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# Victorian Chalets and Shelters

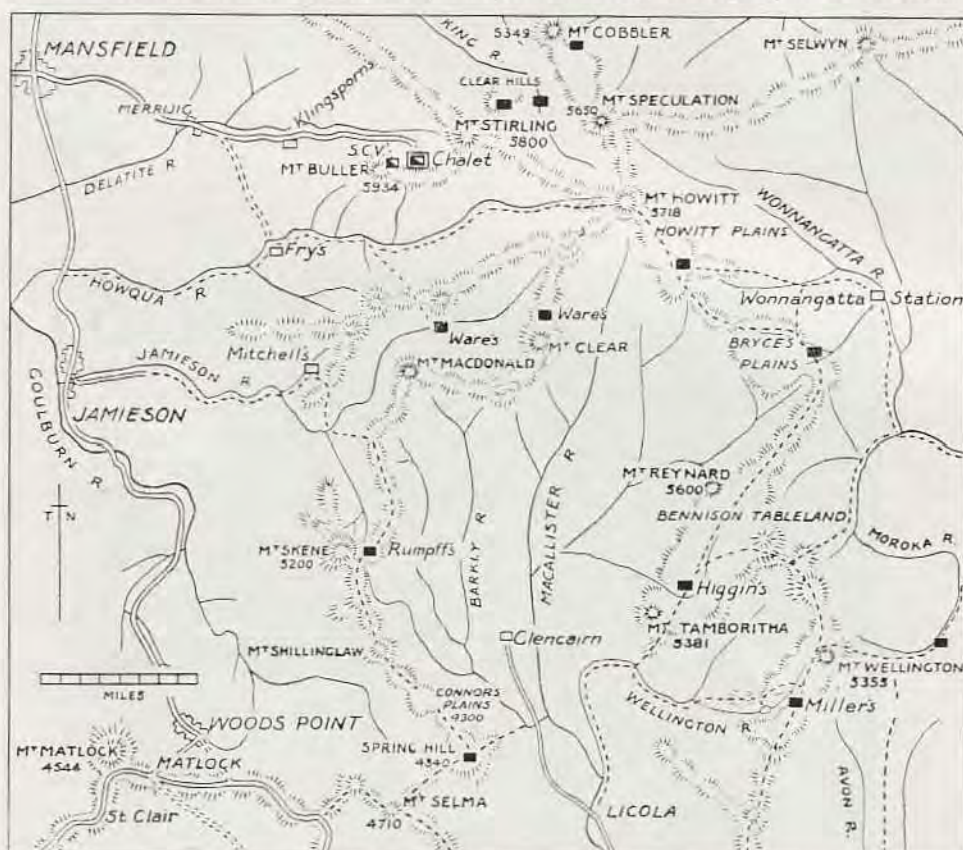
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[This article is the completion of the survey started in last Year Book. The tragic death of the author, C. J. M. Cole, while making further surveys on Mount Bogong, is referred to elsewhere. His sound and thorough work is the basis for all future ski-touring in Victoria and no better monument to a fine man could be found in our pages.—Editor.]

## District E—Bogong.

**Shelters.—E1:** Roper's Hut. Owner, Roper, Tawonga. Location, Mountain Creek. 6 miles from Tawonga, 200 yards on south side of Bogong track amongst



Principal Huts of the Buller-Wellington District.

the ring-barked timber. Altitude, 2,000 feet. Size, 10 x 12 feet. Construction, wooden building, iron roof, window, no floor. Equipment, 1 shelf bunk, suitable 4 people, 1 table, water 300 yards in creek.

**E2: Staircase Bivouac.** Owners, The Ski Club of Victoria. Location, Staircase Spur, Mount Bogong.  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles from Cairn, Mount Bogong. Tawonga,  $10\frac{1}{2}$  miles. Altitude, 4,950 feet. Size, 10 x 14 feet. Construction, galvanized iron, no floor, window. Equipment, shelf bunk for 6 people, table, straw palliasses, saw, axe, hurricane lamp, basins, billies, plates. Note: Water storage, 80 gallons. Please conserve water as nearest spring is 100 yards south of track at 4,350 feet, 600 feet lower in altitude.

