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SUMMER CAMP

Well, folks, the gang's back from Camp and according to first hand reports they all seem very disappointed with their return to the big city. Everyone is of the opinion that for Alpine beauty and other kinds, Lake O'Hara can't be beaten. There was a good turnout of members to see the train pull out on Sunday, July 8th. The trip up to Hector was just the same as it has been for some time, the only difference being that there was a car full of people who had lots of energy to get rid of, and very little room to get rid of it in. Jim was so full of pep that he used to get out at each stop and walk up the track for half a mile and then beat the train

to the next station. The party who went in in advance had to accustom themselves to a diet of shoe strings and candle grease for a day or so, as all our grub was delayed in transit and did not arrive in camp at the expected time. But in spite of all these incidents camp was in full swing Monday evening and the bon-fire and other festivities that night were in a class all by themselves. On Tuesday everyone turned out for the trip up Mount Schaffer, under the supervision of Frank Johnson. This peak rises abruptly from the shore of the lake and the rock work that it offers pleased everybody. Some very interesting action pictures were taken by the party and the view from the top is grand. Wednesday morning Bill and Jim took a trip up Wiwaxy Peaks which lie just across the lake from camp. They reported a very good rock climb near the top, but many of the hand holds were filled up with silt which is continually pouring down off the mountain. After some interesting climbs up chimneys and steep rock pitches the summit was gained and a glorious panorama of mountains rewarded their efforts. Wednesday afternoon the first Passes trip and the expedition to Mt. Victoria started up to Abbott Pass Hut where a very enjoyable evening was spent. In this hut some of the members slept in British Columbia while others dreamed of the morning's climb on the Alberta side of the room. Bright and early the following morning four members, including one of the fair sex, started up Victoria. This peak towers to a height of 11,355 feet above sea level. The snow conditions were very treacherous but after a great deal of careful climbing the summit ridge was finally reached. This ridge was very badly corniced and great care had to be taken in following it to the summit. As this was the first ascent of Victoria for the year it created quite a lot of interest, many people following the climbers movements through the large telescope outside the Chalet at Lake Louise. The descent was made in the same careful manner, the party arriving back at camp that night, tired but hungry. The same morning the Passes trip got off to a good start down the Victoria Glacier, which flows between Mts. Victoria and

Lefroy, thence through the Death Trap, without accident, and on to Lake Louise. From there they followed the trail to Paradise Valley, over Sentinel Pass to the Valley of the Ten Peaks. These mountains form a sheer wall which rises directly from the shores of Moraine Lake and a week could easily be spent climbing their great cliffs. From this valley the trail leads over Wenchemna Pass to Prospector Valley, then over Ophablin Pass and down to Lake O'Hara, which was reached on Friday evening. One very interesting feature of this trip is the immense bulk of Mt. Hungabee. From the Valley of the Ten Peaks right around to Ophablin Pass you are traversing around the lower slopes of this mountain. All pronounced this the most scenic trip anyone had ever been on. Most of Friday was spent by those remaining in camp, nursing sunburn and resting up. On Saturday the second Passes trip started out on the route previously described, arriving back in camp on Monday night. On Sunday a trip was made up Wixaxy Peaks, 8,860 feet, just across the lake. This proved very interesting but only made Bill Dobson more convinced that the rock up in this district is fastened on with an inferior quality of glue. Monday was another lazy day, but bright and early Tuesday morning six of the party were off to climb Mt. Yukness, which towers to a height of 9,342 feet and lies just a bit south of Lake Oesa. Long scree slopes took up the early hours of the climb but near the top the rock became a little better and offered some nice pitches and chimneys which proved very interesting. The party arrived on top (least they thought they did) only to find that a higher peak lay a little farther along the ridge, so starting off in high

spirits they headed in the direction of this new peak but were soon balked by a blank wall which they were unable to climb down, so had to find a route around it. This was accomplished and the peak gained without any delay. Wednesday morning a party of four left camp to climb Mt. Oderay, elevation 10,165 feet. This peak is situated in a westerly direction from camp across the lake and affords a wonderful view of the surrounding country. After leaving the glacier safely, the party took to the rocks, where some very interesting climbing was indulged in. Owing to the very loose formation of the mountain, great care had to be taken not to shower the person directly underneath with stones, but in spite of this good time was made up to the summit. At one place a very narrow ledge offered the only route to success but by careful negotiating this obstacle was surmounted. Each member had to crawl along this ledge on their hands and knees, being very careful not to crowd themselves off going around a bulge. On coming down over this place one of the greatest thrills of camp was experienced as each one had to crawl down hill on the ledge, with a steep drop-off staring him in the face and the aforementioned bulge to get around. Once past this place it didn't take long to get onto the glacier again and back to camp where a good feed awaited the party. Thursday passed quickly with a walk up to Lake McArthur and then a climb up the first peak of Schaffer. Mr. Oliver, the Government photographer, who arrived in camp Tuesday night, accompanied the party on this trip and took some pictures of the club in action. Friday was spent liesurely around camp. Mr. Oliver took some more

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pictures about the slopes of Schaffer. On Saturday the ladies headed out to Lake Louise while the rest broke camp and got things arranged for the packers to take down to the railway. Sunday was the saddest day of the two weeks as the party was headed for home, much against their wishes.

