

"A Dunlopian Ode."

The captain's brow was sad
 And the captain's tire was flat,
 For he had got a puncture
 By riding o'er a tack;
 His voice was sad and solemn
 As he called his comrades round,
 And announced in quavering accents
 That a carpet tack he'd found.
 Said he, "Whate'er may come to pass
 Don't buy a Dunlop Tire,
 Or else some day you'll be condemned
 To help me shovel fire;
 This tire has been my ruin,
 My morals it has spoiled,
 And my once spotless character
 With profanity has soiled."
 And then he bound them with an oath
 Of very solemn hue,
 "That they would never tell Tom Fane—
 Or Pease—by all that's blue."
 And speaking he departed
 With his wheel upon his back,
 With slow and weary footsteps
 To find a railway track.
 We left him at the station
 Awaiting the up train,
 And heard him swearing softly
 As we started on again.
 My friends that ride a Dunlop tire,
 Take a warning from my tale,
 And never get so far away
 That you can't get home by rail;
 Or else by all that's wonderful
 You will be up the stump,
 If you ever get a puncture
 Or e'en forget your pump. "SNIBOR."

Races at the Woodbine.

The Woodbine Driving Club finding their crowd on the Civic Holiday much smaller than usual naturally placed the blame on the cyclists, and in order to try the effect of similar races on their track, placed two handicap events on their list for Wednesday the 17th. Twenty entries were secured for each event and three valuable pieces offered for prizes in each.

Two Mile Handicap.—1, E. J. P. Smith, T.B.C. (scratch); 2, F. W. Gullett, T.B.C. (60 yards); 3, Percy Brown, W.B.C. (250 yards).

Smith caught the field before the end of the first mile and rode easily until the last quarter, when he spurred in, closely followed by Gullett. Time, 5.21½.

Five Mile Handicap.—1, E. J. P. Smith, T.B.C. (scratch); 2, D. Nasmith, T.B.C. (100 yards); 3, F. W. Gullett, T.B.C. (100 yards). Time, 13.49½.

In this event Smith rode hard for the first couple of miles which he made in 5.21½, and came up with the limit men with whom he stayed until the last quarter, when Nasmith and Gullett spurred with him to the finish where he won by a couple of feet from Nasmith, with Gullett a close third.

Items of News.

The Windsor wheelmen held a club handicap road race on the 19th; distance, 13 miles.

The Kingston Fair authorities will hold a bicycle day on Sept. 5, with five open events, viz., one-mile novice, one-mile scratch, two-mile (6.30 class), one-mile open, and two-mile handicap. Entries close Sept. 1, with C. N. Greaza, Secretary Committee.

The Exhibition people will have a Wheelmen's Day on Sept. 7, when a two-mile and a five-mile handicap race will be run under C.W.A. rules, three prizes to each event. A cup is also offered to the club having the largest number in line. Entries close Sept. 3, with H. J. Hill, Exhibition Association.

Stratford Bicycle Club are anxious to entertain visiting wheelmen on the 31st, when they will hold their annual meet, offering prizes for six open events, as follows: one-mile novice, half-mile dash, one-mile (3 min. class), one-mile scratch, two-mile (2.45 class), and five-mile scratch.

With Newmarket to-day (Wednesday), Montreal, Saturday; Kingston, Monday, and Stratford on Wednesday next, with the events at the Kingston and Toronto exhibitions, riders who have a little time at their disposal should be able to win a prize or two. Verily cycling is having considerable of a boon this summer.

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