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THE C.W.A. MEET.

By referring to the account in another column of the meeting of the Board of Officers of the C.W.A., held at Toronto on the 11th inst., it will be seen that the second annual meet will be held in Toronto on June 19th instead of the day originally set apart for the purpose, viz., July 1st.

The object in making this change of date was as a great many know, that the semi-centennial of the City of Toronto was to be celebrated from the 19th till the 24th June, and the meet would be largely benefited by the large crowds which must needs be at Toronto during that period, and which will warrant a very large attendance at the performances. Also by holding it during the celebration, the C.W.A. would be brought into more prominence in Canada than if held on July 1st.

The advantages to be derived by both wheelmen and the Association as set forth in the circular issued by Mr. Donly Sec. C.W.A. at the time of the mail vote were well put. There will no doubt be a splendid opportunity for those who are able to be present, to spend a most enjoyable time, and one which will not occur again for some time, but the one great drawback is the possibility of wheelmen being unable to go to Toronto that day. It is but eleven days from a holiday following, and as the trip will occupy all of two days it is unreasonable to suppose that wheelmen who are in mercantile business of any kind, and living some distance from Toronto can ask three holidays inside of two weeks.

Again the city is going to be crowded to overflowing, therefore, are the visiting wheelmen sure of getting good accommodation, or any at all? The chances are somewhat against them. To prevent any mistake on this point, it would be well for the committees to secure accommodation before hand. There is also another advantage presented in Mr. Donly's circular, viz: that wheelmen may have the choice of many other amusements by coming earlier or staying later.

By the reasons stated above, very few of the bicyclists will be off from their business for more than a day which will necessitate them making the trip in a very hurried way, also in every town and city, as many as four

and five wheelmen are employed in the one firm; a circumstance very natural enough, our City of London being furnished with half a dozen or more such instances. This will be another cause to lessen the chances of all wheelmen being present, whereas if the celebration were held on 1st July it is a public holiday, and every one is free to do as they please.

There is no doubt but that Toronto is just the right place for the second annual meet, as it is centrally located from all points in Canada and is a beautiful city; but it seems a pity that the annual holiday, the day which every wheelman looks for for weeks and months before—in fact as soon as the preceding meet is over—that this day which 'cyclists celebrate should have to be changed for the second annual meet, an action which it is to be hoped will not occur again, unless similar circumstances to these are brought to bear upon it.

Finally, the meet will undoubtedly be a success from present prospects, but in numbers of wheelmen it will fall short; although those who may not be able to attend can rest contented that their sacrifice is for the good of the Canadian Wheelmen's Association.

In conclusion we would ask that every wheelman in Canada will do his best to be present on June 19th and strive to make the annual meet a grand success in every particular.

THE NIAGARA-TO-BOSTON TOUR.

Mr. John Moodie jr., of Hamilton, has signified his intention of organizing a Canadian party of bicyclists to join the above-named tour, and anyone who thinks of participating will be furnished with all particulars by addressing him. We are also instructed to say that Mr. M. E. Graves, General Agent, 207 Broadway, New York, if communicated with will make special rates to Toronto with the railroads for anyone who desires to join the tourists at that point.

NOT THE ONLY ONE.

The following is an extract from one of the many letters that we have lately received from new subscribers:

Dear Sirs,—Enclosed please find \$1.00, one year's subscription to the CANADIAN WHEELMAN. I had intended to have forwarded it long ago, but carelessly neglected to do so.

Wishing you every success,
from a Lover of the Wheel,

From the fact of having received so many agreeable apologies, as the one just cited, it is very easy to imagine that there are many other wheelmen in Canada who are guilty of the same offence, viz., negligence in the first degree.

As our journal has been considerably enlarged and improved this month, which we hope to continue to a far greater extent, in the future, and as no Canadian cyclist should be without the only cycling journal pub-

lished in Canada, we hope this little reminder will spur all our friends up, and prompt them to send in their subscriptions at once. Only \$1 00 per annum.

NOTE—DON'T BE CARELESS AND NEGLIGENT.

A GOOD EXAMPLE.

The example set by the Springfield Bicycle Club by sending the names of forty-eight members of that Club as subscribers to the *Bicycling World* is worthy the imitation of some of our Canadian clubs. The Springfield Club is noted for the whole-souled manner in which it enters into anything it undertakes. We would like to see some of our largest clubs take a pattern from their American cousins and send us in a good long list.

A good, and very easy way to secure subscribers is for some bicyclist to head a list, which may be left on the table in the reading room for other members to imitate his good example. It has been our experience that the clubs most active in other matters are most dilatory in subscribing.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Ever since the CANADIAN WHEELMAN was started, we have been obliged to ask the various correspondents each month for news, and while thanking the gentlemen who have so kindly furnished us with letters in the past we would request that they send us their news on, or before, if possible, the 10th of each month; and we would also say that any wheelman who may have any news of club runs, elections of officers, tours, etc. however small, will confer a great favor on the WHEELMAN by forwarding it to us.

A youthful bicyclist of this city, who rides a 36-in wheel, was followed for about three blocks by a policeman, and was at last seen to take the sidewalk when he was arrested by the brave officer of the law. The P. M. dismissed him with a warning in the morning and signified his intention of dealing severely with bicyclists in future. Wheelmen beware!

We take much pleasure in presenting in another column of this number the design which has been accepted for the badge of the C.W.A. The design is peculiarly pretty and original, and will no doubt make a very handsome badge and be an ornament to the various costumes of Canadian wheelmen.

In reference to the remark made in the January issue of this paper, approving of the suggestion of the *Bicycling World*, that the practical value of a road-book might be increased by the bidding in of blank leaves for subsequent annotations, Karl Kron authorizes us to say that, while he cannot undertake to provide such interleaved copies of "Ten Thousand Miles on a Bicycle," he will nevertheless agree to supply the unbound sheets of the book to subscribers who may express a preference for it in that form, allowing them thus a chance to exercise their own fancy in respect to interleaving and binding.