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ALL ABOARD FOR SUMMER CAMP

The Camp Committee is busily at work completing plans for this year's camp at Lake O'Hara. Many members have expressed their intention of attending, and at the time of writing several have paid their deposits to the Treasurer. Members will be helping the committee and aiding the plans for camp by getting their names in early; all deposits must be paid by June 15th.

Those going to camp will be given full particulars regarding all arrangements. Everything points to this year's camp being the best yet, so LET'S ALL GO.

Obey that Impulse—Register Now!

SECRETARY'S NOTE

We have been asked to dispose of the following:

One waterproof sleeping bag cover, good as new, oiled silk top, \$3.00.

One pair well nailed boots, size 8, in first-class condition, \$6.00.

One paid well made boots, fully nailed, cost \$15.00, only used a short time, \$9.00.

The above articles can be seen on application to the secretary, Mr. R. E. Knight.

MOUNTS BRUNSWICK AND HARVEY

Twenty-nine members boarded the "Atsilac" bound for Brunswick Beach on the afternoon of April 25th with high hopes for good weather on this, one of the year's most popular climbs.

In the morning it was decided that the company should divide; one party to ascend Brunswick under the leadership of Mr. Frank Johnson, while the other would climb Mt. Harvey (sometimes known as Brunswick Pinnacle) led by Mr. Tom Fyles. The latter group would return by way of Mt. Brunswick to join the others in the descent.

Both reached their objective and the party which climbed Harvey reached Brunswick just as the other party was leaving the top.

The committee in charge of setting the summer trips made a happy choice in putting this trip early in the season, the heavy snowfall of last winter combined with the earliness of the season gave the parties the privilege of seeing some exceptional cornices on the top of Brunswick. Considerable care had to be taken near the summit on account of ice under the snow but that added zest to the climb. Those that ascended Harvey will long remember the view obtained of the Lions from that point, which is even finer than from Brunswick. The ascent of Brunswick from the valley between it and Harvey provided excellent views of the latter peak and its Gendarme, popularly known as the "Pinnacle's Pup."

The weather on this trip was ideal and the views in every direction were at their best on account of the cloudless sky.

The ascent of Mount Harvey is the first one made by the Club since 1913 and it seems that this peak has been somewhat

INVITATION FROM ALPINE CLUB

The Club has received an invitation from the Alpine Club for six of our members to attend their camp at Lake O'Hara, two weeks following ours. Full particulars regarding cost, etc., may be obtained by those interested from our secretary.

NEW BOOKS

FIRST STEPS TO CLIMBING. George D. Abraham, p. 121 and index.
New York: R. M. McBride & Co., 1925.
British print.

A systematic, condensed, and up-to-date treatise on how to start and continue climbing, by the same author that gave us the "Complete Mountaineer." No further introduction should be necessary. Mr. Abraham has modified some of his views expressed in his older book, and it will be found that his new hints are even more useful than the slightly stereotyped methods of the "Mountaineer." A resume of the history of mountaineering is followed by a couple of chapters devoted to equipment—physical and actual necessities. Then the major theme, that of rock climbing, is taken up type by type, illustrated with excellent photos. Finally the writer discusses snow and ice work, using the Alps to illustrate the various features. Although printed in book form, its compactness might truly deserve the title of "A Handbook to Mountaineering."

OUR LIBRARY

It is hoped that Club members will appreciate Mr. Baker's kindness in granting us free use of space in his store at 855 Granville Street for the Club library. Good use is being made of our books there, but don't forget that books, magazines, etc. are also for sale. Postpone buying that magazine until you have occasion to visit the library.

If members will refer to their summer programmes they will note that the director or leader of a trip has complete authority on a trip. Recently a very regrettable incident occurred by which two prospective members intending to go on an official club trip lost that trip as far as membership is concerned by participating in a trip which was not sanctioned by the Club. This was done by them in all innocence. This notice will serve to remind members that as a Club we have certain rules which must be adhered to, or the objects of the Club will not amount to anything.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

Mr. and Mrs. W. Upton Runnalls cordially invite the members of the B.C.M.C. to the marriage ceremony of their daughter, Thyra, to Truesdell Kent, on June 27th, at St. Andrew's Church at 8 p.m.

