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The "B. C. Mountaineer" is now in the third year of its existence. Since it was decided in 1923 to create an official publication for the B. C. Mountaineering Club, members have looked forward each month to receiving it and reading of what the Club and its members have been doing. There is no doubt but what the publication has been the means of creating the splendid spirit which exists in our Club at the present time.

To the splendid efforts of our late editor, Mr. Don Munday, we owe the present high standard of the Mountaineer and the present editor now appeals for the support and criticism of all members to maintain that high standard.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Club was held on March 19th in the Daily Province Building. The Annual reports were pre-

sent and election of Officers for the coming year was held. Mr. Frank Johnson was again elected President, and the important post of Director went by acclamation to Mr. Tom Fyles.

The Financial report, given by the Treasurer, showed that financially the Club was in good shape. The Director's report covered last year's climbing activities and some timely suggestions regarding precautions that should be taken were given. The all-important matter of the new cabin was then discussed, and the matter was finally left in the hands of a building committee who were to investigate the cost of having the main part of the building done by loggers, or someone whose business it is to build cabins similar to that which is required by our Club. Whether the cabin is to be built wholly or only partially by Club members, every member must be prepared to give some time towards its construction. There will be a great deal of packing to be done before a start is made at all, and even if the rough work is done by outside labor, a great deal of time and labor will be needed to finish the interior of the building.

OUR ANNUAL DANCE.

The Club's Annual Dance will be held in the Promenade Tea Rooms, at 2024 Beach Avenue on Friday, April 17th. Mr. Frank Johnson and Mr. "Mickey" Dodds have gone to a great deal of trouble to make this dance a success and it is to be hoped that Club members will give their whole-hearted support. Tickets may be obtained from any member of the executive committee.

TRIPS OVER THE WATERSHED.

Members will please remember that whenever a party goes up past any of the intakes on the North Shore, they must be prepared to present their blood test. These must be renewed every six months. It is also advisable for members to wear their Club badges, which will identify them on such occasions as belonging to the B. C. Mountaineering Club.

EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD.

A meeting of the new executive committee was held recently and plans for the coming year were discussed. One subject that was brought forward was the matter of the use of Club tents. These tents are intended only for the use of the Club at its summer camp. In the past members have been able to get them for regular Club trips, but this will have to be discontinued except where in unusual circumstances the director feels that one or two should be taken along. A number of members have made themselves independent of tents by carrying with them a light silk fly. These are light and inexpensive and are the ideal thing for week end trips.

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At the annual meeting the matter of trips over the limits of the Capilano Timber Company was discussed. Our Secretary has been in communication with the Company and has been informed that it is absolutely necessary for a party to have the written permission of the Company to travel over its limits. Members can obtain this through our Secretary, who will get the necessary permit. It is to be noted that applications must be made through Mr. Knight, as applications direct to the Company from private individuals, even though they be Club members, will be refused.

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Mr. A. H. Huber, of the Swiss Alpine Club, with whom several members are acquainted, has returned from Trail, B. C. en route for Portland, Ore.

He wishes to be remembered to his mountaineering friends, and has a suggestion to make, from an outsider's standpoint. This is—that in view of the recent sad accident on Grouse Mountain, following the Crown Mt. catastrophe of last year, would it not be advisable to hold a lecture on the dangers of mountaineering, showing the need of proper equipment?

The public interest is no doubt centered on mountaineering at this time, and a lecture of this nature would be well timed.

REPORT YOUR TRIPS

Persons in charge of trips are asked to report immediately on their return to Mr. Neal Carter, the Club reporter, phone number, Seymour 7590, address, 1125 Pender Street, West, and then to the editor at Seymour 7191 or Bayview 41 R. Address 3255 10th Avenue, West. In connection with the reporting of official Club trips, it would be well to refer any inquiries from the newspapers to the Club reporter, who will give them the required information.

**MATERIAL FOR THE
"B. C. MOUNTAINEER."**

Members having material to be published in the "B. C. Mountaineer" are asked to have it in the hands of the editor not later than the last day of the month for the publication, which will be mailed between the 10th and 15th of the following month.

CLUB ORDERING ROPES.

The Secretary will be ordering some Alpine rope from England this month, and if any members would like to buy a rope for themselves they could avail themselves of this opportunity and order with the Club. The cost will be about \$3.50 for a sixty foot length with a small additional charge for postage and duty. Place your order with Mr. Knight before the end of this month.

THE COLUMBIA ICE FIELD.

The April issue of "The National Geographic Magazine" is a most interesting one from a mountaineer's standpoint, the main feature of the issue being an account of a photographic expedition to the great Columbia Ice Field of our Canadian Rockies. The expedition, which was in charge of Byron Harmon, went into the country for the sole purpose of making photographs and motion pictures of the district, and not for mountaineering; in fact, the narrative only makes mention of one peak, Mount Castleguard, as being climbed by the party. The author of the article describes

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the view from the top of Castleguard, which is on the southern rim of the Columbia Ice Field, as being "one of the great mountain panoramas of the world."

