

C. W. A. OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.



CONSULAR APPOINTMENTS.

The Chief Consuls have reported to me the following appointments for this year:

DISTRICT NO. 1.

- London. — { W. M. Begg and  
W. Kingsley Evans.
- St. Thomas. — C. H. Hepinstall.
- Simcoe. — W. S. Perry.
- Woodstock. — Saml. Woodrooffe.
- Port Elgin. — Henry Hilker, jr.
- Listowel. — F. W. Hay.
- St. Marys. — C. S. Runsey.
- Stratford. — A. C. Mowat.
- Kincardine. — F. E. Coombe.
- Brantford. — W. J. Knowles.
- Mitchell. — J. M. Ford.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

- Toronto. — { W. A. Capon, 183 King st. E.  
H. Ryrie, Yonge street.
- Hamilton. — Percy Donville, 121 John st. N.
- Newcastle. — E. F. Bowie.
- Thorold. — J. Dobbin.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

- Ottawa. — F. M. S. Jenkins.
- Brockville. — A. L. Murray.
- Kingston. — W. Nichol.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

- Montreal. — { A. T. Lane, P.O. Box 967.  
J. T. Guaedinger, 94 St. Peter street.  
J. R. Scales, 234 St. James st.

HAL. B. DONLY,  
Sec. - Treas. C. W. A.

NEW MEMBERS.

Now is the time to send in applications for membership. All who join after this date will receive certificates good until July 1st, 1886, or fifteen months for a year's subscription. Most clubs are now organizing for the season, recruits are coming in, and secretaries should see that all who become members of their clubs also join the C. W. A.

Already twelve of the Consuls for No. 1 District have been filled, their names appearing above, but the following places have not been heard from, viz.: Seaforth, Norwich, Goderich, Guelph, Berlin, Ingersoll, Paris and Fingal. It is to be hoped that wheelmen residing in any of the places named above will send in their nominations for Consul immediately, and not cause any more delay.

Hal. B. Donly has returned from his New Orleans trip.

Correspondence.

NEW YORK AND BERMUDA.

KARL KRON'S COMMENTS ON THEIR ROADS AND ON HIS REPORTS THEREOF IN "TEN THOUSAND MILES ON A BICYCLE."

Editor CANADIAN WHEELMAN:

The perusal of my letter of January 10, in your paper latest at hand, reminds me that the prediction therein made of an "open" winter has been justified by the facts; for the last three weeks in February were about the only ones when enough snow fell to interfere with cycling in the region of New York; and the warm sunshine of these first days of spring has already obliterated all traces of it. I don't suppose many wheelmen have been out upon the roads since November; but I certainly would have tried them every week, were I not under the necessity of working night and day at my long-drawn-out task of writing and publishing a road-book.

Just now, I am struggling with the eighth chapter, descriptive of "The Roads Around New York," and I've sent off the first half of it for publication in this month's *Springfield Wheelmen's Gazette*, which I presume will also print my list of 500 towns that have supplied subscribers to "X.M. Miles on a Bi.;" for that article, though put in type four weeks ago, was crowded out of the Feb. issue. I have given the contract for the making my book to the Springfield Printing Company, of whose establishment the editor of the *Gazette* is the superintendent; and the first seven chapters are already in the compositors' hands. The electrotype plates of the twenty-fifth chapter are also finished; and I have had 3,000 copies of it struck off for free circulation as an advertisement of my book. It is a 16-page pamphlet, descriptive of my visit to "The Coral Reefs of Bermuda," a year ago, and it contains nearly 10,000 words. A good share of the first 1,000 copies (printed Jan 28) were mailed by me, during the following fortnight, to wheelmen in England and Australia; and the time for possible replies from them has not yet come. The second edition of 2,000 copies (printed Feb. 28) will be distributed by me very generally among American wheelmen about the end of the present month; and I hope the result will be a rapid closing-up of the gap that yawns in my subscription-list between the number now enrolled (2,513) and the needed 3,000.

I had a talk with my fellow-voyager of a year ago, Mr. F. A. Elwell, of the Portland (Me.) Wheel Club, both on the 22nd of Jan., when his party of twelve sailed from this port for Bermuda, and on the 15th of Feb., when a majority of them landed here again,—two having returned by an earlier steamer, and one remaining later. Spite of sea-sickness, and a few slight mishaps, all the tourists were delighted with their visit to the "ocean paradise for wheelmen," and, like myself, anxious to return thither. It seems certain that the circulation of 8,000 copies of my Bermuda story (3,000 in pamphlet form, and 5,000 in the book itself) must ultimately have considerable influence in sending cycling tourists to that beautiful island. *Outing* for March devotes two pages to my report of "The 'Bermuda Case' in the Custom

House," which resulted in the rule classifying a passenger's bicycle as personal property and entitled to free entry into the United States; and this will form a part of the 25th chapter when it is published in the book. By-the-by, can you tell me whether the C. W. A. has yet persuaded the Government of the Dominion to adopt the same sensible rule, as to letting a tourist freely enter Canada with his bicycle? If not, what sort of regulations do the customs officers pretend to enforce?

The contracts which I have made show that my cash outlay in printing 5,000 books and distributing the 3,000 subscribers' copies will certainly exceed \$2,700, and may possibly leave no margin whatever from the guaranty fund of 3,000 one-dollar subscriptions. The only chance I have, therefore, of getting any return for my two years' work upon the scheme is the chance of my selling the final 2,000 copies of the edition at \$1.50 each. I am therefore, as it were, "under bonds" to use every endeavor to make the book commend itself to wheelmen's approval. If it fails to "go," after being put in the market, next June, the fact of having gained 3,000 subscribers will profit me nothing. But I haven't yet gained that many; and I am willing to immortalize a few more Canadians, in addition to the 120 now on my rolls. Subscription pledges, or applications for the specimen Bermuda chapter, should be addressed to me at the University Building, on Washington Square.

KARL KRON.

New York, March 4, 1885.

Woodstock, March 9, 1885.

HAL. B. DONLY, Sec. C. W. A.,  
Simcoe, Ont.

DEAR SIR,—On behalf of the Woodstock Bicycle Club, I, through you, as Secretary of the C. W. A., make an application for the annual meet for the year 1885. Our grounds are in excellent condition, and our asphalt track now very fast, and will be made faster when spring opens.

I am, Sir, yours truly,  
J. G. MACCOOM,  
Sec. Woodstock Bicycle Club.

Montreal, March 11, 1885.

H. DONLY, Sec. C. W. A.,  
Simcoe, Ont.

DEAR SIR,—I am instructed by our committee to withdraw our application of June 12th last, asking to have meet for 1885 held in Montreal.

Our reasons for this withdrawal are that we have been greatly disappointed in a track that promised, at one time, to be very good, and also that another track we have had in view cannot be relied on to be in a satisfactory condition this season; and again, since the decision of the L. A. W. to hold their meet so close to our borders, and at almost the same date, we fear that many members of the C. W. A. would visit Buffalo in preference to Montreal. We give you this early notice so that you may communicate with the Woodstock Club.

Yours fraternally,  
J. D. MILLER,  
Hon. Sec. Montreal Bi. Club