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AMALGAMATION.

In our last number, under the head of "What say the Canadians?" appeared part of a letter which was originally published in the L.A.W. organ, the *Wheel*, and which has elicited some little correspondence. This month we publish some of the letters which we have received, some being in favor of amalgamation and some against. It is somewhat early to agitate the question, but our columns are always open for discussion and we would be pleased to see any new ideas proposed.

Correspondence.

THE CANADIAN WHEELMAN.

Regarding the article in your January number headed "What say the Canadians?" I, for one, am of the opinion that up to the present time, the C.W.A. has been quite as active and beneficial as the L.A.W., and, in fact, more so, taking everything into consideration. I would, therefore, like to see it given a fairer and longer trial, as it has really not been organized any length of time. Let us wait and see what the next annual meet and meeting will bring forth.

A C.W.A. MEMBER.

EDITOR OF THE WHEELMAN:

I beg to offer a few suggestions *apropos* of the article "What say the Canadians?" in your last number. I would like to see the C.W.A. affiliated with the L.A.W., as it would cause a more friendly feeling than is now manifested between the two, although personally there is not the least enmity between American and Canadian wheelmen. One of the great advantages in either seems to be unity and friendship; therefore let us amalgamate.

A CANADIAN CYCLER.

DEAR WHEELMAN:

There appeared in your valuable paper last month an article headed, "What say the Canadians?" which has created some little talk among the 'cyclers of your own city. I, for one, would like to see the C.W.A. and L.A.W. amalgamated, as I think it would not only increase the friendly feeling now existing between them, but would also increase L.A.W. touring in Canada, which I know is the wish of all Canadians.

Yours truly,

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A SURPRISE PARTY.

Our office was literally besieged by a large number of prominent bicyclists of London, on the evening of the 20th February, the immediate cause being that our paper was a day late, and the "boys" came around to enquire after its welfare.

The deputation from the "Ariels" consisting of President Cameron, Secretary Begg and Private Fitzgerald, accepted our apology for the delay and hoped it would not occur again.

You are always welcome.

THE GUESSING PROBLEM.

As stated in our last number, Mr Corson has extended the date of closing his guessing scheme till March 1st. He reports guesses coming in fast, and some close. Send your guesses in now, to

E H CORSON, Capt. Star Wheel Club, East Rochester, N. H.

We are desirous of finding out, before the opening of the wheeling season, the names and full addresses of every cyclist in Canada, whether belonging to an organized club, the C.W.A., or unattached. Where there is a club organized we would feel obliged to the secretary for a full list of the names of all the members and officers and their addresses, including his own, and would like one person in every town to do us the favor of sending the names of the wheelmen in his particular town or city as soon as possible, and if wheelmen know of cyclists where our paper does not circulate, kindly inform us of their address to enable us to communicate with them. We will deem it as a special favor if all will reply to this as early as possible.

As will be seen by reference to another column, the Forest City Bicycle Club of London, intend giving a big tournament on May 24th. The Forest City's are not undertaking anything new, as they have had quite a lot of experience in tournaments and races. We can promise the wheelmen who come a big time. The track will be the best that money can make it, and all other arrangements to correspond. Although somewhat early to "puff up" a tournament, the prospects are that we will have an early spring, and when wheeling once starts, the time will soon pass. The Forest City's are to be congratulated on the position they have taken, and we hope their efforts will be crowned with success.

All of our readers will, no doubt, be pleased to hear of the success with which Mr. W. G. Eakins, of Woodstock, Chief Consul for No. 1 District, has met, namely having received an appointment on the editorial staff of the *Toronto Mail*. Mr. Eakins is a most enthusiastic bicyclist, as he has shown himself to be by the interest which he has always taken in bicycling, the C.W.A., and the CANADIAN WHEELMAN, and we hope, at no far distant date to give our readers some articles from the pen of so excellent a writer.

Anything and Everything.

The Ariel Touring Club of this city, have invested in a club bicycle, from the celebrated establishment of C. W. Hutchins, manufacturer of musical instruments, Springfield, Mass., U.S.A.

We lately had the conundrum propounded to us! What prominent Bicyclist looks like Pat Rooney, the variety actor? It did not take us long to answer,—J. Moodie Jr., of Hamilton, (right) Next!

We extend our heart-felt sympathy to the Peoria Bicycle Club, of Peoria, Ill., in the loss its members have sustained in the total destruction by fire, of the large Club rooms in which were stored a large number of bicycles belonging to the members.

The advertisement of the Overman Wheel Co., Chicopee, Mass., occupies our first page this month. This Company are as active as ever, their Victor Bicycle being considered one of the leading machines on the market. No doubt this will be a busy season for this firm.

Our "For Sale" column contains some rare bargains this month, and intending purchasers would do well to study it before buying. This is the season of the year when the most advantageous sales can be made. Parties wanting to either buy or sell, will find it a most desirable medium for advertising. When answering any of the advertisements, mention this paper.

An enthusiastic meeting of the Toronto Bicycle Club was held on the 14th of February at the President's office, Adelaide street, Captain in the chair. Several important items of business regarding the coming season were discussed. Thirteen new names were added to the already large membership. This is a good beginning, and speaks well for the Club's future prospects.

The Forest City Bicycle Club of London have, with their usual enterprise, secured a suite of new Club Rooms, No. 3 Victoria Buildings, Richmond Street, where they will gladly welcome all wheelmen who happen in the city. Neither pains nor expense will be spared to make the rooms attractive. A new upright piano has been secured and the members are looking forward to many an evening's enjoyment.

Great is the bicycle. It has numerous names. One is the Columbia, named from Columbus, who discovered America, and the rider thereof discovers America twice as often as he wants to. Then there is the Muctang, and you *mustang* on or you will fall off. A third kind is the Harvard, and you *harvard* work to ride it, you may be assured. A cheaper make is the Otto, and a man *otto* get his life insured before he tries to manage it.

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