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Those Protests.

"We were rather surprised the other day in reading over the *Wheelman* to note the following paragraph: Chief Consul Langley has protested to the Racing Board those riders who competed in the races at the Toronto Exhibition. Mr. Langley claims that the races were not advertised as confined to amateurs and consequently Clause 1 of the Track Rules has been broken."

In conversation with Mr. Langley he states that he merely wrote to Chairman Sproule of the Racing Board, calling his attention to the Board's Rule I. (not Track Rule 1), which reads "In no case shall an order for goods to a certain value be offered or taken in any event." This rule was especially framed with a view to the Exhibition races, where it is the custom of the directors to give an order for goods. Mr. Langley informs us that Mr. Sproule threw the whole responsibility of the matter upon him instead of sending a warning from his own office, as he should have done prior to the race.

Rev. W. F. Wilson on Clubs.

"There are men belonging to political clubs who never cast a ballot; there are men belonging to gun clubs who never fire a gun; there are men belonging to yacht clubs who never pulled a rope; there are men belonging to bicycle clubs who never rode a wheel. Some of them joined these clubs for the whiskey and others for the gambling privileges. Like a serpent it has coiled itself about the best and noblest of our young men."

The above quotation from the report of Rev. W. F. Wilson's sermon appeared in

one of the city papers last Monday, and we presume is a correct one. As to the other clubs we can say nothing because we are not informed on the subject, but in regard to the bicycle clubs of the city we will say that Mr. Wilson's remarks are entirely uncalled for and absolutely untrue. The charters of each of the three larger clubs are from the Provincial Government and prohibit gambling or drinking. We have always given the reverend gentleman credit for speaking about what he knows, but in this case at least he has descended to "vain imaginings." The slightest inquiry is all that is necessary to prove the utter falsity of his statement in regard to the bicycle clubs of Toronto.

Dave Nasmith is reported to have made ten miles on the Rosedale track on Monday in 26 m. 8 secs., which is pretty lively going, and speaks well for his one hundred mile trial to-day.

We had a chat with Geo. McClelland the other day and he is progressing favorably, his perfect physical condition being a great assistance to him. He expects to be out again next week, but it will be some little time before he is able to run his wheel again.

To-day, if the weather be favorable, Dave Nasmith intends riding 100 miles on the Rosedale track to establish Canadian records for that and intermediate distances. He will be paced by flyers from all the local clubs. The trial will start at one o'clock p.m. sharp.

Zimmerman's first attempt to lower Nancy Hanks' flying mile record is especially interesting to Canadians from the fact that G. M. Wells of the Wanderers paced the third quarter which was covered in 32½ seconds. F. J. Whatmough, of the Torontos, was one of the judges both on this trial and on the succeeding mile when the trick was accomplished in 2.06½, the first trial resulting in 2.08½. The day was perfect.

Dr. P. E. Doolittle sails for England to-day to spend some time in the London hospitals. While there it is his intention to consult with Mr. Henry Sturmev of the *Cyclist* in regard to the World's International championship scheme fathered by that gentleman. He will also keep a good look out for "pointers" in regard to track building and may be expected to pick up some valuable information which will be of use next Spring. The doctor's practice is in the hands of a friend who has just returned from a two years' sojourn in the European hospital.