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The Editorship of "The Wheelman."

As most of the members of the C. W. A. well know, Mr. Donly, the Secretary, brought forward at the Easter meeting a motion to appoint a paid editor-in-chief and three associate editors for the Association paper. This, however, was not carried, as the present editor of *The Wheelman* objected to accepting a salary and the responsibilities accompanying it, because he did not think he could afford the extra time necessary for the proper performance of the editorial duties connected with *The Wheelman*. Such being the case, would it not be well to increase the salary of the present Secretary and appoint him Secretary-Editor, in the same manner as the Cyclists' Touring Club and League of American Wheelmen have done? Mr. Donly is eminently fitted, from his long journalistic experience, for the position of editor of *The Wheelman*, while his position as Secretary of the Association would enable him to at all times keep the members posted in regard to events transpiring. We believe we are correct in saying that Mr. Brierley, the present editor of *The Wheelman*, is not at all anxious to continue in that position, but merely continues to act out of pure good nature towards his many friends in the Association.

The Strength of The C. W. A.

Spring time has come in earnest, and with it the gay cyclist, with his "safety" or his "rational," together with the numerous accompanying headers, etc., and the Davis Bill has migrated to a more northerly climate (North York) along with its progenitor. It only needed this Bill to awaken the dormant energies of the wheelmen in this Province who were united to a man in defending their rights and privileges. In response to the

circular letter sent out by the C. W. A. Secretary a strong effort was put forth—petitions circulated and influence brought to bear, which finally resulted in the withdrawal of the obnoxious measure. The local committee in Toronto, Messrs. Hunter, Walsh, McBride and Langley, prepared and circulated petition forms against the Bill, on which were secured the names of some 5,000 of Toronto's citizens. The outside towns were just as active, and had the Bill not been withdrawn there is no doubt but that the committee would have been able to present a petition against it with some 15,000 or 20,000 names attached. In order to prevent any similar attempts at restrictive legislation, and at the same time to define the rights and responsibilities of wheelmen, the C. W. A. ought at once to take the matter up and bring a Bill before the Legislature next session.

Another Little Bill.

Our friends across the line are experiencing some difficulty in the way of having a parliamentary measure to fight, similar in its details to the defunct Davis Bill. A Mr. White of the local House at Springfield, Ill., has introduced a Bill to the effect that any wheelman touring through the country shall dismount within one hundred feet of a vehicle. Mr. White's motives, it would seem, are entirely personal, as a year ago while driving from his suburban home in Stark County to the village of Toulon, it was the misfortune of some wheelman to pass him at a rapid gait, which apparently had the effect of frightening Mr. White's horse to such an extent that it ran away, throwing Mr. White and his wife out of the carriage. The circumstance of the accident is much to be regretted, but there is little fear of Mr. White being able to squeeze his Bill through, as it is recognized as being a purely personal feeling that prompts the introduction of the measure. The local wheelmen claim that the L. A. W. was not notified of the time when the Committee on Roads and Bridges proposed to discuss the Bill, and that the League has not been fairly dealt with in not having representation when the Bill was favorably reported upon.

It seems a peculiar coincidence that Bills of such similar character should be brought forward in two Legislatures and at about the same period. We only hope that the progenitor of the American measure will be blessed with the same amount of common sense that proved the incentive to the withdrawal of the Davis Bill.