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THE WANDERERS WIN THE RACE.

A large crowd of riders and interested spectators thronged the Kingston road east of Toronto on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 3, to witness the first team road race yet held in Canada. The race originated out of a challenge sent to the Wanderers by the Toronto Club, in which a fifty mile race was proposed for teams of ten men from each club. The club having the largest number of points to be declared the winner, and each rider to count from 20 to 1, according to his place at the finish. The course chosen was from the top of Norway Hill to Highland Creek and return twice, which distance, however, is a shade under 40 miles of a fair average country road.

At 2.16 the teams formed up, says the *Globe*, and although the Toronto Club, the challengers, were before the race considered the sure winners, the result not only surprised them but also the friends of the Wanderers, who could not have hoped for a more decisive victory. The officers of the day were: Starter and referee. T. Fane and J. Lawson; scorers at Norway, Messrs. Yorke and Ryan; at Highland Creek, Messrs. Lalor and Henderson. The Toronto team consisted of Captain W. H. Cox, A. Webster, C. Whatmough, W. H. Thomas, J. King, W. West, C. H. Robins, A. C. Bowers, M. F. Johnston and C. Lavender; while the Wanderers' team on the scratch consisted of Captain G. H. Orr, F. Foster, D. Nasmith, Bert Brown, J. Conway, A. Daniel, F. Strange, E. A. Fletcher, G. Toye and G. Dean. The riders were given cautionary advice, and on the word "Mount!" the whole twenty moved off at a rapid pace along the road, the many colors and pleasing contrasts making a pretty picture. At the Halfway House, three miles from the start, the riders were well strung out, and from there to the finish many exciting trials in speed were indulged in by the riders. Refreshments were served along the road, and were eagerly taken by the thirsty racers. The Wanderers were easy victors by 25 points, which is a large majority for such a race. The result is remarkable from the fact that three of the Wanderers were disabled and lost much time in being fixed up. Bert Brown, one of the

fastest, broke his machine while riding in third place, and after losing over fifteen minutes in obtaining another, gained on everybody, and finished eighth. George Dean broke down on the first lap, and had to walk four miles to obtain another wheel, losing an hour of time. George Orr lost fifteen minutes in fixing his wheel. As will be seen by the following figures, the Wanderers won by bunching their riders after winning first and third place :

Name.	Wanderers. Points.	Torontos. Points.
1 F. Foster.....	20	
2 F. Johnston.....		19
3 D. Nasmith.....	18	
4 A. Webster.....		17
5 C. Lavender.....		16
6 G. Toye.....	15	
7 J. Conway.....	14	
8 B. Brown.....	13	
9 G. H. Orr.....	12	
10 E. Fletcher.....	11	
11 C. Whatmough.....		10
12 J. King.....		9
13 W. H. Cox.....		8
14 A. Bowers.....		7
15 F. Strange.....	6	
16 A. Daniel.....	5	
17 W. West.....		4
18 G. Dean.....	3	
19 W. Thomas.....		2
20 C. Robins (did not finish)		0
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The actual time for the first man, F. Foster, was exactly, from start to finish, 3h. 17s., which is very fast, owing to the quality of the road. After the race, 60 Wanderers sat down to tea at Bates' hotel, and a pleasant evening was spent.

Mr. C. F. Lavender was counted as first man, but Foster, as usual, never likes to see anyone ahead of him, and won the race, spurring past Johnston when about 200 yards from the finish.

Two of the Toronto's best men, Davies and Brimer, could not ride, which placed this club at a disadvantage. The Wanderers were in the same fix, owing to the sickness of Fane and the absence of many good men from town.

Although both clubs had riders stationed along the road to look after the racers, they were annoyed at the interference of some disinterested riders who were stationed at the foot of the hill, and took occasion to mislead many a rider coming down the hill.

THE AMERICAN TEAM IN ENGLAND.

The American team have changed their minds regarding the length of their sojourn in Europe. The latest announcement of "Senator" Morgan was to the effect that unless Dick Howell cared to make another match with Ralph Temple, the team would shortly leave for home, instead of remaining there till spring. Socially and financially, however, the trip is stated to have been a thorough success. Temple has been the most successful of the trio, having won thirty-five first prizes, seven seconds, two thirds and made two dead heats. Among those whom he has beaten are Howell, English, Lees, Battensby and W. Wood. Howell is the only one who has lowered his colors at his favorite distances, while in their first series of races Temple beat the Englishman once, deadheaded him and was once beaten by him. He has ridden a mile in 2m. 35½s., and half a mile in 1m 13 1-2s.

With the Clubs.

THE N.B.C.

The Newmarket Bicycle Club gave a most successful chinese lantern parade on the 5th ult., all the active members taking part, each wheel being festooned and elaborately decorated with lanterns arranged in great variety of design. The procession, headed by the Captain sailing a yacht, and accompanied by a brass band and masqueraders mounted on foot, presented a very attractive appearance, and filled the streets of the town with throngs of citizens.

The club has fixed a date for a ten mile team race, which will come off ere this edition of THE WHEELMAN is printed,—the stakes being a club supper, to be furnished by the losing team, and a silver cup presented by the club to the man making fastest time.

Newmarket, Sept. 26, 1887.

RACING AT BELLEVILLE.

The Ramblers of Belleville have at last decided the, to them, all-important event of the final ownership of the "Corby Challenge Cup," a \$50 cup presented to the club by Henry Corby, Esq. (he of I X L fame), the President. This happy event was consummated Sept. 7th on the Belleville Driving Park.

The contestants were W. R. Greatrix, twice already winner of the cup; L. B. Cooper, who had won it once, and W. A. Lingham, a very fast colt. The race was won by Greatrix in the fair time, considering the strong wind, of 19.22¼; Lingham a fine second, Cooper having dropped out at the end of the third mile, owing to want of training and a bad "header" just before the start. Greatrix having made a slight boast of his victory, Cooper has "called him" for a race for a \$50 medal given by the loser, to be gone for October 6th, at Peterboro', and there is blood in Cooper's eye.

FINE ROAD RACE.

Capt. Dean, of the Ramblers of Belleville, on the opening of this season announced that he would present a handicap medal for competition for the first six who were the most regular attendants at club runs. The field resolved itself into Messrs. Pease, Gibson, Clarke, Bonar, Lingham and Wilson, who started in the order named on their 20 mile road course, being a measured course through the streets of the city (said streets having been badly broken up by waterworks and laying pipes through them). The finish was, W. A. Lingham (who had one minute on Wilson, scratch), 1st; time, 1h. 42m 10s; Wilson, 2nd; time, 1h. 46¼m. The race caused a great deal of enthusiasm, the streets being lined with people to see the affair, and the popular Willie received an ovation on his very fine race.

Messrs. Chas. Robinson & Co., 22 Church st., Toronto, make a most important announcement in this issue of THE WHEELMAN, viz., a reduction of 70% off the 'st price of their stock of new Rudge machines, in order to close it out. It would pay to buy some of them in at the low prices advertised in order to retail in the spring, when they will sell readily at their full value.