Now That's What I Think, Don't You ?

Adapted and sung by James Miln at the "Conversatione" given by the Toronto Bicycle Club, February, 3, 1801.

We are getting along at a "Rational" gait,

Now that's what I think, don't you?

- Everything's turning out lovely of late,
- Now that's what I think, don't you ?
- In everything wheeling we now take the lead,

But there are still a few things we are badly in need, We must get our new house or we'll all go to seed,

Now that's what I think, don't you?

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So let's have no more talk but subscribe for the stock, Now that's what I think, don't you?

- We are badly in want of a new racing track, Now that's what I think, don't you?
- This is one of the things we at present most lack, Now that's what I think don't you?
- If our friends in the Grey and ourselves would unite,
- We'd soon have a new path or the old one put right,

And our boys knock the records as high as a kite, Now that's what I think, don't you?

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The old track is too slow and too dangerous also, Now that's what I think, don't you?

Dave Nasmith will be faster than ever this year, Now that's what I think, don't you ?

And "Mac," our dark horse, on the track will appear, Now that's what I think, don't you ?

Fred Robins proposes to set things on fire, And to paralyze " Mac " with his new " cushion tyre,"

It will have to be geared up to nincty, or higher,

Now that's what I think, don't you?

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But a man with Fred's name ought to fly just the same, Now that's what I think, don't you?

Whee'ing for ladies is not at all bold,

- Now that's what I think, don't you?
- It's as pretty and healthful as horseback we're told, And that's what I think, don't you?

The ladies will all catch the bicycle craze,

And their prejudiced friends will not stare with amaze,

When they see them in dozens skimming o'er the high-[ways,

Now that's what I think, don't you? Now that's what I think, don't you ?

They'll get good health and muscle, and make some of Now that's what I think, don't you? fus hustle,

The Torontos will win the big road race this year, Now that's what I think, don't you ?

And the C.W.A. should arrange to meet here, Now that's what I think, don't you?

The semi-professionals will all be made known,

And will then have to ride in a class of their own,

And the genuine amateur carry good prizes home, Now that's what I think, don't you ?

Now that's what I think, don't you?

They'll make better pace and a far better race, Now that's what I think, don't you?

DEAR EDITOR,-In the sketch of Mr. D. Nasmith in your issue of January 14th, inst., you mention that he rode a "Rational." This is rather misleading as there are several "Rationals," made. The wheel Mr. Nasmith rode last year, and on which he did such good work, was a "Comet Rational," and it can be seen any time at the warerooms of T. Fane & Co., 24 Adelaide St. W. Yours truly,

H. W. B.

TORONTO, January 15, 1891.

Ottawa Letter.

DEAR EDITOR,—Owing to the various employments and festivities of the past few weeks I have been un-

able to "bore" you with my usual quota of remarks. The O.B.C. held its annual drive and supper on the evening of Tuesday, December 30, 1890. The weather was at its coldest, which probably prevented an over-flowing turnout. There were, however, enough for one large covered van. The snow crackled beneath the horses' feet, song after song rang merrily out on the frosty air, until the country seemed invaded by a company of Arctic elves bent on holding high carnival. Anon we reached Aylmer, where, at the hospitable inn, we regaled ourselves with roast and flagon; the merry jest went circling 'round the board and many a song and a tale or two. We much enjoyed ourselves. Solomon in all his glory was never on a merry making such as this. At an early hour ('twas truly early) we started for home, which was reached in safety-here let me draw the veil.

The next occurrence of interest was the skating "At-Home," held at Dey's Rink, on the evening of Jan. 14. Up to date this is the crowning event of the season. All were delighted with the manner in which the O.B. C. scored another success. Of course all the boys were there with their best girls and vice versa. The married members had to bring their wives. There is no club in America that have so many members with such charming wives as the O.B.C. We may be close pressed in this regard when some of the T.B.C. boys, who have been acting lately in a suspicious manner, are properly shown up, but until then we emphatically reiterate and tenaciously adhere to our former statement, the man that denies it is a tramp and a sneakthief, if he pokes his knock-kneed head around these diggings-Hold on ! I'm not married nor likely to be and here are some good invectives wasted for nothing. I once had a relative who used to predict that I would come to some bad end-it begins to look like it now. There is to be a general meeting of the O.B.C. this evening to consider the snow shoe tramp for Wednesday night, there being some difference of opinion caused by other engagements for that evening. If we hold the tramp I will write full particulars.

I wish to convey greetings to friend "Clubus Liarus." Perhaps he does not know who "Arto" is, but I know him. I'll tell you, Brother P's, how you'll know me-'member the road race to Half-Way-House on Thanksgiving Day, two years ago--played football -had dinner-saw me eat-saw you eat-only two there that understood the art-race good-got left-paid for two dinners-ate four-savez? I know that I am a less polished prevaricator than his nom de plume would imply, but then I'm young and an apt scholar. " Arto."

OTTAWA, February 2, 1891.

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