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THE ANNUAL BANQUET

Saturday, October 24th, was the occasion of the Club's Annual Banquet, held in Spencer's Dining Room. Through the untiring efforts of the committee in charge, it was a huge success, and those who were fortunate enough to be there went away well satisfied in every sense of the word.

President Frank Johnson was in the chair, and introduced the speakers of the evening. Our Honorary President, Mr. J. Porter, B.E., spoke briefly, congratulating the Club on its successful year, and predicted great things for the future. The toast to Our Sister Clubs was ably proposed by Mr. Charles Chapman, one of our oldest members, and replied to by H. J. Graves, Chairman of the local branch of the Alpine Club of Canada.

The toast to Our Visitors was proposed by Rev. A. H. Sovereign and replied to by His Worship, Mayor L. D. Taylor and Mr. Chris Spencer. Mr. Spencer read a letter from Mr. T. Kilpatrick, General Manager of the P. G. E. Railway, who

was to have been present, but unfortunately could not attend on account of sickness. In his letter, Mr. Kilpatrick made the first public announcement that the P. G. E. Railway was taking steps to make Garibaldi Park more accessible. At the present time a survey party is in the field planning a motor road into the Park from above Daisy Lake. In view of the fact that it was through the efforts of our Club that the Garibaldi region was made into a park reserve, it seemed that the announcement of the project could not have been made at a better time.

A happy feature of the Banquet was the presentation, on behalf of the Club, by Mr. Neal Carter, of a pair of high-power binoculars to our well-loved director, Mr. Tom Fyles. Mr. Chris Spencer also presented Mr. Fyles with a cheque in appreciation of his services.

After the presentation, lantern slides were shown, describing the various Club activities during the past year, and slides were also shown of the Garibaldi region where next year's camp is to be held. The Club's next social event is the dance, to be held on the 25th, details of which will be found elsewhere in this issue.

STRATHCONA PARK

In the Alpine Club Journal of 1913, there are several articles dealing with a trip made into Strathcona Park by that Club in 1912. One of our members, Mr. Bain, was in that region last summer, and the following interesting information was passed on to the Editor by him.

The most accessible way to reach the Park is from Campbell River, which can be reached either by boat from Vancouver or from automobiles by way of Nanaimo. From Campbell River an automobile road leads to upper Campbell Lake, and from this point pack horses can be engaged to pack into Buttle Lake. From the far end of upper Campbell Lake to Buttle Lake is nine miles by very good trail, so that as far as packing goes, anyone wishing to go into this country could pack their own supplies. A launch can be obtained to take parties to the end of upper Campbell Lake from the end of the road at a very reasonable rate.

Buttle Lake is about 20 miles long and lies at an altitude of 750 feet. Probably the best climbing in the district is from Phillips Creek on the west side of the Lake, but there are several peaks on the east side at the head of Ralph Creek which Mr. Bain says are well worth climbing. There are two government boats on the Lake, so the problem of getting from one point to another is well looked after, as each of these boats will hold four or five people, and arrangements can also be made with a prospector who lives at Wolf Creek, about four miles from the north end of the Lake, to take parties to whatever point they wish, on his boat, which is equipped with an engine.

Although the district around Buttle Lake offers very fine climbing, the principal peak of the Park, Mt. Elkhorn, is reached by another trail which branches off the Buttle Lake trail near the west end of Upper Campbell Lake, and follows the west fork of the Elk River. It seems, however, that this trail has never been used since the Alpine Club's Camp of 1912, so it will not be in very good shape. In Mr. Wheeler's report of the climb of Elkhorn, he states that from the top of that peak he counted 15 others, several of which seemed to be higher than Elkhorn itself, which is 7,250 feet. Crown Mountain is 6,082 feet and is the only other peak which appears to have been climbed, although it is likely that prospectors have been up some of the others. Mt. Victoria, 7,484 feet, seems to be the highest in the district and according to trappers, is not likely to be climbed for some time on account of the steep rocks at the summit. This peak is in the northwest corner of the Park and it would require considerable effort to reach. There are many other fine peaks, all over 6,500 feet which are yet to be climbed, and they should offer very interesting work as they are practically all glacier hung. From Nootka Sound, on the West Coast of Vancouver Island, several fine peaks are visible which, the writer believes, are in

Strathcona Park; possibly they could be reached from the west side by some of the valleys, but the problem of transportation on the West Coast will make this plan impracticable for some time.

CROWN AND THE CAMEL

Up till this year it was thought that the limit of the number of persons that could be parked on the head of the Camel would be 13, but that theory was exploded on this year's trip when 17 persons were able to find parking space.

This year's trip took place on October 4th and 5th under charge of Mr. E. H. Nunn, who describes it as the "Camel Walk." In spite of the fact that the crowd were up at 4:30 a.m. on Sunday, they did not get away from the cabin until after 6 o'clock. Five more climbers joined them on the plateau of Grouse, bringing the party up to 23. Following the usual route, the summit of Crown was reached at 11 a.m. The larger part of the party then proceeded to the base of the Camel and soon a record was established by 17 members. Perfect weather made this trip a most enjoyable one.