Quite a few wild animals were observed on the various trips. On the first Passes trip, just as the party was resting on Sentinel Pass a mountain goat was seen approaching. As the wind was in the right direction he came very close to the group before he saw them, but when he did see them, one look was enough. He certainly gave the club an exhibition of how to climb on loose rock. In less time than it takes to tell he was out of sight going straight up the Pinnacle. In camp at Paradise Valley a porcupine happened to get in one of the tents, much against P. Morris' wishes, but she smiled sweetly at him, and what could the poor thing do, other than what she asked him. Great disappointment was felt by some of the members when they found that fresh snow completely blocked any attempt on Mt. Hungabee, as this mountain is just about the best climb in the district. Another feature was the difference in the climbing conditions this year with that of the 1925 Camp. In 1925 the peaks were all clear of snow, and no climb had to be cancelled on this account, but this year there was fresh snow on the peaks continually. A real mountain thunderstorm was experienced on the first Friday afternoon. These storms seem to blow up without any warning and disappear just as quickly. A very enjoyable bon-fire was held each night in camp where everyone joined in the singing and stunts. What everyone

said was the big feature of camp was the excellent meals provided and cooked by Mr. Hardcastle, who certainly deserves a hearty vote of thanks for the way he looked after the inner man. There was an abundance of food and everybody enjoyed their meals to the utmost. Mr. Rudolph Aemmer, the head guide at Lake Louise, was a cheery visitor around camp, and he told the party some very interesting stories of his experiences. He also very graciously gave tips on the finer points of rock and ice work, which were greatly appreciated by those who were fortunate enough to hear him. Taking everything all round this camp was a great success and those who attended are very anxious to go back again some day. The following is a list of those attending camp. Mrs. W. Westall, Mrs. F. H. Dobson, Misses P. Morris, E. Baynes, W. Chambers, and B. Higginbottom, Messrs. F. W. Johnson, C. A. Dawson, W. Westall, C. Johnson, J. Irving, A. G. Harvie (last week only) F. W. Dobson, and Mr. Hardcastle together with Mr. Oliver and Mr. Aemmer.

SUMMER SCHEDULE CONTINUED

Aug. 18-19—Crown and Camel, Leader Frank Johnson, End-man Ted Taylor.
Aug. 25-26—Cypress Lake, Mrs. Dobson and Frankie Riddock. Sept. 1-2-3—Mt. Shuksan, Art Cooper and Jim Irving.
Sept. 8-9—Traverse of White Mountain, Harold O'Connor and Jim Norman. On Aug. 18-19 we are holding the official opening of our new cabin and have invited members of the Mount Baker Club to join us in the festivities. The following day will be taken up with a trip up Crown and the Camel. This is a very fine rock climb, well worth the energy spent

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in getting there. Aug. 25-26 is another ladies trip and should prove just as popular as the last one. Nestling as it does at the head of Cypress Creek between the shoulders of Black and Strachan, Cypress Lake is one of the prettiest lakes in our local mountains. Some very interesting bits of rock work can be had on the way up Cypress Creek. Taking advantage of the long Labour Day weekend, the club will turn its attention to Mt. Shuksan, just over 9,000 feet high, instead of Baker this year. This climb is altogether different from Baker. On Shuksan you get very good glacier work and also interesting rock climbing for the final peak. This climb is not advisable for beginners. The traverse of White is a very pretty trip, giving one a fine view of Cathedral and the many peaks to the north. Very little bush need be encountered on this trip and some fine pictures of the peculiar rock formations of White can be obtained.

MANY THANKS P.L.

It has been of great interest to club members to notice the improvements in the way of rustic furnishings that have from time to time been appearing at our new cabin. Frankly, they have been a source of interest and delight to many, the time spent and ingenuity displayed in their production being certainly worthy of the appreciation of those who have come to look upon the cabin as a sojourn for their spare week-ends. In all, there are nine pieces to this unique set of furnishings to date, including four settees, the one in the north-east corner, bearing the club emblem in colors, being a work of art. The last addition, a substantial looking table with rustic supports, being a souvenir left since the designer and constructor of same dropped in on a visit from Victoria. Considering that all these pieces are constructed principally out of the alders growing around the cabin, members generally feel that this has been good work and that we certainly have to "hand

it" to P. L. Tait for patience and ingenuity in constructing this decorative furniture for our cabin, that is a joy to look upon and certainly a source of comfort to all. W.W.

MOUNT WADDINGTON CONQUERED

It was with great interest that the outside world followed the third attempt of Mr. and Mrs. Don Munday and Mr. Munday's brother, to scale British Columbia's loftiest peak, Mt. Waddington, 13,260 ft. Although beset with many obstacles and hardships this trio of climbers finally conquered Nature and reached the goal of their ambitions. They certainly deserve credit for the time and energy spent in the three trips into this country and the British Columbia Mountaineering Club is proud in the fact that two such climbers as Mr. and Mrs. Munday are members of our organization.

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Overheard on the Brunswick trip, regarding our worthy President, by a budding female who had yet to find out his characteristics, etc. "Oh, is he the President? Gosh—I thought he was only the end-man."

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How about returning those Club ropes, etc.? They might come in handy at camp. Better turn them in now rather than give the Camp Committee the trouble of coming after them. They have lots of other things to keep them busy.

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Next time you make a bug don't punch your initials in the back of it. You only have to walk in to Heliotrope Ridge once behind a bug like that and you will know the reason why.

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Charlie Dawson can't keep away from figures. He arrived at the Cabin the other night and told us that there are 2,363 steps from where the old log chute crosses our trail to the cabin. If you don't believe him count them yourself.

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