

## Canadian Wheelmen's Association.

Applications have been received this month as follows:

Unattached:—No. 449, Archibald McLean, Hamilton.

To Toronto Club add six. No. 450, Frank Robertson; No. 451, C. H. Lavander; No. 452, N. R. Butcher; No. 453, T. Aikenhead; No. 454, E. B. Freeland; No. 455, F. V. Massey.

Consuls have been appointed as follows:

District No. 2, T. H. Robinson, Chief Consul. Toronto—F. J. Campbell, No. 102.

E. G. Fitzgerald, No. 119.

Hamilton—C. W. Tinsler, No. 258.

Newcastle—N. H. Chandler, No. 399.

Ottawa—W. E. Middleton, No. 326.

Brighton—R. J. Bowles, No. 329.

District No. 3, G. A. Mothersill, Chief Consul.

Kingston—W. C. Carruthers, No. 426.

Ottawa—T. M. S. Jenkins, No. 278.

We would urge upon the Consuls in the various towns, the necessity of sending in their road reports to the Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. H. B. Donly, Simcoe, at once. Many have already furnished very carefully prepared descriptions of the roads in their vicinity, but nearly all of the important places have so far done nothing. This means death to the success of the Guide-book. Let the lovers of the wheel awake. If any person has been appointed to the position of consul and it is not his intention to thoroughly perform the duties asked of him, let him inform the Secretary at once of the fact, that his place may be filled by an active man.

### TOURS FOR 1884.

From all prospects as yet the western wheelmen will either have to join the proposed tour from Niagara to Boston for part of the way, or get up a little tour of their own, over the old familiar roads to occupy three or four days.

Nevertheless it is highly probable from the success of the last Chicago tour, that a large number of Canadian bicyclists will join the proposed trip of the Chicago Club, meeting them at either Niagara or Toronto, and accompanying them as far as Montreal, which will make a delightful spin.

Mr. B. B. Ayers who organized the Chicago run of 1883, is also the projector of the trip for 1884, and every one can feel confident that in his hands the affair will be a grand success. We clip the Canadian part of the tour from the *Bicycling World*.

"The object of the Niagara to Boston tour is not a test of physical strength or great speed. The distances to be accomplished are based upon the average bicyclist's ability, and fifty per cent. reduction made to allow for the full absorption of a country brimful of historic and scenic interest. The route and daily mileage, as at present set down

and which will be but slightly changed, is as follows: Leave Chicago Tuesday evening, 15 July, by rail to Niagara Falls. After dinner and meeting of other wheelmen, leave Niagara Falls Wednesday afternoon, cross the foot suspension bridge to the Canadian side, and wheel down the bank of the Niagara River, past the whirlpool and Brock's Monument to Niagara. Here take steamer for a three-hour trip in the evening across Lake Ontario, arriving at Toronto at eight o'clock. Augmented by the Canadian tourists, leave Toronto Thursday 17th, wheeling to Port Hope, sixty-five miles; Friday 18th to Belleville, forty miles; to Kingston on Saturday 19th, forty-eight miles.

Leave Kingston Sunday morning for Alexandria Bay, spending the day quietly among the marvellous Thousand Islands. Leave the Bay, Monday, by steamer down the St. Lawrence, passing through all the rapids, arriving at Montreal in the evening."

### THE MONTREAL CARNIVAL, FEBRUARY 4TH TO 9TH.

Although the above enterprise has very little connection with bicycling, excepting that nearly all the members of the Montreal Bicycle Club are adepts at some of the Canadian sports; viz, tobogganing, skating, and snowshoeing, and in fact taking the lead in this comparatively new idea of a carnival, still we have been intrusted with an invitation and advice to all, wheelmen and otherwise, who intend being in Montreal during the week of this festive occasion to be sure and bring their blanket suits with them, if they are the happy possessors of such an article.

All visitors to Montreal during the carnival week, are to have free use of all toboggan-slides, etc., that city boasting in five toboggan clubs with a total membership of over 1,500.

The ice palace is rapidly nearing completion, and when finished will be a magnificent structure.

Already the city is fairly alive with the wearers of the tobogganing suits, both male and female, and it is evident that the entertainment will far surpass anything of the kind held in America.

Our readers will notice by Mr. A. T. Lane's advertisement on the eighth page, that all wheelmen visiting Montreal will be cordially received at his new place of business, "The Carnival House near the Windsor Hotel," and that he will do all in his power to assist them in enjoying themselves, and from our personal acquaintance with Mr. Lane, and the other members of the Montreal Bicycle Club, we can assure all those who intend going that they will be received and treated in the very best of style, and will never regret the trip. In conclusion, we wish all the participants "a glorious and jolly time."

Who is going to be the first one to suggest a pleasant four or five day tour in Western Ontario?

### A FREE GUESSING PROBLEM.

THE CANADIAN WHEELMAN:

Mercury below zero at noon-day, with six inches of snow on the ground, makes the Star Wheel Club feel as though what little riding they get "awheel," for the next four months, in this cold section of country, will have to be taken in sleigh ruts and on the ice; for they are not so fortunate as to have a chance to ride in-door.

We can not well deny ourselves the pleasure of a spin, for four long months, if we do have to take it on the snow and ice. I am glad we have so many papers devoted to our pastime, for through them we can hear from one another during the long winter months, and it will keep up an interest in wheel matters.

As a scheme for a little amusement for wheelmen, I have hit upon the free guess project, and to "set the ball rolling," I will make the following offer: The Cyclometer on my bicycle is a McDonnell, and to the one who first guesses the number of miles and hundredths it now stands at, I will give a new Cyclometer of same make price \$4.

The reading has been taken off by the Secretary of the Club, and by him will be announced on February 1st 1884, at which time this offer will close. The name and P.O. address of each guesser, together with the distance guessed, must be forwarded to me on a post-card, before Feb. 1, 1884. The result of the guessing will be made known in the C. W. We hope all will guess, (one guess only, will be counted from each person), and we will try to make it interesting, by giving a report of total number of guesses, number from each State, etc., etc.

All guesses of course, will be between 1-100 of a mile and 1,000 miles, as the McDonnell records all distances up to 1,000 miles. Guesses free.

Yours truly,

E. H. Corson, Capt. Star Wheel Club.  
East Rochester, N.H., Dec. 30th 1883.

[NOTE.—We have asked Mr. Corson to extend the date of closing his guessing problem to 10th of February, and feel confident that he will do so.]—C. W.

### WHAT SAY THE CANADIANS?

A correspondent writing to *The Wheel* the organ of the L.A.W. makes the following remarks in writing of the American League:

"Another feature I might offer for the organization to attempt would be this—the amalgamation of the Canadian Wheelmen's Association with the L.A.W. There exists no reason for a separate organization in Canada. There are only five hundred members, just sufficient to form a moderate State Division. Many of our cyclists tour in Canada, in consequence of the fine quality of the roads, and it would be a fitting termination of the Chicago Club's journey this year to see a union of the two organizations, and the placing of one at least upon a thoroughly sure foundation."

In speaking of a guide-book, he pays the Canadians the following deserved compliment:

"We might take a lesson from the Canadian Wheelmen's Association, numbering not five hundred members, in this respect, as they have just gone valiantly to work to issue such a valuable guide."