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ANNUAL DINNER

Club's Sixteenth Anniversary.

The sixteenth anniversary of the founding of the B. C. Mountaineering Club will be celebrated by a dinner at 7.30 p.m., October 27th, in the dining-room of David Spencer, Ltd. A short toast list will be followed by a showing of new lantern slides, featuring fine new districts visited by members this year; dancing will close the evening's entertainment.

Admission will be by tickets, price \$1.50, and members are urged to get theirs as soon as possible, as it is necessary for the Committee to know in advance the number who will be present. Tickets may be obtained from the Treasurer, 302 Crown Building, or members of the Dinner Committee: Mr. L. C. Ford, 431 Seymour St., Mr. R. E. Knight, c/o Kent Piano Co., 558 Granville St., Mr. N. M. Carter, 1125 Pender St., or at University, Mr. M. M.

Dodds, 5601 Culloden St., Mr. H. O'Connor, 2300 Granville St., Mrs. Don Munday, Grouse Mt. plateau, Miss D. C. R. Elliott, 1203 Nicola St.

Tickets are available for friends and relatives of members, or for anyone interested in the objects of the Club.

Special emphasis is laid on being there on time. Dress is informal.

PROGRAMME OF WINTER TRIPS

Such good support was given to last winter's trips, that the Director and Climbing Committee prepared the following list of trips for the period from October to April, which has been approved by the Executive Committee.

Nov. 3-4. *Goat Mt. and Goat Ridge* from Club Cabin. Leader, Mr. H. O'Connor.

Nov. 10-12. *The Sawteeth*. By launch to Britannia Beach, returning by regular steamer. Leader, Eric A. Fuller. Camp at good cabin at Utopia Lake. The mine people usually extend every courtesy.

Dec. 1-2. *Dome Mt.*, from Club Cabin. Leader, Director Tom Fyles.

Jan. 6. *Lynn Peaks*. One-day trip. Leader, Mr. W. G. Wheatley.

Jan. 19-20. *Mt. Strachan* via Hollyburn Ridge, camping at mill buildings. Leader, Mr. Don Munday.

Feb. 9-10. *North Peaks of Crown Mt.*, from Lynn Forks. Leader, Mr. Neal M. Carter.

Feb. 23-24. *The Lions*, from Howe Sound. Leader, Director Tom Fyles.

Mar. 9. *Mt. Seymour*. One-day trip. Leader, Mr. Don Munday.

Mar. 22-23. *Mt. Bishop*, by launch. Leader, Mr. Neal M. Carter.

April 5-6. *Lynn Lake, Palisade Ridge, and Palisade Lake*. Leader, Director Tom Fyles.

Skating parties to Goat (Kennedy) Lake will be led by Mr. M. M. Dodds any weekends when ice is good. Members should note that possibly a charge will be made for any skating there may be on Grouse

Lake, as this is private property, and the owners may make use this season of rights not taken advantage of in the past.

Fuller information about the above trips will appear in ensuing issues.

SOCIAL WEEK-ENDS AT CABIN

The Cabin Committee announces a series of social week-ends to be held on the second full week-end (Saturday and Sunday), in every month. Something of interest will be arranged each time.

The first of the series is delayed one week, bringing it on October 20-21. Members are asked to bring up their pictures, so that Saturday evening may be spent looking them over. Sunday will be spent getting in the winter's supply of wood.

Members going up to the Cabin are expected to leave their names on a list at Camera & Arts, 610 Granville Street, so that grub lists may be given them, so please state whether coming up Saturday or Sunday morning. Names to be in by Friday; lists to be ready Saturday morning.

The ladies will look after the meals, while the men will get in wood.

Notice of subsequent meetings will appear in *The Mountaineer*.

**TRIP TO WEDGE MOUNTAIN
AND MT. TURNER**

By CHAS. T. TOWNSEND

Mr. Neal Carter and I had been planning all the summer to make the first ascent of Wedge Mt., as soon as we could get away in the fall. Accordingly on Saturday evening, September 8th, we landed with our belongings at Alta Lake. Having nearly a fortnight before us, we decided to make Rainbow Lodge our headquarters, and to make two trips, one up Wedge Mountain, and the other to Avalanche Pass, the proposed 1923 camp site. We left half our grub at the Lodge, and with the other half and the rest of our belongings, started out from Alta Lake on Sunday morning bound for Wedge Mountain.

We followed the railway for 4 miles to Mile 42, as from Rainbow Lodge we could

see that the main ridge from Wedge Mountain hit the railway at about this point. From the railway we travelled east following logging roads for about a mile, and after that picking our way through the trees (there was very little bush), for another half-mile until we reached Wedgemount Creek, where we had lunch. Our journey so far had taken us 3 hours. Wedgemount Creek was larger than we had expected, and we were lucky in finding a log on which to cross quite a short distance above where we struck the creek. On the east side, the hill rises very sharply from the water for about 800 feet, and as the bush was thick we were very glad of a rest when we reached the top. From there on, the ridge is a succession of bluffs, thickly wooded. At about 5,000 feet elevation the trees thinned out, giving place to meadows, which must have been beautiful when the flowers were in bloom. We were nearly "all in" when we found water at about 6 p.m., and we made camp as quickly as possible. We were now in an ideal place for an attempt on Wedge Mountain, being at an elevation of 6,000 feet, and at the extreme limit of timber line.

