

### The Safety on the Upward Grade.

Some months ago we ventured to predict that the then existing craze for the ordinary—particularly of the Rational type—would be a short-lived one. We based our estimate on the fact that the extraordinary demand in Toronto for Rationals was due in a very great measure to the success of the riders who possessed these mounts in the Wanderer-Toronto Road Race last fall, when every wheel used was an ordinary. The only incentive necessary to cause a revulsion of feeling in this respect was a race comprising representations of the two mounts, resulting in the dwarf obtaining some degree of success at the finish. This was fully exemplified in the recent road race at Hamilton, and the superiority of the safety when fitted with pneumatic tires, over the good old ordinary, was practically demonstrated. Even aside from our belief that the safety is the better wheel, all points being impartially considered, such a conclusion as we may now naturally expect might have been long ago anticipated by every one, as our English friends of the wheel readily saw the points of advantage in the safety and quickly adopted it, and our neighbours over the border, with their natural aptitude to clinch a good idea, soon relegated the ordinary to the background and rode the safety.

We must admit that the cushion and pneumatic tires have done much to make this wheel what it is, but the fact remains that the safety now holds precedence for popularity, which really means that it is the faster machine. The dealers will be wise, we are inclined to think, if they note the signs of the times.

### Shareholders' Meeting.

On Friday evening, the 17th inst., the first general meeting of the Shareholders of the Toronto Bicycle Club (Limited), was held in their Club House, 346 Jarvis St., when over 1,050 of the 1,300 subscribed shares were represented.

Mr. Langley was appointed Chairman, and Mr. Ryckman Secretary. The report of the Building and Finance Committee was presented, and a motion carried confirming their action in purchasing the premises. Messrs. Pease, Ryckman and McClelland were appointed scrutineers for the election of Directors, which resulted in placing most of the members of the Building and Finance Committee on the first Directorate, a very

practical manifestation of the shareholders' approval of their actions up to date.

The following is a list of the Directors, viz.: W. H. Chandler, W. H. Cox, C. E. Lailey, C. Langley, R. H. McBride, W. Robins, E. B. Ryckman, E. A. Scott, A. F. Webster, J. F. Lawson and Fred Bryers.

A meeting of the Directors was called on Monday for the purpose of electing officers, when Mr. R. H. McBride was elected Chairman, Mr. C. E. Lailey, Vice Chairman; Mr. E. B. Ryckman, Secretary; and Mr. J. F. Lawson, Treasurer.

### Honor Where Honor is Due.

Before allowing our friend Mr. R. A. Robertson, of Hamilton, to disappear from the list of executive officers of the C. W. A., we wish to say simply a word expressing the admiration we personally feel at the untiring efforts he has at all times put forth during the past few years on behalf of the H.B.C. and our Association. We have to thank Hamilton for providing a race track second to none on the continent, and Mr. Robertson, although not carrying through the whole project himself, did much towards its successful consummation, and we express the hope that at some future day Mr. Robertson will again see fit to place himself in the contest for the presidency, when, we have little doubt, his recognized worth will be differently rewarded than that which characterized the result of the recent election.

### Ottawa Believes in Representation.

Our good friends from the Eastern Capital, after having the vice-presidency in 1889 and also the chairmanship of the Racing Board for 1890 centered in the city where political corruption now reigneth, elevated their candidate to the vice-presidency of the Association at the recent election, and also retained the control of the Racing Board by the appointment of Mr. Sproule. Both of these gentlemen are well adapted for the requirements of their respective offices, notwithstanding the fact that the V.P. *does* believe that the sun rises and sets very near his domicile, and that he *will* occasionally insert an additional vowel in his name.

On June 25th J. M. James, of the North Road Cycling Club, lowered T. A. Edge's famous York to London record by 11½ minutes, his full time for the distance being 14 hours 21½ minutes. He was greatly delayed by heavy thunderstorms.