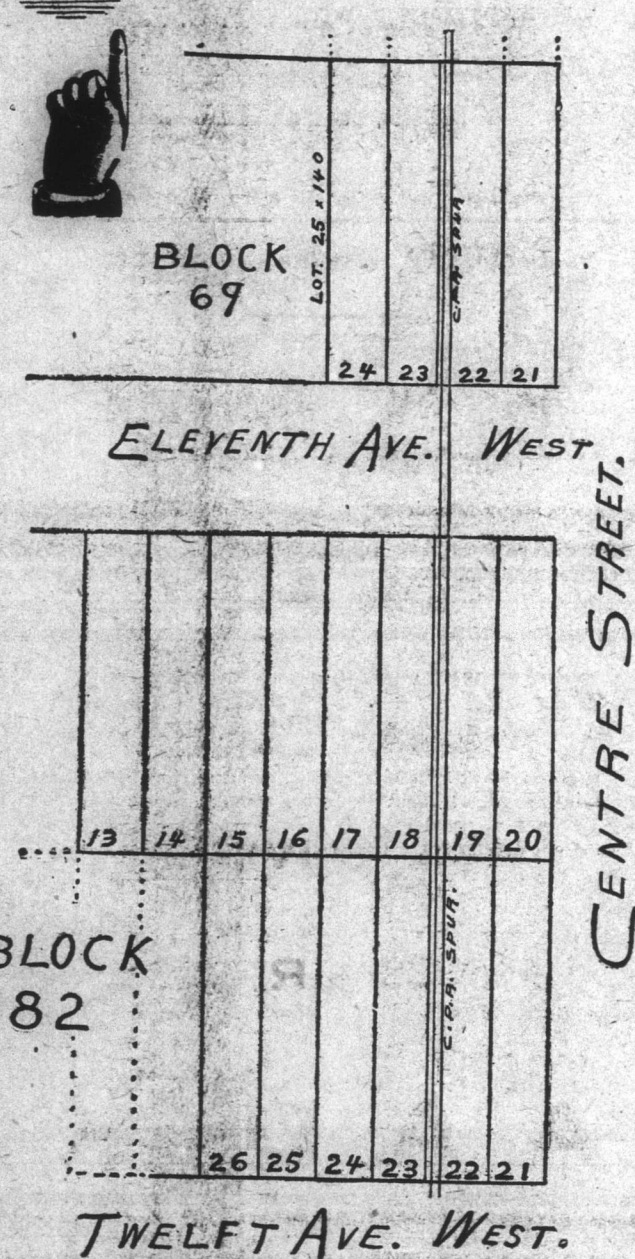


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Good Financial Basis

A word about finances. The club is now a body corporate with assets to the amount of ten thousand dollars. Though not a commercial institution it is on a basis with them and is subject to the laws of the land as far as its finances are concerned. These finances are in a healthy condition. Owing to the assistance rendered it, as referred to above, for four years the club has held its annual camps and published the Canadian Alpine Journal. It has also built a handsome headquarters at Banff. Although the expenses of last year were great, owing to the building and furnishing, these headquarters and making their grounds attractive, the entertaining of a large party of British alpine people in a suitable manner, the inauguration of permanent camps for the summer months, and the publication of the annual issue of the Journal, there are no outstanding debts which the club does not see its way to meet. There is still a note for \$1,000 due upon the club house, which falls due in April and must be provided for, as it is endorsed by ten members, who have become responsible for it. This is a small debt upon the security provided by the building, which has a present value of about nine thousand dollars. It will be remembered that the building fund was raised by ten-year debentures issued by the club and purchased by its members. There are still 320 members who have had no share in this purchase and it is the duty of all to take at least one share. If this were done the outside indebtedness would be wiped out at once and money provided for additions and improvements that are absolutely necessary for the comfort of the members; such as eve-troughs, screen doors to keep out flies, heating apparatus for use in the inauguration of winter sports, etc. The building committee is now approaching these non-subscribers and I trust the result will be loyal and adequate.

The executive had paid the first year's interest due upon the debentures issued. It will be asked: "What has it done to establish a sinking fund to meet debentures at maturity?" In reply I may say that during the past year \$750.00 worth of debentures have been returned to the executive for cancellation. This provides a very adequate sinking fund for that year, and during the current year and each succeeding year a sufficient amount will be placed in the bank as a reserve fund to meet them at maturity. So much for finances; and now let us turn to a more pleasant subject.

You all know that last summer, the club entertained as its guests, members of British Alpine Club, and their friends, some twenty in number. You have all read of the enjoyment for us and for them, of those happy days at the Banff Club House and at the Lake O'Hara Camp; and of the still more delightful and strenuous six-day trip around the rim of the Yoho Valley on which we took them. So much for the Canadian Rockies. You have heard how, in pursuance of that trip, the club's stalwarts carried great loads on their backs, over snow and ice, across wide ice-fields and up and down rocky steep. You have heard of the climbing that was done; of the glorious camp fires at night; of the full tree-sheltered glades, beside glimmering lakes, with snow-tipped peaks all around, amid the dull roar of the nearby cascade or rushing stream; of the lull to sleep in beds of soft aromatic pine boughs, with the starlit firmament as a canopy overhead. You have heard of all these things, but you have not heard how deep and heartfelt was the appreciation of the club's efforts on behalf of its guests; of the genuine friendship that has resulted therefrom; and of the tendency to closer imperial ties that has been the outcome and is manifest in the number of "A.C.'s" now appearing on our membership list. If for no other reason than closer imperial ties which, in my humble opinion, are the strength and future of the British empire, our labours have not been in vain.

