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THE SPRING BOARD MEETING.

By an advertisement in another column it will be seen that the members of the Board of Officers have been called to meet on the 25th of this month, at the Walker House, in the city of Toronto. We trust that at this meeting every member of the Board resident in the provinces of Ontario and Quebec will be on hand promptly. Several matters of importance will be brought up for consideration. The question of the changes in the by-laws proposed through these columns by "D 322" will be discussed; also the very important matter of how we can increase our membership. It strikes us that this is the most pressing business to be brought before the Board. With a wheeling population in Canada of two or three thousand, it is very discouraging to see our membership stay at about the same figure of something under one thousand each year. How can we awaken an interest in the members and get them to boom the Association? This is a difficult question to answer, and one that will require all the energy and wisdom of the entire Board to contend with. For this reason, we trust that all who can attend the coming meeting will do so. It is not fair to leave a half dozen enthusiasts to bear the entire burden of the conduct of our Association affairs.

Another matter is the deciding of the place at which the Annual Meet shall be held. Several places have signified their intention of inviting the Association, but so far none have done so. It will be well for the secretaries of these different clubs to place formal applications in the hands of the Secretary of the C.W.A. at once, as none others can be considered.

The circular of Chief Consul Way, published in this issue, might be copied with advantage by all other Chief Consuls in Canada. In it Mr. Way requests the local consuls to give him the names and addresses of all wheelmen in their locality who are not members of the C.W.A., in order that he may endeavor to secure them as members of the Association. If every C.C. were to make a similar request, and then endeavor to influence the non-members, by circular or personal interview, the membership of the Association would be almost doubled. Let the C.C.'s be up and doing.

The *Wheel World* is no more, but on the foundation formed by this excellent monthly will rise a general sporting magazine called *Olympia*.

THE L.A.W. SECRETARYSHIP.

A New York despatch says: The Board of Officers of the League of American Wheelmen have elected Abbott Bassett, of Boston, secretary, in place of Eugene A. Aaron, deposed for malfeasance in office, his books showing a deficit of \$5,800, which was afterwards made up. Mr. Aaron pleaded that he was temporarily insane. Bassett's leading opponent was John A. Wells, who was assistant to the late secretary, and it is alleged was cognizant of the deficiency, and failed to report it. Wells is also charged with giving a publishing house, in which he is a partner, \$200 worth of League printing weekly. The board appointed John C. Gulick, of the executive board, and secretary editor-elect Bassett a committee to visit Philadelphia to demand possession of the office of the *Bulletin*, the books of the secretary, editor, and other effects of the League now in possession of Aaron and Wells. It is understood that the latter will resist, and as the lease is made to them personally, and all receipts are in their names personally, a lively time is anticipated.

The above despatch lacks confirmation in all its particulars. The serious charge against Secretary Aaron is not referred to by some of the cycling papers, the *Bicycling World* stating that the report of the executive committee and the expert accountant showed that the accounts of the secretary-editor were correct, and that the *Bulletin* had been run at a heavy loss to the League.

Mr. Aaron, however, denies in toto the charges of malfeasance, and says: "When the League began the publication of the *Bulletin* no funds were provided me for the purpose, and I advanced money out of my private funds to meet the bills. For a long time the League was indebted to me for a large amount. An entire change the system of collecting dues from the members was also instituted, so that instead of keeping accounts with the different divisions, they had to be opened with each of the 10,000 members of the League. The work placed upon me was more than I could possibly attend to, and as I am no bookkeeper, matters gradually became entangled. As the League has no corporate existence I was personally responsible, and all the funds for various purposes were deposited in my name as well as my own funds. I worked day and night until I broke down, and was ordered by my physician to stop. Last May I went south for my health, and it was during my absence that Mr. John A. Wells, who assisted me in the publication of the *Bulletin*, discovered that matters were in bad shape. On my return he called my attention to the fact that there was a shortage in my accounts. This was the first I knew of it, and I at once wrote to President Beckwith informing him of the fact, and requesting him to send an expert to examine the books. This was done, and as soon as the amount of the shortage was ascertained I made it good. The amount was not \$5,800, as stated, but less than \$3,000." The result of the ballot was:

For Abbott Bassett..... \$5 votes.
For John A. Wells..... 51 "

Thomas Stevens is expected in New York in about two weeks.

THE NEWMARKET BI. CLUB.

The Newmarket Bicycle Club, organized last March, held its first annual supper on the 6th ult., at which there was a large attendance, the membership of other local athletic clubs, and the Wanderers' Bi. Club of Toronto, being well represented. The menu was served at Mr. A. Simpson's restaurant, and "mine host" was evidently familiar with the proverbial keenness of a wheelman's appetite, and was equal to the occasion in furnishing a most sumptuous repast, which included all the delicacies of the season.

Dr. Widdifield, M.P.P., Hon. Pres. of the club, occupied the chair, the President, Mr. J. E. Hughes, ably filling the vice-chair. After the several courses were dispensed with, the chairman made a few well-timed remarks, congratulating the members of the club on the success which has crowned their efforts during the past year. He was pleased to know that the club-rooms established at the opening of the wheeling season had been put to good use, and to see that by their use the club had developed into a winter society for literary improvement and social recreation. A number of toasts were then ably proposed and most heartily responded to, calling forth some excellent music, songs and speeches from those present, all of whom were unanimous in pronouncing this the most successful club meet of the year.

THE WANDERERS' MEET.

The *Globe* says: The Wanderers, in place of their annual supper, this year introduced a drive and supper combined. On Thursday evening, January 20th, some 35 or 40 members assembled at the club quarters, and accompanied by a band, and drawn in a four-in-hand, they started out Yonge street, and enjoyed a most pleasant drive as far as the Glen Cove Club House, where they were welcomed by Messrs. E. and R. Simpson, on behalf of that club, who had kindly thrown open their handsome and commodious house to them. After a short rest, the party adjourned to the dining-room and partook of an excellent meal, which was done full justice to. Mr. Riggs filled the chair creditably. Speeches were made by Messrs. Daniels, Simpson and Orr, which were interspersed with songs from Messrs. Gowanlock, Lalor and Harrison, while Mr. Brown played a selection on the mouth-organ in masterly style. The toasts were all disposed of, and an adjournment was made to the parlors, where the party were entertained by music furnished by Messrs. Doherty and Cameron. Shortly after midnight the Wanderers expressed their thanks to the Glen Cove Club by three cheers and a tiger, and started homeward.

A Canadian wheelman writes to the *Wheelman*, and particularly asks why records made by Canadians are collected, tabulated, and published as in the United States and "at home." Well, we don't know, but, if the inquisitive *Wheelman* wants to borrow our microscope and go a searching for records made by his countrymen, we will lend it. But, it is well to remember that Rowe holds a few—up to twenty miles.—*Bicycling World*.