleared completely as the heat of the sun increased.

Mountains to the northeast of Coquitlam Lake were studied with interest in view of a possible trip in that direction at Labor Day. Several glaciers exist in this region, one ice-field being visible from parts of Vancouver.

Leaving the third peak at 3 p.m., and descending from the saddle between it and the central peak, a series of exhilarating slides were enjoyed, interrupted by one bluff where an anchored rope quickened the scramble down a muddy angle, after which the slide to the floor of the amphitheatre continued. Here a great avalanche covered with newer snow suggested a section of a glacier and served to illustrate impressively why the timber ends in a well defined line along the northern slope.

Most of the party were in camp by 5:30, and the return trip to the city, accomplished in two and a quarter hours, landed the party at 10 p.m.

Bears used to be seen on most of the early trips to Bishop, and goats sometimes added further interest; both species seem to have been driven away by hunters.

### DOMO MT.

Dome Mt. trip, April 29th, under the leadership of Mr. W. E. Martin, was made by way of the Club Cabin. The earlier part of the morning was dull and cloudy, rain and snow having fallen in the night, but the afternoon turned out exceptionally fine.

The route taken was across the plateau of Grouse Mt., and down to the upper part of Mosquito Creek.

As a viewpoint, Dome Mt. is not as well known as it deserves to be, commanding as it does a particularly pleasing view up the valley of Lynn Creek. The north and east faces are very steep, the creek seeming so close below that one easily imagines a stone might be thrown into it.

Messrs. Carter, O'Connor, Fuller and Foster climbed the east face from opposite the mill of Cedars, Ltd., in Lynn Valley.

Some of the party returned by the Club Cabin, the rest descending the southern slope to Lonsdale Ave., and getting the 7 p.m. ferry.

For a day trip, Dome Mt. deserves greater popularity than it possesses at the present time.

**ELSAY PEAK MAY 5-6**

That the possibilities for making new trips have been by no means exhausted close to Vancouver was clearly shown on the Seymour trip, May 5-6, when Elsay Peak was climbed presumably for the first time, the party numbering 29 persons, under the leadership of the Director.

From the crest of the ridge at the north-west base of the peak of Seymour the party glissaded 750 feet into the north valley, traversed the steep west face of Runner Peak, descended north along a ridge giving pleasing views east and west, and then climbed the southwest angle of Elsay Peak. Exceptionally fine views of Mt. Seymour were obtained along the route, but from the summit Mt. Bishop looks less imposing than from most directions. Elsay Peak drops abruptly on the north side for nearly 2,000 feet to Elsay Lake which drains into the North Arm. The creek has fine falls at its mouth, being a familiar landmark on the trip up the west side of the North Arm.

Elsay Peak is about 350 feet lower than Mt. Seymour. The ascent was made in 4½ hours from camp, the summit being reached at 11 a.m.

On the return trip Runner Peak was ascended by the steep north face, the opposite side affording fine glissading into the pass. Mt. Seymour was then climbed by the usual eastern route which gives such striking views of the cliffs. The top was reached at 2.15, where the Elsay party joined some of the Seymour party who had waited. The descent toward the big gully was a swift slide interrupted in very few places.

Camp was easily reached in less than an hour and a half in spite of less than the usual amount of snow in the gully. A new skid road down to Seymour Creek shortened the tramp to the usual camp-site. Most of the party were on their way home before 5:30 p.m.

Weather conditions were excellent for the trip, and the visibility was good except over the Fraser Valley.

The trip to Elsay Peak ought to figure on the climbing programme in future years. It is a most delightful trip under such conditions as met with on this trip.

**THE LIONS, JUNE 16-17**

This trip usually lures out a number of people who have done little or no climbing for some time, so that they are not in condition for a strenuous climb of this order; in addition, the rock climbing on either peak is fairly serious for inexperienced persons unless they are born climbers. Director Tom Fyles will be in charge. The launch "Aleli" will leave Pascoe's Wharf (behind the Arena) at 3 p.m. June 16. Camp will be made on the beach at St. Mark's Camp, this privilege having courteously been granted the Club.

**LYNN PEAKS**

Lynn Peaks trip, May 13, led by Neal M. Carter, had an attendance of 24 members and friends, including the welcome presence of several members who have not been seen on Club trips for some time. Loose rocks, and snow that threatened to collapse into the stream flowing in the gully, made the ascent require more caution than is usually the case, and the main gully was left for a distance in consequence. Owing to these conditions the top of the south peak was not reached until about 1 p.m. Half the party went on to the highest peak. In spite of the overcast sky the view was fairly extensive. In the descent the first extensive standing glissading of the season was enjoyed, with all its manifest advantages over the sitting posture.

Miss Grace L. Williams, of the Mountaineers, but now resident in Vancouver, took part in the trip as the guest of Mrs. M. C. Johnston, one of the Club's vice-presidents.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Johnson, 3221 36th Avenue West, are being congratulated on the birth of a daughter on May 13. This is the third consecutive issue of the Mountaineer to carry an announcement of the arrival of a young mountaineer.

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**DAM MT. FROM CAPILANO, MAY 27**

A one day trip, starting on the 8.20 a.m. ferry from Vancouver. The Alpine Club trail opposite the sheer northwestern precipices of Grouse Mt. will be followed. Comparatively few members are familiar with this trail. If time permits, the eastern ridge of Dam may be visited. The return will be by way of the Club Cabin on Grouse. Leader, Mr. Don Munday. This should be a good trip on which to break in beginners.

