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#### EDITORIAL

At the beginning of the fourth year of publication it is not out of the way to recall the purpose of this publication, with first a brief word of appreciation to Messrs. Munday and Foster who piloted it through the difficult early years. There are many criticisms made. Of course! This is natural and desirable for it shows the interest of the members; but when criticizing, reflect on what your course would be if you were in charge.

Most members say: "Make the Bulletin more readable," but entertainment is not

the main purpose we have. We must first print official notices and information. These are ephemeral and should be as short as possible. The important thing is the record of mountaineering endeavor, which, because of lack of space, must be condensed, and condensed information is no more palatable than condensed milk; but it must be there so that ten years hence a party can plan a trip solely on the information published this year. Then, and only then, if space remains, we can regale you on stories of maidens leaving their boots in a crack in the rock, or hornet-maddened ponies strewing the trail with our belongings—with this reservation, that many do not appreciate the relation of such incidents when they themselves are concerned, and we cannot tread on tender toes.

#### ANNUAL MEETING

Sixty-five members were present at the Annual Meeting held on March 27th at the Hotel Vancouver. Reports received from the President and other officers reflected the healthy condition of the Club. The election of officers was held for the first time under the system of closing the nomination some days prior to the meeting. Most of the officials were returned by acclamation but there were contests for the offices of President and Vice-President, and for places on the executive committee. The results were as follows: Honorary President, Mr. Porter; President, F. Johnson; Vice-Presidents, J. H. Speer and W. G. Wheatley; Secretary, R. E. Knight; Treasurer, G. T. Wallis; Director, T. Fyles; Editor, N. Carter; Reporter, Miss East; Librarian, Miss Henley; Executive Committee, Messrs. Frank Smith, E. Fuller, W. Martin, B. Cayley, M. Dodds; Auditor, T. Ingram, C. A. The cabin committee is again presided over by Mr. Ford, the meeting entrusting him with the selection of the remaining members.

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the money promised for the new cabin is called, and payments should be made as soon as possible, by cheque or postal note, to the treasurer, Mr. G. T. Wallis, 551 Howe Street.

Two motions by Mr. Munday were adopted, the first that a more definite attempt be made to record club history; the second that the nomenclature of B. C. peaks be discussed with the B. C. representative of the Geographic Board, with a view to securing recognition of names in districts opened up by our members.

Passing reference was made to the fantastic names applied by the lessees of Grouse Mountain to some of the features along the new road, and the Club went on record as being opposed to the name "Grouse" being changed.

The Director submitted the summer schedule of trips, including the Garibaldi Camp authorized by the October meeting.

While most members are not even thinking of their summer holidays, the Garibaldi Committee is busily engaged in arranging preliminary details of packing and accommodation for the August Camp. Further details are lacking as to whether or not the government road will be completed this year.

#### AT LAST

A distinct shiver of delight was reported as emanating from the old Cabin upon receipt of news that at last work was to be commenced upon a new structure, and the companion of many happy hours will not have to die in the traces. How cabins get to know these things is a mystery, but doubtless the Sleeping Beauty heard it in her dreams and whispered it to a snowshoe rabbit who told it to the bear, who relayed it to the cabin. Anyway by next morning the whole mountain knew it down to the last pack-rat. Even the papers had it by then, so it must be true.

And it is true. At the Annual Meeting the Treasurer reported promises of \$600 from just over half our membership, and the year-old discussion ended with a simple motion by Mr. Martin, that the money be called in and the work commenced.

Be it added that the cabin for the time being becomes the main interest of the membership. The rough work will be contracted for but there will be lots of work for members to do and a part of the climbing programme will have to be sacrificed, commencing with the Crown trip, April 17th-18th.

#### THE GARIBALDI CAMP

Everyone knows about the wonderful camp we are going to have this year, but it may be news to some that there will be two camps.

Mr. H. O. Bell-Irving found that more members of his Connaught Skating Club wanted to go to Garibaldi than we had room for. Encouraged by this response, he decided to hold a separate camp and thus give even more people the opportunity of attending.

Consequently we wish to announce that Mr. Bell-Irving will hold a camp at the Black Tusk Meadows from July 17th to Aug. 7th, run on lines similar to our own camp which will immediately follow, closing Aug. 21st. A climbing programme will be arranged, and Mr. W. A. D. Munday will be in charge. Close co-operation of ideals is in mind for both camps, and a cordial invitation has been offered to any of our members who find that our camp dates do not suit.

Applications with deposit to be made before June 15th, rates being \$24, \$35 and \$46 for one, two or three weeks respectively. Further details may be secured from Mr. Knight.

#### IN THE EXECUTIVE

A meeting was held on March 30th, with 13 present. The membership list was revised and several names ordered dropped for non-payment of dues; after which the publication of the Summer Programme was authorized. Several committees were named, and a revision made of the committee for the new cabin. New alpine ropes were ordered to be sent for at an early date.

(Members wishing to forward an order for themselves should communicate with the Secretary at once.) Reports were also received with regard to the watershed situation.

The next executive meeting will be held on April 21st.

The following have been appointed to serve on the Committee on Nomenclature, to recommend suitable names to be discussed with the Geographic Board: N. M. Carter; W. A. D. Munday; F. Smith.

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The Summer Programme is in the hands of the printer, and will contain the list of trips, names of executive and appointments to the cabin committee.

