

# Cycling

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## The Davis Bill.

The publication, some days ago, in the daily papers of a synopsis of a proposed Bill to regulate bicyclists—a Bill so manifestly unfair in its provisions as to bring to our assistance many of the leading newspapers of the country—has raised a storm of disapproval about the devoted head of Mr. E. J. Davis, who introduced the Bill in the Local Legislature.

Unless we are very much mistaken, this Bill has the appearance of having been framed by the York County Council, who, last year, attempted to pass a by-law to prevent cyclists from using the roads at all, and Mr. Davis, being a representative of the county, has been requested to act as sponsor for the present absurdity before the Legislature; but we are considerably mistaken in the man if the Bill, as at present understood, meets his approval.

The bicycle as a means of traffic is every day becoming more popular and useful, and the sooner farmers and others recognize the fact and regulate themselves and their horses accordingly, the better will it be for all concerned. A few years ago the same cry was raised against traction engines and threshing machines, but timid horses are now becoming used to them, just as those near the towns are becoming used to bicycles, and it would certainly be a long step back towards the days when the farmers of York County drove steers instead of horses if a Bill containing some of the provisions the Davis Bill contains were to become law.

It may be as well to state here that the wheelmen of Canada have not the slightest objection to any proper restrictions being placed on them, and will only be too willing to assist in placing cycles on a par with other vehicles, as they are at present in England

and many of the States across the border, where the rider is governed by the rules of the road, and must give to, and is entitled to receive from, other vehicles proper recognition.

There is no doubt that the cyclists may rely on the good sense of Mr. Davis and his fellow legislators for fair and just dealing, but it will not do to rely on that entirely without explaining to them our position in the matter, which we trust will be fully done by the committee having the matter in hand.

## A Pas de Géant.

Such is the motto of the Association; and though for the last year or two a *pas de main* would have been a more suitable one, yet we believe that the time is fast approaching when the Association will again resume its past progressive spirit and once more advance a *pas de géant*. The annual meeting of the Board of Officers, on Good Friday, was well attended and many questions of interest to the whole membership of the Association were taken up and disposed of for what we believe will be the welfare of the Association. Another appeal is to be made to the Minister of Customs for a more equitable arrangement for touring cyclists. The committee who have this matter in hand must however place before the Minister some feasible plan, for it is of no use to go before him and expect that he will have the time to think out the details for them.

In reference to the new guide book we trust that every member of the Association will take it as a personal duty required of him to render every assistance to the Secretary of the Association, and that all clubs will assign to certain of its members the duty of supplying to him the particulars of routes so that his information may be complete and explicit.

In regard to the *Canadian Wheelman* there can be no doubt that the paper ought to be by far the most influential force at work for the good of the Association. And it must be placed on such a basis as to ensure its prompt and regular publication; if possible semi-monthly. In any event the editor of the paper should and will no doubt receive the assistance of some of the better informed members. It is to be hoped that the plan outlined by Secretary Donly in his circular calling the meeting of the Board of Officers, or one fully as good, will be adopted, and that at once.

To enable the Association to accomplish these various improvements it will be necessary for every member to "put his shoulder to the wheel" that we may indeed progress *A PAS DE GÉANT*.