**E3: Maddison's Hut.** Owner, T. Maddison, Tawonga. Location, Camp Valley, Mount Bogong, 3 miles from Mount Bogong Cairn. Altitude, 5,800 feet. Size, 12 x 9 feet. Construction, walls of snow gum timber, partly sheathed with iron, iron roof, no floor. Equipment, shelf bunk for 4 people, small table, enamelware and cutlery. Water handy.

**E4: Trappers Hut.** Location, Trappers Creek, 20 miles from Eskdale, 12 miles from Mount Bogong. Altitude, 3,000 feet. Size, 10 x 7 feet. Construction, grey gum slabs and shingle roof. Equipment, bunk to accommodate 3 people, table and stools. Water nearby. Hut approachable from Mitta or Eskdale.

#### District F—Bogong High Plains.

**F1: Bogong Jack's Hut.** Owners, Tawonga Cattlemen, c/o W. Maddison, Tawonga. Location, in snow gums 1 mile north of "The Fainter" and 50 yards west of track. Distance from Tawonga,  $12\frac{1}{4}$  miles; W. Maddison, Mount Beauty,  $8\frac{1}{4}$  miles; Cope Hut,  $12\frac{1}{2}$  miles. Altitude, 4,980 feet. Size, 15 x 13 feet. Construction, shingle sides and roof, slab floor. Equipment, shelf bunk for 8 people, table, axe, camp oven and few utensils. Water, spring on west side, 100 yards down gully—good supply located 200 yards along Tawonga track.

**F2: Tawonga Hut.** Owners, Tawonga Cattlemen, c/o W. Maddison, Tawonga. Location, Bogong High Plain, at the head of Tawonga Creek, a branch of the East Kiewa. Distance from Tawonga, 18 miles; Mount Jim (Flora),  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles; Cope Hut,  $6\frac{1}{2}$  miles. Altitude, 5,380 feet. Size, 17 x 15 feet. Construction, split palings, iron roof, slab floor. Equipment, shelf bunk for 8 persons, table, camp oven and all necessary utensils. Note: This hut is linked with the main snow-pole system.



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**Bogong Jack's Hut.**

**F3: Roper's Hut.** Owner, Fred Roper, Tawonga. Location, Rocky Valley, branch of Kiewa River (East Kiewa), 6 miles from Cope Hut, Tawonga, 19 miles. Altitude, 4,150 feet. Size, 18 x 10 feet. Construction, woollybutt slabs, shingle roof. Equipment, shelf bunk for 5 people, table, armchair, lantern, blankets, wash-up dish, billies, boiler, camp oven, plates and crockery, cutlery, axe, shovel.



This hut is well situated among the woollybutt, comfortably furnished, and quite weatherproof. Water handy.

**F4: Johnston's Hut.** Owner, Johnston Bros., Tongio Station, Tongio. Location, directly east of Mount Nelson (Nelse). Distance from Fitzgerald's Hut, 3 miles. Cope Hut, via Fitzs, 8 miles. Altitude, 5,500 feet. Size, 15 x 10 feet. Construction, paling sides, iron roof. Equipment, nil. This hut is in good order. It is the nearest hut to the fine ski-ing terrain of Mount Nelson (Mount Nelse).

**F5: Kelly's Hut.** Owner, P. J. Kelly, Hinnomunje Bridge, via Omeo. Location, eastern edge of the High Plains, 200 yards S.E. of Pole, 319. Distance from Cope Hut, 5½ miles. Big River Bridge, 9 miles. Altitude, 5,470 feet. Size, 15 x 10 feet. Construction, walls and roof of palings, slab floor, bunk accommodation for 6 people, few cooking and eating utensils. In sheltered glade. Water nearby.

**F6: Fitzgerald's Hut.** Owner, Geo. Fitzgerald, Shannonvale, via Omeo. Location, eastern edge of High Plains, 200 yards south of Pole No. 309. Distance from Cope Hut, 5 miles; Shannonvale, 6 miles; Big River Bridge, 9 miles. Altitude, 5,500 feet. Size, 17 x 12 feet. Equipment, paling roof and sides, sheathed with galvanized iron, with exception of front. Floor and window, also table. Bunk accommodation for 5 people. All necessary cooking and eating equipment; in fact, the best stocked hut on the plains. Axe. Water handy.

