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### NOTICE OF SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

The semi-annual meeting of the Club will be held at 8 p.m., October 28, in the Vancouver Exhibition Association Building, 440 Pender Street West.

### THE ANNIVERSARY DINNER

The 17th Anniversary Dinner of the Club will be held in the dining room of David Spencer Ltd., at 7.30 p.m., on October 25. Tickets are \$1.50, and may be obtained from the dinner committee: Mr. Neal Carter, Miss E. M. Henley, Mr. H. O'Connor, Mr. L. C. Ford, Miss Walker, or from any member of the Executive.

A selection of new lantern slides will be shown after the conclusion of the dinner.

### 1925 SUMMER CAMP

At the Club meeting October 28, the Executive Committee will recommend that the Summer Camp for 1925 be held at Lake O'Hara in the Rocky Mountains. A Club party climbed in the neighborhood in 1923. It is well known as one of the most attractive regions close to the C. P. R., not only for climbing of an excellent character,

but for all-round attractiveness. In recommending this district it was felt that an opportunity ought to be given to get acquainted with mountains further afield and fulfill the real object of the annual camp by adding to the mountaineering skill of the members, an object which, obviously, cannot be fully attained if the camp is confined always to the same district.

### EARLY ASCENTS IN CHEAM RANGE

In a recent issue of the *B. C. Monthly*, Mr. E. Knight, Penticton, claims that in 1885 he climbed peaks in the Cheam Range which Club members have climbed more recently in the belief that they were making first ascents. However, even a casual reading of his article reveals that he refers to peaks up the westerly tributary of Jones Creek, whereas recent climbing has been confined to the more difficult peaks up the easterly branch. His aneroid elevations are obviously uncorrected for the sea level readings as he claims heights closely approaching 9,000 feet for four peaks, including Mt. Cheam.

### NORTH PEAKS OF CROWN TRIP

Over 40 members and friends undertook the trip to Crown Mt. from the Club Cabin, some returning the same way, the majority going back by way of Lynn Valley as scheduled. The Director was in charge. Weather was splendid. It proved a fairly heavy trip from the physical point of view.

### BOOKS TO BE PURCHASED

The following books will be added to the library as soon as they can be obtained: *The Heart of the Canadian Rockies*, by Sir James Outram; *Exploration and Mountaineering in the Selkirks*, by Howard Palmer; *The Complete Mountaineer*, by Geo. Abraham. The latter replaces the worn-out volume.

Howard Palmer's book in particular is commended to the attention of members; it is profusely illustrated, clearly written, usually fully explanatory, and covers the more important parts of the Selkirk Range. Much of the Selkirk landscape bears a resemblance to the higher parts of the Coast Range where ice and snow play a prom-

inent part in mountain views. The Selkirk Range is a fascinating one, and the high peaks more nearly approach the average height of the Rockies than is generally known, while the height above the valleys is notable.

**NOTICE OF AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS**

Formal notice of motion is hereby given that at the semi-annual meeting to be held October 28, the following amendments to the by-laws of the Club will be moved by Mr. W. E. Martin, seconded by Mr. B. C. Cayley:

1. Clause 2 is to be amended by adding as sub-section (d) thereof the following:

*Non-resident Members.* Members resident outside of the Province for a period of longer than 12 months may retain membership in the Club by payment of half the annual dues; provided that upon their return for a period exceeding one month the other half of the current year's dues shall be payable and Clause 4 shall apply.

2. Clause 4 is to be amended by striking out the first 6 lines thereof and substituting the following:

The entrance fee of Active and Graduating members shall be \$3.00, and the annual dues shall be \$3.00, entrance fees and annual dues to accompany all applications for membership.

3. Clause 5 (a) is to be amended by inserting between the words "Editor" and "Librarian" in the fourth line thereof the word "Reporter."

4. Clause 7 is to be amended by adding as sub-section (e) thereof the following:

Reporter shall be responsible for all press publicity.

5. Clause 12 is to be repealed and the following substituted therefor:

The use of intoxicating liquors on the Club premises is prohibited.

6. The by-laws are to be amended by adding as Clause 22 thereof the following:

That a reserve fund be established out of moneys from time to time recommended by the Executive and placed in a separate

bank account. Payments from the reserve fund can be made only by a resolution (of which 14 days notice in writing has been previously given) passed by two-thirds of the members present at any general meeting of the Club; provided this clause shall not apply to expenditures for the purchase of real estate, or for permanent improvements or additions to structures on Club property, or for the re-building the same in case of destruction.

Note: These proposed amendments have been approved unanimously by the entire Executive Committee.

**PROGRAMME OF WINTER TRIPS**

Save the following programme of winter trips for reference:

Nov. 1—2. The eastern ridge of Goat Mountain, from the Club Cabin. Leader, Mr. M. M. Dodds.

Nov. 16. Grouse Mountain via Larsen's trail; return by Club Cabin. Leader, Mr. Frank Johnson.

Nov. 29—30. Mt. Seymour. Leader, Mr. Neal M. Carter.

Dec. 13—14. Dome Mountain from Club Cabin. Leader, Mr. Dudley Foster.

Jan. 10—11. Crown Mountain from Club Cabin. Leader, Mr. Chas. Townsend.

Jan. 14—25. Mt. Strachan. Leader, Mr. Hazan Nunn.