THE CLUB DANCE

All good members of the Mountaineering Club and their friends are reserving the night of November 25th, which is a Wednesday, for the Club's second big social event of the season—The Annual Dance. The committee in charge, consisting of Mrs. W. E. Martin, Mr. Hazen Nunn, and Mr. Willson Knowlton, assures us that this dance is going to be "The Biggest and Best Yet."

The hall that has been engaged is the Winter Garden at English Bay. This is the same hall that the last dance was held in, but it has been enlarged to about twice its former size and is now considered one of the coziest in the city. Dick Gardiner's Criterion Orchestra has been engaged and this in itself should prove a big drawing card, as it is one of the most popular orchestras in the city. Several other

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attractions are being arranged by the committee which will add much to the enjoyment of the evening.

Mrs. Tom Fyles, Mrs. Don Munday, Mrs. Frank Johnston, and Mrs. Truesdale Kent have graciously consented to act as patronesses.

The Annual Dance is the best means of bringing together in a social way the members of the Club, and their friends who may be prospective members, for it is to be hoped that each member will do their best to boost for the dance. Tickets are \$2.00 per couple and may be obtained from members of the committee or from Mr. Cayley, the treasurer. We almost forgot to mention that the proceeds of the dance are to be applied to the new Cabin Fund, so let's all boost it!

EXECUTIVE MEETING

On October 30th, the Executive Committee held a meeting in preparation for the Semi-Annual Meeting held on November 6th. In addition to discussing the Semi-Annual Meeting, a very pleasing report was received from the Banquet Committee who are to be congratulated on the efficient way in which the banquet was managed. 128 members and their friends were in attendance. The Executive strongly recommended that all members should be urged to do their utmost for the success of the Annual Dance which is to be held on November 25th. A committee was appointed to look into the question of having a song book made for next summer's camp and subsequent camps. It was unanimously agreed that a book of this sort would add much to the enjoyment of the camp fires.

BOOK REVIEWS

The Club Library, 855 Granville Street, is constantly increasing. Permission was granted by the executive for the purchase of two fine editions of well-known climbing books, which happened to be on the market. Two further additions from the Associated Bureau of Mountaineering Clubs are also noted:

MY CLIMBS IN THE ALPS AND CAUCASUS

A. F. MUMMERY

The second edition of this book is now getting scarce, and this copy is to replace the cheaper edition already in the library. It has the original engraved plates, and contains the accounts of many interesting climbs. Especially humorous is the account of the ascent of the Grepon.

IN THE ICE WORLD OF HIMALAYA

MR. AND MRS. W. H. WORKMAN

This interesting account of some of the early mountaineering in the Himalaya Mountains is of especial interest in view of the present attempts on Mt. Everest. The ascent of Mt. Bullock Workman, 19,450 feet, by Mrs. Workman, was the record for her sex at the time.

BEAUTIFUL CANADA

VERNON QUINN

(New York: Frederick A. Stokes Co.; p. 382 and XV. Indexed)

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Strictly not a mountaineering book, but the section about the Rockies should prove interesting to those at camp.

The published account of the journey over the Columbia Icefield which appeared in the National Geographic not long ago, has been received, and will be mentioned in our next issue.

"END MEN" ON WINTER TRIPS

When the winter program of trips was drawn up, an innovation was introduced in the matter of appointing a definite person who should be responsible for the "upkeep" of the end of the straggling line. In the past, such a person has usually been informally chosen, or has undertaken the task on his own responsibility. Members should bear in mind that the position of "end man" is a most responsible one, and not always an enviable one. They should do all they can to help him by giving their co-operation on the trips.

Inadvertently, the list of appointed men were omitted in the published schedule. Following are the names:

Hollyburn Ridge.....	Alan Spouse
Dam Mountain.....	B. C. Cayley
Lynn Lake.....	N. M. Carter
Mt. Bishop.....	Fred. Smith
Mt. Crown.....	Bill Hendry
Lynn Peaks.....	Bruce Clegg
N. Pk. of Crown.....	Ted Taylor
Mt. Strachan.....	A. J. Cooper
The Lions.....	Tom Fyles

1926 CAMP

As is generally known, next year's summer camp is going to have a lot of visitors. It would assist the committee in charge very much if those who think they might be going to camp would signify their intention even as early as this. There is nothing definite needed, only an approximation of how many of our own members will have to be catered for. Messrs. Fyles, Cayley, Johnson, Knight, Martin and Carter can take your name if you think you will be coming.

OUR CABIN BEAR

The Cabin Committee has been having more than their share of trouble lately on account of a playful bear breaking into the cabin. Bruin forced an entrance through the kitchen window and thoroughly ransacked the kitchen, breaking open boxes and smashing the new kettle. On another occasion he went up into the men's quarters and scattered all their belongings around the room. A recent article in one of the newspapers made the suggestion that the cabin could be built in such a way that a bear could not obtain entrance. But we were glad to note that Mr. Ford, Chairman of the Cabin Committee, and Mr. Neal Carter both had letters published in the press which should make those who wish to criticize get a little more accurate information before putting their criticisms in print.

CLUB ROPES AGAIN

The Secretary reports that the appeal last month for the return of outstanding Club ropes did not have the desired effect. These must be returned, as they are needed for the winter trips even more than for the summer trips. It is said that two or three names could be mentioned, but we won't do that until next month, hoping it will then be unnecessary.

INSURANCE

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