

Toronto Bicycle Club's Races.

On Monday last the Torontos held their Tenth Annual Race Meeting in the Rosedale Grounds, which was attended by a crowd of 3,000 or 3,500, among whom the ladies predominated. The heavy rain of Sunday had well soaked the track, and the rolling given it on Monday morning packed it thoroughly, so that it was as good as could be expected of the Rosedale course.

It is to be regretted that the outside American and Canadian flyers, who had entered, did not put in an appearance, as the crowd no doubt would be under the impression that the racing was not as fast as it otherwise would have been. However, be that as it may, the time in most of the events was equal to previous records on Rosedale track and those of the safety events were a long way ahead. We think that Hyslop's m in 2.44 was fully equal to Palmer's 2.42½ on the Hamilton track, while the half-mile dash record was lowered 1½ seconds.

The prizes were the best ever offered by the Club, and were certainly the handsomest offered at any similar event in Canada. As all but three seconds went to members of the Toronto Club, it was emphatically a Torontos' day. Everything went off smoothly and well up to the advertised time. No serious accidents occurred and the crowd were well-pleased with the day's enjoyment.

Heintzman's Band with Mr. H. L. Clark, the cornet player, as leader, was in attendance and supplied a very pleasing program.

The officers of the day were: E. C. Hill, President C. W. A.; referee; Charles Pearson, President Athenæum Club; W. Logan, Vice President T. L. C.; Ald. J. B. Boustead, judges; W. H. West, F. J. Whatmough, H. C. Pease, clerks of the course; H. Ryrie, ex-President C. W. A.; J. P. Langley, Captain Athenæum B. C.; Fred. Foster, ex-Captain W. B. C.; H. Chandler, ex-Captain T. B. C., time-keepers; Charles F. Lavender, handicapper; W. H. Cox, J. B. Laidlaw, scorers.

The following are the Race Committee of the Club, who had charge of the races:

Chas. Langley, chairman; J. Wood, secretary; C. J. W. Lowes, treasurer; C. W. Hurdall, F. J. Whatmough, H. C. Pease, A. Henderson, C. E. Lailey, J. Miln, F. B. Robins, B. Brough, C. A. Tubby, E. Scott, W. Robins, C. F. Lavender, R. H. McBride, W. G. McClelland, A. E. Stovel, F. Bryers, J. F. Lawson, W. H. Cox, H. English, G. M. Begg, J. Sinclair.

Following is a record of the events:—

1. Two-Mile Novice Ordinaries (open).—In this event there were six starters: W. G. McClelland, T. B. C.; W. Hunter, W. B. C.; Jas. Miln, T. B. C.; C. W. F. Lennox, T. B. C.; C. W. Hurdall, T. B. C.; Jas. Baine, Ramblers (Hamilton) B. C. Hunter got the start and led for the first few laps, when he was passed by McClelland, who won the race handily, the contest being for second place between Miln and Lennox, the former winning by a few feet. Time, 6.18.

2. Two-Mile Novice Safeties (open).—Six starters came to the scratch: E. O. Sliter, Kingston B. C.; E. J. P. Smith, T. B. C.; S. Bulley, T. B. C.; A. W. Smith, T. B. C.; T. W. Tarte, Montreal B. C., and E. C. Perry, Ramblers (Hamilton) B. C. Perry led first lap, but was then passed by Smith and Bulley, who finished first and second. Time, 7.05½.

3. One-Mile Handicap Ordinaries (open).—1, Jas. Miln, T. B. C. (140 yards); 2, James Baine, Ramblers B. C., Hamilton (140 yards); 3, J. H. Palin, T. B. C. (125 yards). Time, 2.50½. This was a very evenly contested race with a close finish, Begg, of the T. B. C., who was well up, fell, about fifty yards from the finish.

4. Half-Mile Dash, Safeties (open).—1, W. Hyslop, T. B. C.; 2, M. Wells, Wanderers B. C.; 3, E. J. P. Smith, T. B. C. Time, 1.15½. This was the race of the day, and in it the record of 1.17 made at Hamilton by Skerritt was lowered. Hyslop and Wells kept close together until within 100 yards of the finish, when the latter, riding too close to the turf, touched his pedal and was nearly thrown.

5. Two-Mile Club Championship.—1, W. G. McClelland; 2, F. Gullett. This was a sort of funeral procession and the only uninteresting event of the day. There were several entries, but, after Mac. won the Novice so easily, the others dropped out. Time, 6.51.

6. Half-Mile, Boys—14 and under (open).—1, H. Bendelari; 2, Percy Brown; 3, H. J. Dorian. This was a close finish, Bendelari winning by a couple of feet. Time, 1.32½.

7. One Mile, Safeties (open).—1, W. Hyslop, T. B. C.; 2, M. Wells, W. B. C. Time, 2.44. It was fully expected to be a race of flyers, as Carman, Palmer and Skerritt, Merrill and Dorntge had entered, but failed to show up, and the race was between Bulley Hyslop and Wells, the two latter on pneumatics, being penalized 75 yards. The time was, however, very fast, being only 1½ secs. behind the Canadian record made by Palmer on the Hamilton track.

8. Five Miles, Ordinaries (open).—1, W. G. McClelland, T. B. C.; 2, J. H. Palin, T. B. C.; 3, Jas. Miln, T. B. C. Time, 16.33½. Pearsall, of the Wanderers, and Gullett, of the Torontos, also started, but the pace was too hot, and, though Pearsall held McClelland for the first three miles, he finally dropped out and the latter won easily. Palin and Miln made a good race for the second place, the former allowing Miln to make pace until the last lap, when he spurred and took second place by about ten yards.

9. Two-Mile Handicap, Safeties (open).—1, E. J. P. Smith, T. B. C. (250 yards); 2, W. Hyslop, T. B. C. (50 yards). There were five other starters: Powis, Hamilton B. C. (200 yards); E. C. Sliter, Kingston B. C. (220 yards); S. Bulley, T. B. C. (150 yards); J. W. Tatley, Montreal B. C. (200 yards); E. C. Perry, Ramblers B. C. (200 yards). Hyslop was penalized 75 yards on account of his pneumatic, and started 25 yards back of scratch. He gradually overtook and passed all except Smith, who, however, had too much of a handicap, and won by 100 yards. Time, 6.30½.

10. Half-Mile Combination (open).—1, F. Mc. Mahon; 2, C. W. Hurdall; 3, W. Robins; 4, W. H. Lee; 5, G. S. Abrey. This was the comical event of the programme, and the spectators loudly cheered the contestants when something particularly ludicrous occurred. The following were the conditions of the race:—"1st, run pushing bicycle in front, with little wheel in air; 2nd, run drawing bicycle behind, with little wheel in air; 3rd, leave your wheel and vault first hurdle, run to second hurdle and vault, run and crawl under pole, run and crawl under net, lift bicycle over hurdle, ride to second hurdle standing on step