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SUMMER CAMP

Lake O'Hara. Have you ever heard that name before? Most of us have. The name brings back many pleasant memories to some of us, while to others, only dreams. Dreams of a Paradise yet to be explored. Lake O'Hara can well be called a Paradise. Situated about eight miles due south of Hector on the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, this lake nestles among some of the finest alpine country in the Canadian Rockies. There are many who say that Lake O'Hara rivals the world famous Lake Louise for exquisite beauty and grandeur. Here the most experienced mountaineer can find peaks against which

he can pit his skill. For those who have yet to become experts on rock or glacier there are many peaks which, although they are not difficult, present something entirely different from the usual run of mountains around Vancouver. Then again for those who do not intend to do any climbing, but only want to spend two weeks where everything is at peace with the world, there are many beautiful walks, which wind through alpine meadows strewn with wild flowers, through sombre valleys hemmed in on either side by towering mountains, past lakes whose beauty cannot be described, and waterfalls whose thunderous roar can be heard long before the falls are seen.

The following is a list of a few of the most formidable mountains with their respective altitudes. These peaks all lie close about Lake O'Hara and most of them can be climbed quite easily in a day. Mt. Victoria, 11,365 feet; Mt. Huber, 11,051 feet; Mt. Lefroy, 11,230 feet; Mt. Temple, 11,626 feet; Mt. Cathedral, 10,454 feet; Wiwaxy Peaks, 8,860 ft.; Mt. Odaray, 10,165 ft.; Mt. Yukness, 9,842 feet; Mt. Schaffer, 8,824 feet; Mt. Hungabee, 11,447 feet; Mt. Biddle, 10,878 feet; Mt. Deltaform, 11,225 feet, and Eiffel Peak 10,091 feet. Members will find that these mountains differ considerably from our local peaks, the chief difference being that you are climbing above timberline most of the time. The rock formation is quite different from that of our North Shore mountains. But with a reasonable amount of care and prompt obedience to the leader's commands, you will not have anything to worry about in making their ascent. The next few lines are devoted to some of the easy trips and walks of which there are many. Everyone must go and see Lake McArthur, which lies about three miles south of Lake O'Hara at an altitude of 7,359 feet above sea level. Looking towards the south end of the lake you have Mt. Schaffer on the left and Park mountain on the right, which rise to altitudes of 8,824 feet and 9,671 feet respectively. This trip only takes about two or three hours to make, but much of the time is spent admiring Nature at her best. Lake Oesa, a beautiful

mountain gem which lies at the foot of Abbot Pass, can easily be reached in an hour and a half from camp. Everyone takes the trip up to Abbot Hut at Abbot Pass, which lies between Mts. Victoria and Lefroy at an elevation of 9,598 feet. This trip requires about half a day's hiking and affords the climber a beautiful view of the surrounding country. Continuing down the other side of Abbot Pass you soon come to what is known as the Death Trap, so called because of the continual and unexpected avalanches hurtling down from the hanging glaciers of Mts. Victoria and Lefroy. Other easy trips to Moraine Lake and the Valley of the Ten Peaks, Paradise Valley and Lake Louise, on the shore of which is the Bee Hive, a very interesting bit of rock climbing, and many others too numerous to mention here, offer all that can be desired in the way of interesting but not difficult outings.

Perhaps after all this talk about Summer Camp there are some who still hesitate before deciding whether they will go or not. To those I would say: ask anyone who was at Camp in 1925, and they will say "Go! You will never regret it."

So let's all get together for the happiest, most active and most enjoyable Summer Camp that the B. C. M. C. has ever put on. More details later.

**TRAVERSE OF LYNN PEAKS
APRIL 15**

Owing to the fact that the weather man had been out late the night before, he got his supplies of moisture and sunshine mixed up, with the result that this trip had to be called off on account of flood conditions. Most of the members who assembled at

the Ferry, Sunday morning, went up to the Cabin and spent the day there, watching the rain doing its best to fill up Capilano Valley.

**SUMMER SCHEDULE OF CLIMBS
(Continued)**

The following is a list of official climbs from May 19th up to and including June 10th. May 19-20—West Peak of Crown from Cabin via Crown Creek and gully; Leader, Art Cooper; End Man, Les Goldman. May 27th—Forks Peak via Lynn Valley; Bill Dobson and R. H. Simmonds. June 2-3—Cheam (Auto trip) Jim Irving and Harry Somerville. June 10th—Hollyburn Ridge and Peak; Olive Hardy and Islay Richards.

The trip to the West Peak of Crown offers some interesting rock work and follows a route seldom used by the Club. Forks Peak is an easy day trip and splendid views of Crown and the Camel can be obtained. Cheam—Quite a hard trip, but one that shouldn't be missed. Wonderful views of Lady Peak, The Lucky Four Range and the mountains north of Harrison lake can be obtained. Those who own cars will be asked to supply transportation, for which they will be reimbursed by those using the cars. Hollyburn Ridge and Peak will prove very popular to the male section of the Club. Look whose leader and end—What will I put here? "Woman, young lady or girl? Anyway it's Islay. This is a beautiful one day trip affording wonderful views of the Lions and the Capilano Valley.

THE NEW CABIN FLOOR

After the completion of the new cabin last fall it was suggested by several of the members that a good fir floor would add a great

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deal to the cabin, both in appearance and utility. The idea seemed to be a good one but nothing was done, therefore the cedar floor was made to serve the purpose. But cedar planks are not wind-proof and during the winter months great ice-laden gusts of wind used to whistle up between the cracks. Fire wood diminished in great quantities and so, accordingly, a petition was sent in to the Executive urging the purchasing of enough lumber to re-floor the two lower rooms.

