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### SUMMER CAMP DATE CHANGED

In order not to clash with the probable dates of the Alpine Club camp which is expected to be at Lake O'Hara, it has been decided to hold the B. C. M. C. camp one week earlier than previously set. The new dates are July 12-25.

### NATIONAL PARKS ASSOCIATION

The first annual meeting of the National Parks Association, of which the Club is a member, was held in the Hotel Vancouver on January 12, the Club being represented by Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Martin, Mr. Neal Carter, Mr. John Speer, and Mr. Beverley Cayley. Other Club members were present as members of the Association.

Mr. A. O. Wheeler, the Secretary, dealt in his report with the formation of the Association, and its success in at least delaying the proposed use of the Spray Lakes in the Rocky Mountains Park for power purposes by the Calgary Power Co. He referred to the offer of the National Parks Association of the United States to assist

financially the formation of a similar body in Canada, a kindly offer refused because it was felt that Canadians should be able to support their own. He told the meeting that Calgary had developed a strong branch in spite of a press favorable to the proposed intrusion of the Park which had been set aside for the benefit of the people of all Canada, not to be exploited for a single community as now threatened to be the case, particularly as the Alberta Government had applied for power—the development of it to be done through the medium of the same company that made the original application.

Col. W. W. Foster, the provisional president, in his address emphasized that the national parks did not belong to a single generation, that an obligation rested upon the present generation to preserve their beauties intact and pass them on for the use of posterity. He pointed out the need for legislation ensuring that National Parks might not be interfered with in any way without a special act of Parliament; at the present time an order-in-council is all that is actually required.

Hon. H. H. Stevens dealt with his bringing the subject of Spray Lakes up in Parliament, and the definite pledge given by the Minister of the Interior on the floor of the House that permission would be withheld for a year for the project, and quoted from Hansard on the subject. He declared that in spite of this permission actually had been given for surveying, installing of gauges, and similar preliminary work.

In view of a technical irregularity in calling the meeting it was considered unwise to proceed with the election of officers, this to be done at another meeting to be called at an early date.

Discussion took place on formulating a policy on the subject of making parks accessible to the public; Strathcona and Garibaldi Parks were particularly mentioned, and the Vancouver branch asked to make recommendations.

The Association has outlined a Bill which it thinks necessary for the protection and administration of National Parks.

Membership in the Association is \$1.00 a year; the objects of the Association are such as must be sympathetically regarded by all mountaineers; although the B. C. M. C. is a member, the Association also deserves to be supported by the individual members of the Club as well. It will be a dollar well spent—remember that Garibaldi Park is not from the governmental point of view an actual park. It is inconceivable that the B. C. Mountaineering Club intends to be content with this. The time for action may not be far off; when that time comes we shall need to make all our weight felt; we can double it through the National Parks Association.

### CABIN PLANS

Members having suggestions of any kind with reference to the proposed new mountain home for the Club are requested by the Executive Committee to place them in the hands of the Secretary by February 15, in order that they may be given proper consideration; it is the intention of the Executive Committee to place definite recommendations before the members at the annual meeting in March. The more clearly the wishes and opinions of the membership are known now, the further plans may be advanced in committee, thus effecting great saving of time in discussion at the general meeting without in any way depriving the membership of its proper share in decisions.

### NEW TYPE OF SNOWSHOES.

One of our advertisers makes a type of snowshoe intended to meet local conditions. Several members have tried them out. The snowshoes come under the general heading of the "bearpaw" style, moderately narrow with unusually well-built frames; the web is a heavy hard cord waterproofed, but any moisture it absorbs will tighten it; the reverse is the case with ordinary webbing which is merely cowhide.

### CROWN MOUNTAIN TRIP

Thirteen members took part in the Crown Mountain trip, January 10-11. There were no ladies in the party. The snow conditions were heavy, but the party was a strong one and all took their share of trail-breaking. The weather could not have been called auspicious at any stage, the day ending with driving snow in addition to the thick clouds. A little sunlight to permit photographing the trees in their wonderful panoply of ice and snow would have been appreciated. The trip was in charge of Mr. Chas. Townsend.

### A CHURCH SERVICE FOR MOUNTAINEERS

Rev. A. H. Sovereign on January 18, at St. Mark's Church, preached a sermon on the relation of religion and mountains; a special invitation was extended to mountaineers and mountain-lovers, and a great many of them attended. Probably nobody in Vancouver more consistently urges those among whom he moves to go into the mountains, so as might be expected, his sermon was excellent, and the wish has been expressed by many that on some future occasion he will have another service specially for climbers.