**F7: Wallace's Hut.** Owner, W. C. Greenwood, Omeo. Location, at the head of Middle Creek, 1 mile north of Cope Hut. Special note: The usual details have not been included because the State Electricity Commission has acquired full rights to the exclusive use of this hut, and it will therefore not be available for skiers during the winter season.

**F8: Cope Hut.** Owners, Tourist Committee. Location, at the head of Middle Creek and adjacent to Pole 157 of the Main Snow Pole Route. Distance from Fitzgerald's Hut, 5 miles; Shannonvale, 9 miles; Tawonga Hut, 6½ miles; Hotham Heights, 13 miles; Roper's Hut, 6 miles. Altitude, 5,550 feet. Size, 30 x 15 feet. Construction, galvanized iron throughout, floor, windows and fireplace. Divided into living room, 16 x 10 feet, with table and forms, 2 bedrooms, each 10 x 6½ feet, equipped with 4 bunks each, mattresses, blankets and heating apparatus. Ski room, 11 x 5 and store, 8 x 4. Ample supplies of enamelware, cutlery, lamps, axe, bootlast. Running water inside hut.

**F9: Young's Hut.** Owners, McNamara Bros., Cobungra, via Omeo. Location, southern ledge of the High Plains, 1½ miles from Pole 193 of the main route and along a line of unnumbered poles. Distance from Cope Hut, 8 miles; Dibbin's Hut, 3½ miles. Altitude, 5,530 feet. Size, 14 x 10 feet. Construction, timber sides, iron roof, bunk accommodation for two. Equipment, nil. Hut placed in sheltered position with wood and water handy.

**F10: Mac's Hut.** (Young & Mac's.) Owners, McNamara Bros., Cobungra, via Omeo. Location, on Dinner Plain, portion of the Divide between Cobungra and Bundarra. From Young's Hut, 7 miles. Altitude, 4,900 feet. Accommodation poor. Equipment, nil. Wood and water accessible.

**F11: Dibbin's Hut.** Owner, A. Dibbin, Freeburgh, via Bright. Location, Cobungra River, near Pole 135 of Snow Pole Route. Distance from Cope Hut, 8 miles; Hotham, 5 miles; Blair's Hut, 3½ miles. Altitude, 4,400 feet. Size, 20 x 12 feet. Construction, log walls, bark roof. Equipment, bunks for 8, table, camp oven, billies. Water handy.

**F12: Blair's Hut.** Owner, F. Blair, Box 7, Post Office, Bright. Location, Snake Valley, west branch of the Kiewa. Distance from Dibbin's Hut, 3½ miles; Lawler's Hut (F14), 6 miles; Bright, 25 miles; Snow Pole Junction at Mt. Jim, 5 miles. Altitude, 3,650 feet. Size, 20 x 12 feet. Construction, log walls, bark roof, table window. Equipment, bunk accommodation for six people, good fireplace, axe, shovel, pick, frying pan and billies; some blankets. Water nearby.



**F13: Weston's Hut.** (Also known as "Brigg's".) Owner, F. Briggs, Roberts Creek, Bright. Location, western edge of High Plains, 2 miles above Blair's Hut. Distance from Pole Junction at Mt. Jim, 3 miles. Altitude, 4,990 feet. Size, 17 x 12 feet. Construction, woollybutt palings throughout, verandah, window; bunks for 4 persons, table. Equipment, axe, pick, billies, pans, plates, dish, cutlery and crockery, blankets. Good water adjacent to hut.

**F14: Lawler's Hut.** Owner, V. Lawler, Snowy Creek, Freeburgh. Location, on Dungeys Track, west branch of Kiewa River. Distance from Bright, 19 miles; Blair's Hut, 6 miles. Altitude, 2,800 feet. Size, 11 x 8 feet. Construction, logs with iron roof, bunk accommodation, 4 persons. Equipment, very limited. Water near by.

