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**SUMMER CAMP**

Arrangements for the Summer Camp in the Spearhead Range are coming along nicely, the only hitch, merely a temporary one, being caused by the news that our old friend Mr. Fraser, will not be able to pack for us this year owing to his having recently suffered an amputation of one foot.

The main party will leave Vancouver 9.15 a.m., Saturday, August 9; arrive at Alta Lake about 5 p.m., and have supper and breakfast there at Rainbow Lodge. Camp will be reached early in the afternoon of the 10th. Each person will take blankets or sleeping bag to Alta Lake; these will be taken in to camp by packhorses on the 10th; other equipment will be sent in advance. Railway fare is \$6.20; meals will be 60 cents each.

If you are sure of going to camp, let the Secretary know as soon as possible. It will assist the Camp Committee.

**LYNN PEAKS TRIP, APRIL 27**

Despite the fact that everybody at the dance was sorry there were no "extras," twenty-seven still had energy enough Sunday morning to turn out for the Lynn Peaks trip when Mickey Dodds blew the ferry whistle at 7.40 a.m. Those who tarried were the losers in the long run, for the early ones got a ride on a truck part way up the road. The well-known gully that forms the main route to the ridge was in very poor condition; the snow was thin and rotten in places, being covered with an icy crust as well, which made the ascent very laborious if not dangerous.

Once the ridge was reached, however, better time was made to the first peak, where the party lunched at 1.30 p.m. An hour later saw the majority of the party on the second and highest peak, where half an hour was spent before commencing the descent. The view was very poor; although the day was very pleasant, the smoke from prevalent fires prevented even Crown from being seen clearly.

**MT. COQUITLAM TRIP, MAY 4-5.**

A party of twelve, including two ladies, left Vancouver on the new Rapid Transit bus Saturday afternoon, changing to jitneys at New Westminster, which took them straight to the mouth of Gold Creek. Harold O'Connor and Fred Parkes cycled from Vancouver, arriving about half an hour later. A pleasant camp was made on the bank, and everybody sat under the stars around the campfire looking forward to the fine day on Sunday.

About 4 a.m. the first drops of rain fell, and an early start was advised. Fortunately the rain held off during the weary tramp over the fire-devastated slopes, and when it did start, about 7 a.m., the party was above the snow-line. The fog and snow precluded the possibility of a view, but eventually the end of the long ridge was reached. Here a halt for lunch was made, and one of the party returned. Continuing on, a game of tag was played with the director for awhile, but finally the actual ridge of the mountain was located and the gully soon climbed.

Just at noon, the cairn was reached. The lack of any view was disappointing, but the sun appeared as a bright spot in the sky for a moment, and hopes were held that it might clear up. Ten minutes later, however, it was as bad as ever, and so cold that the descent was commenced. A splendid slide down the gully warmed up everybody, and some even climbed up to do it all over again. Fast time was made back to where the packs had been left at the end of the ridge, and here the rest of the food was eaten, trying not to bend over any more than possible. "Bev" Cayley, with a waterproof slicker worn as a shirt was the envy of all.

When the burnt timber was reached, the rain stopped very kindly, thereby considerably mitigating that necessary evil; those members who were on the trip two years ago did their best to keep the cold off by regaling the others with tales of the hot ashes, etc. they had experienced here. Camp was regained within the twelve hours, and some members moved to a shack down the road where they could dry out under shelter. The autos came early, and by considerably exceeding the speed limit all the way, the city was reached at 9 p.m. The mean of two aneroid readings, corrected, gave the elevation as 5,400 feet.

#### FIRST ASCENT OF MT. FOLEY

The most notable trip of the last month was that of a party of eight club members to Mt. Foley, 8,000 feet, in the Cheam Range, this being the first complete ascent. The party consisted of Mr. W. G. Wheatley, Mr. Dudley Foster, Mr. Eric Fuller, Mr. H. O'Connor, Mr. Beverley Cayley, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Munday.

