FEAR NOT THE * * * * * * TOWERING BRIDGE!



Sightings such as this have led birdwatchers to believe eagle populations are not shrinking; they are just hiding from the behemothic bridge.

BRIDGE ETIQUETTE

indomitable adventure-seekers is caused this? None other than the sake, DON'T LOOK DOWN!

MRS. PARKER'S

The foremost authority in bridge

crossing etiquette and coiner of the

The Vancouver that was once now nothing more than a town of Suspension Bridge. Approach thought to be a metropolis of bluenosed yellow bellies. What with caution and for goodness

sure to mind those manners.

Acrophobia. Better known as the fear of heights.

pendulous mammoth swaying in Capilano Canvon. But fear not! This phobia can be beaten.

Several chicken-hearted Vancouverites have defeated their fears by befriending courageous bridge-crossers called: "luminous lionhearts". Heroes and heroines such as these have proven to be very helpful to even the liliest of

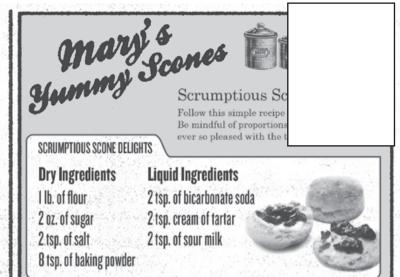
Others have found that wearing spectacles with darkened lenses make it easy to ignore the distressing heights. These fear-fighting bifocals, called "sunglasses" by some, are becoming an increasingly popular treatment for the "willie-nillies"

Eventually, you must face the very place the "heebie-ieebies" were discovered: Capilano

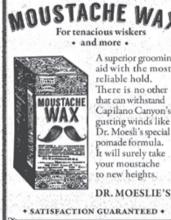
"GOOGLY-EYES" AND "WHISPER-ING SWEET NOTHINGS" ARE ENTIRELY INAPPROPRIATE.

Profanities on the bridge FOR MEN & WOMEN are also considered deplorable. Should someone be heard cuss-Proper manners and etiquette ing, you must frown upon them, should never be tossed aside – es- gasp and exclaim, "Well I never!" pecially from the incredible heights Ladies and gentlemen must also of Mr. Mackay's stupendous bridge. refrain from spitting. It is ever so So prior to carefully crossing, be fascinating to see spit fall from 230 feet, but it is also repulsive. Before walking the wooden Resist the urge to "hock a loogie." planks, gentlemen should kind- as it were.

ly seek out a lady to assist across Follow these simple rules the bridge. A light linking of arms and enjoy your stroll. And do not is acceptable. BUT PROMISCUOUS forget to thank Mr. Mackay for INTERACTIONS SUCH AS building such a wonderful bridge.











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NEW BRIDGE HAILED AS WORLD'S SUSPENSION-IEST

"I was shaking from my knees to my moustache."

Today our fair city, this gem on the far side of the Dominion, may burst its waistcoats with pride at the opening of a structure, the likes Capilano Suspension Bridge our modern world has never seen: a suspension bridge so high, so lenged this harrowing walk of long it is being hailed as the great- wobble, only to be rendered entire- bridge-bounders has confessed to est thing ever suspended from four ly speechless. When confronted this fine publication that they extrees. Where is it you ask oh gentle by the Vancouver Daily Province perienced feelings of anxiety and reader? Look no further than our about the daunting voyage, their very own Capilano Canyon and dumbfounded words were as quot- while creeping across the canyon. far above the rapturous canyon, stamp.



London's Tower Bridge (often mistaken for London Bridge) remains standing moments after London Bridge falls down

A courageous few have chal-

why these early trail-tramping "I was shaking from my knees to that it pales in comparison to the but experts say that the distance I packed a tiny comb." and height combined is enough measurements, released today, are undeniably shocking. The length of the bridge is 450 feet across – more than twenty streetcars! And the height is an even 230 feet - that's more than 300 perfectly stacked top hats!