**F15: Lawler's Hut.** Owner, V. Lawler, Snowy Creek, Freeburgh. Location, head of Snowy Creek. Distance from Bright, 16 miles; Brigg's Hut (F16), 6 miles; Feathertop Bungalow, 7 miles. Altitude, 4,500 feet approximately. Equipment, logs with bark roof, shelf bunk capable of holding 6 persons, table.

**F16: Briggs' Hut.** Owner, F. Briggs, Roberts Creek, Bright. Location, on Snowy Creek. Distance from Bright, 10 miles; Lawler's (F15), 6 miles; Lawler's (F14), 9 miles. Altitude, 1,900 feet. Construction, paling and shingle. Equipment, no bunks or other articles. Accommodation, 6 people.

#### District G—Buller.

**Chalet.**—Mt. Buller Chalet. Owner, H. Kofler, Mt. Buller Chalet, via Mansfield. Booking Office, C. Homer Fraser, Baden Powell House, Collins Street, Melbourne, C.I. Location, on Horse Hill, 2 miles from Summit. Altitude, 4,800 feet.



Shadows.

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Construction, a comfortably built and well equipped Chalet with accommodation for 35 people. At the present time one may drive a car to within 4 miles of the Chalet and the remainder of the journey can be done by packhorse. The road is being extended and soon it will be possible to drive to the snow-line. Mt. Buller is probably the finest isolated ski-ing mountain in Victoria, and because of its comparatively easy approach and distance from Melbourne—147 miles to Merrijig, via the shortest route—it is the most accessible from Melbourne of the major resorts. All kinds of racing courses are available, in addition to many excellent practice grounds. Scope for touring is limited. There are magnificent panoramic views, embracing a wide stretch of country between Bogong and Skene.



**Shelters.—G1:** S.C.V. Hut. Owner, Ski Club of Victoria. Location, head of Boggy Creek,  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile N.E. of summit. Distance from road at Buller Creek, 5 miles; Chalet, 2 miles. Altitude, 5,500 feet approximately. Size, 18 x 24 feet approximately. Construction, galvanized iron, two windows, floor. Accommodation, bunk accommodation for 12 people. Full equipment, including tables, stools and shelves. Good water nearby.

**G2:** Kofler's Hut. Owner, H. Kofler, Mt. Buller Chalet, via Mansfield. Location, Howqua Side of Mt. Buller, near the summit. Distance from Chalet, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles. Altitude, 5,800 feet. Size, approximately, 12 x 20 feet. Construction, corrugated iron throughout, lined with tar-paper, one casement window, 4 x 2 ft. fireplace. Equipment, 1 table, 6 stools, wooden bunks for 5 people. Water in creek, 2 chains distant; dry in January and February.

**G3:** Cow-Camp Hut. Owner, H. Kofler, Mt. Buller Chalet, via Mansfield. Location, Cow-Camp, on Mt. Buller Ridge. Distance from Chalet, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles; from summit, 1 mile. Altitude, 5,300 feet. Size, 10 x 12 feet. Construction, corrugated iron, lined with tar-paper. Equipment, wooden seats along walls, no sleeping accommodation, 2 ft. 6 in. x 1 ft. 6 in. fireplace. Spring, 2 chains distant; no water January and February.

**G4:** Clear Hills Hut. Owner, Jack Hearn, Mansfield. Location, Clear Hills. Distance from Chalet, 10 miles; from Mt. Stirling, 4 miles; from King River Hut, 4 miles. Altitude, 5,000 feet. Size, 14 x 8 feet. Construction, logs and iron. Equipment, bunk accommodation for 4 people, stone and bark fireplace. Permanent water within fenced yard 2 chains away.

**G5:** Hearn's Hut. Owner, Jack Hearn, Mansfield. Location, Mt. Razor Back. Distance from King Hut, 10 miles; from Merrijig, 22 miles. Altitude, 5,800 feet. Size, 20 x 12 feet. Construction, log with shingle roof. Equipment, nil. Water, creek at hut.

**G6:** King Hut. Owner, J. A. McCleod, Mansfield. Location, Upper King River. Distance from Mt. Buller Chalet, 14 miles; Cobbler Hut, 5 miles; Clear Hills Hut, 4 miles. Altitude, 4,000 feet. Size, approximately, 18 x 12 feet. Construction, slab with iron roof, stone fireplace. Equipment, 2 bunks and table. River running past hut.

