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A REDUCTION.

In order to increase the circulation and influence of THE CANADIAN WHEELMAN, and thus make it more than ever a thoroughly representative journal, it has been decided to offer the paper to clubs at Seventy-five Cents a-year to each member where it is made a rule of the club that every member shall receive the paper. Or the same sum per annum will be accepted where twenty subscriptions are sent in from any one club at one time. One club -- the St. Thomas -- has already taken advantage of this offer, and it is hoped that it will be an incentive to many wheel clubs to aid in giving THE WHEELMAN a circulation as numerous as the wheelmen of the Dominion.

THE COMING MEET.

Vigorous preparations are being made for the annual meet of the C. W. A. on July 1st, and there is every prospect that Woodstock will see the most successful meet in the history of the Association. The reasons why such should be the case are numerous. Woodstock is situated in the very centre of the section of the Dominion in which wheeling has secured its strongest hold; cities and towns with large bicycle clubs are within easy reach; its railway facilities are among the best in Canada; the meet of the L. A. W. will be held in Buffalo on the 4th of July, and the date and place of the C. W. A. meet ought to attract many of the American riders, while the open races, with their valuable prizes, should find favor in the eyes of the flyers who will be at Buffalo; and last, but not least, Woodstock possesses an Amateur Athletic Association second only in Canada to that of Montreal, which will co-operate with the C. W. A. in making the meet a grand success. The Woodstock Association have, at large expense, secured the finest track in Canada, if not on the Continent, and they are determined that in every other matter over which they have control the preparations for the meet will be as complete. There is no reason, therefore, why

the Canadian meet should not equal, in number as well as in everything else, the American one; and that it may do so should be the laudable ambition of every Canadian wheelman. The secretaries of clubs will soon be furnished with printed matter advertising the meet, and they should all, for the benefit of the Association, see that the bills, etc., are properly distributed. Let every man make up his mind to be present in Woodstock on July 1st, and then let him keep to his determination, and all will be well.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

It is amusing, when perusing *Wheeling* (which, by the way, is one of our best exchanges), to notice the lack of confidence that is put in the various items relating to the one-wheel acts of our American fancy riders.

It takes an Englishman a long time to thoroughly understand what part of the globe Canada occupies. *Wheeling* in a late issue, says: "The Toronto (U.S.A.) B.C. propose making a tour of Europe this season."

And still another Canadian tour, the Clerical Wheelmen's Tour. Canada, the touring-ground of America, with its charming scenery and magnificent roads, is certainly going to be favored this time, as the party will be comprised wholly of clergy. Clergy at home and clergy a-touring are totally different, and anyone who joins their trip will assuredly have an enjoyable time.

The latest additions to THE WHEELMAN collection of celebrities are the photographs of Prince and Morgan, C. F. Lavender, Canada's one mile champion, and Westbrook and Hacker, champion acrobatic fancy riders, doing one of their marvellous acts. A very handsome panel portrait of Miss Annie Sylvester, the only lady fancy rider who has accomplished the mastery of one-wheel riding, also adorns our sanctum

CLERICAL WHEELMEN'S CANADIAN TOUR.

We have received a very neat little prospectus of the above tour, which commences on August 5th, lasting for three weeks. The Rev. Sylvanus Stall, of Lancaster, Pa., who has undertaken all arrangements of the tour, and who issues the prospectus, is anxious to have all clerical wheelmen, both in Canada and the U.S., who can find ample time, join the tour, while partial tourists, who cannot arrange for the entire trip, are cordially invited to participate. Already a large number have signified their intention of joining the party, and it is expected that nearly one hundred clerical wheelmen will be ready to enjoy a three weeks' tour over the best roads on this Continent, amid the most charming scenery of Ontario. In next issue we hope to present our readers with a map showing the plan of the trip as already laid out. Full particulars can be received by addressing Rev. Sylvanus Stall, Lancaster, Pa.

How would you replace a broken axle when out in the country? Look around till you find an axle tree, then cut off a nice one from the tree, and fit it in. If you want help, axle little boy to assist.

Our Racing Men.

H. P. DAVIES.

H. P. Davies, of Toronto, well known by all cyclers throughout the Dominion, is undoubtedly one of Canada's fastest riders. Standing about 5ft. 9in. in height, and weighing 160 lbs. when in trim, he looks and makes a formidable opponent to all our celebrities of the cinder-path.

He has for some time past been an active member of the Wanderers' Club of Toronto, but now is one of the promoters of the new Toronto Club, The Rotas.

Socially, Mr. Davies is a great favorite, on account of his genial manner, and makes many friends on all sides.

His first race was at the first annual C.W.A. meet at London, in 1883, when he entered the green race, finishing a good second. Since then he has entered and taken prizes in the following races during the season of 1884:

Newcastle, 24th May.—2nd in one mile; 3rd in five mile handicap (cup).

Woodstock, 26th May.—2nd in one mile; 1st in two mile.

Toronto, 1st July.—Championship of Toronto challenge medal. Bank Athletic Sports—1st in one mile (closed, open only to bankers).

Woodstock, 25th August.—2nd in one mile; 1st in half mile (beating Lavender).

Toronto B.C. Games, Sept.—Championship of Toronto (medal); 2nd in one mile (beaten by Clarke); 2nd in five mile handicap (beaten by Clarke).

Toronto, Sept.—1st in one mile; 1st in two mile.

THOMAS STEVENS.

An erroneous report having gained circulation that Mr. Thomas Stevens, the hero of the remarkable bicycle ride from San Francisco to Boston, had been compelled to give up his idea of completing the journey around the world, we are glad to say that Mr. Stevens sailed from New York on the steamer City of Chicago on April 9, arriving at Queenstown April 18. He had already begun his journey on the bicycle from Liverpool, riding through London to Dover, whence he crossed the channel to Calais, and will proceed through France, Germany, and Austria to Constantinople. Mr. Stevens undertakes the journey as the representative of *Outing*, whose publishers will bear all the expenses. Much of his journey will be through territory almost unknown to white men, and if Mr. Stevens succeeds in completing the undertaking he will have a story of adventure to tell that has rarely been equalled in interest. A series of illustrated papers regarding his experience will be published in *Outing*.

THE CANADIAN WHEELMAN, the bright "Journal of Cycling," published in London, Ont., will appear twice a month during May, June, July and August. One of the most interesting papers in the current issue is an account, by Mr. A. C. Beasley, of Hamilton, of a tricycle tour in England and France.—*The Week*.