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THE GENERAL MEETING.

As mentioned in our last issue, certain matters pertaining to the new Club cabin, Summer Camp and the Schedule of Trips were reaching a stage where the calling of an extraordinary General Meeting was considered advisable; consequently members were invited to air their views on the evening of July 8th at the Hotel Vancouver. A good majority of the active membership responded, and it was fully hoped that the cause of the adverse criticism recently circulating among some members would be revealed.

The session opened with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, when the President in the chair called for a report on the new Club cabin. Mr. W. E. Martin, on behalf of the cabin committee, gave a concise history of the project from its conception, stating that the final agreement reached at the last General Meeting was that funds should be raised by subscription to cover the cost of having the framework of logs erected by contract and the purchase of all finishing materials, said finishing to be done by voluntary labor on

the part of the members. He went on to say that estimates as low as \$200 for the construction had been verbally furnished by Mr. Wm. Taylor, but upon the subsequent invitation to Mr. Taylor to act on the cabin committee, this offer failed to be substantiated. Hence outside tenders were called for, and the most suitable bid (\$650 by Messrs. Brown & Farnell) was ready for acceptance on the morning of the 9th, following this meeting's approval. The Treasurer stated funds subscribed amounted to \$500, promised in addition, \$200, in reserve, \$300. An appeal by Mr. Fyles followed, pointing out the desirability and necessity of the new cabin.

Mr. Dodds then spoke, stating that he wished it should be made clear to the members that they would be expected to put on the roof, carry up the finishing materials and do their interior finishing, as well as pay \$650 for the construction of the framework. This, he said, seemed to be overstepping the original plan proposed.

Mr. Taylor then pointed out the absurdity of paying so much when he knew of dozens of loggers who would do a better job for half the price. The cabin committee he stated, did not know their job inasmuch as they had taken three years to decide to pay out twice as much money as necessary. A cross-argument ensued between Mr. Martin and Mr. Taylor over the latter's opinion of the professionalism of the specifications. Sparks were beginning to fly, when a vote of confidence in the standing committee was called for and passed (not unanimously) to quiet matters.

A member of the cabin committee spoke to the effect that it did not consider itself expert in the building line, but had been elected in lieu of the presentation of more capable persons; it would willingly resign as a body in favor of such an event. Furthermore, it resented Mr. Taylor's tirade against its best conscientious efforts, especially as he had defaulted when given an opportunity to produce his "loggers."

The matter was closed with a touch of irony by Mr. Dodds proposing, seconded by Mr. Taylor, that the bid for \$650 be accepted in the morning. A working bee was arranged immediately for the purpose of getting everything in readiness for the contractors to start work on July 22nd.

The next item on the agenda was Camp, sponsored by Mr. Knight, who made an appeal for the solution of the question of why members are not coming to Camp as they should. Two possible grievances were justified by stating that members are *not* in any way helping to pay for the outsiders at Camp as a consequence of the increased fee over other camps in Garibaldi Park. It was pointed out that the cost of the 1922 Camp there was \$30, with no cook or horses to pack out. This year, served meals, the acquisition of an "Evinrude" for one of the boats, and the use of horses for packing out are being offset by an increase of only \$5 for the two weeks, further compensated by a substantial decrease in the fare. Secondly, as mentioned in previous issues, climbing will positively not be interfered with. If there was any further dissention regarding the running of the Camp this year, it was not apparent, for nobody spoke.

Finally, Mr. Fyles took the floor and spoke on the subject of trips. He pointed out that the poor attendance on the last few launch trips had resulted in a severe loss to the Club, and made a suggestion to secure a better attendance on the trip to the Lions this September. We were all beginners once, he continued, and it was still up to the more experienced members to re-iterate old trips for the education of newcomers. Discussion immediately followed to the effect that there was no definite contract with the owner of the launch this year, and a motion was carried to have the launch trip to the Lions changed to the alternative Sisters' Creek route, utilizing the trail put in last year by the Club. The President spoke further on the tendency towards too many expensive trips, for example, Camp, Mt. Baker, and the Lions, which follow each other very closely; citing by contrast the good attendance on the simpler trips of late.

