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THE C.W.A. MEET.

The decision of the C.W.A. Board to hold the next annual meet of the Association in Montreal is one that will commend itself to the majority of the members of the Association. It any club in the Dominion deserves well at the hands of the Association it is the Montreal Bicycle Club. Somewhat laggard, perhaps, in first casting in its lot with what it may have had reason to fear would be an insignificant and short-lived Association—especially as such a move would virtually mean a severance from the old and strong League of American Wheelmen, of which the Montreal Club might almost be said to have been one of the founders. When once within the ranks of the C.W.A., it unselfishly set to work to do all in its power to advance the interests of the Association. As our Woodstock correspondent very truly remarks, the Montreal Club, almost isolated though it is from the great body of Canadian wheelmen, has pursued no dog-in-the-manger policy, but manfully done its share in insuring the success of each and every meet of the Association, no matter how far from Montreal that meet might be held, nor how little direct and personal control could be exercised by the members of the club over the preliminary arrangements. Although the Montreal Club has stood, in point of membership in the Association, very near the head, it has never, by reason of its distance from the other clubs, possessed that voice in the affairs of the Association that might reasonably have been expected. This year, for the first time, to the great body of Montreal wheelmen will be brought home a realization of the benefits that flow from their membership in the C.W.A. It will no longer seem to them an institution which they help to support for the benefit of bicycling in the abstract, but an institution of practical worth to them and to their sport.

Montreal deserves the meet, and deserves the hearty co-operation of the wheelmen of Ontario in making it a success that will eclipse all its predecessors. The wheelmen of this province will be false to the Association and ungrateful to Montreal if they do not respond in large numbers to the invitation of the Montreal Club. To hundreds it will furnish an opportunity of seeing the commercial metropolis of Canada under circumstances that may not be offered again for many years. Cheap rates will certainly be secured, and there will be little or no excuse for a small attendance from this province.

Needless to say, the Montreal boys will do their duty in the premises. They have had the experience and they possess the will, and we are looking forward to a C.W.A. meet perfect in management, large in numbers, and successful in a manner that will be a "record" hard to break.

DUES FOR 1886.

Within the next two months the majority of clubs will hold their annual meetings. In the heat of the election contests don't let the question of C.W.A. membership be forgotten. The Association should easily have a clear roll-call of 1000 paid-up members by July 1st; and if all the clubs do their duty this can be very easily accomplished. That is the date of the Association year, but all joining during the preceding three months of April, May and June are credited with membership for the year 1886-7. Send on your application to the Secretary. One dollar per annum, or fifty cents when the entire membership of a club joins.

AN ASSOCIATION UNIFORM.

The decision of the Board to recommend the adoption of an Association uniform is one that will generally commend itself to the members. All who have seen the L.A.W. uniform have been struck by its neatness and appropriate nature, and the fine effect produced by it in parades. Having stood the test of time, and proved itself an exceedingly convenient and handsome business suit, as well as fitted for the special purposes of cycling, the C.W.A. has done well in adopting it, and not, like the Athenians, spent its time in trying "to see or to hear some new thing," simply for the purpose of being different from its neighbors. A slight change in color has been deemed best, and the C.W.A. uniform will be of dark gray instead of brown. It is probable that some one wholesale house will agree to keep on hand a special line suitable for these uniforms, in which case the members of the Association will be promptly notified, and may then procure the cloth through their local tailors. It is to be trusted that the new uniform will be widely adopted.

THE GUIDE-BOOK.

The decision of the C.W.A. Board to issue a guide-book immediately was only arrived at after prolonged consideration and discussion. The expense connected with its publication was the main question, there being no difference of opinion as to the usefulness of such a book. The first C.W.A. guide-book, incomplete as it necessarily was, has been of great use to Canadian wheelmen, and was a very positive and practical return for membership in the Association. Its compilation entailed an immense amount of work upon the present indefatigable Secretary-Treasurer, upon whose shoulders will again fall the main burden of the new edition. He should, however, be assisted as liberally as possible by all members of the Association. In fact, by their aid alone can a trustworthy and in any sense complete guide-book be published; and for the sake of the credit of the Association it is to be hoped

that a generous response will be made to the circulars asking for information which will soon be issued. There is no Canadian cyclist who reads this but can do his part in improving the character of the guide-book for 1886; and as the way to do a thing is to do it, let every one of them sit down at once and write to the Secretary of the Association a concise description of the roads in his neighborhood—whence they come, whither they lead; which should be ridden, which avoided, and many other particulars that will suggest themselves to the mind of every wheelman.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Don't get your spring uniforms until you see the C.W.A. suit. Then you will have no other.

Let us have notes from every wheel centre for the April WHEELMAN. Come, boys, don't hide your light under a bushel any longer.

If there are any lady tricycle riders in Canada, THE WHEELMAN would be glad if they would use its columns to relate their experiences for the benefit of others of the sex.

The pastor of a church at Uniontown, Pa., has been compelled to resign because he can ride a bicycle. If the rule were reversed we would have better sermons.

Mr. W. G. Ross has returned to Montreal after a lengthened visit down in Central America, where there was no small-pox. It is hoped that he will re-enter the racing lists, now that the meet is going to Montreal.

Their fame hath gone abroad throughout all the land. The *Bicycling World*, in speaking of the holding of the meet in Montreal, says: "The glorious old M.B.C. may be depended on to put the thing through in good style."

It is calculated that the cost of the guide-book will be from \$100 to \$150. Probably \$50 of this can be defrayed by advertisements. The average cost of each issue of THE WHEELMAN is \$35, less the receipts from advertising, which are an uncertain quantity. There is now between \$300 and \$400 in the Association treasury.

Let every wheelman who has the courage of his convictions, and believes that the knickerbockers are the neatest and most pleasant leg gear, wear them in business hours during '86. They would soon be the fashion. The C.W.A. uniform will make a handsome business suit.

It is not at all improbable that the next meet at Montreal will cover more than one day. The 1st of July will fall on a Thursday, and some of the Montreal boys are talking up a scheme for holding a second race meeting on Saturday afternoon, allowing Friday to be utilized for sight-seeing purposes. Saturday afternoon is a time when a large crowd could be depended upon, and if a number of the crack American fliers are in the city, as it is expected they will be, good sport could readily be provided both for Thursday and Saturday.

Says the *L.A.W. Bulletin*:

Several of our Canadian members have recently written to us relative to forming a division in that land of ice-palaces and toboggans. To all of them