

CORRESPONDENCE.

'MOUNT ROBSON AND OTHER CLIMBS IN THE
CANADIAN ROCKIES.'¹

To the Editor of the ALPINE JOURNAL.

DEAR SIR,—The best are by no means infallible, and it is easy for the rest of us to be meticulous, if not fussy! Nevertheless, I am constrained to correct certain errors in the article under the above title in your last issue.

A great deal of confusion has arisen in the past, as Mr. Crawford recognises, in the employment of loose nomenclature for the features of Mount Robson. Unfortunately, in the case of the titles of three of the illustrations incorrect orientation is given. That opposite p. 262 should read 'Looking towards Berg Lake from the northern (*not* W.) slopes of Mt. Robson'; and opposite p. 263, upper block, 'W.S.W. spur of western arête (*not* N.W. ridge) of Robson at traversing point'; while that opposite p. 265, lower block, should be 'On the S.E. edge of summit ice wall of Robson.' I might perhaps add that in an article in the *Canadian Alpine Journal*, vol. xix., 1930, p. 3, I made some attempt to elucidate the true orientation of the main features of the mountain.

On p. 264 it is stated that the first ascent of the E. ridge of Mount Fox had been made a few days previously to our ascent by other members of our Harvard Mountaineering Club camp. This is not so, since the same ridge was climbed by Mr. Paul R. McIntyre (American Alpine Club) with Christian Häsler in or about 1916 from Glacier Circle. Mr. Howard Palmer tells me that an account of this expedition has never been published. He believes that they descended by the same ridge, and certainly not down the Fox Glacier and its icefall as we did.

On p. 267, line 23, 'Opabin Passes' should read 'Opabin Pass' and 'Wenkchemna Pass.'

While not agreeing with certain of the writer's expressions of opinion, I feel that these can scarcely be included in the category of the errors above instanced.

Yours truly,

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[Mr. Crawford, having seen the correspondence, writes: 'I entirely agree with everything Mr. Odell states.'—*Editor.*]

¹ *A.J.* 43, 258-68.