

tents were supplied for the overflow. The extension of the veranda mentioned in my last report was duly completed, and resulted in a considerable improvement. The weather being generally an improvement of that of last season, the guiding staff was kept busy, and the fees for guiding and equipment and livery rose from £592 to £945.

A considerable amount of repairing-work and improvements was carried out during the off season. The repairs to the King Memorial Hut and the Sefton Bivouac, which were damaged by snow the year before, were completed after the close of last season. This was quite a big job, and it was necessary to almost double-timber the building throughout.

A 50 ft. suspension bridge was almost constructed across Black-birch Creek, thus connecting the Governor's Bush and the Sabastopol tracks. This is a very popular walk, and the bridge was much appreciated, especially by elderly visitors.

Every care was taken to protect the reserves from fire, and I am pleased to say that none has occurred.

The chamois have been seen on many parts of the reserves this season: herds of between thirty and forty, and as many as seventy, have been noticed at one time, including many young. The thar, too, have often been noticed by parties while on excursions. Twice during the summer a herd of twenty was observed by the Chief Guide on the Sealy Range, behind the Hermitage. By the number of chamois and thar noticed at different times they are apparently steadily on the increase.

The following is a list of the high ascents during the season:—

List of High Ascents at Hermitage during Season of 1919-20.

Date.	Name of Peak.	Height, in Feet.	Climbed by	Name of Guide.	Route and Remarks.
1919.					
June 12	Mount Sealy	8,651	Miss E. Masterton ..	F. Milne, J. McDonald	Ascent by north face and descent by west face from Mueller Hut.
Dec. 3	Minarets Peaks ..	10,058	Miss D. Theomin ..	P. Graham	Ascent and descent by east face from Halte Brun Hut.
Dec. 22	Mount Johnston ..	8,858	Mr. D. Seannell, Mr. H. A. Holl	F. Milne ..	Ascent by west face and descent by north-west <i>arête</i> from Ball Hut.
Dec. 23	Mount Blackburn ("Rotten Tommy")	7,835	Miss B. Holdsworth, Mr. H. Chambers	P. Graham	Ascent and descent by western <i>arête</i> .
Dec. 25	Mount Johnston ..	8,858	Miss D. Theomin ..	F. Milne ..	Ascent and descent by west face from Ball Hut
Dec. 28	Mount Green	9,325	Miss H. Lorimer, Miss D. Theomin, Mr. H. A. Holl	F. Milne ..	Ascent and descent by east face of north <i>arête</i> from Malte Brun Hut.
Dec. 29	Minarets Peak	10,058	Miss M. Macpherson, Mr. D. Macpherson	P. Graham	Ascent and descent by east face from Malte Brun Hut.
Dec. 29	Aiguille Range	9,731	Miss D. Theomin ..	F. Milne ..	Ascent by north-east <i>arête</i> ; descent by north-east face from Malte Brun Hut.
Dec. 30	Mount Hamilton ..	9,915	Miss M. Lorimer, Mr. H. A. Holl	F. Milne ..	Ascent and descent by west face and north <i>arête</i> from Malte Brun Hut.
1920.					
Jan. 6	Mount Massey	7,800	Miss H. Lorimer, Mr. H. Sloman, Mr. H. A. Holl	Guideless	Ascent by north face and east <i>arête</i> ; descent by west face to Sladden Glacier.
Jan. 6	Mount Johnston ..	8,858	Miss I. Chambers ..	P. Graham	Ascent and descent by west face from Ball Hut.
Jan. 7	Mount Spence	7,864	Mr. H. Sloman, Mr. H. A. Holl	F. Milne ..	Ascent and descent by north-east <i>arête</i> from Barron's Saddle.
Jan. 7	Mount Montgomery ..	7,661	Ditto	F. Milne ..	Ascent by south <i>arête</i> to Mueller Glacier.
Jan. 7	Mount Malte Brun ..	10,421	Miss B. Holdsworth, Mr. H. Chambers	Guideless	Ascent and descent by west <i>arête</i> from Malte Brun Hut.
Jan. 8	Mount Hamilton ..	9,915	Mr. H. Chambers ..	P. Graham	Ascent and descent by west face and north <i>arête</i> from Malte Brun Hut.
Jan. 21	Mount Hutton	9,297 and 9,275	Miss M. Lorimer, Mr. H. Sloman, Mr. H. A. Holl	F. Milne ..	Ascent and descent by western face of <i>arête</i> from the Murchison Glacier.
Jan. 25	Lean Peak	8,000	Miss D. Theomin ..	P. Graham	Ascent and descent by south <i>arête</i> from Copland Pass and Hooker Hut.
Jan. 26	Mount Jean	8,000	Miss M. Lorimer, Miss D. Theomin, Mrs. Linden, Mr. H. A. Holl	Guideless	Ascent and descent by west face from Sladden Glacier.
Jan. 26	Mount Jeannette ..	8,000	Miss M. Lorimer, Mr. H. A. Holl	Guideless	Ascent by eastern <i>arête</i> ; descent by east face from Sladden Glacier.
Jan. 29	Mount Sealy	8,651	Mr. Wm. Williamson, Mr. Hadley	P. Graham	Ascent and descent by west face.
Jan. 29	Ruareka Peak	8,000	Mr. H. A. Holl ..	F. Milne ..	Traverse—ascending to the Copland Pass, traversing Lean and Edith Peaks, thence by main divide to summit of Ruareka; descent by east face to Hooker Glacier.
Jan. 30	Pibrac Peak	8,472	Miss D. Theomin, Mr. H. A. Holl	F. Milne ..	Ascent by western <i>arête</i> ; descent by north face and Mona Glacier.