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The Road Race.

There is no doubt that the members of the two Toronto clubs with very few exceptions had an idea that the road race would be won by one or other of their teams, as, up to a week before the race, both teams were in first class condition, in fact had never been in better condition. Wells' injuries placed the Torontos' chances slightly in the lead. The winning of the pennant by the Hamilton Club was a surprise to all our riders and is only another proof of the old adage, "There's many a slip, etc." We congratulate our Hamilton friends upon their success in winning so proud a distinction, but trust that one or other of our Toronto clubs will next year be a match for them.

Notes.

That Fred. Foster well deserved the title of Canadian champion, which he held so long, was proved by his riding on the 1st, when, after four years from the time he made it, and while in anything but first-class condition, he equalled the mile record which has stood since 1887. If he can train himself down a little finer there is no doubt but that he will stand an even chance with Carman for the mile on Civic Holiday.

One noticeable feature of the recent meet was the fact that the safeties this year had an equal number of events set down for them, and a fair chance with the high wheels of showing their speed. A comparison of the time made in each class shows the dwarf in its new dress to be much the faster of the two wheels; particularly is this the case in the mile novice, where the difference in favor of the safety is 26 $\frac{2}{3}$ secs. Out of the twelve events the mile championship is the only event in which the ordinary made the best time and then only $\frac{1}{2}$ sec. when Carman lowered the record by that much.

The Road Race and its Lesson.

Below we give some particulars of the Road Race which will be of special interest to our readers: It is unfortunate that the timekeepers did not do their work more completely, but we presume the excitement was too much for the officials. Of the five pneumatic wheels four finished within the hour, and it is safe to say that his unfortunate start alone prevented the fifth from doing so. The cushions led by Coote then follow in regular order, broken only by Parr, Bulley and Knowles with their solid tires. It has taken our Canadian riders a long time to find out that the safety, with its capacity for gearing up, is the faster machine, but we think the Road Race has completed our education in that direction.

RIDER.	Time.	Club.	Wheel.	Tire.	Points.
Palmer.....	54 $\frac{1}{4}$	H.	S.	P.	25
Nash.....	56	W.	S.	P.	24
Skerrett.....	57 $\frac{1}{4}$	H.	S.	P.	23
Nasmith.....	59 $\frac{1}{4}$	T.	S.	P.	22
Coote.....	1.01 $\frac{1}{4}$	H.	S.	C.	21
Robins.....	1.02 $\frac{1}{4}$	T.	S.	P.	20
Hurdall.....	1.03	T.	R.	C.	19
McClelland.....	1.03 $\frac{1}{4}$	T.	R.	C.	18
Robertson.....	1.03 $\frac{3}{4}$	H.	S.	C.	17
Parr.....	1.04 $\frac{1}{4}$	O.	O.	S.	16
Owens.....	Not taken.	F.C.	R.	C.	15
McBride.....	"	W.	S.	C.	14
Bulley.....	"	T.	R.	S.	13
Foster.....	"	W.	R.	C.	12
Knowles.....	"	F.C.	O.	S.	11
Wells.....	"	W.	R.	C.	10
Milne.....	"	F.C.	S.	C.	9
Griffith.....	"	H.	S.	C.	8
Blyth.....	"	O.	O.	S.	7
Gerrie.....	"	W.	R.	C.	6
McClennaghan..	"	O.	S.	S.	5
Matthews.....	"	O.	O.	S.	4
Holmes.....	"	F.C.	R.	S.	3
Brown.....	"	F.C.	R.	S.	2
Beamant.....	"	O.	O.	S.	1

The general opinion of nearly every one to whom we have spoken about him is, that Palmer has the finest appearance of any Canadian safety rider.

Wells, of the Wanderers, was considerably handicapped by his recent header, and, while he did fairly well, we believe he would have made a much better showing than he did had it not been for his unfortunate fall.

We had an idea that McClelland would finish ahead of Hurdall in the road race, and were rather surprised that he did not until we learned that the former had stopped off at Winona to cable for a pneumatic safety.