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Toronto Bicycle Club Races.

Year after year the Toronto Bicycle Club has been holding its annual races on the Civic Holiday, and as each year passed into history it has chronicled a successful meeting. The Race Meeting on Civic Holiday, 1892, was, however, far and away ahead of anything the club has yet held, or, speaking to the point, it was the best bicycle-race meeting ever held in Canada. Many things had combined to bring about this result, and while the presence of the World's Champion no doubt tended greatly to swell the gate receipts, yet the success of the meet was assured, and was due to the untiring zeal of Mr. Jas. F. Lawson, the club's Treasurer and the Secretary of its Racing Board.

Saturday, the 13th, was rather cloudy and threatening, and no doubt prevented many from going to the grounds, but, as it was, the grand stand contained a very goodly number, while the fence on the east side was lined two and three deep, giving the hope that Monday would bring a monster crowd.

The grounds are beautifully situated, and the grand stand is a large and well-built structure, capable of comfortably seating 2,000 people. The track itself is good, but will readily stand improvement in banking, and, we think, should either be made an even quarter or third mile, as at its present size not one of the events was started from the finishing point in front of the grand stand.

A feature of the meet which was clearly shown was the fact that we have riders who are quite capable of holding their own against the American cracks who appeared, with the single exception of Zimmerman. The handicapping of the latter was a wise move on the part of the Committee, and while it gave the other riders more of a chance of winning some of the events, led to the lowering of several of our records to within respectable distance of the American and English times.

The officers of the day were: Referee, J. P. Edwards, Hon. Pres. Athénæum B.C.; Judges, W. C. Meredith, Pres. Athénæum B.C.; J. Laidlaw, Pres. Hamilton B.C.; Louis Rubenstein, Capt. Montreal B.C.; Will Digby, Press C.C., Buffalo; Timekeepers, W. J. Suckling, Pres. T.L. and A.A.; Dr. P. E.

Doolittle, T.B.C.; J. P. Langley, A.B.C.; Jos. Irving, T.L.C.; Starter, J. F. Lawson; Clerks of Course, E. B. Ryckman, H. B. Brough, C. W. Hurdall, F. J. Whatmough; Scorers, W. A. Hunter, Capt. W.B.C.; E. A. Scott, 1st Lieut. T.B.C.; A. Byron, Capt. A.B.C.; Handicappers, C. F. Lavender, C. W. Hurdall.

Following is a list of events:

No. 1. Novice, 2 miles.—1, F. Bendelari, T.B.C.; 2, J. McKay, K.B.C.; 3, G. F. Stephenson, T.B.C. Time, 5-42½.

Stephenson made the pace from the start, followed by Bendelari, Love, Power, McKay, Bews and McKellar, but on the last lap Bendelari took the lead followed by McKay, who finished some thirty feet behind him with Stephenson a close third.

No. 2. Quarter-mile—Flying Start.—1, A. A. Zimmerman, N.Y.A.C., 2, G. M. Wells, W.B.C.; 3, G. S. Low, M.B.C. Time, 32¾.

This was the first flying start ever attempted in Canada, and its success will no doubt lead to its being more frequently adopted, particularly in the shorter distances.

First Heat—Starters: W. Hyslop, T.B.C.; G. M. Wells, W.B.C.; W. S. Campbell, M.A.C.; A. A. Zimmerman, N.Y.A.C. Zimmerman led from the start, closely followed by Wells and Hyslop, between whom an exciting contest was maintained for second place, the Wanderer coming in a few feet in rear of Zimmerman, with Hyslop at his rear wheel. Time, 33 secs.

Second Heat.—Starters: C. H. Callahan, Press C.C.; G. S. Low, M.B.C., F. F. Servis, Rochester A.C., J. Kittinger, Press C.C.; C. J. Iven, Rochester A.C.

Low took the lead from the scratch and crossed the finish slightly ahead of Callahan, who was followed by Iven, Servis and Kittinger. Time, 33 4-5 secs.

Final Heat.—This included the first three of previous heats, but Hyslop and Iven did not start and Zimmerman, Wells, Low and Callahan faced the starter. Callahan was out of it from the start, Low taking the lead followed by Zimmerman and Wells to the north-west corner, where the two latter passed him. Zimmerman crossed the tape twenty feet in front of Wells who had a couple of yards lead of Low. Time, 32.2-5.

No. 3. One mile, three minute class.—1, L. D. Robertson Athénæum B. C.; 2, W. G. McClelland T. B. C.; 3, J. McKay K. B. C. Time, 2.46.

Seven other starters faced the scratch in this event, A. McMahon, K. B. C.; H. Love, T. B. C.; G. F. Stephenson, T. B. C.; W. G. Schack, Press C. C.; C. Bews, H. B. C.; and A. M. Lyon, A. B. C.

Lyon led for the first lap, when McClelland set the pace, with Schack, Lyon and Love close. In the last lap Robertson gradually closed up on the field and in the back stretch spurred to the front, leaving second place to be fought for by McClelland and McMahon, the whole three finishing in close order, with Kittinger and Schack near.