**MT. CATHEDRAL, JUNE 2-3**

The Director will be in charge. Take the 3 p. m. ferry from Vancouver. Camp will probably be near the usual spot in Lynn Valley. A blood test is required. The trip is fairly strenuous, but the snow ought to be in excellent condition at this time of the year. Those not wishing to go the whole distance will be well rewarded by going only to the summit of White Mt. Logging operations have made a gap near Lynn Forks which now permits a magnificent view of Crown from this point. The plank road extends past the Forks, and seems likely to reach the upper valley before the summer is out.

**SEYMOUR FALLS, JUNE 10**

Leader, Eric A. Fuller, Sey. 1440 L. A one-day trip, leaving on the 8:20 a.m. ferry from Vancouver. Food for two meals required. As the Falls are above the Seymour intake, a blood test is imperative, the regulations being strictly enforced. The trail to the Falls is pleasant, and the creek above the Falls is deep and placid like the upper Capilano. Mr. Fuller says something about a curious orifice nearby on the lower slopes of White Mt. which is worth a visit.

**THE LIONS**

News was not received in time for the last issue of the Mountaineer of a climb of the Western Lion on April 14th, by Mr. A. J. O. Cooper and Mr. Wm. Hendry. This is almost as early in spring as a climb is on record (Mr. Tom Fyles, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Munday climbed by a new route at a little earlier date in 1920.). Mr. Cooper

reports the existence of a good trail up Sisters Creek, as far as the mouth of North Strand Creek, this being what formerly was the worst part of the trip. The Lions may yet be brought within a reasonably easy week-end journey from the city.

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This year's Canadian Alpine Journal will contain an article by Mr. Don Munday on the mountains at the headwaters of the Pitt River in Garibaldi Park, according to information received from Mr. A. O. Wheeler, of the Alpine Club.

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Mr. W. C. Thompson, 146, 56th Avenue, West, has gone to San Francisco, from which point he expects to go to Los Angeles, Denver, and finally Arkansas.

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The Editor of the B. C. Mountaineer has received a letter from Mr. S. H. Mitchell, Secretary of the Alpine Club of Canada, commending the B. C. M. C. publication of which he has received two issues.

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Mr. W. E. Knowlton has left the city for the summer, which he expects to spend at Osoyoos, Southern Okanagan.

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Mrs. A. R. McCallum, 1163 Haro St., is incorrectly listed in the Summer Programme as a graduating member. At the time the list of members was issued she was an active member.

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Mr. Chas. T. Townsend, 1300 Broadway West, has gone to Trail, B. C. for the summer. He will be pleased to hear from any members of the Club.

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Mr. M. M. Dodds and Mr. Jas. Barnes are off on a long trip in the Lillooet country, and expect to cross several high mountain passes in the vicinity of Bridge River, packing their own supplies.

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**THE CLUB CONTINGENT  
IN CALIFORNIA**

Sunday, March 25th, 1923, was the occasion of an outing in the Hollywood Foothills, Los Angeles, California, of four of the members of the B. C. M. C.—Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Heaney, Mr. P. Long ("Pelo") and Mr. L. Holdsworth.

An early start was made, the party proceeding in a Northerly direction through the Weid Canyon. Lunch was carried and water bottles, as there is no water at all in these hills. The Hollywood Foothills are an extension of the Sierra Madre Mountains—a Coast range. The highest point is Mount Hollywood, 1,600 ft., from the top of which an extensive view is obtained of the city of Los Angeles, Hollywood, Santa Monica, and the Pacific Ocean to the South, and the San Fernando Valley to the North. The vegetation on these hills is mostly brush, wild gooseberries, cactus and various spring flowers.

At noon a shady place was found among some Eucalyptus trees (the temperature was about the same as a B. C. July day) and lunch was eaten, followed by a little "siesta." The party then climbed around the hills, dropping down to a small canyon, and proceeded to a far off "green hill" with some shade trees on the top which looked very inviting after the dry ridges. From the top of this hill there was a good view of the San Fernando Valley and Cahuenga Pass. Here about an hour was spent absorbing the view, sunshine and remainder of the lunch. (Really the nearest approach to "mountaineering" on this trip was the presence of the "boots" and the familiar "packsack" and the desire to get to the top of the highest points.). While on this hill a loud "trumpeting" was heard in the distance and the party prepared for an attack by a "Californian" sized wild animal. The trumpeting continued, each time getting louder and louder, but it was later ascertained to be one of the elephants at the "Famous-Lasky" Ranch, calling for his dinner. The Ranch is on the North side of these hills in one of the Canyons.

A little botanizing was done and general comparison made of B. C. and Californian scenery.

**NAMING MOUNTAINS**

Climbers ought to take action to reduce local names to something like uniformity. For instance, some people regard the Bishop group as one mountain with three (or four) peaks; the older practice was to give each a name, Bishop, Jarrett, Clementine, and Dickens. There can be no question that the name Bishop should be retained in some form to commemorate the Club's honorary president who lost his life in 1912 on Mt. Baker. Mr. Jarrett was secretary of the Club for a number of years. Clementine is one of the names of the creek draining the amphitheatre. The fourth name is for Mr. Charles Dickens, once connected with Wigwam Inn.

**POWER PROJECTS AND  
NATIONAL PARKS**

That a need exists in Canada for a National Parks Association is evidenced in connection with Waterton Lakes Park which was only saved from being seriously despoiled by an irrigation and power project because the National Parks Association in the United States opposed the scheme so vigorously as to block it in that country; the lakes affected lay on both sides of the international boundary line, and the Canadian share of the plan could not be carried on separately.

Spray Lakes near Banff are also threatened through the plans of a power company which seeks the right to dam the Spray River, the valley of which must always be one of the main avenues of approach to the Southern Rockies. There seems some reason for believing that the present session of Parliament will do nothing to forward the plans of the syndicate, but everyone interested in the preservation of national parks ought to oppose the Spray Lakes power plan.

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