A committee of one was appointed to consider the club annals and report to the executive. Any information given to Mr. Cayley in this connection will be appreciated.

The following have been appointed to serve on the Photographic Committee: T. Fyles, B. Cayley, Mrs. W. E. Martin, J. Speer.

The following have been appointed to serve on the Cabin (new) Committee: Messrs. Fyles, Davis, Wheatley, Martin, Munday.

We take this opportunity of welcoming into the Club the following new members: Miss W. Speechley; Mrs. H. R. Christie; Mr. H. B. Thomas.

### COMING TRIPS

April 17—18. The Crown Trip is cancelled. A large turn-out of members is required for the clearing of the cabin site. Come Saturday night so that work can be commenced early Sunday morning. Names and phone numbers are to be in at Camera & Arts, Thursday, and a grub list will be made up for the Sunday mid-day dinner.

April 24—25. This week-end will inaugurate the new policy of conducting a moderate trip simultaneously with a strenuous one. Starting Saturday, A. Cooper and M. Dodds will lead up Cathedral; while on the Sunday the two Georges, Wallis and Stephenson, will assail Lynn Peaks. Both trips are interesting and should be well attended.

May 1—2. Mt. Wrottesley. At Easter, 1925, a private party 're-discovered' this

prominent Vesuvius-like peak on Howe Sound, which of late has been neglected by the Club. Messrs. Fuller and Wheatley are in charge of the present trip. The same week-end Messrs. Ford and Barnes will take a party from the Cabin to Goat.

May 8—9. A special attempt will be made to allow old-time members the opportunity to turn out in force on Mt. Bishop and show the new members how trips were conducted in the "good old days." Weather permitting, a camp fire programme will be arranged and a record turn-out is asked.

### GUESTS

A fresh discussion has arisen as to the question of prospective members, and the conclusion reached is that the conditions regarding guests at the cabin laid down in the Summer Programme must be observed. It is obviously unfair for one person to observe the regulations and join the Club immediately upon completion of two trips, while another uses Club privileges without payment for three or four months before we receive a belated application. Members must, therefore, see not only that their friends are properly equipped, but that they do not have further use of the Club and the cabin other than for qualifying trips. If you cannot or do not wish to accompany a possible applicant, communicate with the leader of the trip.

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**OF PASSING INTEREST**

We are in receipt of a letter from Barney Ellis, enclosing a rotogravure which appeared in the Toronto "Star" showing a club party climbing Garibaldi. It is very gratifying to find our publicity campaign so effective.

According to the publication of our sister Club, the "Mountaineers" of Seattle, lack of snow is affecting the climbing in Washington as much as it is in B. C. A trip to McClellan Butte was abandoned because the usual snow route was not available.

The following "howlers" are gleaned from the last "Everest" book. The surveyors in our club will be interested in the "plain" table survey on page 149, but the requirement for a bootmaker, on page 343, i.e. that "He must know how to put alpine nails in boats" is thoroughly endorsed. We are advertising for such a one for the Garibaldi fleet.

The local Press still continue to insist upon the presence of glaciers on the City watershed. A recent issue contained an otherwise well-meaning article describing how Vancouver's sparkling water runs out from beneath the cold blue glaciers straight into the waiting mouth of the hungry intake pipe. Doubtless misinformation as to the significance of the word "glacier" has led to the mistaking of the icy remains of avalanche snow in some sheltered gully for that frigid garment of most real mountains: "a slowly moving field or stream of ice, formed in regions of perennial frost from compacted snow."

As a correction, it might be added that the nearest true glacier to Vancouver, as the crow flies, is the Stadium glacier below the Sawteeth.

**INDIAN RESERVES**

It is not very often that club members have occasion to enter an Indian Reserve on coast climbs, but a recent experience serves as a reminder that it is as well to avoid these when possible. These are the last preserves of the red-man and are regarded with jealousy both by the Indian and the Department of Indian Affairs.

**MT. STRACHAN**

March 20—21, the last day of winter and the first of spring, showed a continuance of the unusual weather of the last few months, when under Saturday's promise of continued

fine weather some 30 members turned out to be thoroughly drenched on Sunday. In fact, after enjoying themselves at two camp fires the night before, about half the party turned back from the camp below the Capilano intake the following morning, while E. A. Fuller and A. Cooper with nine other members, including Misses Richards, Tweedale and Milledge, braved the elements and conquered the peak. Eric led up the ridge to the south-west of Strachan Creek, and found very steep climbing to the top over rocks lightly covered with ice and snow.

The party did not linger on the top, but returned over Hollyburn as quickly as possible, the packs being sent back by the jitneys.

Left intake, 400 feet, 6.45 a.m. Met snow at 3,000 feet. Strachan Peak, 5,050 feet, 12 a.m. Marine Drive, sea-level, 4.45 p.m. Weather, misty. Snow conditions, soft.

**EASTER CLIMBING**

General low temperatures with precipitation in the form of snow forbade the usual ambitious Easter programme usually carried out by private parties. One party "wintered", at Norton Lake cabin, elevation 2,300, reached in 5 hours from the mouth of Indian River. The temperature there fell to 24 degrees F. a foot of snow falling (while 1 inch fell at Wigwam Inn). This trail entails two crossings of Indian River, the first a half-mile from the mouth, the second at Hastings (or Davis') camp, both of which might cause trouble, the height of this river being always uncertain. Norton Lake cabin is uniquely situated on top of an enormous rock, and is reached by steps.

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