Early the next morning we started up the ridge. At the end of it we found quite a gap in between us and the base of the mountain, and I should suggest to any others who might make the climb, that it would be more advisable to keep on the south side of the ridge at an elevation of about 6,000 feet, instead of climbing to the top of it. This would bring them to the foot of the gap and at the base of the easiest face of Wedge Mountain. As it was, we had to descend into the gap, cross a number of ridges composed of masses of loose rocks, probably moraines at one time, and then cross a small glacier, before we got on to the climbable slopes of the mountain. The glacier we named "Eclipse Glacier." From there to the peak, about 2,000 feet, we were travelling over talus slopes, the rocks being on an average cubes about 2 feet in thickness. We reached the summit at 1.15, after having had a good view of a partial eclipse of the sun a short time before.

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The summit of the Mountain is a long ridge ending in quite a sharp peak at the eastern end. It is very precipitous on three sides, but is readily accessible on the south side, up which we had come. Owing to the clearness of the atmosphere, we had a magnificent view, and were able to secure some fine photographs. Immediately to the south of us was the Spearhead Range, which has been practically unexplored. It contains seven fine glaciers on the north side, and, as we afterwards discovered, one on the south side.

What particularly attracted us was a valley immediately south of the peak of Wedge Mountain. This valley pointed north and south, and contains beautiful meadows. At the head of it, on three sides, there are three large glaciers, one of which has a splendid ice-fall. The meadows are probably at an elevation of about 5,500 feet, and they lie in the centre of the Spearhead Range, so that a party intending to climb in that district would do well to investigate the possibilities of a camp there. We named the place "Glacier Meadows." It would also seem to be possible to climb peaks in the Fitzsimmons district from there, as there is quite a low pass over to the Fitzsimmons Valley. Mt. Overlord, and a number of other peaks at the head of the Fitzsimmons glacier, possibly could be climbed in a day's trip.

On the north side of Wedge Mountain are several large glaciers, one of which we called "Wedge Glacier," and another the "Crescent Glacier."

To the east of us lay a peak which we resolved should be the object of our next climb. It lay across a valley from Wedge Mountain, and promised to be an enjoyable three-day trip from camp.

The next day, taking with us just enough food for three days and our bedding, and leaving our tent behind, we hiked round the southern slopes of Wedge Mountain, keep-

ing just above timber line to avoid the bush. To obtain water we had to drop down about 800 feet into the valley east of Wedge Mountain, which we had seen the day before, where we found a delightful camping spot. The journey from camp to camp took us about 5 hours. We lulled ourselves to sleep under the stars that night with soothing strains from the camp orchestra.

The first part of our climb the next day took us over four high ridges, very much similar in composition to Wedge Mountain. This brought us to an elevation of about 7,000 feet, where we came out on to a glacier which we called the "Quarry Glacier." From there we had a good view of the peak of Mt. Turner, as Neal had named it, in memory of the Rev. Jas. Turner. Once across the Quarry Glacier, we had to cross the Turner Glacier, much larger than the former, and flowing east, while the other flowed west towards Wedge Mountain. We were now at the foot of the cliffs at the base of the peak. These cliffs run east and west from the base of the peak; on the west side they form a striking ridge of jagged rock surmounted by fantastic pinnacles. Owing to this peculiarity we called it "Finger-post Ridge." We had some trouble getting up the cliffs to the east of the peak owing to the extreme looseness of the rocks, but once on top, we were ready for the final climb. The peak is a mass of jagged rock, most of which is very loose and dangerous, and I doubt whether it could be climbed from any direction other than the east. An hour's rock-climbing took us to the summit, where we arrived at 1.30.

The top itself was so small that it was hardly big enough for a cairn. On three sides the cliffs were very precipitous, while even the face up which we had come looked very steep from above. Once again we had a magnificent view, particularly of Wedge

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Mountain, which looks very fine from that side. Three glaciers to the north we named respectively, "The Chaos," "The Needle," and "The Albert Edward" glaciers. We reached camp again at about 6 p.m.

The next day we packed back to our first camp, and the day following down to Alta Lake, the latter journey taking us six hours.

Our aneroid was found to be untrustworthy, so we had to estimate our elevations from well-known peaks in the Garibaldi district. Thus we made Wedge Mountain to be 8,400 feet high, or higher than Castle Towers, and Mt. Turner to be 8,000 feet, or 400 feet lower than Wedge Mountain.

At Rainbow Lodge we had an excellent supper, which partially made up for a week of dried goods, and afterwards collected the other half of our grub preparatory to making an early start the next day up Fitzsimons Creek.

NATIONAL PARKS ASSOCIATION

At the annual camp of the Alpine Club, the National Parks Association was formed, the membership to include all persons interested in the preservation of National parks—several Canadian mountain parks, including Mt. Garibaldi Park, have been threatened with despoilment by plans for development of hydro-electric power.

A REMINDER

A few members who have not paid their subscription to *The Mountaineer* are reminded that payment of this assessment of \$1.00, having been levied by the Annual Meeting, is as obligatory as payment of ordinary membership fees.

LIBRARY BOOKS

Owing to the continued absence from the Cabin Library shelves of a number of books, the Librarian inclines to the belief that the missing volumes must be in the hands of "book-keepers."

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