Feb. 7—8. The Lions from Howe Sound. Leader, Mr. Don Munday.

Feb. 22. Dam Mountain by Alpine Club trail. Leader, Mr. Beverley Cayley.

Feb. 28—Mar. 1. White Mountain. Leader, Mr. Eric Fuller.

March 14—15. Crown Pass from Club Cabin, return by Lynn Valley. Leader, Mr. H. O'Connor.

March 28—29. Mt. Bishop from North Arm. Leader, Director Tom Fyles.

April 12. Lynn Peaks. Leader, Mr. W. E. Martin.

In preparing this list of trips the Director and the committee assisting him tried to keep in mind two aims which do not unite

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well, the one being to make the climbs such as will attract the more eager and capable climbers, the other to arrange trips which will not prove too strenuous for beginners and those who may prefer less difficult climbs.

Of course it must be borne in mind that snow conditions vary so widely in the winter months that what one day may be quite an easy trip may be changed overnight to a heavy one, or the reverse may be the case. Coupled with the uncertainty of the weather this makes Club trips a more difficult proposition than privately arranged climbs which naturally may be altered or cancelled to suit changed conditions.

In order not to impose too great a burden upon the Director, it will be noted other leaders have been selected for most of the trips. The Club perhaps has in the past been somewhat exacting in what has been expected from the Director year after year in the way of taking charge of every climb. It owes him a great debt of gratitude.

#### SUCCESSFUL WOOD BEE

The wood bee at the cabin the first weekend in October proved the most successful yet held, both as regards the number of members who were present and for the amount of wood obtained. Dudley Foster and other members of the Cabin Committee showed themselves capable organizers as well as hard workers, and deserve all kinds of credit.

#### REPAIRS TO CABIN FIREPLACE

The fireplace at the Cabin, which has suffered severely with the passing years, is to be overhauled by Messrs. W. Gilbert and A. L. Kendall. Their suggestions, acceptable to the Cabin Committee and the Executive, are to reduce the size and rebuild the chimney. This improvement will add greatly to the attractiveness of the assembly room.

#### GETTING PERSONAL

Say fellows:

Did any of you hear about Bill Wheatley's nightmare? Bill came into the office white as a sheet the other day. (Can you imagine it?) He dreamt that he and Neal Carter were climbing a chimney together. It was back and knee work. They had jammed themselves in as only a couple of mountaineers can, and were as snug as a couple of fossils. Suddenly Bill remembered that his feet were not paid and he felt so small that he couldn't span the chimney any more, and he fell right out. Just about the time he expected a re-assuring jerk on the rope, Neal remembered he hadn't bought a badge—and they both fell out!

The treasurer was able to assure Bill that both he and Neal were in good standing in both respects.

Seriously, though, it shouldn't be necessary for the treasurer to go out collecting. It's hard on edge nails walking around the pavements, and people do stare so at a roped party.

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### WINTER STRIKES THE HIGH RANGES

Wintry conditions were encountered a month ago in the Cheam Range when three Club members, Mr. Chas. Townsend and Mr. and Mrs. Don Munday attempted to climb the highest peak of the range. Snow fell as low as 3,000 feet in the valley of Jones Creek. At Timberline Cabin, 4,600 feet, the total fall was about 10 inches, and at 5,500 feet nearly 18 inches. A mile of mountainside with steep grass slopes, coarse rockslides, moraines, and glaciated granite slabs exposed by the retreat of the glaciers, were not improved by the masking loose snow. Two starts were made on successive days when the weather gave false promise of clearing. A height of rather less than 7,000 feet on the Welch Glacier was reached once. This glacier is steep, hard and smooth; step cutting could only be done after scraping the deep snow off the ice. Fog, snow and wind made things thoroughly disagreeable.

In connection with the unclimbed peaks of this district, tribute should be paid to the generosity of the Director, Mr. Tom Fyles, who refrained from visiting the region last summer when he had the opportunity, because he was unwilling to forestall Mr. and Mrs. Munday, an act of fine feeling not surprising, however, from so fine a mountaineer.

### GRAMOPHONE FOR CABIN

Purchase of a gramophone for the Club Cabin has been decided upon, part of the price being met by small personal subscriptions. It is to be hoped that this instrument will not share the fate of the former one—the Cabin Committee consulted with the makers this time with regard to getting a super-gramophone which would render real music when played with pins, nails, or worn-out needles dug out of cracks in the floor, but the replies were not quite encouraging, so perhaps it will be sufficient to drop a hint to this effect before the enthusiasm for music leads to such thoroughly resourceful, but inadvisable efforts, as the last machine endured. But the possession of a good instrument should encourage taking care of it.

### PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION PROPOSED

An exhibition of photographs taken by Club members has been proposed for the early part of next year, the suggestion originally being made by the Secretary, Mr. Knight. In addition to the interest which would be taken in it by members, the public would gain a better idea of the character of the mountains climbed by the Club. Probably a few suitable prizes might be offered for the best pictures in the different classifications. Such a competition would bring out pictures of a quality and interest which would be a surprise even to many of the members.

### CLUB ALBUM

Mr. Tom Fyles, Mr. W. G. Wheatley, and Mr. Neal Carter are working upon a new Club Album to contain pictures representative of the Club's activities. Owing to the fading of so many pictures in the present album it was thought advisable to make a fresh start.

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