The petition had its effect and one week-end a huge pile of edge grain flooring loomed ominously in the way as one rounded the bend near Mosquito Creek bridge. Many weeks followed before the lumber was transported to the cabin but with the hearty co-operation of most of the members it was finally accomplished. Easter week end was set as the date to start the laying. Work commenced early Sunday morning and while the floor layers were "hard at it," other members removed the furniture and the stoves. At first it was thought that only the front room would be finished, but while the main crew were at lunch a second shift carried on the work, thereby making it possible to complete both rooms that day.

By six o'clock Sunday night the floor was laid. Great credit is due to the Club members for their share of the work and especially to Mr. Ernest Phillips, who although not a member, unselfishly gave his services, supervised the job and made the whole task possible.

Fortunately the edge nails do not scar the floor; these are the nails adopted by the club, and if all members will co-operate the floor will serve its purpose twice over. Already there is a marked difference in

warmth and the cabin is much easier to clean. But remember folks, unnecessary abuse will lessen these advantages, so lets all use a little discretion and thereby keep our cabin and its new floor as one of our greatest assets.
—F.W.D.

SOCIAL EVENING, APRIL 18

"And a good time was had by all." This just about describes the last social of the year, which was held in Charlie Dawson's home. Folks are beginning to wonder where all the money for our new cabin came from. Certainly not from the crowd that were present. "Hard times" doesn't do justice to the costumes. The evening quickly passed with games, dancing and refreshments—at which the girls excelled themselves.

EXECUTIVE MEETING

President Frank Johnson called an Executive meeting on April 2nd, at which Summer Camp and general business was discussed. It was decided to hold camp at Lake O'Hara this year, details of which appear elsewhere. Miss Doris M. Denson was admitted to the Club as a Graduating member. The Executive is trying to obtain new badges for the members. These badges will be considerably smaller than the old ones and it is hoped that members will wear them at all times. Keep your old one for when you are up in the hills. A building committee comprising the following, Messrs. Golman, Ford, Westall, Wallis and Irving was drawn up with the idea of finding out what the new cabin needs in the way of furnishings, etc., such as a cooler and bunks. Then they are to devise ways and means of financing this work, and put it up to the Club for approval.

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MT. CATHEDRAL, APRIL 28-29, 1928

Party camped at the old cabins near Lynn Forks Saturday night. A start was made at six a.m., Sunday, with poor prospects for a good day. Soon after leaving the end of the road rain began to fall, which turned to snow higher up. White Pass was reached at nine o'clock amid a blizzard. As the visibility was very poor and the weather showed no signs of improving the trip was called off. After a brief stop for lunch the party returned to the Forks. The following were those who participated in the climb: Mrs. Dobson, Miss F. Riddock, Messrs. H. Somerville, J. Horan, Art Cooper, A. Lambert, J. Betts, F. Brownsword, Brick Spouse, B. Lambert, K. Irving, Bill Dobson (leader), Bill Hendry (end-man).

EAST GOAT RIDGE AND PEAK VIA KENNEDY LAKE, APRIL 21-22

In spite of a drizzling rain five active members assembled at various hours at the cabin Saturday night. The weather very obligingly cleared up Sunday morning and a start was made at 8:30 a.m., the Plateau being reached at 9:35. Trail had to be broken around Grouse and over Dam. The gully leading down into Kennedy Lake usually promised very good sliding, but the snow being soft and wet, poor sliding was obtained.

After a short rest the lake was crossed and a somewhat strenuous ascent was made up to East Goat Ridge. Here we had lunch and were pleased to find a well-broken trail made by three Club members who had come up from Lynn Valley. Goat Peak was reached at 3:00 p.m. The best sliding of the day was had from here down to the Ridge and at 4:30 one very freckled and four very sunburned mountaineers returned to the cabin.

Those participating in the trip were: Misses Olive Hardy, Frankie Riddock, Messrs. F. Brownsword, Harry Somerville (end-man) and J. C. Horan (leader).

—J.C.H.

**CROWN MT. VIA CRATER RIM
MARCH 31 - APRIL 1**

Arriving at the Cabin at various hours Saturday afternoon and evening a good-sized crowd was on hand Sunday morning, ready for the climb up Crown via the Crater Rim. Although the weather did not look at all promising an early start was made, and the climb up to the Plateau was accomplished in good time. From the Plateau on things took on a different aspect. Exceptionally deep snow was encountered on the traverse around the west side of Grouse Peak which made trail breaking very difficult, with the result that progress was slowed up considerably. Continuing on through the soft snow the peak of Dam was reached about eleven a.m. Here a council of war was held, to determine whether we should go on, with the prospects of reaching Crown about three or four in the afternoon, or whether we should turn back. The majority fell in with the latter suggestion and so, after a hearty lunch, the party headed for home. On the return journey some beautiful views were obtained of the local peaks, covered with fresh snow. Some very good photographs of snow-covered trees were taken by the camera brigade. The snow post on Dam showed a depth of fourteen feet. Although the afternoon turned out to be fine, there were few regrets that the party had not gone on to Crown, because the very soft snow would have greatly impeded progress in that direction.

The following composed the party: Mrs. Dobson, Misses E. Sproule, Islay Richards, Messrs. F. W. Dobson, J. Irving, I. Swartz, W. Spicer, R. H. Simmonds, L. C. Ford, D. V. Gore, H. Mostyn, A. Lambert, F. A. Spouse, Chas. Dawson (end-man) and H. Nunn (leader).

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