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EXECUTIVE MEETING MAY 1

The monthly Executive Meeting for May was held on the above date at 648 Seymour street. Mr. Alan Lambert was admitted to the Club as an Active member. Now that the fire season is fast approaching ten members were asked to act as Honorary Fire Wardens for the coming year. This year Victoria asked that only officers of the Club be appointed, so the following members of the Executive were chosen: Messrs J. Irving, F. W. Dobson, A. J. O. Cooper, L. C. Ford, G. T. Wallis, P. Lockie, L. Golman, H. O'Connor, H. Nunn and F. A. Spouse.

A Camp Committee, comprising the following, Messrs. C. Dawson, Geo. Wallis,

F. Johnson, W. C. Westall and F. W. Dobson, was chosen to look after the affairs of Summer Camp.

August 18 and 19 was set as the date for the official opening of our new cabin. Everyone is working hard to have things ship-shape by this date. Percy Lockie has very generously donated paint for the window sashes and white enamel for the kitchen sink. The Executive have purchased a flag, suitably done in the Club colors, to be displayed at Summer Camp and also at our cabin upon return from camp.

MT. BRUNSWICK AND HANOVER MAY 5 AND 6

With a fair breeze that gracefully unfurled the new B.C.M.C. Banner twenty-eight members and friends set sail on the good launch Lorna Doone bound for Brunswick Beach. Under a star-lit sky a delightful evening was spent in song around a generous camp fire at which several Alpine Club members were present, no doubt being attracted from Lions Beach upon hearing the strains of Percy Lockie's banjo and also the melodious duets rendered by Charlie Dawson and Les Golman.

Arising at 4:30 a.m. to a fair sky the party succeeded in getting away by 5:45. The first thousand feet are up a logged area which enables one to view the gradually extending map of Howe Sound, then followed a tedious climb of several thousand feet through fallen and burnt trees. By 10:00 a.m. an opened timbered ridge was gained where our first lunch was eaten, from whence the main ridge was followed upwards in a dense fog to the base of the western peak. From here the route continued along a narrow shaley ridge badly corniced in places, but, without any untoward incident the summit was gained at noon. Elevation 6,100 feet. While lunch was being eaten a wind from the southwest suddenly blew the fog clear from the heights and all the familiar peaks reared their rugged heads above the billowing masses of clouds. After lunch a party of six set off to climb Mt. Hanover to the north across a 1500-foot divide. Many enjoyable slides down the steep gullies and slopes were to be had both going and returning.

The remainder of the party returned to the beach under the leadership of Frank Johnson. Possibilities of a new route in from Deeks Lake to climb Brunswick and Hanover were studied with interest. So steady was the pace maintained by the Hanover party, that they arrived at the beach only half an hour behind the Brunswick party. After a good supper a delightful evening sail home terminated a most enjoyable and successful trip. Those on the climb were: Misses K. Smith, W. Chambers, P. Chambers, Messrs. F. W. Johnson, K. Grimmsgaard, P. Broughton, W. Hawksworth, Les Golman, Jack Betts, Frank Smith, Chas. Dawson, while those who climbed Mt. Hanover in addition were: Messrs. A. M. Lambert, L. C. Ford, Bill Dobson, Jim Irving, Jack Horan and Art Cooper (leader).

—A.J.O.C.

A NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Several of our members have recently made an offer to donate the paint, varnish, etc., for the interior decoration of our new cabin. Art Cooper is contributing the filler and varnish for the newly laid cabin floor. The oak stain for the walls is being supplied by Charlie Dawson, and the paint for the windows by Percy Lockie.

The Building Committee appreciates the generosity of these members and on behalf of the Club tender their thanks for same. These are real boosts for our mountain home and a step further in its completion.

—W.W.

WHAT TO DO WHEN LOST

By One Who Has Been

Technically speaking good mountaineers should never get lost, but in this mountainous country during the winter time, clouds,

wind, snow and lack of echo make conditions very confusing, especially when in strange country.

According to some authorities you look at a tree, which should have moss on the north side, but at the coast this does not always follow, and your watch is not much use as a compass when you don't know where the sun is on account of cloudy weather, likewise the Pole star.

Scarcely anybody need get misled when the weather is clear, but it is when you are in the mountains, perhaps trying a new route, and the clouds descend like a blanket, and after you have tramped for a while without getting anywhere, the fun begins. It is all right to make a few tries for the point you are aiming at, but if you are unsuccessful don't waste more time doing this. Here is where your compass comes in. (Have one with a luminous dial.) Get your direction, say south, and stick with it up and down hill until you hit something familiar, which you can follow with certainty, such as a well-known stream or trail. Don't try any short-cuts as they will lead to further confusion.

If you haven't a compass (which you should have) your task of getting home will be harder, but you should, nevertheless, get there in due time. In such a predicament the best thing to do is to start down hill as the sea is your destination, on the Coast at least. Eventually you are sure to come to a stream which will lead to a larger one and finally to the sea or perhaps some road or trail. It is true you may not arrive just where you figured, but some walking will get you home. It is also true you may run into some bluffs or waterfalls on your descent to the sea, but a good mountaineer will find his or her way safely around these obstacles.

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To sum up, if you loose your sense of direction, don't get rattled, keep your head. Remember there are no short cuts home when you get lost. Pick the most certain route, even though it may appear the longest and you will get home hours sooner than if you had floundered around looking for a familiar peak or meadow. You will very likely be wet but the exercise will keep you warm, and most of all, if you have someone waiting at home for you don't camp out for the night, keep moving to the nearest telephone. —A.T.