Yet, thrill-seekers cannot be stopped! One elite group of bold excitement bordering on euphoria

"Looking into the far reaches of Capilano Canvon is a sight worth losing your bonnet over."

look up. Way up! There, swinging able and as helpful as a cancelled Leading scientists have called this marvel to those in other cities. reaction an "adrenaline rush." One London Bridge is among the top de-One can only speculate as to pop-eyed crossing crawler said, bated structures, and many agree our hearts.

bridge-crossers are so awe struck, my moustache. Thank goodness triumphant Capilano Bridge. After all. London Bridge fell down Overwhelmed with pride, Van- and a song was written about to make the toughest adventurer couver residents have begun to it. Songs about Capilano Suspenhave a hairy canary. The official compare their city's engineering sion Bridge not falling down are surely being composed as of this writing.

> In what will surely be one in a hundred testaments to how much Vancouver residents admire the marvelous bridge, one vivacious visitor said of her experience, "Looking into the far reaches of Capilano Canyon is a sight worth losing your bonnet over." And lose her bonnet she did. But no matter how many hats this towering titan claims, the spirited citizens of our great city will always remember the day



A group of vertigo-struck bridge-crossers attempt to compose themselves after crossing the bridge. Jim Hanson (top left) suffered the worst bout of giddiness. Photo: City of Vancouver Archives.



After three years of pain-stak- de résistance suspended high ing construction, France's Eiffel above the Capilano River. It can Tower, now the tallest and French- now be reported that when news est building in the world, is finally of the "miracle bridge" reached complete. But despite its record the Parisian Plinth, thousands of setting height, this Gaulish-gird- visitors to the tower burst into ered tower of tall has been quite a frenzy, frantically demanding overshadowed by the plucky pièce directions to Canada.

The Eiffel Tower seen towering sort-of-high over the world's most disappointed city.

The famed bridge-building trio ruins yet another family photo in a failed

attempt to toss the nearly complete bridge across the Capilano River

The fantastical Capilano Sus- and, "Will it attract busloads of faspension Bridge has been welcomed cinated visitors from around the with irrepressible excitement and world?" and, "What's a bus?" jubilation. But even though this wonder has made Vancouver- completed with a minimal crew ites pleased as punch, it has also using nothing more than cedar and caused citizens to ask questions hundreds of feet of woven hemp. such as, "How did it get there?"

Surprisingly, the bridge was

Yet the real challenge was getting

A bridge suspended through the ages. From Marvelous Present-day to the Fantastical Future.



It was a challenge for Mackay to find brave handymen to help construct the bridge. This chicken livered trio only offered to hold the saw, Photo: City of Vancouver Archives story will be told...

synchronized swim team of webbedhoofed stallions swam the cedar bridge across the river.

the bridge from one side of the monstrous canyon to the other. How you say? With a manly throw

Surprisingly, the bridge was completed with a minimal crew...

and crossed fingers? No! Perhaps a mythical flying machine of some ort? Poppycock!

According to sources, Mackay



450 feet of hemp rope was hand-woven by Mackay himself.

help of two Squamish native men and a team of synchronized swimming horses. This trusty trio of bridge suspensioneers, while risking a good soaking of the trousers, swam their horses across the river rapids with the bridge in tow, then in a feat of manful strength, hauled the hemp rope up the far side of the canyon to be attached to some sturdy trees. Huzzah! The bridge was complete, but its

BRIDGE

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How many minds does it take to construct a 450-foot bridge? Several – unless you're George Grant Mackay.

In the jiffiest of jiffies, Ca pilano bridge-building genius, George Grant Mackay, has most certainly built himself a reputation in our city as a man who lives life on the edge. After all, he lives in a house on the edge of a canyon a canyon that splits his property.

