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THE 1925 CAMP

This year's Summer Camp is now history, and the twenty-six members who were there are now looking over their photographs, and thinking of the good times they had at Lake O'Hara in the Rockies.

Almost perfect weather helped greatly to make the Camp the success that it was, although on account of forest fires the atmosphere was somewhat hazy at times. On account of the coolness of the evenings the mosquitoes were very scarce, a fact which was greatly appreciated.

Two advance parties left Vancouver on the Friday night preceding Camp, one party to establish the Camp at Lake O'Hara and pick the route up Mount Hungabee, the other to establish the Camp in Paradise Valley for the use of parties making the

trip through the passes. The Lake O'Hara party included the all-important cook, Mr. Hardcastle, who was accompanied by his little daughter. On Monday, while the main party was coming into Camp, Messrs. Tom Fyles, Neal Carter, and W. Wheatley ascended Mount Hungabee, the monarch of the district, which is considered a most difficult rock climb.

The party which established the Paradise Valley Camp reached Lake Louise on Saturday afternoon, and after making arrangements for packing, made a trip to "The Lakes in the Clouds" (Mirror and Agnes) and the Big Beehive. A very fine view of Lake Louise and the surrounding mountains is obtained from the latter point. On Sunday the Camp was established in Paradise Valley, and on the way in Saddle Mountain was climbed. The Camp was made at the head of the valley, a few hundred yards from the moraine of the Horse-shoe Glacier and between two streams discharging from it.

Rising bright and early Monday morning a start was made for Mount Temple, the summit of which was reached about 11:30 a.m., on the return it was decided that Camp would be regained too early, so Mount Pinnacle was climbed, the summit being reached about 5 p.m. The next day was spent in travelling to the main Camp at Lake O'Hara.

Perhaps the most popular trip undertaken was through the Five Passes, taking two and one-half days from Lake O'Hara, and covering about thirty miles. Parties would generally leave Camp about noon and proceed to Abbot Pass to spend the first night in the C. P. R. hut at that point. At this time too much cannot be said of this hut; it is built entirely of stone and stands on the crest of Abbot Pass between Mounts Victoria and Lefroy, at an altitude of 9,600 feet. Those who have been at the hut will long remember the experience—it is completely furnished with cooking utensils, dishes, and a fine stove; in addition there is a large supply of Hudson's Bay blankets which were greatly appreciated. Through the courtesy of the

C. P. R., the Club was allowed the privilege of the use of the hut for two nights by each member.

From Abbot Pass a descent was made by the Victoria Glacier to the base of the Pass; from this point one party ascended the Mitre Pass and descended from there to the Paradise Valley Camp, where the second night was spent. Other parties made the circuit of Lake Louise and visited the Chateau, from which point they followed the trail up Paradise Valley.

The third day was spent in returning to Lake O'Hara, leaving Paradise Valley either by Sentinel Pass or Wastach Pass. Sentinel Pass leads into Larch Valley, at the lower end of the Valley of the Ten Peaks. From Sentinel Pass the view of the Ten Peaks is one of the finest and most imposing in the Rockies, and will be long remembered by those who were fortunate enough to view it. From Larch Valley a side trip can be made to Moraine Lake. The alternative route from Paradise Valley is through Wastach Pass, which opens into the Valley of the Ten Peaks considerably above Larch Valley, to Wenkchemna Pass as in the first case.

From Wenkchemna Pass the route leads to Prospector Valley, famous for "The Rock Tower," a pillar of rock standing alone in the Valley like a man-made monument, complete and symmetrical even to its base, which is of the same peculiar stone as the tower. It rises about eighty feet above the floor of the valley; fifty feet are perpendicular, and it has hitherto been considered unclimbable, on account of the nature of the rock as much as the steepness of it. Three members of the Club, under the leadership of Mr. Neal Carter succeeded in making the first recorded ascent of the Tower. From the Rock Tower the route leads over the Opabin Glacier and Opabin Pass, thence down to Lake O'Hara and the main Camp.

A list of the peaks climbed and the number who climbed them will be given elsewhere in this issue, but it is safe to say that the most popular climbing trip was Mount Victoria, which was climbed by nineteen members out of the twenty-six. Mount Odaray also proved very popular, and Mount Cathedral was a great drawing card.

For those not wishing to indulge in strenuous climbs there was plenty to do in visiting the various lakes within easy distance of Camp. The beauty of these lakes is beyond description—some of them are above timberline and have glaciers discharging into them, others are surrounded by trees, which make a beautiful reflection in the early morning and evening. Every lake is of a different color, varying in shade from an emerald green to turquoise blue. The valleys are profuse in flowers, which were at their best during our Camp.

Possibly the features most noticed by our members were the small glaciers and the very loose rock. It is possible to climb Mount Temple, over 11,000 feet, without going on a glacier; this would not be possible on the Coast, or even in the Selkirks. On account of the very loose rock great care must be taken on all climbs, and only small parties should go on rock climbs. The scree slopes encountered proved most disastrous to members' boots.

