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During the months of May, June, July and August, THE WHEELMAN will be published twice a month, viz., on the 15th and 30th of each month. Advertisers and correspondents will therefore please note, and furnish any matter in due time.

THE MEET.

Before another issue of THE WHEELMAN greets its readers, the C. W. A. meet of 1885 will be a thing of the past—it will have taken its place in history beside the two first meets of the Association, and will be, we have no fears, enshrined in the memories of all who were at it as the greatest success of the three. There is at present no reason to fear any other result. The ranks of the Association were never so well filled as they are to-day, nor were there ever officers in charge of it who had the interests of the wheelmen of Canada more at heart than the men who are now guiding the destinies of the Association. The town of Woodstock is admirably situated so far as convenience of reaching and leaving it, and proximity to the towns in which wheeling has secured its strongest following, are concerned. A splendid track will be offered to the flyers, and if the day be calm the Canadian records will be smashed to atoms.

As an evidence of the spirit in which clubs are preparing for the meet, and of the quality of the sport which may be expected, it might be mentioned that the Montreal Club's representatives will be in Woodstock a week before the meet to go into training upon the magnificent track of the Woodstock Association. The celebrated tricyclist, E. P. Burnham, of Newton, Mass., has signified his intention of being present, and there is little doubt that a large representation of the leading riders in the States will be on hand to compete in the open events, for which very handsome prizes are offered. If they do, Ross, Lavender and Clarke will have to be on their metal to uphold the honor of Canada; but no one is afraid that these three will allow the wheels of their Yankee friends to cross the line ahead of their's.

With the prospect of such excellent sport, and the certainty of meeting hundreds of congenial companions, there should be sufficient inducement in Woodstock on July 1st to cause such a meeting of cyclists as Canada has never yet seen.

It should be the ambition of every member of the Association to make the meet of '85 a grand success. Let them go the meet and they will see the reason why. They will know that nothing tends so much to raise bicycling in popular estimation as the existence of a strong representative Association; they will appreciate as they have never done before the benefits of membership in such an Association; and they will feel that they never before knew what a splendid sport and exercise cycling is, nor what a strong-limbed, strong-bodied, strong-headed set of men are the disciples of the roving wheel.

Canadians who do not attend the third annual meet at Woodstock this year are going to miss a grand treat, and in more ways than one.—Canada can now boast of a splendid set of flyers, and the bursts of speed that will be seen among a field of probably six or seven contestants in the one and five mile championships of Canada will be well worth witnessing, while the races open to the racers from the United States will give us an idea as to how our men will be able to cope with our friends from over the border. Already a number of U.S. flyers have entered for some of the races. The arrangements being made by the Woodstock Club are rapidly nearing completion, and it may be safely said that the third annual meet is going to fairly eclipse all previous ones.

July will be a most noteworthy month in the cycling calendar for 1885, inasmuch as there will occur three of the greatest incentives to cycling that have ever taken place in America—in the C.W.A. meet, the L.A.W. meet, and the Big Four Tour. At the Canadian and American meets, which follow each other so closely, making it quite easy for every one to attend both, racing, which will always be indulged in as long as cycling lasts, will predominate and receive its due attention, while the Big Four Tour will do full justice to that ever-increasing branch of cycling, touring, the healthiest, most instructing, and most beneficial use to which a wheel can be put. And one thing which will reign supreme, and be promoted at all three events, is good fellowship, a gift of nature which nearly all cyclists seem to possess.

The following is said to have been extracted from the by-laws of the Maryland Bicycle Club: "Any member riding side-paths during the parade, or running ahead of the captain, or refusing to obey orders, will be fined \$1; sassing the captain, \$2 for every offence; guying the first lieutenant, 25 cents; kidding the second lieutenant, 10 cents, or three for a quarter. Any member, by paying five dollars in advance, would be entitled to the above and other usual privileges of an ordinary club run." Thirty-three members paid the advance money, and now figure that they made a net saving of \$173.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Our esteemed friends, the Baird Bros., of *The Cyclist & Athlete*, must be very sanctimonious. Their office was formerly on Church Street, now it is in Trinity Place.

Of course you are going to Woodstock. Why should we ask such a question? But don't forget to go to Buffalo on the 2nd and 3rd and see our American cousins.

All wheelmen between Cobourg and Kingston should keep themselves and their friends posted as to the Century Road Race of the Big Four Tour, which takes place on Friday, July 10th. It is going to be well worth witnessing.

In another column will be seen an invitation to Canadians to compete in the Century Road Race of the Big Four Tour from Cobourg to Kingston. As Manager Ayers says, "I do not want to see the Canadians crowded out," so say we all. Surely we have some road riders who are able to stay with the best men in the country on an unusually fine road. There ought to be four or five Canadian riders enter for the race.

FIRST OF JULY NOTES.

A special train will leave Woodstock at midnight on July 1st, after the C.W.A. tournament, for Buffalo, with sleepers and baggage cars for the special use of wheelmen who intend taking in the L.A.W. meet.

E. P. Burnham, of Newton, Mass., America's champion tricyclist, has announced his intention of competing at Woodstock on July 1st.

Burley B. Ayers, of Chicago, will act as referee, and Leland O. Howard, President of the Capitol Bicycle Club, Washington, D.C., with Will C. Moroni, editor of the *Western Cyclist*, will be among the judges at the third annual meet of the C. W. A.

The following are the open events on the C. W. A. programme of races which should attract the fliers from the United States: Five mile, open to the world—1st prize, gold watch, value \$125; 2nd, silver medal, value \$20. One mile, open to America—1st prize, silver stopwatch, value \$45; 2nd, gold chain, value \$20. Ten-mile, open to America—1st prize, silver tilting water pitcher, value \$65; 2nd, silver cup, value \$20.

The Woodstock Club are preparing to give their cycling friends a royal welcome on the 1st of July, and they are quite equal to the occasion.

A CATASTROPHE.

Only a cyclist gigantic,  
 Astride of a sixty-inch wheel,  
 Eyeing sideways a maiden romantic,  
 As he drives on his swift steed of steel.

Only a poor little tabby,  
 Slinking slyly across the smooth street,  
 Her mottled fur dusty and shabby,  
 Out she starts from beneath the girl's feet.

Only a sky-rocket header,  
 While the maiden just stands still and stares;  
 A poor feline who couldn't be dead,  
 And a whooping old bill for repairs!

The Wanderers have withdrawn their resignation from the C.W.A.