

SELKIRK RANGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Glacial Retreat. The change in ice and snow conditions parallels that in the Rockies, and the hot summer of 1941 is accelerating this in all areas. It is especially noticeable in the vicinity of Glacier, where the Asulkan tongue has gone back greatly. The snow routes on the Asulkan group are now, in many instances, impossible. On the opposite side, only a strip of the Illecillewaet ice now appears over the crest. Sir Donald was climbed from a high camp at Perley Rock, where a direct ascent was made to gain the right extremity of the bench glacier, thereby avoiding a crevasse maze encountered in the old route.

MISCELLANEOUS

Highest Automobile Road in North America is the Mt. Evans scenic drive near Denver, 14,260 ft. above sea level. The highest mountain pass over which a regular highway runs is Independence Pass, near Leadville, Colo., 12,095 ft. Second is Fall River Pass, on Route 34, W. of Estes Park, where there is a 4-mile section over 12,000 ft., perhaps the longest stretch of road ever built at such a height. Fall River Pass is 11,797 ft.; Monarch Pass, Route 50, near Pueblo, Colo., 11,650 ft.; Hoosier Pass, near Breckenridge, Colo., 11,542 ft.; Frémont Pass, near Leadville, 11,320 ft.; Berthoud Pass, Route 40, near Denver, Colo., 11,306 ft., the last-named being on the Continental Divide.

Hollywood Note. The sound-track for cracking ice and sliding glaciers is the squeal of a pig run backwards.

Mr. James Taylor Van Rensselaer, who, among many other climbs, made the third ascent of the Petit Dru in 1884 (*A. C. Register* iii, 246; *A. A. J.* ii, 509), a resident of California since 1890, has presented to the American Alpine Club his insignia ribbons and membership cards of the French Alpine Club (Section Mont Blanc, 1884) and the Swiss Alpine Club (Section Bern, 1884), the latter signed by Eugene Rambert, then Central President. Mr. Van Rensselaer was at Oxford with Coolidge and Lord Bryce. He is now 80 years of age, celebrated his golden wedding anniversary in 1940 and is proud of his 18 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A photograph of Mr. Van Rensselaer, with his friends at Chamonix in 1884, is reproduced opposite.

The Dudley F. Wolfe Fund of the Swiss Alpine Club. Through the will of Dudley Wolfe, who lost his life on the second American Karkaram Expedition, the S. A. C. has received the sum of \$6,172 (Fr. 26,508.75), which will be used toward scientific advancement both at home and abroad, expeditionary work and publications being its chief objectives.