

ially by Mr. Mercier, leader of the Liberal party in Quebec.

ON THE MOUNTAIN.

Friday morning the Montreal Club escorted their visitors up the mountain and around it. The cemeteries and the Athletic Club House at Cote des Neiges were visited, the latter being much admired. At all seasons of the year it is a great resort of Montrealers, and adds another to the many points of attraction around the city. The splendid coasting on the return trip was heartily enjoyed, being by far the longest coast the most of the riders had ever experienced. On the top of the mountain the boys had their pictures taken, and hope to secure copies as mementoes of the occasion.

THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING.

The annual business meeting of the Association was held in the large Gymnasium of the Montreal Club House, on Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock. There were about 150 members present.

At a few minutes past 8 o'clock the chair was taken by President Brierley, who called the members to order, and requested the Secretary to read the minutes of the last annual meeting. This being done, they were, on motion, confirmed.

The President spoke briefly, congratulating the Association on the grand success of the meet, and warmly praising the Montreal Club for their magnificent reception and entertainment of their visiting western brethren.

The Secretary-Treasurer presented his annual reports, which we give in full.

To the Officers and Members of the Canadian Wheelmen's Association.

GENTLEMEN,—In compliance with the by-law in that behalf, I beg leave most respectfully to submit to your careful consideration the following report of the affairs of the Association:

I am pleased to be able to congratulate you upon the continued onward progress of the cycling sport in our Dominion, and on the advance made by the C.W.A. in all its fields of labor.

The Treasurer's statement shows a balance now on hand of \$319.79 as against \$271.78 at last report. This I think an exceedingly satisfactory showing, considering that we have had this year the entire publication of THE CANADIAN WHEELMAN upon our hands. In addition, I am informed by the manager of that journal that its advertising patronage has been so good as to lead him to suspect that he will be able, at the conclusion of its financial year, to pay back into the Association treasury the handsome sum of something over one hundred dollars.

The membership still continues up to the standard of past years. I find that some of the larger clubs are not carrying as many members as formerly, due undoubtedly to the weeding out from their lists of all who are not active riding members. As an offset to this, many new clubs have joined during the year, and unattached riders both in Ontario and Quebec, and also in more distant parts of the Dominion, are becoming allied with the Association, and look to it for their direction and guidance in wheel matters. This is a state of things certainly designed to give great satisfaction to all interested in the welfare of our sport and this organization.

As all members of the Association are aware, the Board of Officers decided last summer to assume the publication of the official organ, THE CANADIAN WHEELMAN, and present it free to each member of the Association. A year's trial of this has given the best of results, and we think has proved a great boon to all riders. The cost will be comparatively light. As the financial year of the paper does not expire for some two months, it is not possible to give an accurate statement, but it is estimated that it will not net more than \$150. I am pleased to be able to state that our finances are now in so flourishing a condition as to warrant me in predicting that the paper will be continued for another year as in the one now past.

The subject of an Association uniform came before the Board this spring, and an experiment was decided upon. Many difficulties were ex-

perienced, but still the result has been on the whole satisfactory. Some fifteen hundred yards of cloth have been disposed of, the same being retailed to the members at the actual wholesale price. The Board are aware that a great improvement might be made in the quality of the cloth, and a plan by which a grade about double the quality of the present and of a special pattern may be obtained for next year is now before the Board. With the new cloth, if it is decided upon, will come a new and superior worsted yarn for stockings.

During the year, the Association received its first membership from the Maritime Provinces, and district officials were appointed by the President to fill the necessary offices. The Chief Consul of this eastern part of our territory promises us a valuable addition to our ranks during the ensuing year. Several vacancies in the Board, caused by resignations, were promptly filled by the President.

In regular time, as provided for by the by-laws, I held the annual elections, full reports of which have already been placed before you in the columns of the official organ.

The Membership Committee report that so well have the rules of the Association been lived up to by the members that no matter has, during the entire year, come before them for adjudication.

After the spring meeting of the Board, I submitted to the members the revised Constitution and By-laws of the Association, as drafted by them, and the same were approved of by a unanimous vote of 267.

In the year I have received and written some twelve hundred communications, and to the best of my ability performed all the duties incumbent upon the office of Secretary-Treasurer.

With best wishes for the future prosperity of the C.W.A.,

I have the honor to be, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

HAL B. DONLY,

Sec.-Treas.

Abstract Statement of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Canadian Wheelmen's Association, 1885-6, H. B. Donly, Treasurer.

