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The C. W. A.

Our contemporary, *The Wheelman*, in the first editorial which has appeared in its columns for many months, pretends to answer our queries in regard to the activity of the Association, but, whether through accident or design, the reply is very wide of the mark. We know and appreciate the past work of the organization, but no organization to possess any vitality at all can afford to live altogether on its past. We are perfectly aware that harmony and quiet reign supreme in the C. W. A., and they are just as supreme in a graveyard.

We believe we are correct when we say that the old road books are out of print, and even if they are not the advance in cycling during recent years has opened up new routes, and shown better alternative routes over old ground, so that a new issue of the road book is a necessity.

In regard to more favorable Customs regulations, *The Wheelman* says: "The only answer necessary is that the Association cannot accomplish the impossible." We are sorry to find such a faint-hearted official as one of the chief heads of the Association. If it is difficult of accomplishment so much the more need is there of continued and well-directed effort on the part of our officers.

The Cyclists' Touring Club of England, have succeeded in securing like privileges from the French Customs authorities, and why cannot we in Canada secure them from the authorities of our own Government.

It pleases us very much to find that we have at last waked up our contemporary, and hope we will be able to keep him awake long enough to accomplish something. The C. W. A. cannot stand still; it must either advance or recede. Which shall it be?

The Question of Mileage.

The discussion of when a member of a cycling club shall be allowed mileage on the club records is one that has often been raised, and at least in one or two clubs has not been decided in a manner corresponding to the advancement of the age. It is admittedly absurd that simply because two or three members start off and tour perhaps to India, or any other out of the way spot, and not being under the eye of a road officer of the club, that the distance covered by the riders should not be placed on record in the road book. We grant that it is not fair for such riders to be allowed to compete for the mileage prizes against the less fortunate members who have not the opportunities for making long tours, but who, by their regularity at club runs, show a very considerable record for the season. Let these men have the medals by all means—no one would dispute their rightful possession; but let every club encourage long tours by crediting the riders with the total distance covered on the wheel, and consequently run the season's mileage up into the thousands of miles, instead of hundreds, as was the case of some of the Canadian clubs last year.

T. B. Club Tours.

Before the riding season opens we would suggest a change being made in the rule regarding the notice of club tours. As the recognized law now reads, it is necessary for any member who wishes to have his mileage appear on the club's books, to give notice at the regular monthly meeting preceding the proposed tour. Such a regulation is all very well for a school-boy, who can tell fairly well just when his time of recreation will present itself, but to a business or professional man, who has to accept a day or so here and there throughout the summer, it is entirely and utterly ridiculous to suppose that a rider can judge a month ahead what day he will be able to get away. Let the tour be gotten up, notice signed by the originator, countersigned by the captain if necessary, and posted in the club-house for one week previous to the start. This will give anyone desirous of accompanying the party ample time for preparation.

J. H. Fawell, a member of the Toronto Bicycle Club, who has been spending a holiday in Cincinnati, has sent for his bicycle, and intends riding to Chicago, and thence home, in all nearly a thousand miles.