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**LAKE O'HARA 1925 CAMP**

*By B. C. CAYLEY*

Members wishing to take advantage of the unique opportunity offered to climb in the Canadian Rockies and to visit two of our national parks should make up their minds without delay to hand in their deposit to the Secretary. Lake O'Hara is one of the choicest gems in the Summit Range and the group of peaks surrounding it compare favorably with any other Mountain district in Canada. The camping ground will appeal both to those who desire vigorous climbing and to those who wish a quiet holiday. Peaks of greater difficulty than those usually encountered at club camps are to be found in Mounts Hungabee (11,447), Lefroy and Biddle, with Temple (11,626), Deltaform and Pinnacle available for two-day trips and will appeal to the more energetic climbers. Those who are capable of climbing the best peaks in Gar-

ibaldi or of making the longer of our week-end trips can well attempt the ascent of Victoria (11,355), Huber (11,041), Cathedral (10,454), and Odaray (10,165).

Lake O'Hara will be equally attractive to those who do not wish to climb. It is possible to more than fill the two weeks by considering the expedition only as a camping, nature study, or photographic trip. A day can be given to the study of Lake O'Hara. Just above timber line is Lake Oesa (7,398), which, while covered with ice for ten months of the year lies in an entrancing Alp-land. Alps on either side of Opabin Pass, a low divide readily accessible from camp, offer another delightful spot in which to roam and study glacier actions. Lake McArthur receives a living glacier, and one does not really know the lake until one has studied it both anear and afar. A descent from McArthur Creek, a tributary of the Ottertail, can be made by trail, and Duschesnay Pass on the other side of Odaray makes a good side trip. There are in addition smaller lakelets which the ambitious climber will never have time to visit. Shorter climbs will be arranged to such peaks as Schaeffer, Park, Yukness, and Wiwaxy from which more enchanting views may be obtained than from the higher summits.

Those who have not visited the Lake O'Hara district before will doubtless feel disappointed upon alighting at Hector on Wapta Lake. Their mountaineering appetites have been whetted by the slim spire of Sir Donald in the Selkirks, and the bulging mass of Stephen at Field, but at Hector the mountains have temporarily receded, and the Cathedral massif is not impressive at this point. Even as one walks up Cataract Valley and the giants imperceptibly close in, the immensity and beauty of the continental divide is not realized. Soon, however, on the right Cathedral is replaced by Odaray, and up the valley Biddle almost closes the gap. On the left the great buttress of Victoria gives way to the virgin Watchtower, the jagged masses of Wiwaxy, Yukness, and eventually the chieftain of the Ten Peaks, Hungabee.

The most remarkable feature of the district is the facility offered by a series of five passes, three of them glacier hung, of making a circle of some of the highest peaks on the continental divide and tapping the heads of such valleys as Lake Louise, Paradise, Valley of the Ten Peaks and Prospector Valley. To facilitate this excursion a tent will be pitched at the head of Paradise Valley equipped with blankets and food for small parties to spend the night. A night may also be spent at the well-equipped hut on Abbot Pass so that the whole round can be made comfortably in two and one-half days.

For those not wishing to make a circular trip, time would be well spent by passing the night at the commodious C.P.R. hut on Abbot Pass. This hut is built in a remarkable location, almost 10,000 feet in altitude on the continental divide which forms the boundary between B. C. and Alberta.

Hungabee is the key to the district, as three of the passes are very close to its base. Roughly speaking, the Valley of the Ten Peaks and Paradise Valley radiate from it and enable the railway to be reached by a non-glacial route, and were it not for the Ringrose-Glacier-Lefroy chain one could walk around Hungabee. As, however, this chain contains no passes, one is forced to walk up the Abbot Pass to the hut at 9,588 feet elevation, thence down the Victoria Glacier which will be the first big glacier on which some of our members will set foot. Thence we walk in Wilcox's footsteps up the Mitre Pass and rediscover Paradise Valley, where if we look carefully and if a porcupine has not preceded us we will see the white tent of our subsidiary camp at the foot of the Horseshoe Glacier. During the night we will be startled by the avalanches thrown off by the disintegration of the limestone peaks. From camp in Paradise Valley we will circumvent Hungabee by crossing the Wasatch Pass to the Valley of the Ten Peaks, where we will meet the trail from Lake Louise. Here we will probably make a

side trip without packs down to Moraine Lake, past the entrance of Larch Valley and the Sentinel Pass. Thence returning over Wenkchemna Pass, by the Eagle's Aerie in Prospector Valley, we come at last to Opabin Pass from which camp is reached in a short time.

It is planned that parties will leave Vancouver, Sunday morning, July 12th, arrive at Hector 10.30 a.m. Monday, and be in camp at the lake shortly after noon. Members will take care of their own packs as far as Hector from which point they will be taken by ponies into camp. The weight per pack will be strictly limited to 25 pounds, any excess to be paid for. A first-class cook will be engaged to take charge of the commissary.

All members attending camp will be expected to assume their share of responsibility towards making the camp a success. Camp regulations will be few and the duties light, but it is only by the co-operation of all that the greatest enjoyment can be obtained.

The cost for two weeks will be \$21, or \$2.50 per day or portion thereof. Railway fare to Lake Louise Station is \$34.05. Members of other mountaineering clubs will be accepted on the same basis as club members. An additional fee of \$3.00 will be charged non-members.

Applications to attend camp accompanied by a deposit of \$10 must be in the hands of the Secretary between the 1st and 15th of June.

#### BIBLIOGRAPHY

Members planning to attend the Lake O'Hara camp will find it interesting to refer to the following books in the club library. As so little time remains before camp the librarian requests those taking books from the library to read them at once and return them.

