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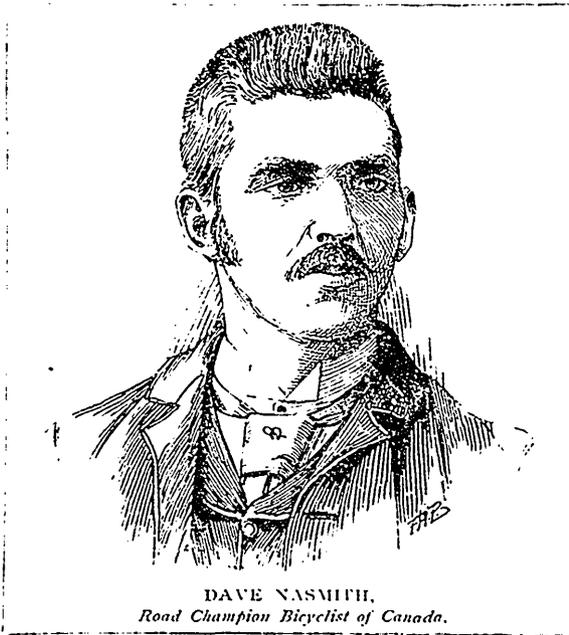
WE have pleasure in presenting our readers this issue with a descriptive sketch and portrait of Dave Nasmith, Road Champion of Canada. The first seen of this now famous wheelman was in March, 1887, when he joined the Wanderers' Bicycle Club, and immediately took to the road, where he

wakened up some of the old riders, and in July, at the C.W.A. meet at Brantford—without the slightest preparation in the shape of training—he won the second place in the two-mile green race, and covered himself with glory by winning the Tricycle Championship of Canada, having never ridden such a machine before this race. Following up these successes, he entered for the races in connection with the Toronto Bicycle Club tournament in August, and won three prizes, taking a place in every mount. This finished his track riding for that year, but he was one of the last to relinquish the pleasures of the road wheeling, as long as the season lasted. In the spring of 1888, the club did him the honor of electing him to the position of sub-captain, with Mr. Geo. H. Orr, captain, where he devoted

a great deal of his time in promoting the interests of the club, doing very little racing. He had the pleasure, however, of winning one event at Woodstock, on May 24th, Queen's Birthday, where the club spent the day.

When the idea of making a trip to Belleville was broached, he was one of its warmest supporters, and piloted a number of the boys in grey through by the Kingston Road.

On his return from the East, his time was so much occupied with other matters that he found it necessary to retire from the club and did not take up wheeling again until the fall of 1889, when, after some special training, he entered and took part in the races held under the auspices of the World's Bicycle Tournament, in the Mutual Street Rink, Toronto, winning the first



DAVE NASMITH,
Road Champion Cyclist of Canada.

five and ten mile races against J. H. Gerrie, then road champion, and Doll, both of the W. B. C.; also making during same events the very remarkable time of one hour three minutes for twenty miles on a board track, finishing in splendid condition. He rode under the light and dark blue colors in these events to do honor to his old club. For his prowess in these races, the promoters of the scheme presented him with a splendid gold