As the districts covered were inside National Parks, the animals were comparatively tame, and much opportunity was given to observe them. Paradise Valley is famous for two porcupines, who made their headquarters at our Camp. They were very partial to boots, and ice axes had to be put out of their reach or they would eat the thongs. Several deer were also seen in Paradise Valley and one put its head in the tent one night and tried to take some of the food. Marmots and rock squirrels were numerous in the valleys. Perhaps the animal

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which will be remembered most was the bear, which visited Camp one afternoon. He evidently liked it as he was very loath to leave, and it took much persuasion to convince him that he was not wanted.

A big feature of Camp was the nightly camp fire and sing song. Percy Lockie with his banjo provided the music for the singing. The fine spirit of the Camp was largely responsible for its success, all arrangements being under the personal supervision of the Director, Mr. Tom Fyles.

Those attending Camp were: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wallis, Mrs. E. E. Macpherson, Misses Edith Henley, Jo Spence, Amy Walker, Peggie East, Grace Stevenson, Verna Huston, Gene Genier, Emmie Milledge; Messrs. Tom Fyles, director, W. G. Wheatley, Neal M. Carter, R. E. Knight, B. C. Clegg, B. C. Cayley, H. D. Foster, Harold O'Connor, Percy Lockie, Stanley Henderson, Chas. Dawson, F. H. Parkes and Jack Hutchinson.

The Club was very fortunate in securing last year's excellent cook, Mr. Hardcastle, who brought his little six-year-old daughter, Hilda.

Mr. and Mrs. "Bill" Wheatley are rejoicing in the arrival of a new mountaineer, a boy, born on July 28th. Bill has not yet announced when his son will apply for membership in the Club, but we are sure he will follow his father's footsteps soon. Both Mrs. Wheatley and young "Bill" are doing well.

PEAKS CLIMBED AT SUMMER CAMP

Name	Height	Climbed by
Mt. Temple	.....11,626	Three members
Mt. Hungabee	..11,447	Five members
Mt. Victoria	....11,355	Nineteen members
Mt. Lefroy	.....11,220	Three members
Mt. Cathedral	..10,454	Thirteen members
Mt. Odaray	.....10,165	Seventeen members
Mt. Pinnacle	....10,062	Three members
Mt. Schaffer	..... 9,650	Three members
(Third peak)		
The Mitre	..... 9,470	One member
Mt. Yukness	..... 9,342	Seven members
Wiwaxy Peaks	..8,863	Ten members
Mt. Schaffer	..... 8,824	Eight members
(1st and 2nd peaks)		
Mt. St. Piran	.... 8,681	One member
The Devil's		
Thumb	..... 8,066	Three members

THE CONQUEST OF MT. LOGAN

Since our last issue word has been received that the Alpine Club expedition to Mount Logan has been successful; the summit, 19,539 feet, being reached on June 23rd, by a party under the leadership of Capt. A. H. McCarthy.

Too much credit cannot be given to the members who made the ascent. They were on ice for forty-four days, each carrying a pack of seventy pounds. At nights the temperature was always below zero. It will be remembered that our Club contributed \$25.00 towards the expedition.

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COMING TRIPS

On Labor Day week-end a trip will be made to Mount Baker (10,750 feet) under the leadership of Mr. Tom Fyles. This is a popular trip and should be well attended.

On September 19th and 20th a trail cutting trip will be held. It is proposed to camp on Sisters Creek and clear out and extend the old trail on the east bank of the Creek to the snowfield at the foot of the Lions. It is hoped that there will be a good turnout so that something worth while may be accomplished.

ECHO PEAK TRIP

On July 4th-5th, a trip was made up Echo Peak under the leadership of Mr. Eric Fuller. Camping near Lynn Forks, the climb was made by way of the gully up the east side of the peak from Lynn Lake.

PARTY IN TOMAHI DISTRICT

As this is being read, two members of the Club, Messrs. Eric Fuller and "Gus" Fraser will be climbing in the Tomahi District.

Members who have been up the Fraser Valley near Chilliwack, will have noticed the Canadian and American Tomahi Peaks, appearing directly south of Sardis from which point they are reached by road and trail. We hope to have an account of their trip to publish in next month's issue of the "Mountaineer."

RE-UNION OF CAMP MEMBERS

Those who were fortunate enough to attend camp are looking forward to the evening of August 21st, when a re-union will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fyles. The purpose of the re-union is to get members together to see the different photographs taken at camp.

TRIP TO COQUITLAM RIDGE

On the week-end of August 8th and 9th, the Club invaded the east side of the North Arm by climbing Coquitlam Ridge from Lake Buntzen.

Under the leadership of Tom Fyles a route was followed up a creek over a series of waterfalls, bringing the party to the crest of the ridge which was followed to the highest point, about 4,000 feet. The view, which should have been very fine, was spoiled by the smoke of many forest fires which were raging.

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