And what a property! It was reported that Mackay paid the princely sum of \$6000 or a whole \$1 per acre for 6,000 acres of

George Grant Mackay suspended a footbridge made of hemp rope and cedar planks across the canyon.

untamed North Vancouver wilderness. What to do with so much land and trees? "Build!" he said. "Build a bridge!" he said. "Golly!" we said.

Amidst these shocking words surrounding Mackay's mammoth bridge, concerns have mounted about its safety. However, Mr. Mackay's experience as a surveyor and civil engineer should surely instill confidence in even the most

namby-pamby of bridge observers.

Despite his experience and the overwhelming evidence of his qualifications hanging above Capilano River (and framed on his wall), some still believe that any man that crosses this bridge is a madman. Mackay's response to these accusations: "I am

"I am certainly no madman. I cross the bridge every day. I welcome anyone to try it."

certainly no madman. I cross the bridge every day. I welcome anyone to try it." And many are making plans to do so. Soon you won't know your onions if you have not crossed the legendary bridge and met its masterful maker.



Thanks to his cedar suspending skills, Mackay has been named Vancouver's

has become a cedar-planked stage across the colossal canyon – tiny of sorts, bearing witness to some hat and all. of the world's most famous celebrities of today and tomorrow.

spans Capilano Canyon recently. yon floor. When the master storyteller was asked whether the bridge would be mentioned in his next short story, the author replied, "I'd have to write a novel to do such an experience justice."

But what wondrous bridgebound stars will tomorrow bring vou ask? Predictions are most certainly uncertain, but it has been foretold that the original Tramp himself, Charlie Chaplin, will one-

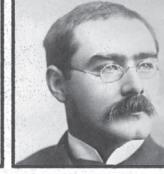
Vancouver's vertiginous venue day humorously tramp his way

Even Hollywood's future leading lady, Marilyn Monroe, will pre-One such celebrity is Canada's sumably sashay Capilano Canyon's hockey-loving Governor General, myriad of suspended planks. But Lord Frederick Stanley: the very according to the most virtuosic man who gifted the hockey world clairvoyants, Monroe will unfortuwith its shiniest silver punch bowl. nately cross unnoticed. As it turns The world-famous author of out, gentlemen only prefer blondes the Jungle Book, Rudyard Kipling, when they are not swinging hunhas also graced the bridge that dreds of feet above a colossal can-

> "I'd have to write a novel to do such an experience justice." - Rudyard Kipling



Lord Frederick Stanley



Rudyard Kipling



Charlie Chaplin

SUSPENSION BRIDGE



Marilyn Monroe

The most fervent of suspenioneers will tell you the journey across our city's famous wooden wobbler is no cakewalk, but neither is the peregrination to its pattering



The road to the bridge is no cakewalk. but there are a handful of places to grab some cake along the way. Photo: City of

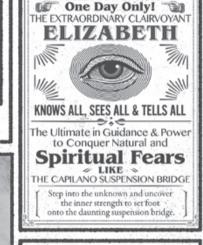
for your Sunday dress (unless it is trolleys and steamboat ferries will Sunday, of course). The most ex- effortlessly carry you through the face with the dusty road that leads ing sort), say, "pack light, pack a itself was constructed. lunch, and bring an extra pair of pantaloons. You'll need them."

It's a transcendental pilgrimage lofty edge of Capilano Canyon? will clap louder than a standing that, needless to say, has no place Simple! State-of-the-art electric ovation. perienced of bridge excursionists, city streets and across Vancouver to the marvelous wooden wonder. known as Tramps (the trail tramp- Harbour to the place where fear Watch your step as you approach

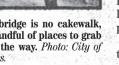
racing the sunset. These mar- will most certainly be pleased you Good advice, but how does velous-mobiles will transport you brought extra pantaloons. the savvy swashbuckler reach the so quickly your cheeks and eyelids

Soon enough you will be face-tothe towering cliff to glance over the There's no need to worry about edge. In this terrifying moment, you



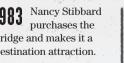












A 46-tonne 300-year-old