Distinguished Visitors

Among the most apparent results will be a visit to us this year by the celebrated Himalayan climber and explorer, Dr. T. G. Longstaff and his sister, and a possible visit by one of our last year's guests, A. L. Mumm, for the purpose of making the second ascent of Mt. Robson, in which object he was defeated last year.

While on this subject, I must not omit to mention the special visit that was paid to our camp by the veteran, well-known mountaineer, Mr. Edward Whymper, who came from England to Canada, 12,000 miles by land and sea, specially to address the Canadian club at its annual camp and to bestow upon it his blessing. Nor must we forget our old friends from the United States, Mr. George and Miss Vaux, Mr. P. W. Froehner and Prof. H. C. Parker, who, good sports as they have always shown themselves in the Canadian Rockies, turned to with a will to help the club entertain its British guests.

Record of Last Year

For mountaineering among the club members it has been a record year: The monarch of the main range, Mt. Robson, was scaled to the summit for the first time by Kinney and Phillips, whose success was largely due to the knowledge gained by Mr. Kinney in previous attempts made under the leadership of one of our first vice-presidents, Dr. A. P. Coleman of Toronto university; Mt. Pinnacle was crowned by Dr. J. W. A. Hickson of McGill university, who also made the second ascent of Mt. Deltaform; the second ascent of Hungabee was also achieved by Fynn and Wheeler; the second ascent of Biddle, by an Alpine club party; the first ascent of Victoria by the Huber route was accomplished by a party in charge of Forde; of Mrs. Ringrose and Glacier Peak under the leadership of Val A. Fynn; while last, but by no means least, was the first ascent of the North Tower of Goodair by a party of which Dr. Eggers, Forde and McTavish were the amateurs. There were many other stirring and well earned achievements of which a record will appear in the coming issue of the Canadian Alpine Journal. The unquarrelled peak of Mt. Sir Sandford and the North Tower of Mt. Douglas are still waiting with the offer of laurel wreaths.

This round of activities and list of achievements promises for the fourth issue of the Canadian Alpine Journal a number that will surpass all others in mountaineering history and graphic illustrations. Already, manuscript has been received sufficient to make a fair-sized volume and more is yet to come.

In which science will be by no means forgotten. We are able to promise our members an article on the zoology of the Rockies and Selkirk by a well known authority that will be of great educational value. In this number also will be given a full list of the many books and sets of books, collections and photographs and individual panoramas of mountain scenery that have been contributed during the past year to our Club House Library, donated by our confederates in England and the United States.

This Year's Programme

Of this year's programme it is a little early to speak with certainty. You are aware that a deputation waited upon the minister of the interior and made several representations and recommendations; the results have not yet been made apparent. A grant has been made by the government of British Columbia subject to conditions which we cannot yet say we shall be able to fulfil; and a grant is expected from the Alberta government. Nothing seems probable and that is that the fifth annual camp will be held at hold it in Consolation Valley near Moraine Lake, with Laggan station on the C.P.R. as a railway terminal. If held there it will afford a field of the greatest interest and striking mountain grandeur, and will as a location be equal to any yet held. Circumstances, however, may compel us to change the location; but should this be found necessary, I can promise all participants a camp site that will not only equal but surpass any yet held as a beauty spot and one adapted to requirements such as ours.

Mr. Hayter Reid, manager in chief of the Canadian Pacific railway company's hotels, with a courtesy that has always been displayed to us, has again promised us the loan of our old and trusted friends, the two Swiss guides, Edouard and Gottfried Foux; also the \$300 rate at the company's hotels that he has always given the Alpine Club's members during their season. Our own guide, Konrad Kain, will be with us and, in addition, we are bringing out his brother from Austria, to be with us this year for the use of our members.

The club house at Banff will open on the 15th of June and be open until the end of September. The support of the club house depends upon our members themselves. If members coming to the mountains for their holidays will only arrange to stay at times other than immediately before and after the big camp, it would make things much easier and more comfortable.

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The Question of Guides

There is one other matter to which I should like to refer. A determined attempt was made last summer and the summer before, to drive the old-time guides and outfitters from the mountain regions along the line of the Canadian Pacific railway and to constitute a monopoly of this business in the hands of a few men. In fact an attempt was made by the same people to "hold up" and prevent the Alpine Club's Lake O'Hara camp. It is needless to say that attempts of this kind are not likely to be popular to the country any more than they are to the guides and outfitting business. While such a service may do for "the tripper" your true alpine man wants something better and does not enjoy being subjected to the incompetencies of a schoolboy, on whom has been clapped a suit of buckskin with the label "Guide" attached.

To counteract this attempt in some measure, the Alpine Club's executive appointed Otto Brothers of Field, B.C., official guides and outfitters to the Alpine Club. They will again act in that capacity for the coming year, and it is hoped all members of the club and their friends will give them any patronage at their disposal and help them out all they can. At our first Alpine Club camp at the summit of Yoho Pass, Otto Brothers gave their own services and the services of their men, outfits and horses free of charge, in order to make the first of our annual camps a possibility. Without such assistance it would not have been possible. This is a fact we should not forget.

The above sketch will suffice to show that we were never more alive than at the present moment, never so firmly established. The work of the past four years is a creditable result. It only remains for us to continue to work together, to be loyal to ourselves, to our organization means achievement, and co-operation means success. We are non-political; we are non-denominational; simply Canadians bound together by the brotherhood of the craft, by the freemasonry of the camp fire, by the love of nature at her outposts. We desire to afford to all our members the opportunity to know, to study and to love our great alpine heritage of the Canadian Rocky Mountains, and to receive into our fold all of those other lands who feel their charm and wish to know them better. Yours faithfully,

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