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MT. CHEAM

Those who climbed Mt. Cheam on May 9-10, were favored with beautiful weather which made a most enjoyable trip. Of the twenty who made the trip the majority left Vancouver on the 1.25 train proceeding to Chilliwack where an automobile was engaged to take them to a point midway between Rosedale and Popcum, about ten miles east of Chilliwack. Mr. Victor Logan of Chilliwack, having made the ascent of Mt. Cheam several times, also went on the climb, and took several members in his car from Chilliwack, and one party motored all the way from New Westminster.

A start was made from an old mill on the highway, and it was necessary to pack to an altitude of 2,000 feet before camp was made for the evening. At this point there is a good camping place beside a stream and all the members of the party were glad to reach it, as the grade to that point is fairly steep.

Arising shortly after three o'clock Sunday morning, breakfast was partaken of as quickly as possible and the start from camp was made soon after daylight. There is a fairly well defined trail leading through very fine timber to some flats directly below the summit ridge of the peak. It is said that in the fall there are very fine meadow lands here and a profusion of wild berries, the altitude being slightly under 5,000 feet.

It did not take the party long to get on the ridge, where a second breakfast was eaten, and the gorgeous view admired. To the south could be seen the Canadian and American Tomahi peaks, which appeared from this direction most impressive, rising as they do almost perpendicularly out of vast snowfields. Mt. Baker was also seen, but no other peaks in that direction could be recognized. To the east were the Lucky Four group, all of which were recently climbed by three members of the Club, under the leadership of Mr. Arthur Cooper.

From this point it appeared that the easiest route to the peak would be straight along the ridge, so the party proceeded in that direction, and with very little difficulty the summit was reached about 10.30 a.m. Here another meal was eaten, and quite a stay made to enjoy the view. Almost 7,000 feet below could be seen the Fraser River whose course could be followed for several miles toward the sea. All the farming country between Rosedale and Chilliwack was laid out like a checkerboard, as well as the fertile country around Agassiz, on the north side of the river. Behind Agassiz was Harrison Lake, at the head of which is Mt. Douglas, which appeared quite imposing.

Directly below, to the east, was Jones Lake, which takes the drainage from the east side of Mt. Cheam and from the Welch glacier in the Lucky Four group. Further to the north and east could be seen some fine looking mountains which seemed to be in the vicinity of Hope. Records were found of many parties having climbed the mountain during the last ten years. After about an hour on top it was decided to return to camp, as connections had to be made with the train leaving Chilliwack about six o'clock. The elevation was computed to be approximately 7,100 feet. The trip was under the directorship of Mr. Eric Fuller.

THE SAWTEETH

In spite of the fact that a trip to the Sawteeth was planned for the long weekend of May 24th the weather on that occasion could not have been better. This fact was greatly appreciated by several members of the party who had been on three previous Club trips to the same point, when the weather had been very bad, and no views were to be had. Possibly this trip had the largest attendance of any trip ever made to the Sawteeth.

Some of the party went to Britannia Beach on Saturday morning's boat, and the remainder followed on the "Atsilac" Saturday afternoon.

Through the kindness of the Britannia Mining and Smelting Company all the packs were taken up to the tunnel camp 2,000 feet above sea level, and the climbers themselves were fortunate in being able to get a ride to that point on the "skip" and trolley.

By 10.30 Saturday night the whole party, consisting of 38 people, were in camp at Utopia Lake. Sunday morning dawned with a cloudless sky, and it was then decided that one party should climb Loch Lomond Head, above Loch Lomond, at the head of Seymour Valley, under the leadership of Mr. Eric Fuller, and that another party would climb Sky Pilot and possibly Ledge, under the leadership of Mr. Neal Carter. Accordingly, at an early hour, the two parties set out.