**G7:** Cobbler Hut. Owner, S. Christopher, Cheshunt, via Whitfield. Location, Mt. Cobbler. Distance from Rose River, 15 miles; from Mt. Buller Chalet, 19 miles; from Whitfield, 35 miles. Altitude, 5,000 feet. Size, approximately, 15 x 10 feet. Construction, log with bark roof, stone fireplace, no bunks. Equipment, nil. Water, creek running past hut. Swamp in front.

**G8:** Howitt Plains Hut. Owner, A. Guy, Talbotville. Location, on Howitt Plains. 7 miles from Mt. Howitt in direction of Bryces. Look out for fences at head of Caledonia River. Distance from Bryces Wonnangatta Station, 12 miles. Altitude, 4,600 feet. Size, 16 x 12 feet. Construction, slab walls, iron roof. In good condition. Equipment, 2 bunks, sleep 4 people.

**G9:** Jamieson River Hut. Owner, J. Ware, Merrijig. Location, Jamieson River, 10 miles from Mitchell's, 18 miles from Merrijig. Size, 8 x 12 feet. Construction, logs, shingle roof, no floor, good fireplace. Equipment, shelf bunk, accommodate 3 or 4, 1 small table. A small but good weatherproof hut close to Jamieson River, where good fishing obtainable.

**G10:** Clear Hut. Owner, J. Ware, Merrijig. Location, 15 miles beyond Ware's Jamieson Hut (up the Jamieson); 2 miles from top of Clear on eastern fall, in snow gums. Altitude, approximately, 4,800 feet. Size, 10 x 12 feet. Construction, logs, iron roof, good chimney, no floor. Equipment, 1 large shelf bunk, accommodate at least 4 men comfortably, 1 small table. A good weatherproof hut which would be difficult to find without definite particulars. Good water handy.





Touring in Victoria.

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**District H—Skene.**

**H1:** Mitchell's Creek (Hoskin's homestead). Owner, Geo. Hoskin, Jamieson. Location, 19 miles up the Jamieson River from Jamieson, by clearly defined pack track; 2 miles above the junction of Mitchell's Creek with Jamieson River. Altitude, about 1,000 feet. The house comprises three average size rooms and a living room about 10 x 20 feet. Construction, wood, with iron roof, wooden floors and large kitchen fireplace. All necessary equipment and several aids to comfort; 2 single beds, 1 double bed. Good water handy.

**H2:** Sunday Spur Hut. Owner, George Hoskin, Jamieson. Location, on Sunday Spur, 9 miles beyond "Mitchell's" in a gully on the right hand side of track, about one mile before reaching Main Divide. Altitude, 4,500 feet. Size, 8 x 12 feet. Construction, logs, shingle roof, fireplace, no floor. Equipment, nil. This hut is difficult to find without exact instructions, and its use should not be relied upon by a guideless party. It is an old hut, which at present is not entirely waterproof. Water handy.

**H3:** Rumpff's Hut. Owners, Rumpff Bros., Seaton, North Gippsland. Location, on the Main Divide, 1 mile below Mt. Skene and about 2 miles from summit. From Sunday Spur Hut, 10 miles. Altitude, 4,200 feet. Size, 8 x 12 feet. Construction, logs with iron roof, no floor, no window, but good fireplace. Equipment, shelf bunk to accommodate 4, protected by a tent within the hut. Limited equipment includes two or three billies, 2 seats. This hut is in an exposed position—the door faces the east and is not weather tight, quite comfortable for a winter trip in other respects. Water is procurable a couple of hundred yards down the gully on the west side.

**H4:** Spring Hill Hut. Owners, Rumpff Bros., Seaton, North Gippsland. Location, on the Divide south east of Mt. Skene, between the Barkley River and Black River. Distance from Licola Road about 7 miles; from Connor's Plain, 4 miles; Mt. Shillinglaw, 8 miles; Mt. Skene, 16 miles; and 8 miles to new road over Mt. Selma to Wood's Point. Altitude, 4,300 feet. Size, 12 x 14 feet. Construction, iron roof, iron and bark sides, slab chimney, no windows. Equipment, 2 wooden bunks, 1 small table, crockery, billies, camp oven. Water to be got about a couple of hundred yards from hut in the tea tree.