### ICE AXES

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### NEW MEMBERS

The following new members, all active, have been elected recently:—  
Arthur Davis, 520, 4th St., New Westminster; Chas. J. Bush, 1863 Keefer St.; Geo. Stephenson, 1944, 7th Ave. West; C. E. Henderson, 4224 Quebec St.; H. E., 1717 Lakeview Drive.

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NEW YEAR'S ASCENT OF CROWN

by A. J. O. COOPER.

In spite of the stormy weather that prevailed over the New Year's holiday, a party consisting of A. Taylor, F. Smith, A. Spouse, J. Hudson and the writer left the city 7.30 New Year's Eve to attempt the traverse of Crown Mountain. An auto was taken up Capilano Road to Crown Creek and the first hour was spent following an abandoned logging railway that joined the creek at an elevation of 1,600 feet.

As the hour of midnight approached we climbed higher and higher; the rain changed into a blinding snow driven by a strong wind. After New Year greetings were exchanged at twelve midnight and the first frugal meal eaten we commenced the climb up a steep gully, holding lanterns in one hand and cutting steps with the other. After surmounting a succession of frozen waterfalls we found the gully unclimbable. Consequently we were obliged to struggle up through dense snow-covered scrub, and very slow progress was made as the lights carried by the party proved totally inadequate for such an occasion. Hour after hour we struggled upwards; the scrub then gave way to iced rocks. Finally a perpendicular cliff ahead forced us to traverse the mountains across icy and very steep snow gullies.

At 4 a.m. the fog was suddenly blown clear of the heights and much to our surprise we found ourselves on a ledge above the formidable cliffs on the south face of the west peak or "Knees." From then on

the going became easier, and by 8 a.m. we arrived on the saddle below the Knees of Crown (4,200) in a blinding storm.

Forcing our way waist-deep through the soft snow we did not reach the summit till 11.50 a.m. The dense mist shut out all views and the cold wind forced us to commence the descent, which followed the usual route to Crown Pass. Three hours were required to reach the forks of Lynn Creek. A seven mile walk down the plank road brought us to the carline. The city was gained exactly 24 hours from the time of starting.

CAPT. A. H. MCCARTHY VISITED CITY

On January 10, the Secretary, Mr. R. S. Knight, represented the Club at a luncheon given by the Vancouver Section of the Alpine Club in honor of Capt. A. H. McCarthy, leader of the Mt. Logan expedition. Director Tom Fyles was invited but was unable to attend. Capt. McCarthy spoke on the plan of attack on Canada's greatest mountain.

TRIP UP ALPINE CLUB TRAIL

Mr. Beverley Cayley is leader of the trip February 22, which will be up Dam Mountain by way of the trail to the Alpine Club cabin, returning by way of the B. C. M. C. cabin. Under normal conditions this should not be classed as a strenuous trip, but provides much more interest than might be supposed by those who have not made it.

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In the August issue of *The Mountaineer* a review contributed on Miss Annie S. Peck's book, "*The South American Tour*," stated that Huascaran, 21,812 feet, was the highest peak in the western hemisphere. This statement was inaccurate, the honor belonging to Aconcagua in the Andes in Argentina, 23,080 feet. It was climbed in 1897, setting at that time the record for the highest point reached by man on the earth's surface. Outside of the great ranges of Asia, Aconcagua is not matched in height by the mountains of any other continent. The first ascent was made by Zurbriggen, guide of E. A. Fitzgerald's party. The leader was unable to reach the top.

The following year Sir Martin Conway climbed the mountain, but stopped a few feet short of the actual crest for sentimental reasons lest if he were known to have accomplished in a week what Fitzgerald's party were popularly supposed to have spent months in achieving, it might be harmful for the prestige of the latter's then unpublished book, the author being an old climbing companion of Conway.

**THE PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION**

This interesting event will open on February 23rd, in the School Board offices, Hamilton and Dunsmuir Sts., and will remain open between the hours of 4 p.m. and 9 p.m. until February 26th, which is the last day. There will, of course be no charge for admission, and the exhibition is open to every one. Members are especially asked to urge their friends and acquaintances to visit the display. The judges will be Mr. R. P. Dunne and Mr. G. E. Edwards, both of Camera & Arts.

Once more every member is asked to enter at least one picture in this exhibition either for competition or for display only.

Suitable prizes will be awarded for the best pictures in the competitive classes, thanks to the interest shown by the following firms:

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**MT. STRACHAN TRIP**

The Mt. Strachan trip was favored with a better brand of weather than the Crown trip, although the summit was unfortunately swathed in unrelenting cloud. The weather seemingly tricked most of the owners of snowshoes in Vancouver into bringing them out, and met them with frost-hardened snow on which climbing irons would have been more suitable.

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