There were 25 bound for Sky Pilot, and a route was taken directly across the lake, which was still frozen, and up a gully on the north side. After crossing a snowfield directly under the peak of Sky Pilot another gully was ascended, which brought the climbers to the upper part of the Stadium Glacier on the north side of the peak. From that point a steep snow slope, followed by rocks and bush, led to the peak itself, which was reached at ten o'clock. After a short stay on top, they descended again to the snowfield on the south side of Sky Pilot and 15 ambitious members pro-

ceeded to climb Ledge, the others descending to Utopia Lake. The route up Ledge Mountain is fairly obvious, being a narrow shale-covered ledge traversing the south face of the peak.

This route leads directly to the summit, which was reached about 1.30 p.m. As it was still fairly early in the afternoon ten of the members decided to make a day of it, and climb Mt. Sheer, on the south-east side of Utopia Lake. This could be reached from the ridge above the lake without losing much altitude, and accordingly the summit of Sheer was reached at 4.30 p.m. Here they met the party which had climbed Loch Lomond Head, or Ben Lomond, as it is sometimes called.

Eight members, including one lady, Miss E. Milledge, left the Utopia Lake Cabin, shortly before the party which climbed Sky Pilot, and proceeded in an easterly direction across the lake, and up to the pass on the east side of the lake. From this point their objective, Ben Lomond, could be seen, and it was noticed that there was a very deep valley between them and the peak; it was doubtful whether it would be shorter to drop to the floor of the valley, or to keep on the high ridge which seemed to lead to the peak, although the route did not appear to be so direct. It was finally decided to keep to the ridge and accordingly a long traverse was made under the southern cliffs of Mt. Sheer. It was necessary to go very carefully as the snow was very hard, and the slope somewhat steep.

It was not long before the party was at the foot of Ben Lomond itself. From this point a steep snow slope led to the summit, which was reached at noon. The altitude was found to be 5,600 feet, and the records in the cairn showed that at least five parties had previously climbed the mountain.

A very fine view of Garibaldi and Mamquam was obtained from this point, as well as good views of the local mountains.

After staying on top for awhile, the party reached the foot of Mt. Sheer, which was climbed from the northern side over some rather interesting rocks. There they waited until they were joined by the other party which had been up Sky Pilot and Ledge.

The next day the return was made to Britannia Beach, where through the kindness of Mr. Frank Smith, the party was shown through the concentrator, and it was with some regret that Britannia Beach was left behind on Monday afternoon, after one of the most enjoyable trips of this season.

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION, 1925-1926 SEASON

The special committee which was formed for the purpose of arranging the next photographic competition has drawn up the following rules which have been approved by the executive:

1. Competitors will bear in mind that the competition is to be illustrative of mountaineering activity and the judges will be instructed to disregard prints of merely general interest. A certain latitude will be given in the unenlarged group to cover snaps taken on launch trips, etc.

2. No picture will be considered for competition taken prior to a year before the opening date of the exhibition.

3. Pictures shall bear on their face a title indicating the locality, and on the back the name, address and telephone number of the competitor, together with the date the picture was taken, and the class.

4. The picture must have been taken by the competitor, but developing and printing may be done by others.

5. Pictures are to be mounted, and for uniformity in the exhibition it is stipulated that enlargements shall not exceed 14 in. x 18 in. nor be less than 5 in. x 7 in.

6. Enlargements must be unframed, and not colored. Toned prints are permitted.

7. Pictures will be considered with regard to their suitability for the class in which they are competing. The committee reserve the right to change the picture from one class to another, with the consent of the competitor.

8. The competition is in the hands of the committee, all of whose arrangements are to be regarded as final. Prizes will not be given unless a picture is good enough to merit one, and no competitor may receive more than one prize in any one class. In the latter case the judges will be asked to make a further selection.

CLASSES

- A. MOUNTAINEERING ACTIVITY—Illustrative of individual or party engaged in active climbing.
- B. ON THE HIGH RIDGES—Including passes and peaks.
- C. PICTORIAL—Waterfalls, Lakes, Alps, Reflections, Clouds, etc.
- D. WILD BIRDS AND ANIMALS.
- E. TREES AND FLOWERS.
- F. PANORAMA—Not less than three panels.
- G. GROUP OF SIX UNENLARGED—Prints illustrative of one of the above classes.
- H. GEOLOGICAL PHENOMENA—Snow, Ice and Rock formations.