

The Seaman Memoriam.

(By Keith P. Bath.)

Prior to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Seaman's return to New York, a desire was expressed by Mr. Seaman to provide funds for the erection of a building on the site where the body of his late son (Mr. W. Laurie Seaman) was found. To this end a committee comprising Messrs. P. W. Pearson and C. McFadyen (Alpine Club), R. Allen and Dr. Laidley (Ski Club of Australia), Messrs. E. Sodersteen and K. P. Bath (Millions Ski Club), and Mr. E. W. Bell (representing Mr. Seaman) met and discussed the matter with Mr. H. J. Lamble (Director Government Tourist Bureau) and Colonel Wells, Government Architect. The result of this committee's deliberation is that a fine memorial has been erected at a point on the roadside immediately opposite the prominent and precipitous slope of Etheridge Range.

The site is within a few yards of the rocky out-crop where the body of Mr. Seaman was found, and it allows a prominent view of the chalet from all directions.

Mr. Seaman contributed £200 and the cost of carting the material and erecting was borne by the Tourist Bureau. The building comprises two sleeping rooms, equipped with three bunks each. In addition there is an entrance porch to afford protection and for the storage of fuel. The walls are of granite rubble procured in the locality, the stone being backed with concrete to provide a suitable surface to apply celotex used for the purpose of securing protection against the extreme cold of the winter. Insulated flooring and roofing are also provided. Provision is made for a fuel stove for cooking and warming, and cupboards are provided for food. In order that access may be available at all times during the winter, a key of the door will be placed in a protective receptacle at the doorway and chained thereto.

At one side of the entrance porch, which faces the roadway, a handsome trachyte memorial stone with a suitable inscription is built in. The building is to be connected by telephone with both Betts's Camp and the Hotel Kosciusko by means of an underground cable. The chalet has been erected from the plans and under the supervision of the Government Architect, and will present an appearance suitable to climatic and other local conditions.

Mr. W. H. Seaman's handsome gift will prove a boon to all those ski-runners who may explore the higher regions, and, apart from perpetuating a lasting memory of the sterling qualities of his late son, will also be the means of safeguarding life in the Summit area.



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