

Having now dealt with the three groups most often visited by the Club, there remains only that group which is bounded by the Capilano River on the east, and by Howe Sound on the west. Its principal peaks are Black Mountain, Mount Strachan, "The Lions," and Mount Brunswick. Black Mountain is the most southerly of these, and is easily climbed from any direction. The chief difficulty arises from the heavy timber and wind-falls which encumber its slopes. The usual route follows Cypress Creek from the Keith Road to a point above the canyon and falls. The creek is crossed above these, and the way leads over a low ridge and down into a glen, through which runs a small creek whose outlet is at Eagle Harbor. From this point there is a steady ascent, broken only by small watercourses, until the summit ridge is reached. The timber on the ridge has been completely destroyed by fire.

Hollyburn Ridge rises between Black Mountain and the Capilano River, stretching from the waters of the Inlet on the south to Mount Strachan on the north. This district was visited during the past season by a party of the botanical section of the Club, in charge of Mr. J. Davidson, F.L.S., when a valuable collection of the flora was made.

The valley bottoms in this vicinity are marshy in character. This is especially the case immediately to the north of Black Mountain, a muskeg of considerable size covering the whole floor of the valley, and having the appearance of a lake overgrown with weeds when viewed from a height.

Slightly to the north-east of Black is Mount Strachan. Its top is gently rounded, well timbered, and covered with underbrush. The peak proper rises at the north-west extremity of the mountain, overlooking Sisters Creek, a tributary of the Capilano, on which side it is very precipitous.

Before leaving these peaks, it may be well to state that although they rise gradually from the Capilano, they present a very rugged appearance when viewed from Howe Sound.

From Strachan the mountains increase in height until the Lions are reached. These remarkable masses of granite are the most conspicuous peaks to be seen from the city of Vancouver. They have been the objective of many hard trips and interesting climbs by the Club.

The eastern Lion is usually climbed from the north-west side, and the western Lion from a small gully which cuts into the ridge extending northwards from Strachan. Although this feat is by no means a difficult one, it is not without danger, and should not be attempted by a beginner.

As might be expected, the views from the heads of the Lions are very extensive; that from the western Lion embracing Howe Sound