The Chairman called for a few words from Mr. Chas. Heaney, old-time president of the Club. Rather humorously, Mr. Heaney replied that he felt he had little place in the discussion because of his prolonged absence from Club activities, but was glad to note that judging from the verbal ammunition expended, Club meeting were apparently running true to old standards. The meeting then adjourned.

EDITORIAL

Perhaps the reason why the Editor had nothing to say at the last meeting was because he knew he could print it afterwards if he wished. He noticed however, that immediately following adjournment of the meeting, two or three sub-general-meetings were held between various factions just outside the door; which notwithstanding the lateness of the hour, heatedly expressed all the pent-up criticisms which had been so consistently withheld at the proper time. Not wishing to fall within this category, he must now be content with a discussion of the method of procedure.

First, the conduct of the meeting was not a credit to any club. True; order was called rather ineffectually several times; to have been effective, the speakers (plural unfortunately necessary) on the floor should have been requested to sit down and then cautioned by a few well-chosen words from the Chair that business would positively not be resumed until an agreement had been reached to hear each other out without interruption. This would largely rectify interminable arguing.

Then there was a certain aspect of "rushing" the business. The appeal which came from Mr. Knight at the close of the meeting for anyone to get up and air their grievances, should have been made at the close of the first two items on the agenda, followed by a reasonable pause in the proceedings. Actually, after the Chairman announced that certain arguments "weren't getting us anywhere," he immediately followed by asking for Mr. Fyles' report on the trips. A feeling was thus generated that possibly the Executive was trying to push things through.

Finally, the members themselves are to be censured for tolerating such proceedings in the first place. Instead of gathering in little groups *after* the meeting, if the non-executive members did not like the unparliamentary language, or disapproved of some action, it was up to them to get up *during* the meeting, insist on being heard, and voice their objections then and there.

Frankly, the General Meeting did not achieve its purpose.

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PUBLIC TRY NEW TRAIL

On Sunday, July 4th, the four Club members who essayed to introduce the new trail up Black Mountain to the public got off the train at Whytecliff thinking they were going to have the trip practically to themselves; however, one after another of the people on the platform came up and asked: "Are you going up Black Mountain?" until finally a cavalcade of twenty-six started off.

With Director Fyles leading and Mr. Carter as end-man, all the party got as far as the middle of the big gully, when the heat proved too much for a bull terrier that belonged to some of the party, and three were forced to stop behind with the dog. The remainder reached the plateau on top at varying times, pretty well spread out; incidentally thus enabling them to make good use of several of the beautiful lakes. It is thought that everyone got back to Horseshoe Bay that afternoon, but not certain. The trail has proven its worth.

Owing to the absence of Mr. Nunn from the City, end-man Mills Winram took charge of the Mt. Seymour trip. The attendance was small, but gave several graduating members their necessary qualifications. Owing to the heat of the day, an early return was made, and the logging camp on the ridge above the steel bridge was reported as being most courteous to the party.

Mr. Ted Taylor's trip to Goat Lake was marred by bad weather; the party unanimously decided to return from the Plateau, and joined by several who were at the cabin, spent most of the remainder of the day in practicing rock climbing on the young cliff along the trail and in wearing down the rocks in the "chimney."

MOUNTAIN EARS

At the last Executive Meeting, the following four members were elected: Messrs. Frank Montgomery, Kjeld H. Grimsgaard, James L. Norman and Lindsay Loutet.

Mr. William Taylor was suspended from the membership for a period of one year, under Sec. 14 of the Constitution and By-laws of the Club, said suspension to date from July 21, 1926.

A report was given regarding the entertainment of several members of the Nature Study Club of Indiana, who were passing through the city en route to Alaska.

For parties coming into Camp for an odd week-end or so, a charge of \$1.50 for the night and 75c per meal, or \$3.50 per day, has been fixed.

THE NEWLY-COMPOSED AND PRINTED OFFICIAL CLUB SONG BOOK IS NOW ON SALE. Copies may be obtained from Mr. Knight, and also at Camp. All the old favorites are there, as well as many new ones composed by Club members on appropriate subjects. Especially recommended for the Camp fire. 45 SONGS FOR 35c! STEP UP AND BUY YOUR COPY NOW! (AT CAMP, 50c)

Our Secretary has moved. Please take note that Mr. R. E. Knight ("Reg") may now be found at 3767 13th Ave. W., phone Bay 3650 L.