1885.	DEBITS.
June 30—Balance on hand.....	\$271 78
Sept. 5—Profits of Race Meet.....	206 00
1886.	
June 30—Membership Fees.....	331 50
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	\$819 28

1886.	CREDITS.
June 30—Exchange.....	\$ 0 75
Telegraphing.....	7 70
Postage.....	29 25
Traveling Expenses.....	17 00
Assistance.....	2 50
Express.....	1 60
Can. Wheelman.....	275 44
Grant to Secretary.....	100 00
Miscellaneous.....	15 00
Printing.....	50 25
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Balance on hand.....	\$499 49
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	\$819 28

Audited, compared with vouchers, and found correct.

A. S. LANE, }
F. G. GNEDINGER, } Auditors.

Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Campbell, that the reports be accepted and placed upon file for future reference.

The President then called for nominations for the office of President for the ensuing year.

Mr. Campbell nominated, seconded by Mr. Tisdale, Mr. W. G. Eakins, of Toronto. Mr. Eakins addressed the meeting, thanking them for the honor, but stating that through pressure of business it would not be possible for him to accept the office.

Mr. E. Nesbitt nominated, seconded by Mr. C. E. Thurston, Mr. W. A. Karn, of Woodstock.

Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Gnaslinger, that the Secretary cast one ballot for Mr. Karn.—Carried. Mr. Karn was declared elected. Mr. Eakins nominated, seconded by Mr. Pauline, Mr. J. D. Miller for Vice-President. There being no other nominations, the President declared Mr. Miller elected.

Mr. Fred Campbell brought up the question of the Secretaryship, and desired to know if the annual meeting or the Board of Officers would decide the question of changing the office to a salaried one. He suggested that the meeting instruct the Board of Officers to submit a plan by mail vote to all the members.

Mr. Nesbitt thought this would be unwise; the Board of Officers should be able to arrange such matters, and the Association should place all confidence in them.

Mr. Tisdale thought the matter was not in the province of the meeting further than that they might express an opinion for the guidance of the Board, and he would move that this meeting approve of paying a salary to the Secretary-Treasurer, and that the amount of the salary be left entirely to the Board of Officers' discretion. This was seconded by Mr. Miller, and after some further discussion, carried unanimously.

Mr. Nesbitt, on behalf of Mr. Karn, was called upon for a speech. He spoke briefly, returning thanks to the Association for the honor they had done Woodstock in electing Mr. Karn to so responsible a position, and promising that the office would be creditably filled by him.

Mr. Miller also thanked the Association, and extended a hearty invitation to all the visitors to make themselves thoroughly at home while they remained the guests of the Montreal Club, and take advantage of the various schemes contained in the programme for their amusement.

Mr. Nesbitt moved, seconded by Mr. Ostell, that the thanks of the Association be tendered to the retiring President and Vice-President. The Secretary put the motion, which was carried with a cheer.

Mr. Campbell moved a vote of thanks to the Secretary-Treasurer for his services during the past year. Mr. Nesbitt spoke in support of the motion, which was carried.

Prof. McLeod, of McGill University, invited visiting wheelmen to pay a visit to the University Buildings on Saturday forenoon.

Moved by Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Teetzel, that the meeting adjourn.—Carried. And the meeting adjourned accordingly.

HAL B. DONLY,

Secretary.

BOARD MEETING.

A meeting of the Board of Officers was held at the office of the Montreal Club House on Saturday morning, the 3rd July, at 11 o'clock. There were present, Vice-President J. D. Miller in the chair; Chief Consul W. P. Way and Representatives Brierley, Tisdale, Woodroffe, Foster and Ross, and H. B. Donly, Sec.-Treas.

The minutes of the last Board meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Woodroffe moved, seconded by Mr. Tisdale, that the appointment of Mr. Langley as Chief Consul, vice Campbell, resigned, be confirmed. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Brierley, seconded by Mr. Way, that Mr. G. H. Orr be appointed Representative in place of Mr. Langley, promoted. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Brierley, seconded by Mr. Ross, that Mr. Gnedinger be appointed Chief Consul of District No. 4, vice Mr. Miller, elected Vice-President. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Way, seconded by Mr. Foster, that H. B. Donly be appointed Secretary-Treasurer for the ensuing year. Carried.

Mr. Brierley presented a report of the affairs of THE CANADIAN WHEELMAN. It showed it to be in a most flourishing condition, and put the probable cost to the Association for the year ending Sept. 30 at about \$120.

Moved by Mr. Gnedinger, seconded by Mr. Woodroffe, that the Association continue to publish THE WHEELMAN, and that Mr. Brierley manage it as in the past. Carried.