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A New Racing Track.

It is rumored that the Toronto Lacrosse Club intend having a first class bicycle track in connection with their new grounds, and also that the Toronto Athletic Club are thinking very seriously of devoting some of their funds toward a similar purpose. It is to be hoped for the benefit of the sport that either or both these rumors are correct, as the present track at Rosedale is anything but a good one, and some of the fast riders have refused to ride upon it again. One can hardly blame them for not wishing to return to their friends in a dilapidated condition, a result not easily avoided when any fast riding is accomplished. By all means build a good track, and there will be little difficulty in getting the support of the Cyclists, or of inducing fast men to attend our tournaments.

The Amateur Racer.

The racing man's lot is not an easy one by any means, whether he rides on track or road. Since May from ten to twenty riders of the two crack Toronto clubs have been more or less in training either for road or path races. By training, we do not mean that they have ridden a certain number of times round the track or a certain distance on the road, but that they have practically given up their amusements and enjoyments to devote themselves systematically and regularly to a species of very hard work, and all with what object in view? Possibly to satisfy a personal ambition, but mainly for the honor of their respective clubs, who, we trust, will recognize the efforts of their racing men by providing every facility for their amusement and instruction during the long winter evenings when cycling is impossible.

Montreal Bicycle Club Races.

On Saturday, August 20th, the Annual Fall Races of the M. B. C. were held on the track of the M. A. A. A., in the presence of about 2,000 people. The entries for the ordinary events included Zimmerman and Carman, but the former not turning up, Carman had these pretty much in his own hands until he took a header and smashed his wheel in the three-mile open.

For the safety events Berlo, of the Manhattan A. C., Palmer, of Hamilton, and Smith and Hyslop were the flyers.

McClelland and Miln, of the Torontos, were in hard luck, as their wheels were sent to Kingston by a mistake of the railway people, and did not arrive in Montreal until after the races were over. Miln succeeded in borrowing a wheel but the rear tire came off in the first race.

Following were the officers of the day:—

Referee—J. A. Taylor, President M.A.A.A.
Judges—S. M. Baylis, J. F. Scriver, T. Arthur Beament, Ottawa; Major Freeman.
Timekeepers—T. L. Paton, A. F. Webster, Toronto; W. G. Ross.

Electrical timekeepers—D. D. McTaggart, D. J. Watson.

Starter—Norman Fletcher.

Clerks of the course—W. G. Robertson, Gus. Harries, F. W. Johnson, F. D. Scott.
Scorers—L. Rubenstein, E. W. Barlow.

Umpires—H. McKenzie, R. F. Smith.

THE RACES.

One-mile, novice, ordinary.—1. C. W. Lennox, T.B.C.; 2. G. J. Deverall, M.B.C.; 3. E. Stevens, M.B.C. Time 3.10½.

In this event Lennox won easily, Jimmie Miln having lost the tire off his rear wheel.

One-mile, novice, safety.—1. J. W. Tatley, M.B.C.; 2. F. B. Robins, T.B.C.; 3. W. J. Smith, M.B.C. Time 3.00¾.

Robins rode a pneumatic, but was unable to hold Tatley.

Half-mile, ordinary, open.—1. W. M. Carman, W.A.A.A.; 2. G. S. Lowe, M.B.C. Time 1.21½.

This was the first event Carman contested, and he won it easily, Lowe and Mussen spurting for a while for second place, but the latter dropped out before the finish.

One-mile, ordinary, three-minute class.—1. D. S. Louson, M.B.C.; 2. Jas. Miln, T.B.C.; 3. Geo. Deverall, M.B.C. Time 3.15.

Miln, who rides a 50-inch wheel, borrowed Lennox's 52, and rode, otherwise he might have captured the gold medal.