Leaving Vancouver on the 6.20 p.m. C. N. R. train, the party arrived at Laidlaw at 10.20 p.m., and spent the night there, leaving at 7.20 next morning by the trail up Jones Creek, the seven miles to Jones Lake, 2,000 feet, being covered in three and a half hours in a heavy snowstorm. A terrific wind storm in December had created havoc in the woods, but Mr. R. Barr, who lives at the lake, had cleared the trail that far. Unfortunately the remaining seven

miles was still uncleared of obstructions, and six hours was required to reach Timberline Cabin of the Lucky Four mining claims. The roof was covered with 10 feet of packed snow, and tunneling for the stove pipe hole was one of the preliminaries to lighting a fire—the temperature was well below freezing point, and the hour 7 p.m. The snowstorm had ceased in the afternoon and the late evening light revealed the great white crags in all their impressiveness.

The cabin had never been properly finished for occupancy in winter weather, and the small stove failed to thaw anything beyond a three-foot radius, so drying wet clothes was a slow process.

Next morning a start was not made until nine, the long grind of the previous day having told more or less on the whole party. Snowshoes, heartily reviled when being dragged through the windfalls, now proved absolutely indispensable as the recent snow was four feet deep and very loose.

Snow clouds were gathering deliberately from the northwest, but the peaks remained clear. The crest of the ridge, 6,800, was reached shortly before noon, permitting entrancing views eastward, through shifting clouds, of a world of nameless peaks. Foley was obviously the only peak of the range even remotely within the power of the party this day under winter conditions, and the chances seemed slim indeed. Before the half mile along the ridge was covered, snowshoes had to be exchanged for boots owing to the narrowness of the corniced crest.

On the Lucky Four Glacier the snow lay five feet deep. The angle soon became 45 degrees, and steadily steepened. The eastern arete on closer approach proved out of the question owing to the iced rocks. The northeast face, the only one of the three that was accessible, was smothered with loose snow. Its condition in many places gave cause for grave concern, but never quite reached the point where going on meant unjustifiable risk. The arete was gained about 300 feet below the summit, and then success was assured.

For the most part the climb was still on the face, now steepened to about 65 degrees,

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being rocks overlain with mixed ice and snow. The south face is nearly perpendicular, the arete too sharp to carry a cornice. Clouds had closed in at last, snow falling, the wind rising.

The three faces of the slender pyramid meet at the summit which was a tiny platform of ice from which one member of the party claimed to be able to look down all three sides of the mountain at once. The time was 3.10. It was no place to be caught in a storm, and an immediate descent was begun. Once off the arete the wind was not so biting, but an added difficulty was finding the steps which were completely hidden with the snow now streaming and hissing down the great face. New steps might have been made but a safe route was not to be abandoned lightly. The descent to the glacier was nearly as slow as the ascent.

Changing back to snowshoes was necessary on the ridge; a blizzard was sweeping it, and the temperature dropping rapidly—an experience to remember. Even with the snowshoes, going downhill was laborious. The cabin was reached shortly after 6 p.m.

Morning broke brilliantly, displaying the range at its best. The delicacy of the lines of the wind-sculptured snow on the precipices was unforgettable. Scidom are peaks of this order so well placed for viewing them to advantage. Reluctantly the party started home at 7.15 a.m.

The downward trip to the road took about five hours travelling, interrupted by a stop for lunch at Mr. Barr's. By 4 p.m. all were ferried across the Fraser River to Ruby Creek by Skookum Jack, the return to Vancouver being by C. P. R.

#### FORTHCOMING TRIPS

May 24-25—Launch trip to Brunswick Beach, leaving Vancouver on the evening of May 23 about 7 p.m. (See notice in Club box for exact time). Mts. Hanover, Harvey (miscalled "Brunswick Pinnacle"), Brunswick, and the Lions are all within reach, as

well as the fine rock-climb of the pinnacle on the side of Mt. Harvey. The Director is in charge. Return by launch on the evening of May 25.

June 1—Dome Mountain, from Lynn Valley, returning by the Mosquito Creek side, possibly part way by the Grouse Mt. pack trail. Leader, Mr. Eric A. Fuller. The Lynn side of Dome furnishes a good scramble.