**District J—Federation, Torbreck, Lake Mountain.**

**J1:** Keppel's Hut. Owners, the Keppel family, Buxton, Victoria. Location, at head of Rubicon River on Keppel's Creek near Mt. Federation. Distance from Marysville-Buxton Road, 15 miles; Marysville, 20 miles. Altitude, 4,200 feet. Size, about 14 x 8 feet. Construction, log. Equipment, table, benches, miscellaneous cooking utensils. The hut is regularly used by the Keppels and is kept in fair condition. It is quite weatherproof.

**J2:** Royston Saw Milling Co. Hut. Owner, R. V. Cecil, Alexandra. Location, 3 miles north of Mt. Federation. Distance from Royston Mills, 2 miles south; Rubicon, 9 miles. Altitude, 3,600 feet. Size, 10 x 8 feet. Construction, sawn hardwood throughout, fireplace, no windows. Equipment, 1 bunk only. Good safe camp in rough weather. Excellent permanent water supply two chains distant.

**District K—Donna Buang, St. Clair.**

**K1:** Ski Club of Victoria Club Hut. Location,  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile east of summit of Mt. Donna Buang, just off Mt. Victoria firebreak. Distance from Warburton by road 11 miles; by short track 4 miles. Altitude, 3,950 feet. Size, 28 x 16 feet, with attic same size. Construction, galvanized iron. Accommodation, bunks for 16 people on ground floor, 10 people in attic. Kitchenette, 10 x 16 feet. Equipment, very complete, includes a one-fire stove, Gloria lamps and all cooking utensils. Water laid on. Note: Mount Donna Buang being the centre of a saw milling area, various huts suitable for use by ski, runners are still on its slopes.



**K2:** Forest Commission's Hut. Owner, Forest Commission of Victoria. Location, summit of Mt. Donna Buang. Distance from Warburton, 11 miles, via road; 4 miles via Tourist Track. Altitude, 4,080 feet. Size, 10 x 14 feet. Construction, galvanized iron; floor. Equipment, nil. No bunk accommodation. Water in tank.

**K3:** Ten Mile Hut. Owners, Country Roads Board. Location, on Warburton-Woods' Point Road. Distance from Warburton, 30 miles; McVeigh's, 10 miles. Altitude, approximately, 2,500 feet. Size, approximately, 17 x 9 feet. Construction, hardwood, glass windows. Equipment, nil. Sufficient water should be available in iron tank.

**K4:** Eighteen Mile Hut. Owners, Country Roads Board. (Mr. J. Batey, of Wood's Point, patrolman, in charge of Wood's Point-McVeigh's patrol.) Location, on Wood's Point Road, about 2½ miles past junction, with Yarra Track to Marysville. Distance from Melbourne, 86 miles; Warburton, 38 miles; McVeigh's, 18 miles. Altitude, approximately, 3,500 feet. Size, four rooms with wooden floors, two rooms about 8 x 10 feet, one room about 8 x 12 feet, main room about 12 x 15 feet. Outside verandah with earth floor running length of building, also two lean-to sheds, with earth floors. Verandah on west side, sheds on east side. Outside garage for patrol truck on east side. Iron 600 gallon tank at end of verandah. Accommodation, 15 people. Construction, hardwood, with iron roof and stone and 6 foot fireplace. Glass windows to each room. Equipment, table, dresser, several frames for bunks. Cars can be parked in larger shed on east side of hut if garage is occupied. Hut is on south side of road going east. Another smaller hut, owned by Forest Commission, is situated on north side of road about 150 yards away. This hut is of iron, with wooden floor and iron fireplace, with rough table and frames for two bunks, and is in small clearing where wood for fire can usually be obtained. The 18 mile hut can be used as base for skiing between the Tanjil turn-off (3½ miles beyond hut, going east), and St. Clair, when road is impassable further on. The Wood's Point Road, however, can usually be negotiated to within about 2 miles of the clearing, but it is understood that the Country Roads Board patrol will attempt to keep the road open, as far as possible, this winter. A mail service now runs between Warburton and Wood's Point.