The work-bee at the Cabin July 18th was most successful. The gang cleared quite a long trail to enable horses to get to the new site from Capilano, and on their way up packed 200 pounds of nails and spikes which have been donated to the building by our good friend Mr. Arthur Davis. The contractors started on July 22nd to cut the logs, and are being paid \$200, \$200 and \$250 at different stages of construction.

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The excellent community dinner arranged by Mrs. Dobson and Mr. Ford of the cabin committee surpassed all previous attempts, and was a large factor in the success of the day's work.

By the time this reaches you, the crowd will be on their way or already at Camp. At last reports 90 names were in, with dues paid, and promise of quite a few more. The Bell-Irving Camp fell down somewhat regards numbers, but there is success ensured for our Camp. It would not be surprising if 100 people are at Camp during some days. It will soon be time to think of where we will go in 1927, once more to lapse into the happy state of secluded climbing.

EXPLORATION IN THE COAST RANGE

By DON MUNDAY

Information furnished by the Geological Survey and borne out by views obtained from Mt. Rodney, Bute Inlet, led Mr. and Mrs. W. A. D. Munday, Mr. T. H. Ingram, A. E. Agur, A. R. Munday and R. C. Johnson to make a five-weeks' trip up the Homathko River to the mountain which work of Dominion and Provincial surveyors indicates is over 13,000 feet high. The party left Vancouver May 29 and returned July 5.

Supplies were taken eight miles up the river in a boat with an outboard motor; for another 10 miles partly by canoe, partly by back-packing, and for about 12 miles more wholly by packing in relays, after twice puncturing the canoe and nearly losing a large part of the supplies. High water normally prevents water transportation during the climbing season.

Cloudy, unsettled weather prevailed throughout most of the trip and particularly baffled the party in finding a route across the intervening range of mountains which exceed 10,000 feet in height. Possible ascents of some of these peaks was foregone in search for an approach to the monarch of the range.

The region boasts phenomenal glacial features. The big glacier of the region probably covers not less than 80 square miles. A considerable amount of information was secured for mapping purposes but has not been worked out at present. The Coula Glacier comes down to within 1,500 feet of sea level and probably covers at

least 30 square miles. Teidemann Glacier is about 10 miles long and possibly covers nearly 25 square miles. Even on the 8,000-foot range to the south there are glaciers with eight and nine tributaries each and descending to about 2,000 feet from sea level. This is probably due to the mountains of Vancouver Island being markedly lower opposite this part of the mainland.

The barrier range was crossed by a 9,000-foot pass in a 32-hour trip which carried the party to an elevation of approximately 10,000 feet. Regular readings of a barometer at the head of Bute Inlet were used as a check against the aneroid and hysometer carried on the trip. The conclusion was reached that the mountain was fully 13,000 feet high. The route attempted was found to involve the traverse of an 11,000-foot peak with little prospect of a way up the slim final pinnacle of the big peak. The return trip followed the same route in the main and landed the party in camp at 4 a.m. Weather for the climb was excellent, and visibility of the best.

The region seems entirely granitic, but a large number of rock specimens were brought back for identification.

Owing to the almost incredible network of glaciers surrounding the big peak, any future expeditions will have to be Mt. Logan expeditions on a smaller scale.

Glacial tributaries of the Homathko River proved serious obstacles, and the party was reduced to less than quarter rations on the outward journey.

The Geological Survey favors the name "Mt. George Dawson" after the eminent geologist who did his first work on the upper Homathko River.

Club members will regret to hear of the death of Mr. LeRoy Jeffers in an aeroplane crash recently. As founder of the Associated Bureau of Mountaineering Clubs of North America, of which our Club is a member, Mr. Jeffers is well known in mountaineering circles as an organizer and author, and for many years held high office in the American Alpine Club. A personal interest is attached to his loss by the fact that some eight years ago, on a visit to this city, he was introduced by Rev. A. H. Sovereign, then Chairman of the local section of the A.C.C., to Mr. Chapman, President of our Club at the time, the three visiting the Club on Grouse Mountain.

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