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Immorality in Canada.

"WE have been distressed and shocked beyond measure to learn that large and increasing numbers of women in Canada are giving themselves up to the vilest form of immoral practices. The report that comes to us, indeed, is such that, were it credible, we should be led to despair of the future of the country, for, compared to Canada, or at least Toronto, Sodom and Gomorrah were as pure as Salvation Army shelters. It appears that cycling, which with us is adding so much to the health and the beauty and the charm of our women, is in Canada, or at least in Toronto, merely a means of gratifying unholy and bestial desire. We hesitate to believe such a report; but we have it on the authority of the editor of the *Dominion Medical Monthly*, and he is on the spot and speaks as one with absolute knowledge of the facts.

"After referring to the advantages claimed for the bicycle, which he refutes by the statement that the average woman gets about all the exercise she wants in looking after her home, our esteemed contemporary says that 'the consensus of opinion is increasing overwhelmingly day by day that bicycle riding produces in the female a distinct orgasm, . . . and even if an orgasm is not produced, the continued erethism is decidedly more injurious and tends to the production of nervous diseases and the general breaking down of the system. The only contention that can be made is that the orgasm or erethism is not produced. This we know to be absolutely untrue.' The writer adds more of the same kind, and pictures the mothers, wives and daughters of his neighbors as scorching through the country, stooping low over the handle bars, and 'subjected to continued erethism as well as an occasional orgasm.'

"There is but one of two conclusions to be drawn from this statement. Either the wheelwomen of Toronto are the vilest of their sex,