**K5:** St. Clair Hut. Owners, Country Roads Board. Location, on Wood's Point Road, at St. Clair clearing, between 18 mile hut and Matlock township. Distance from Melbourne, 95 miles; Warburton, 47 miles; McVeigh's, 27 miles. Altitude, 4,000 feet. Size, one room about 12 x 15 feet. Garage outside, and tank at corner of building. Capacity, about 600 gallons. Construction, hardwood, with iron roof and stone and iron fireplace (5 feet). Glass window on north side. Hut is lined with threeply, with wooden floor. Equipment, table and one bunk. Other particulars, St. Clair clearing is a stock lease with an area of about one square mile (2 miles long by ½ mile wide) on top of the Great Dividing Range. Lease is held by Mr. Alec Smith, of East Warburton. Short slopes up to about 28 degrees are covered with from 6 inches to about 2 feet 6 inches of snow in winter. If road is passable to St. Clair, hut can be used as base for ski-ing on slopes being cleared, or as starting point for good ski-ing on Mt. Matlock (Kelly's Hill), 4,561 feet, about 4½ miles past St. Clair.

#### District L—Baw Baws.

**L1:** Yarra Falls Hut. Owner, State Tourist Committee, Public Offices, Spring Street, Melbourne, C.I. Location, 14 miles from McVeigh's on Baw Baw Tourist Track; below Yarra Falls on Yarra River. Size, two rooms. Construction, iron—fireplace and chimney, also windows. Equipment, six wire stretchers. Paddock for horses. Water handy.



**L2:** Whitelaw Hut. Owner, State Tourist Committee, Public Offices. Location, on Baw Baw Plateau, about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles from Mt. Whitelaw and about 6 miles from Mt. Baw Baw. Distance from McVeigh's, 29 miles. Altitude, 4,700 feet (approx.). Size, two rooms. Construction, chimney, fireplace, windows. Equipment, four wire stretchers. Paddock for horses. Water handy.

**L3:** Talbot Peak Hut. Owner, State Tourist Committee. Address, Public Offices, Melbourne. Location, on Baw Baw track, 37 miles from McVeigh's. Distance from Mt. Baw Baw, approx., 7 miles; from Walhalla, approx., 15 miles. Altitude, 5,000 feet. Size, two rooms. Construction, iron, fireplace, windows and chimney. Equipment, 6 wire stretchers. Paddock for horses. Water at hand.

#### District M—Wellington.

**M1:** Golden Point Hut. Owner, Henry Miller, Upper Maffra. Location, on Avon River, in stringy bark country. Distance from Newry, about 24 miles; from Maffra, 33 miles. Size, about 12 ft. x 20 ft. Construction, bark sides and iron roof. Equipment, fireplace, camp oven, bunks for 5, table. Near to water.



Wind-blown snow, Mt. Smythe, Victoria.

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**M2:** Miller's Wellington Hut. Owner, Henry Miller, Upper Maffra. Location, Mt. Wellington,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles south of Trigonometrical Station. Distance from Moroka Hut, 12 miles; from Golden Point Hut, 17 miles; from Higgin's Hut, 16 miles; from Kelly's Hut, 12 miles (uninhabitable). Altitude, 5,000 feet. Size, about 14 ft. x 18 ft. Construction, slabs; iron roof. Equipment, fireplace, camp oven, table, bunks for 7. Water, spring handy.

**M3:** Moroka Hut (at present burnt). Owners, Gillio & Estoppey, Briagolong. Location, Moroka. Distance from Miller's Wellington Hut, 12 miles. Altitude, 4,000 feet (approx.). Size, about 14 ft. x 16 ft. Construction, log. Equipment, nil. Water handy. I am assured that this hut will be re-built by April, 1936.

