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CLIMATE: Typical Atlantic seaboard. It never gets very hot but is never really cold. Snow did fall in the area this winter but that was exceptional. A certain amount of rain may be expected to fall during our stay, not to mention "Irish Mist", which has a pronounced effect upon the vision.

CLOTHING: For everyday use a sports coat and flannel trousers are all that are required but there is no objection to lounge suits. One is not expected to "dress" for dinner and dress suits need not be taken. The usual underclothes are worn. Very thin clothing will not be needed.

CAVING CLOTHES: It is desirable that each member of the party should have a complete change of caving clothes, if possible, or at least a change to go next to the skin. The caves to be explored are all active stream ways and it is not always possible to get clothes dried over night. Two pairs of boots are advisable.

LAUNDRY: The hotel can arrange for the laundry of ordinary clothes but the return of the clothes is apt to be erratic as to delivery date. The hotel cannot be expected to wash caving clothes.

TRANSPORT: As motor transport is limited and there is much general gear to be taken it is expected that members will keep their personal gear to a minimum.

BATHING: There are good beaches within a short car drive of the hotel. The bathing is reasonably safe. In rough weather strong currents set into the bays.

Fresh water swimming may be had in the various sumps and pools in the caves. Bathers in these may expect company in the form of newts and even leeches. (You have been warned).

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