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THE C. W. A. GUIDE-BOOK.

By the minutes of the Directors' meeting held in Toronto lately, and published elsewhere in our columns, it will be seen that Messrs. Eakius, of Woodstock, Brierley, of St. Thomas, and Donly, of Simcoe, have been appointed to compile and publish a guide-book for the use of members of the C. W. A. In the hands of these gentlemen this work should be done well; two of them are editors and the other a lawyer, and we do not think three others could be found in the ranks of Canadian Wheelmen better fitted to accomplish the difficult task before them. We want to impress most strongly upon every member of the C. W. A., however, one very important fact, and that is, that without the hearty co-operation of everyone the book will fail in its purpose, no matter how talented the editors may be. The chief aim of the coming book is to give to wheelmen a complete touring-guide for the two Provinces of Ontario and Quebec. Every road fit for bicycling must be given, with a description of the towns and hotels along them. In order to do this the editors must have the assistance of the consuls, who will shortly be named, one for each town in which there is a wheel. Upon the manner in which these officers respond to the appeal made to them will largely depend the success of the book. We sincerely hope that not one of them will be remiss in their duty. As soon as appointed they will be supplied by the Secretary with full directions as to what is required of them. Let them not be slow in rendering all the assistance in their power to the Guide-Book.

We would like to know where the medals won by W. G. Ross our present champion, on July 1st, at London, are, as he had not received them up to a late date, although other prizes won since then have been in his possession for some time.

This certainly is not a very good commencement for the C. W. A. in the matter of races, especially as the sum of \$75 00 had been granted them immediately after the tournament by the Forest City Bicycle Club. It is to be hoped that in the coming season the medals will be finished, and on exhibition on the day of the tournament and presented during the evening of the same day at the annual meeting.

Before the WHEELMAN is again issued, consuls will probably have been appointed for the various towns which are entitled to the honor.

Many are apt to regard the position lightly, but more depends upon its being efficiently filled than may be imagined.

To the consuls will fall the duty of maintaining that interest taken in the Association by individual members, which can alone ensure its success.

Let them remember this and be not slothful in business, but fervent in spirit.

On the occasion of the retiring of Mr. Jas. S. Brierly from the office of Secretary of the C. W. A., a few words may not be amiss.

During Mr. Brierly's term of office, he has proved himself to be a thorough and enthusiastic worker for the cause of bicycling, and great credit is due him for having brought the C. W. A. to its present flourishing condition.

The Association is also to be congratulated on the good choice which has been made for the successor to Mr. Brierly; viz: Mr. Hal B. Donly of Simcoe, who we have always heard spoken of in the very best of terms, and from the interest he has always manifested in bicycling in the past, we are confident that he will show the same marked interest during the coming season, and it is to be hoped that every member of the C. W. A. will help Mr. Donly in his efforts, and keep the Association up to the very highest standard.

The costume which the modern bicyclist uses, is, taking everything into consideration, one which could not be very easily improved upon, because in it are embodied neatness, economy and a great many other sensible ideas. It is therefore a timely suggestion which has been made, that of adopting the bicycle uniform, or a suit of a similar style for skating during the coming season.

Everyone knows that the knee breeches are by far the most comfortable and most graceful to skate in, they also being used by almost every skater of unusual merit.

A bicycle club could easily be organized into a skating club for the winter season the chief object being, that every one belonging should wear the recognized uniform, on regular days appointed, as a skating costume.

The time is not far distant when the knee breeches will be brought into fashion, anyway, and the wheelmen might just as well have the credit of commencing the fashion, as it is not a very hard or severe matter.

Of course, the first appearance of the costumes would evoke the usual very funny and rarely complimentary remarks, which we are all used to, but we have struggled through them all whilst bicycling, and surely can practice the same amount of consistency when adopting the style for skating.

Anything and Everything.

The Winnipeg Club had a very pleasant run to Stonewall on their Civic Holiday. Thirteen riders turned out.

Thirty members of the Montreal Bicycle Club rode out to Pointe Claire and back, about thirty-five miles, on Thanksgiving day.

The races of the Toronto Club, held last month, furnish an example of good management and correspondingly good results, which have been too rarely seen in Canada.

It is a great pity the 'cycling journals of the States do not work harmoniously together for the welfare of the sport. See how their Canadian contemporaries dwell together in peace.

Bicyclists would confer a favor on THE CANADIAN WHEELMAN by consulting their advertisers before purchasing elsewhere, as they can be recommended as reliable in every instance.

WINNIPEG.

DEAR WHEELMAN:—

We have two Bicycle Clubs in Winnipeg, viz: The Alerts and Winnipegs. The former is a combination of cricket, lacrosse, etc., and the bicycling department is very small but successful. The Winnipegs is a large and very well equipped club considering its age. It was organized in 1882, and has at present about twenty active members. The machines used are principally "Royal Canadian," and "Challenge," with a few "D. H. F's."

The roads in Manitoba are no doubt the best in the world for 'cycling. For miles and miles they are as level as possible Hills are unknown, and the only fault is the lack of scenery. A thirty mile trip on the prairie road is not as fatiguing as twenty in Ontario. Early in the spring I rode from Emerson to Morris, a distance of thirty-three miles in two hours and three-quarters without an effort, and in the same evening I returned home in three hours.

The Indians and Mennonites can't understand the "wheel," and you can imagine how startled the Indians were when they first saw the "silent steed." The best roads near Winnipeg are from the city to Silver Heights four and a-half miles, to Stonewall thirteen miles, to Selkirk twenty-three miles. In Emerson the roads are a little better. The road to Morris passes through two points, St. Jean Bapt and St. Pie, and affords very good stopping places at which the "curiosity" is well received.

Wishing your paper every success.

I am yours sincerely

W. H. N.

We desire to call the attention of our readers to the marked improvement with this issue, and hope to receive their hearty support and thereby maintain a first-class standard as a journal in every respect.