The collection of pictures obtained by the party and reproduced in the magazine makes one realize more than ever what a large, comparatively untouched country, from the mountaineering standpoint, lies between the Canadian Pacific and Canadian National Railways. Reading the article reminds one of the descriptions of the country given by the late Sir James Outram in his book "In the Heart of the Canadian Rockies."

THE SUMMER SCHEDULE OF TRIPS.

The summer programme of climbs passed at the annual meeting is by far the most ambitious programme that the Club has had for some years. The trip up Brunswick this year should be a popular one, coming as it does, early in the season (April 25-26). The snow conditions should be ideal for long glissades. On May 9th and 10th there will be a trip to Mount Cheam, near Chilliwack. Although a somewhat strenuous trip, providing the weather is clear, those who climb will be rewarded with a view of the Fraser Valley which can not be equalled from any other peak, as Cheam is practically situated at the Eastern extremity of the farming country of the valley. The "Lucky Four" group lie to the south east, and it will appear very fine from the vantage point of Cheam. Camp will be made about 2,000 feet above the highway, which will permit of a good start Sunday

morning. The Sawtooth Range will be the Club's objective on the week end of May 23-4-5. It is expected that two parties will leave the Utopia Lake cabin, one to climb the "Sky Pilot" and the other to climb "Ben Lomond." The weather that Club parties have met with on previous trips to this district has left much to be desired, and it is hoped that by putting the trip early in the year better weather will be experienced.

Two trips that are bound to be popular are to be held up Capilano Valley. One is a day trip, in which the party will go as far as possible up the logging railway which now extends past Capilano Lake; this trip will give a different outlook on many of our peaks and should be very popular. The other trip is to be taken up the North Peaks of Crown from Capilano and home by Lynn Valley; circular trips such as these are becoming very popular and a trip up the Capilano side of the North Peaks should bring out a large party of climbers.

This year the Club intends to invade the east side of the North Arm, and with this idea in mind a trip has been arranged up Coquitlam Ridge from Lake Buntzen. Last summer a party of Club members ascended this ridge from Ioco and came down to Lake Buntzen; they reported that it was a beautiful open ridge dotted with very fine lakes, somewhat similar to Hollyburn. As this trip is scheduled for August, the flowers should then be at their best.

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SUMMER CAMP.

July 12th to 26th—reserve these dates right now for that is when the Club holds its summer camp, at one of the most beautiful and favored spots in the Rockies, Lake O'Hara. An active committee is already at work arranging the necessary details, and we are told that one of the most important items, namely, the matter of a cook, is receiving prior attention. The cost, including fare, will be in the neighborhood of sixty dollars. Decide now that you will be there.

TRIP TO KENNEDY LAKE.

March 14th and 15th were the dates set for a Club trip from the cabin to Crown Pass and home by Lynn Valley, but on account of a very heavy snow it was decided to return by way of Kennedy Lake. The party, under the leadership of Mr. H. O'Connor left the Club cabin at 8.30 Sunday morning and reached the peak of Dam about eleven o'clock. At the gully leading to Kennedy Lake the majority of the party slid down to the Lake and from there descended to Lynn Valley, returning to Vancouver late in the afternoon.

Early Sunday morning it looked as though the weather was going to be clear, but soon the mist covered the peaks, and although the sun shone occasionally the views were not very extensive.

BISHOP TRIP.

Although the weather did not appear very favorable on Saturday, March 21st, a party of nineteen members under the leadership of Mr. Tom Fyles boarded the "Atsilac" for Bishop Beach, from which point Mount Bishop was to be climbed, completing the winter schedule of trips. It was found on arriving at the beach that our usual camping place was taken up by a logging camp so it was necessary to camp beside the stream, a short distance further up the Arm. On account of the rainy weather, several members of the party slept on the boat, but some members made themselves comfortable on shore,

although we have heard that at least one tent was almost washed away with its occupants at high tide.

The climbing party, consisting of ten men and two ladies left the beach at seven a.m. Sunday and made their way to the amphitheatre, which was reached about 10 o'clock. The going up the gully was fairly good on account of avalanched snow, and lunch was partaken of just below the first peak. From the top of the gully, progress was not very fast, on account of the heavy fall of fresh snow. It was not considered advisable to climb the second peak so the party traversed under it to the third peak which was reached about two o'clock, the return was made by sliding down to the amphitheatre from the north side of third peak.

Although the weather on Sunday was not altogether clear, some very fine views were obtained. On account of the very heavy snow fall this winter the snow cornices were very fine, and the party reported that on looking over to White Mountain that the cornices there were the best that have been seen for years.

The "Atsilac," the boat mentioned at the Annual Meeting, was found to be very comfortable and although not running under full power made the trip to Bishop Beach in about two hours.

EASTER TRIPS.

Several members of the Club are planning to make good use of the long week end at Easter, one party is considering an attempt at "The Sawteeth," and another, Mount Wrottersley, up Howe Sound. The editor would be pleased to have reports of all Easter trips as soon as convenient.

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