

A Correspondent's View of the Question.

EDITOR CYCLING,—If you will give me a small portion of your space I would like, as an enthusiastic wheelman and a member of the C. W. A., to offer a few remarks on Mr. Donly's letter which appeared in your last issue.

The big and genial Secretary of the C. W. A. has apparently the idea that you are endeavouring to "jump on" his *confreere* and old friend Editor Brierley; but, if the matter is looked at from a purely unbiased standpoint, it can hardly be correctly argued that you have made any "unkind and misplaced" criticisms regarding this gentleman. I must say, however, that your articles relative to the Association have been rather fiery, but perhaps not more so than the occasion warranted. Admitting for argument's sake that you have been too severe in referring to the organ of the Association, and that Mr. Brierley, as the C. W. A. Editor, partook of a portion of your reputed censure, is it to be supposed that this gentleman, who we are told by Mr. Donly is one of the busiest of men, can give the time necessary to the successful editing of a cycling paper; especially as it cannot be expected, in consequence of his being such a busy man, that he can afford to give up valuable time which would otherwise be employed in furthering his own interests, as he has not *now* any monetary interest in the office that turns out the paper? I think not, and it could hardly be expected of him.

As far as keeping the interest alive during the winter months is concerned, this is just the time when the wheelman desires to hear what his fellows are doing; it is a very simple matter to keep enthusiasm up to the boiling point when the first balmy breath of spring-time conveys to the impatient cyclist the gladsome intimation that the long summer days are close at hand. It seems to me a mistake if either you or Mr. Donly allow this matter to develop into a discussion of any one person's responsibility—that is not the point. The question is just this: we are not, as an Association doing our best; what we can do, and how to successfully prosecute the work are phases that require consideration and possibly would bear considerable discussion. Encourage some of your other readers to say something on the subject, Mr. Editor; after which another line or two may be added by

AJAX, JR.

BRANTFORD, 31st March, '91.

The Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Board of Officers of the C. W. A. was held in the Toronto Bicycle Club's rooms on Good Friday, the following gentlemen being present: President S. Woodruff, Vice-President R. A. Robertson, Ex-Presidents R. H. McBride and H. Ryrie, Sec.-Treas. Hal. B. Donly, Chief Consuls C. Langley, Toronto; E. C. Hill, Kingston, and T. A. Beament, Ottawa; Representatives, F. G. Gnädinger, Montreal; E. W. Smith, St. Catharines; J. H. Gerrie, F. W. Hudson, E. A. Scott and W. Robins, Toronto.

The Sec.-Treas. presented his annual report, showing a balance on hand of \$494.04.

Hamilton applied for the annual meet on Dominion Day on condition that all the surplus, if any, should go into the funds of the H. B. C. instead of dividing equally with the Association. After considerable discussion a compromise was arrived at, the Association agreeing to accept 10 per cent. of the profits as its share.

A committee consisting of Messrs. Walsh Hunter, McBride and Langley, with power to add a fifth, was appointed to watch the progress of the Davis Bill in the Local House, and vigorously oppose any clause therein which might injuriously affect cyclists.

Mr. Langley presented a petition from the T. B. C. asking the Association to recoup them for their outlay in the case of English *v.* McQuaid. The members generally expressed the opinion that, if the case had been under the control of the C. W. A., they would have been willing to pay all the costs, but under the circumstances agreed to recoup the Torontos in the amount of \$75 on receiving an assignment of their claim against McQuaid.

Considerable discussion took place upon the subject of improving the *Canadian Wheelman*, and Messrs. Donly, Beament and Langley were appointed a committee to take the matter in hand with a view to publishing the paper semi-monthly during the wheeling season at least.

A letter was read from Mr. W. H. Johnson, of Syracuse, N.Y., asking to be appointed a Consul of the Association. Referred to Chief Consul Hill, of Kingston, for action.

The Association decided to authorize the Racing Board to suspend all riders who compete in unauthorized meets.

Article III. Clause 1 of the By-laws was amended, and now provides that all club