

London Letter.

DEAR CYCLING,—Restlessness is now becoming epidemic, and on all sides one hears expressions of impatience and longing for dry roads and bright skies. From present appearances wheelmen will not have long to wait, for up here the snow is all gone, and the only thing needful is a little hot sun and a few balmy zephyrs to put the roads in good shape.

In trade matters it looks as though London would be well canvassed by agents. "Nip" Tune is handling Brantfords, Walter Mann is exhibiting the good qualities of the Whitworth, besides the old-established dealers.

Good Friday is near at hand, and, as far as we can learn in the wild and woolly west, Kingston has not yet provided herself with a track, nor with the means to get one. This is unfortunate, no doubt, as many of us would like again to visit the old Limestone City. But the day has gone by when the C. W. A. could hold race meets on horse tracks, and the town which cannot afford to have a bicycle track cannot, in justice to the Association and the sport, ask for or expect to get the annual meet. No doubt the meeting on Good Friday will take the same view of the matter, and the question will then arise, With Kingston ineligible, what town should get the meet? Now, if a person looks at the matter with a little care, you cannot help noticing these facts: The last three meets have been in the East, or what has been practically the East to the Huron district. St. Catharines, Hamilton and Ottawa had the last three meets. St. Catharines and Hamilton were really in the centre of the wheeling population of Canada, while Ottawa was in the far East, and in 1888 the meet was in Belleville. So, it is a long, long time since the West has really had the meet; and if the matter is really looked at impartially, no doubt the claims of this western district will be apparent, even on the above facts. Well, then, assuming the West should have it next, comes the question of the locality. I would that London were in a position to ask for it. But, alas! we have no track fit for such a purpose, and from present indications never will have. But sixty miles to the west of us, on the beautiful St. Clair River, lies the pretty, bustling little town of Sarnia, and in it is the finest track in Ontario, one-third mile, cinders, properly banked. The town boasts one of the most active clubs in the Association. It is only sixty miles from Detroit, the wheeling centre of Michigan. It is directly across the river from the thriving town of Port Huron, only a few miles from the wheeling centres of

Western Ontario and Michigan. It contains—and I speak from personal knowledge—more pretty girls to the square foot than any place in America, and also more good-hearted, enthusiastic and unselfish wheelmen. Anybody who attended last year's meet can vouch for the above facts. Now, these enthusiastic wheelmen have raised a guarantee fund of some fifteen hundred to two thousand dollars, and they want the C. W. A. to become their guests. If Kingston cannot promise a track equally as good, Sarnia should unanimously be accorded the honor. The Association will never regret it; nay, on the other hand, they will rejoice on the 2nd of July, and say, What is the matter with Sarnia! she's all right, you bet!

I am satisfied, if the Association puts aside all prejudice and sectional feeling, and looks at the matter in the light of the true interests of the Association, Sarnia should and will get the meet, and we will be there.

Yours truly, W. G. OWENS.

C. W. A. Board Meeting.

The regular Annual Spring Meeting of the Board of Officers of the Canadian Wheelmen's Association, of which you are a member, will be held in the Club House of the Toronto Bicycle Club, 346 Jarvis St., Toronto, on Good Friday, 15th April inst., at 10.30 o'clock a.m.

Among the matters to be considered are the following:—

1. The selection of the place for the Annual Meet of the Association.
2. Receiving and considering of the report of the committee appointed to revise the by-laws.
3. Consideration of certain amendments to the Racing Rules, including a proposal to abolish what are now known as "Ordinary Championships."
4. The establishment of a Road Improvements' Bureau.
5. Shall the C. W. A. undertake the care of road records?
6. What means can be adopted for securing for the Association the adherence of the many clubs in distant parts of the Dominion not now connected with it?

It would pay wheelmen, and others too, when joining a club to select one that is incorporated; otherwise should the club gradually decay, some of the prominent members might find themselves sued for any club debts remaining unpaid.