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A MIRROR OF TORONTO BICYCLE CLUB EVENTS  
AND DEVOTED TO THE INTERESTS OF  
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## The Approaching Elections.

Before we again have the pleasure of greeting our readers, the nomination of officers who will guide the affairs of the T.B.C. for the year will have taken place. At the next meeting of the Club the members will be called upon to nominate the men they think best fitted to represent and look after the Club's interests. This matter of a selection of officers is an important consideration, and should be regarded as such by the members, more particularly as the T.B.C. is now looked up to as the premier bicycle club of Canada, a position which it has won by hard work. Having been so successful in making a name that is respected wherever cycling is known, it is a responsibility to uphold and advance the progress that has already been attained. There is no standing still; we must either progress or recede, and at this period when bicycling in Canada is only in its infancy it is imperative that men should be put into office who will, at the head of the various clubs, sustain the standing of the pastime and carry it on to greater success. In touching on the offices of the T.B.C. we shall only individualize the candidates for President and Captain, as both, we believe, are a foregone conclusion, as far as the desires of the Club are concerned. Mr. A. F. Webster, who is now President, is the right man in the right place, his genuineness, good-heartedness, amiability, and executive capabilities, are too well-known to need comment. Mr. Webster must be President of the T.B.C. for 1891; in fact he has a cinch on the position just as long as he desires the office. Quiet, yet full of humor, modest, unassuming, with a disposition bright as a cloudless August day—such is Will Robins, the man who will lead the Torontos through the various vicis-

situdes of cycling life this year. No one is better fitted to fill the position, taking an ardent interest in the welfare of the Club, having few superiors as a rider, and thoroughly filling the important point of attending with regularity the Club runs; he will make a worthy successor to the present Captain who retires after two years of whole-souled devotion to the Club. Lieut. W. Robins is a man and a wheelman whom the Club delight to honor, and we conclude this article with the hope that both these gentlemen will put aside any personal barriers that may present themselves, and give their services to the Toronto Bicycle Club for the year 1891.

T. B. C. Club House.

If we may judge from the items that have appeared in the daily papers lately, it is probably just as well that the Toronto Bicycle Club did not affiliate with the Athenæum, as there can be no doubt now that the latter would have endeavored to control the former, and instead of the two living in harmony there would have been a continual clashing of interests. The Torontos originally mooted the club house idea last winter, but allowed it to stand in abeyance on account of the scheme of the Toronto Athletic Association, which, if it had been within reach of the ordinary young man, would, no doubt, have received the support of the Club. This scheme, however, did not prove satisfactory, and the Athenæum recognizing this at once opened out their scheme, and an opportunity of affiliating with them was presented to the Torontos, but was not considered so satisfactory as a club house belonging entirely to the bicyclists would be. Preliminary stock lists were therefore opened about a week ago and already over \$5,000 has been subscribed, so that there is every prospect that the Toronto Bicycle Club will have a new club house built during the coming summer. The older, and whom we may call the ex-riders of the Club, have come nobly to the front, for \$3,000 of this amount has been subscribed by them. The payments are being so arranged that every member can take one or more shares without feeling that his resources are being unduly drawn upon. If he can spare ten cents a month towards it he can subscribe for one share, if fifty cents then five shares, or if a dollar he is good for ten share. In any event let every member fill in the number of shares and sign the blank sent him by President Webster and return it without delay.