**M4:** Higgins' Hut. Owner, M. Higgins, Glenmaggie. Location, Bennison Tableland, 2 miles N.E. of Mt. Tamborita. Distance, 15 miles from Bryce's Hut; 23 miles from Licola, 16 miles from Miller's Hut, 4 miles from Kelly's Hut. Altitude,



tude, 5,000 feet. Size, about 12 ft. x 16 ft. Construction, slabs and iron roof. Equipment, table, bunks, fireplace, camp ovens, dishes, plates, etc., knives, enamelware and cutlery. Good water handy.

**M5: Bryce's Hut.** Owner, A. Guy, Glen Lee, Talbotville. Location, Bryce's Plains on Conglomerate Creek (House Creek);  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles from Bryce's Falls. Distance from Wonnangatta Station, 12 miles; Howitt Plains Hut, 12 miles; Kelly's Hut (uninhabitable), 11 miles; Higgins' Hut, 15 miles. Further particulars of this hut have to date been unobtainable. Parties contemplating its use would be advised to communicate with the owner re accommodation and equipment.

#### District N—Dargo High Plains.

**Shelters.—N1: Mt. Ewen Hut.** Owners, H. Treasure & Sons. Location, beside St. Bernard-Dargo Road, at foot of Mt. Ewen, in woolly butt country. Distance from St. Bernard, 32 miles; 17 miles south from Treasure's homestead, Dargo High Plains; and 14 miles north from Dargo. Size, 11 ft. x 13 ft. Construction, log walls, iron roof. Equipment, fireplace, table, bunks, billies, etc. Water runs across the road 25 chains to the north.

**N2: Treasure's Huts (2).** Adjacent to homestead. Owners, H. Treasure & Sons, "Castleburn", Stratford. Location, Dargo High Plains. Distance, 15 miles from St. Bernard, 17 miles from Mt. Ewen Hut, 31 miles from Dargo. First hut, 16 ft. x 12 ft., no fireplace, paling walls, shingle roof, built for motor shed. Second hut, 12 ft. x 10 ft., fireplace, paling walls, iron roof, possibly a few old pots, tins, a stretcher, etc. Altitude, 4,300 feet (approx.). Water at well, 1 chain south from house. Owner's request: "Be very careful with fire and leave everything in order".

**N3: Gow's Hut.** Owner, E. Gow, Harrietteville. Location, about 70 chains from road, slightly west of south, in Gow's paddock on Dargo High Plains. (Leave the road where the gate opens into the lane.) Distance from Mt. St. Bernard, about 13 miles; Treasure's Station, 2 miles; Mt. Ewen Hut, 19 miles; and Dargo, 33 miles. Altitude, 4,500 feet. Size, 12 ft. x 16 ft. Construction, all iron. Equipment, 2 bunks, seats, table, billies and other utensils. Water about 6 chains east of hut, plenty of wood and usually an axe to cut same.

**N4: Evening Star (2 huts).** Owners, Ashman Bros., Bendigo. Location, about 25 chains down a gully on eastern side of road, with a high and almost level spur running off to eastward just beyond this gully where the huts are located. Some iron pipes, pulley wheels, etc., lie by the road where you should turn down. Distance from St. Bernard, about  $6\frac{1}{2}$  miles; from Treasure's,  $8\frac{1}{2}$  miles. Altitude, 3,500 feet. Size, about 12 ft. x 16 ft., and 12 ft. x 14 ft. Construction, log wall, bark roof. Equipment, fireplace in one hut, stove lying on the floor in the other, some wire stretchers and seats. Water close by.

#### District O—Baldhead.

**O1: Seldom Seen Huts (several).** Owners, Dry Kiln Seasoning Co. Pty., Ltd., Steel Street, North Melbourne, N.I. Location, on Bairnsdale-Baldhead Road. Distance from Bairnsdale, 40 miles; Mt. Baldhead, 6 miles. Altitude, approximately, 3,500 feet. Although mill hands are in occupation here no difficulty would be experienced in getting accommodation. An ascent of Baldhead, using this place as a base, would be quite a practicable proposition. Fine ski-ing would be obtainable on the mountain which, as its name implies, is bald on top. Its altitude is 4,500 feet and terrain, although limited, very suitable for good sport. It is just possible that huts are available at the old mill site, 6 miles beyond Seldom Seen, just under the summit of the mountain, about two miles from top and at an altitude of about 4,000 feet.