IN THE HEART OF THE CANADIAN ROCKIES, by the late Sir James Outram.

CANADIAN ALPINE JOURNALS, Esp. 1910.

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### THE RECENT ACCIDENT ON GROUSE

Our Club has reason to be proud of its  
two members, Mr. and Mrs. Don Munday,  
who were instrumental in saving the life  
of Sidney Harling on Grouse Mountain  
a few weeks ago.

There is no doubt that the accident would  
have been fatal to young Harling were it  
not for the fact that Mr. and Mrs. Munday  
were on hand and able to go to his rescue  
without any delay when they were advised  
of it. Harling, with some other boys was  
crossing a slope just below the plateau  
in front of the Munday's cabin, when he  
struck a patch of snow-covered ice. He  
fell and slipped between the trees to a

distance of 600 feet below the plateau,  
and by the merest chance stopped on the  
brink of the cliff which drops down to the  
gully, which can be seen from the Alpine  
Club trail. When Mr. and Mrs. Munday,  
with Harling's chum Stanley Thomas,  
reached him, he was in a semi-conscious  
state. It took them three hours of very  
careful and hard work to get him to Al-  
pine Lodge and on account of the icy con-  
dition of the slope the three of them had  
to handle him themselves over half-way up,  
where they received help from some other  
people who had come down as far as they  
safely could.

After spending over three weeks at Al-  
pine Lodge, Harling was able to walk down  
to North Vancouver, and, we hope, will  
soon be none the worse for his accident.

### A RECONNOITRING TRIP

Taking the advantage of the long week-  
end at Easter, a party of ten members led  
by E. A. Fuller climbed Mount Wrottesley  
on the west side of Howe Sound.

The climbers left town by launch on Fri-  
day and were landed at McNab Creek op-  
posite the south end of Anvil Island. A  
very good camp site was found at the  
mouth of the creek and from that point  
the party were pleased to find a trail  
taking them up the creek to a mineral claim  
at an altitude of 300 feet. This trail over-  
comes thick bush and windfalls found in  
the bottom of the valley. After a pre-  
liminary survey on Friday, the party left  
the beach in a heavy rain at 5 a.m. Satur-  
day, and heading for the left hand ridge  
of the mountain as seen from Howe Sound,

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were in a short time in snow, which was continuous to the peak. The slope was gradual all the way and although the weather did not clear, the summit was reached at 10.30, the aneroid showing the altitude to be 5,100 feet. After a short time spent on top in the vain hope that the weather would clear, a speedy descent was made to camp, which was reached at 1.30 p.m. Several excellent glissades were enjoyed on the way down.

Although this trip was somewhat disappointing on account of the weather, it proved that Mount Wrottesley could easily be climbed in an ordinary week-end; there are no difficulties to be surmounted, and the trip itself is much shorter than that to the Lions. On a clear day the view from Wrottesley should be very fine on account of its proximity to the Tantalus Range and the mountains bordering Jervis Inlet.

#### BLACK MOUNTAIN TRIP

The summer programme received a very encouraging start with the Black Mountain trip on April 4-5.

Twenty-one members, including four ladies, under the directorship of Tom Fyles took part in the climb, which was made from Horseshoe Bay. A small party camping at Whyte Lake were joined by the others Sunday morning. From Whyte Lake the party climbed directly to the ridge which is comparatively level, rising almost imperceptibly to the peak which was reached about half-past one, the altitude being 4,100 feet.

The weather was ideal and those on the trip felt that their labors were amply rewarded by the views they obtained. The peak commands a view not only of Howe Sound and the mountains that border it, but also of English Bay and the city, not to mention the different aspect from which the peaks to the eastward are viewed. The Lions also show up very well from this point. It might be interesting to make a trip to this peak from Hollyburn Ridge and Cypress Creek, returning by Horse-shoe Bay.

April 17th and 18th were the dates set for the Cathedral trip, and in spite of very discouraging weather ten ambitious souls, under the leadership of W. G. Wheatley, tramped to Lynn Forks from which point the climb was to be made. On account of the pouring rain the night was spent in a deserted cabin near the forks, and as the weather was still bad in the morning the trip was called off. Two members who felt that they must climb, made the ascent of Lynn Peaks.

#### NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

MONT BLANC, by Roger Tissot. (Boston: 755 Boylson St., The Medici Society). p. 140 and map.

Here is a really "different" book. A delightful narrative carries one to the mountain town, Chamonix, and from here, the reader is entertained by the geological and mountaineering history of the highest peak of the Alps. It is essentially a mountaineering book, but is not technical; bits of philosophy, history, and romance are appropriately correlated as the various surrounding "temples of the giants" are described. The author is introduced by Geoffrey Winthrop Young, and the pictures alone are a veritable art gallery—two to the page—reproduced by a rotogravure process in brown tone.

The book is one of the "Picture Guides" printed in France, and is worth a special trip to the Library, if only to see the pictures on pages 45, 65, and 137.

SKI-RUNNING by Katharine Furse. (New York: Longmans, Green & Co). p. 132, ix, and map.

A British book, written for those who contemplate a holiday on the continent in winter. The history, cost, equipment and technique of ski-ing are fully treated, and a most useful chapter on avalanches and accidents is appended. Although a technical treatise, it is written in almost conversational style and is thoroughly interesting. Four fine photographic reproductions are introduced.

#### CONGRATULATIONS

Four members of the Club are to be congratulated upon their successful termination of a University course. Degrees as follow were conferred at the Congregation of May 7th:

Mr. Sydney Ingram, Bachelor of Arts.

Mr. Don Mackay, Bachelor of Arts.

Mr. Neal Carter, Bachelor of Applied Science.

Mr. Charles Townsend, Bachelor of Science in Agriculture.

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