June 7-8—Mt. Cathedral, from Lynn Valley. The Director in charge. This is always one of the finest trips of the year, though a fairly long one which ought not to be attempted by persons not in good trim. Remember your blood test certificate.

June 15—Mt. Seymour. A day trip; leader, Mr. B. C. Cayley. Seymour is a fine mountain at any time of the year.

#### CABIN COMMITTEE

The name of Mr. R. A. Fraser ("Gus") does not appear, as it should do, in the summer programme, as a member of the Cabin Committee.

#### LIBRARY NOTICE

Owing to Mr. Toon having to unexpectedly change his place of business, the opening of the Club Library, scheduled to take place two or three weeks ago, had to be postponed. It is now established in his new store situated at 421 Granville Street. Drop in and have a look over some of the Club's new books. A photographic display of pictures of our prospective Camp site this year at Avalanche Pass will shortly be on view at the library.

#### APPEAL TO MEMBERS

The net result of the request in the last issue of the MOUNTAINEER for the return of "borrowed" books belonging to the Club, to enable the new down-town library to have a fair start, is the recovery of seven books to date.

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**PURCHASE OF NEW CABIN SITE ON GROUSE MOUNTAIN**

One of the last acts of last year's Executive Committee was to take steps to purchase a new cabin site on Grouse Mountain, immediately below the east half of Perpendicular Farm, the area being five acres. Messrs. Taylor and Perry have a cabin just off the south side of the property. The District Council only recently confirmed the sale. The property has the essential thing the present cabin site lacks, an all-year water supply; also a considerable area suitable for building upon; the view from the cliff in front is better also.

The Club is extremely fortunate in securing this, the best site on the whole face of the mountain, and within such easy reach of the old cabin that it will be easy to work on the new one when the time comes to build. The recent repairs to the cabin will lengthen its life considerably and allow a careful study to be made of the probable future needs of the Club as well as the most suitable type of construction, avoiding the obvious mistakes embodied in the present structure.

**FIRES**

This is the season of bush fires. The person who is careless with fire in the woods for the next few months cannot be condemned in too severe language. A double responsibility rests upon Club members—in the first place they ought to know better; and in the second, they ought to exercise care out of respect for the good name of the body to which they belong.

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**CLUB BADGES**

The Club badges may now be obtained from the Treasurer, price 50 cents. They are in the form of a neat shield enamelled in the Club colors, green, white and orange.

**SEE THAT FRIENDS ARE EQUIPPED FOR CLIMBS**

When bringing friends on trips, members should not overlook the responsibility which rests on them to see that their friends are properly shod at least to the extent of having hobnailed boots, and a metal-pointed alpenstock ought also to be part of their equipment on any trip where snow is likely to be encountered. This is only fair to the persons in question and to the other members of the climbing party. Attention to this important matter may avoid the unpleasantness some time of an improperly equipped person not being allowed to climb.

**SUCCESS CROWNS EFFORTS OF NATIONAL PARKS ASSOCIATION**

Word has been received from Mr. A. O. Wheeler, secretary of the National Parks Association, that as the result of the protest against the projected power scheme in the Spray Lakes Valley, the Dominion Government has pledged itself that no action will be taken for at least one year towards sanctioning it, and that no action will be taken without the knowledge of Parliament. Mr. H. H. Stevens, M.P., brought the matter up in the House.

**GARIBALDI PARK COMMITTEE**

Messrs. W. E. Martin, T. Fyles, and B. C. Cayley are a committee to consider what may be done toward getting Garibaldi Park reserve created an actual provincial park, and to take up the question of a campaign toward getting a road or other facilities into the park.

**NEW MEMBERS**

Four new members were elected at the meeting of the Executive Committee on May 7. They are Mr. W. C. Shelly, 601 10th Ave., West; Mr. Adam Taylor, 913 Birks Building, both as active members; Mr. G. T. Wallis, 609 Bank of Nova Scotia Building, and Mrs. W. Westall, 4445 11th Ave., West, are graduating members.

**ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP**

Mr. N. E. Martin, listed in the printed roll as a graduating member, is now an active member.

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