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It has come to our ears from several reliable sources, that certain parties are circulating the statement that this paper is under the control of James Ferres & Co., of this city. This is a downright falsehood. Messrs Ferres & Co. have nothing whatever to do with THE BICYCLE outside of the amount of space they have purchased in it for advertising purposes. We have so far been unable to trace this home but if we succeed in finding the person who is responsible for it, we shall be pleased to deal out a little even-handed justice to suit the occasion.

TROUBLE IN THE CAMP.

For the past six months there has been a steadily growing feeling of dissatisfaction amongst the members of the Hamilton Bicycle Club which culminated at a meeting held on the 13th of this month when all the officers resigned and the club was disbanded.

The causes of the trouble were various. Some complained that too many juvenile members had been admitted, others that the captain failed to fill his position in a proper manner and others again that the members generally did not take a sufficient amount of interest in club affairs to make it a flourishing organization. Considerable bitter feeling existed and still exists between the members and several letters have been received by us from angry club-men, which are so violent in their denunciations that they are unfit for publication. A subsequent meeting was held on the evening of the 18th when the breach was in a measure healed, and the following board of officers elected: President, Wm. Lynn Smart; Captain, Alexander Duncan; First Lieutenant, H. Fearman; Second Lieutenant, S. Livingstone; Buglers, A. Pringle and Geo Davy. The date of the annual meeting was changed from the first Wednesday in March to the first Wednesday in December. At this latter meeting the question of juvenile members will be taken up and the probabilities are that applicants for admission whose age is

under 17, will be refused, and that lads under that age, who are now in the club, will be summarily "bounced." It is to be hoped that in future members of the club will not allow the petty jealousies that have hindered harmonious working for their common good in the past, to interfere in the future. It is a rather poor reflection on human nature that such a small body cannot exist without constant bickerings, which are, as a rule, about trivial and unimportant subjects.

WANTED—A SECRETARY-TREASURER.

To the Editor of THE BICYCLE.

Dear Sir,—At the meeting of the Canadian Wheelmen's Association held at St. Thomas, as you are of course aware, Dr. Charles Clarke, of Aylmer, was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Association. As part of my duties as Secretary of the meeting I wrote him informing him of his election, and with this letter I forwarded him a copy of the minutes of the meeting. I have so far failed to receive any letter of acceptance from him, and as I observe by the Aylmer press that he is about to remove to Manitoba, I think it is advisable that the Board of Directors take the matter in hand. It is desirable that the Association get into working order this Fall, and without a Secretary this will be an impossibility. I would suggest that a new Secretary be chosen at once, if Dr. Clarke does not intend to act. Kindly give this letter an insertion in your columns that it may come before the different clubs.

Respectfully yours,

H. B. DONLY.

Simcoe, Oct. 17th, '82.

From this it would seem that Dr. Clarke does not wish to occupy the office he was elected to, and we would recommend that a meeting of the Provisionary Board of Directors be called without delay and a new Secretary-Treasurer chosen. Unless this is done at once the Association will receive a decided set-back, and we would urge upon directors the necessity for immediate action in the matter.

FREE TRANSPORTATION.

On the 9th of this month a letter was sent by the editor of this paper to Wm. Edgar, the general passenger agent of the Grand Trunk Railway, stating that a number of the American railroads had issued orders to transport bicycles as common baggage, and, as Canadian wheelmen had to pay what many considered an exorbitant figure for having their machines carried by the Grand Trunk Railway from one place to another, asking him to allow bicycles to be transported over the Grand Trunk Railway free of charge on presentation of the bicyclist's railroad ticket. To this letter we have received the following reply:

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY, LATE GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY OF CANADA.

GENERAL PASSENGER AGENT'S OFFICE,
Hamilton, Ont., Oct. 12, 1882.

W. C. Nichol, Esq.,
Editor of "The Bicycle,"
Hamilton.

Dear Sir,—Replying to your letter of the 9th inst., I would state that instructions have now been given to our baggage-men and station agents to check bicycles in baggage car at owners risk, free, on presentation of passage ticket.

Yours truly,
(Signed,)

WM. EDGAR,
General Passenger Agent.

BICYCLE BREVITIES.

J. A. CAMP, of Smithville, rode to this city, a distance of 25 miles, in 2 hours and 45 minutes.

THE Hamilton Bicycle Club are hunting up winter quarters large enough to practice in.

ROBERT MOODIE, of the firm of J. Moodie & Sons, has imported for himself a fifty-inch Humber. This makes the third rider in the family.

A NEW patented bicycle, which is claimed to be several seconds to the mile faster than the present machine, will shortly be in the market.

A rural exchange says that "John Smith is about to purchase a bicycle and join the local club." Smith? John Smith? Great Heavens! Can't somebody get out an injunction?

Now the summer time is over,
And the autumn, cool, is here,
And the cyclist, fickle rover,
Shakes the heat-destroying beer,
And slakes his thirst from out a pot,
Of spiced and lemoned whiskey hot.

THE horrible fiend, who, when he sees a bicyclist on his machine invariably calls out, "wire in, my son," still lives but a motion is on foot to have him assassinated.

A twenty mile race between Prince and Morgan for \$100 a side will be run at the opening of the Casino in Boston early in November. Morgan will receive two minutes start.

MR. G. B. COX and Mr. J. H. McCulloch rode from Goderich to London on bicycles, a distance of 65 miles, in 8½ hours. The last sixteen miles were done by moonlight.

THE Pope Manufacturing Co. have on exhibition at their show rooms, the first Expert racer. The machine was built by hand, it weighs thirty one pounds, has a thirty-one inch handle bar, and is fitted with a racing spring, etc.

WHILE two members of the Hamilton Bicycle Club were riding in East Hamilton a week ago, a farmer living near Grimsby refused them half the road, and threatened to smash them up. An example should be made of such people, as cyclists are entitled to half the highway.

MR. W. ROSE, a journalist, left Danville, Ill., the latter end of August on a bicycle, on a trip to San Francisco. He wheeled it as far as Cheyenne, arriving there Oct. 4th, having travelled a distance of 1,400 miles. He will go no further, as he fears being snowbound in the mountains.

THERE was a bold bad man at the meet in St. Thomas on the 22nd of last month. At the supper in the evening he asked "why should all the bicyclers present be courageous men?" and when every body had given it up he replied "cos 'none but the brave deserve the fare.'" He still lives but he is crippled for life.