

C. W. A. OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.



Woodstock, June 8, 1885.

Editor CANADIAN WHEELMAN:

DEAR SIR,—I beg to announce the appointment of the following as Consuls:

- Tilsonburg.....Robert C. H. Wood.
- Seaforth.....E. C. Coleman.

I have also appointed the following as C.W.A. Hotel Headquarters:

- Woodstock.....O'Neill House.
- Stratford.....Windsor Hotel.
- Goderich.....British Exchange.
- Palmerston.....Queen's Hotel.
- Brantford.....Kirby House.
- Guelph.....Wellington Hotel.
- Kincardine.....Royal Hotel.
- Ingersoll.....Atlantic House.
- Waterloo.....Huether's Hotel.
- Mount Forest.....Coyne House.
- Listowel.....Grand Central Hotel.

Yours, etc.,

W. A. KARN,
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CYCLISTS' TOURING CLUB.

THE INTERNATIONAL WHEELMEN'S ASSOCIATION, FOUNDED AUG. 5, 1878.

CANADIAN DIVISION:

Horace S. Tibbs, Chief Consul, 26 Union Ave., Montreal.

Dues for first year, \$1 in advance, or \$2.75, including silver badge. Annual dues after first year, 75c. Application blanks can be obtained by forwarding a stamped addressed envelope to the Canadian Chief Consul.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

- R. N. Robins, accountant, High street, Sherbrooke, Q.
- J. T. Gnaedinger, clerk, 94 St. Peter street, Montreal, Q.
- W. Lawson Hogg, tailor, Belleville, Ont.
- George C. Davis, clerk, Belleville, Ont.
- Mrs. S. G. Retallack, Belleville, Ont.

If no objection is received by the Chief Consul within seven days after publication of this paper, the above will be considered provisionally elected.

UNIFORM.—The Richards Merchant Tailoring Co., Montreal, official tailors, will supply the popular uniform at the following prices.

Jacket, \$10; Breeches, \$4; Vest, \$3; Long Pants, if ordered separately, \$5.50; ditto, with other garments, \$5; or the cloth at \$3.50 per yard, double width. The whole suit, as above, requiring 4½ yards.

Our Racing Men.

GEORGE S. LOW.

The large number of wheelmen who attended the second annual C.W.A. meet at Toronto in July, 1884, cannot fail to recall the extraordinary speed shown by George S. Low, one of Montreal's prominent flyers, in the two mile race open to the world.

Born in December, 1865, at the Aldershot Camp, Hampshire, England, Mr. Low is therefore nineteen years of age, and while being small in stature for a racer, still he has already placed himself in the front ranks by defeating some of our best men.

He commenced riding in the fall of 1882, and racing in Sept., 1883, in the Montreal Bicycle Club races, and won the second-class race open to those who never won a first prize from scratch.

On 6th October, at the Fall games of the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association, he obtained second place in the one mile bicycle race, W. G. Ross first. Two days later he took second place in a one mile in heats, held at the Montreal Driving Park, W. G. Ross being first.

In 1884, at the Spring games of the Montreal A.A.A., he won the one mile handicap in 3.29. Up to this time he had ridden a Roadster, weighing 45 lbs.

On 21st June he rode his first race on a Racer at the Spring race meeting of the Montreal Bicycle Club, and won the half mile in heats, winning two heats in succession, F. J. Campbell, of Toronto, being second; and in the one mile obtained second place, C. F. Lavender, Toronto, first.

On 1st July, at the championship meet of the C.W.A., he won the two mile open to the world in splendid style, defeating a "Star" rider who was regarded as a "black horse," and who at times had the race well in hand, and defeating F. J. Campbell for a second time.

On 3rd July, at the Toronto lacrosse sports, in the three miles he took second place, F. J. Campbell beating him by half a wheel. This was the last race he rode on a track in 1884.

On 26th July, at a handicap road race given by the Montreal Bicycle Club, from the clubhouse to Valois, a distance of fifteen miles, he got in fifth, starting scratch, fifteen minutes being the biggest handicap given, 15 starters, the time being 1h. 6m. 25s., he at the same time lowering the previous record by 3m. 25s.

On the 25th May, 1885, he won the one mile bicycle race held at the Shamrock's Spring games. No doubt Mr. Low will be seen to better advantage than ever this year on the cinder path.

THE CANADIAN WHEELMAN.—The April number of our Kanuck contemporary reaches us. It comes with quite a new heading, which is a vast improvement on the one it had before. Its columns of matter, too, are improved in many ways, and it appears to be making good headway. We wish it success.—Cyclist (Cov., Eng.).

A United States flag, having in its centre a large figure 4, will be the standard of the Big Four Tour.

Racing Notes.

SPRINGFIELD.

The Spring meeting of the Springfield Club was held in Hampden Park, Decoration Day, May 30th, and the events were witnessed by about 1,200 people. A light rain and cloudy weather all the afternoon prevented the attendance which was expected. The track's surface was a little rough, and enough water fell to make it a trifle sticky. The event of the day was Hendee's ride, and when, late in the afternoon, he came on to the track, he was given a welcome such as Springfield usually gives to her favorite. He had proposed to run a mile, but was reluctant to start because of the slight shower and the uneven and moist surface of the track. It was finally arranged to run only the half mile. There was great regret at the finish that he had not completed the mile, for he was entirely fresh, and could undoubtedly have lowered the record. He was timed for thirty-nine seconds at the quarter pole and for 1.17 2-5s. for the half mile, thus breaking the record and beating the 1.18 1-5s. of Sanders Sellers, of England. Fred Brown and C. H. Miller, of Springfield, lowered the tandem-bicycle record to 3.09s. Brown won the mile safety-race, establishing these records: Quarter, 43 2-5s.; half, 1.37s.; three-quarters, 2.16s.; mile, 3.06 2-5s. C. B. Ripley, of Hartford, won the mile ride, and ran in 4.35 1-5s. Andrew McGarrett, of Springfield, won the three-mile handicap in 9.36s. actual time, with Bidwell, Hartford, second; actual time, 9.29½s.; Ives Meriden, third, the latter and McGarrett having had 9s. start. The two-mile novice race was won by Mitchell, New Britain, in 6.50s.; Jackson, of East Hartford, second. Hunter, Salem, won the one-mile race of the 3.10s. class, in 3.4 2-5s.; John Illston, England, 2nd, and Harrington, Salem, a poor third. Hunter also won the five-mile race of the 16.30s. class, in 16.38s.; Bidwell second, John Illston, third. Hunter showed great speed at the finish. C. H. Parsons, Springfield, had no opponent for the five-mile open race, and made the circuit three times alone.

The *Bicycling World* has made arrangements for a series of articles on fancy riding, illustrated with diagrams and cuts, and they will soon be published.

Over the hills singing gaily a song,
Speed wheeling tourists swiftly along,
Up the ascent, down the incline,
All of their wheels running straight in line,
Around the corner and past thelea,
Happy as wheelmen only can be.
Now in the sunshine, now in the shade,
Now through the woodland, now through the glade,
Now by a farm house, then up a hill,
Now passing by a stream and a mill,
Now by a graveyard old and forlorn,
Now by a field of tall waving corn,
Now through a village swiftly they fly,
Over a bridge standing hard by.
Now to the turnpike quickly they take,
Now passing by a cool summer lake,
Next comes a field of clover in bloom,
Filling the air with fragrant perfume.
And so they are greeted wherever they go
By hundreds of pleasures that others ne'er know.