ECHO PEAK, MAY 12 - 13

Bill Dobson's faithful "Baby Ben" roused us from our slumbers at 4:30 a.m., but seeing that there were only five members present we didn't get up till nearly 6:30. We left the cabins at Lynn Forks at 7:15 Sunday morning under ideal weather conditions—not a cloud could be seen anywhere. We took our time over the trail to Lynn Lake where we arrived at nine. A brief stop was made for refreshments and also to observe the snow conditions at this point, a depth of nearly five feet being registered. The lake was pretty well opened up. We then turned to the Gully which generally affords very interesting, if not difficult, climbing. As we approached the lower slopes we could see that things were going to be entirely different than we had hoped for. The gully was just a straight snow climb. We weren't going to experience anything like Art Cooper had on the last Club trip up this way. Snow conditions in the gully were ideal and we reached the col at 10:20 a.m. We then turned to the peak by way of the usual route. The snow on the ridges leading to the summit was broken up in places and afforded the best climbing we had had

so far. Then followed a short climb through bush and the summit was gained at 10:45 where we had lunch. The view was well worth the climb. Tantalus, Garibaldi, Mamquam, Cathedral, The Saw Teeth and many others stood out very prominently. The North Peaks of Crown and Crown itself looked very tempting and the lure to climb them was very strong but we were content to let them pass for some other day. Sliding conditions were at their best, being very safe, and we enjoyed what sliding we could to the fullest advantage. We took our time going down the Zinc Mine trail and stopped at the hut at the mine for nearly two hours basking in the warm sunlight. We arrived back at the Forks at 2:45 p.m. where we each enjoyed a tin of pineapple and what sandwiches we had left, after which we headed down the usual six miles of road which no one seems to be able to avoid. The following made the ascent—Bill Dobson, Fred Brownsword, Elliott Henderson, Jim Irving (end-man), and Brick Spouse (leader). —F.A.S.

OFFICIAL CLUB TRIPS

(Continued)

June 16 and 17 Southeast Face Eastern Lion via Sisters Creek. Ted Taylor (leader), Brick Spouse (end-man). June 23 and 24 North Peaks Crown via Capilano. Frank Johnson and A. G. Harvie. The Lions trip is one that should not be missed. Exceptionally good rock climbing can be had and come prepared for same. The North Peaks from Capilano is a popular trip and also affords good rock work. As these two trips are both rock climbs and come just before you go to camp, they should not be missed as they will break you in, so to speak, for the rock work you will get at camp.

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WEST PEAK OF CROWN, MAY 19 - 20

After assembling at the Club cabin on Grouse Mountain at varying times on Saturday, and following a good night's sleep the party were away shortly after 5:30 a.m. on Sunday. The regular route over to Goat Ridge was followed, past the Chalet and over Dam Peak. Good glissading was experienced on descending to Crown Creek after which followed a tedious scramble down the boulders in the creek bed until the foot of a steep gully was reached. The first 1000 feet was for the most part up good firm rock although care had to be taken on account of some loose debris accumulated on some of the ledges. Further up, the gully entered a snow filled box canyon and here great care had to be taken because of the undermined snow over the waterfalls. But the greatest thrill of the day was experienced climbing the last hundred feet which was up a narrow chute down which water was gushing in a torrent. The only way hand and foot holds could be detected was when the water spurted out from the cracks in its wild descent as it struck them. Just above this was a wobbly half ton boulder, seemingly poised on nothing, and anxious moments were experienced until the party was safely over the obstruction. Half an hour later the saddle was gained from whence a short climb brought the party to the summit. During lunch, on top, views of distant peaks were much admired, for the day was a perfect one. Four members went on in advance to climb the main peak and the Camel while the main party returned to the Club cabin. The day was extremely warm and judging by the snow-depths, which were twelve feet on Crown and nine feet on Dam, much snow has melted since the advent of warm weather, but two weeks previous. Those on the trip were Mrs. Dobson, Mrs. Golman, Miss F. Riddock, Messrs W. Henderson, H. Somerville, Bill Dobson, Brick Spouse, Jim Irving, W. Westall, Les Ford, Les Golman (end-man), and Art Cooper (leader).

—A.C.

NEWS BRIEFS—*Lest we forget—*

"Caulks are not good for the cabin floor."

"Pay your camp deposit now."

"Put out that camp-fire when you leave. It won't go out by itself these warm days."

Extract from the "Sun" Saturday, April 28, 1929. "Twenty Years Ago." The Vancouver Mountaineering Club held an entertainment at which one hundred slides showing local mountain scenery were shown.

For information regarding new blood-tests and permits for going above the intakes, get in touch with Les Golman.

Well, gang, you responded en masse for our launch trip for which the Climbing Committee thank you.

We have just heard that Mr. and Mrs. George Stephenson have been blessed by the arrival of a "bouncing baby boy." Our heartiest congratulations, both on this event and upon his marriage, about which only a few of us have heard.

The Camp Committee is arranging a very snappy programme for your two weeks' stay at Lake O'Hara. We hope to be able to publish a complete schedule in the next month's issue which will be out before you leave for camp. Having had a glimpse at the first week's proposed outings I am in a position to say that you are certainly in for a most enjoyable time. What with strenuous ice and rock climbs and lovely walks and hikes, 1928 campers are certainly going to get the best that Lake O'Hara can offer. Now to get back to hard cold facts. Your camp deposit or complete payment of dues will be appreciated by Geo. Wallis who will issue a receipt for same any time of the day or night.

FORKS PEAK, MAY 27

On the last six trips that Bill Dobson has had anything to do with there has been a flood and Forks Peak lived up to all expectations. The good-sized crowd that turned out for the trip was diverted up to the cabin where an enjoyable day was spent watching the rain, hail, lightning and more rain.

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