

weeks old as far as bicycling is concerned, has every prospect of being one of Canada's first riders, and next year we expect to hear from him in some fast races,) however, wanted Wolverton to run the third heat also, and held out some encouragement for him by making it a dead heat, but Wolverton positively declined to run in the next heat and Camp was awarded first prize. Zoo.

CANADIAN NEWS.

LATEST BICYCLE GOSSIP FROM ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Write your letters on one side of the paper only, and make them as trenchant as possible. All matter intended for this department should be addressed to the editor. No attention paid to communications unless accompanied by name and address, not necessarily for publication but as a guarantee of good faith.

ST. THOMAS SHAVINGS.

DEAR BICYCLE.—Allow me to congratulate you on the appearance of your initial number. It is editorially and typographically a credit to its publishers, and Canadian wheelmen should see to it that a journal which will so efficiently represent their interests be not allowed to expire for lack of their hearty support.

The first annual meet and tournament of our club is now a thing of the past, and we feel that we have no reason to be ashamed of it. St. Thomas being as you know, the Railway City, the people here are so accustomed to seeing "wheels go round" that they don't object to bicycle riding whenever the spirit moves them. Accordingly our parade was held on the sidewalks, the spectators being graciously allowed to stand on the other side, "and see us go by." All went merry as a "cyclers' bell," excepting some slight trouble we had to induce our rural friends, the Forest City Club, of London, to keep to the sidewalks. Their keen eyes could discern the majesty of the law in the guise of a policeman at a distance of half a mile, and then their polo caps would begin to rise under the influence of some strong emotion, and the riders muttering incoherent words that sounded like "Two dollars and costs," would attempt to bolt down the nearest side street. Their fears subsided somewhat, however, and their respect for our captain increased tenfold, when they saw him boldly stir past the point of danger, and then they began to realize how much the liberty of the subject was restricted in London.

As to the number of riders present, opinions differ. Cameron, of the Forest City avers that he was No. 25, when his machine made an ineffectual attempt to go "Over the Garden Wall," and while suspended on the pickets he was sure fully one hundred wheels passed him. Others, however, who know how to count, say the total number was fifty-two. Had the weather been finer, the century would probably have been reached. The races passed off in the orthodox manner. The man whose wheel went round the fastest came in first in every case—which his name was Westbrook, of Brantford, who came, saw, and conquered. Perry Doolittle, of Aylmer, was prevented from running in consequence of a sprained arm. The hurdle race was very productive—of amusement to the spectators; and of broken wheels and sprained bones to the participants. One man felt quite Moodie over his defeat, another said he was Burns all over, while the two victors in the race o'er the hurdle were named respectively Simpson and Durdle. (Please forward per Express C. O. D., one stuffed club.) In the evening the Canadian Wheelmen's Association held a meeting. A good board of officers was appointed, and by spring we ought to have an organization in working order which can do much to advance our sport in Canada. Let all clubs and unattached wheelmen at once send in their application for membership to the secretary. Nothing succeeds like success, and if next year the Association can show a goodly number on its role, its future is assured. CRANK.

THE LONDON FELLOES.

MY DEAR BICYCLE.—London the less has for a long time, in fact, for four years boasted of a "London Bicycle Club." But "Shades of Vinegar preserve us!" of what did the club consist? Of a captain, who by the way isn't all there (being minus an arm.) But what he has lost in body he has gained ten-fold in conceit. A sub-captain, secretary, two privates and a minute book full of rules, regulations, by-laws, laws to govern touring, etc., etc., *et al.* But outside of this organization we have some twenty-five riders who at a meeting held in Victoria Hall, on September 18th, organized the Forest City Bicycle Club with the following officers:—Captain, R. Burns; 1st Lieutenant, C. H. Wallace; 2nd Lieutenant, W. M. Begg; Secretary-Treas., C. B. Keenleyside. The new club attended in a body the St. Thomas tournament and races on the 22nd September, which by the by, were owing to the indefatigable efforts of the club led by their energetic secretary and captain, a grand success. The London boys speak in glowing terms of the reception accorded them by the St. Thomas club, and are anxious for an opportunity to reciprocate.

London has a great many attractions for the wheelman, not the least of which is the miles and miles of smooth asphalt sidewalks with which the city is laid. And although our sapient city fathers have forbidden it, many a bicyclist traverses the city on the walks, and any number of "headers" are taken in trying to drop from the sidewalk to the gutter when dodging the "bobbies." We also have fine parks, broad smooth streets, cedar block pavements, and some of the nicest short distance runs in the Province. Such as to St. Thomas, Aylmer or Port Stanley, distance 18, 30 and 28 miles respectively. Then the run from London to Goderich, distance 65 miles, via Lucan, Exeter, Brucefield and Bayfield is really perfect, the road being composed of fine gravel and clay is as smooth as a billiard table, and without a hill of any note, except the tourist be induced, as the writer was, to ride via Clinton, and then—oh, well! "let us of the weathers change converse," at any rate look out for squalls. When Goderich is reached the wheelman has arrived at what is rightly termed the "Paradise of Bicyclers" for the roads and parks of Goderich are the finest, smoothest and levellest (a great number of superlatives, but the cause justifies the use,) in the Dominion. There are now some half dozen riders in the town, all of whom are this summer's. But to come back to my subject, besides the attractions before mentioned, we have some energetic citizens who intend spending five hundred dollars in grading, claying, and rolling a track for the use of the 'cyclists, and I am safe in saying that London will soon possess one of the finest bicycle tracks in the Dominion.

And now a word about yourself. That you are as welcome as the flowers in May, all will admit. That you are needed by the knights of the wheel, all will admit. That a bright future is before you all will admit, and having admitted it, all will surely help to make the admission a reality by subscribing at once.

Yours,

ARABI PASHA.

SL. GOE SPARKS.

MY DEAR BICYCLE.—Please accept "Jacob's" congratulations upon the very much deserved applause which your first appearance has received. THE BICYCLE should certainly succeed; it does not it will be to the shame of Canadian wheelmen.

The roads around our town are pretty much all up hill. The town lies in a valley, and on every side we have to mount pretty high hills over sandy roads, with one very poor gravel to vary the monotony.

Since I last wrote you, our boys have organized themselves into a club with the follow-

ing officers: President, Geo. W. Wells; Captain, H. A. Carter; Lieutenant, Robt. J. McKill, Sec'y-Treas., Hal. B. Donly. We have now just ten members, and we expect that we will start next season with half a dozen more.

Harry Carter, Chas. A. Austen, W. S. Perry and H. B. Donly, of our club, visited St. Thomas on the 22nd. They have nothing but praise for the members of the Railway City Club, they unanimously vote them jolly good fellows.

We all feel very good over our captain's success at Ridgeway where he carried off the second prizes in the one and three mile races, from much older riders than himself.

The sale of St. Jacob's oil has fallen off to an alarming extent, our druggists tell me, since the boys have mastered the art of riding without taking a dozen "headers" in an hour's ride.

A member of our club got a bad scare a Sunday or so ago. He with some others, was making for Jarvis, a village about twelve miles east of us. On the road he met a farmer driving a young and spirited horse. The story is old enough, the horse started for the ditch, the man jumped and was knocked insensible. It took the combined efforts of all the "cyclists" and a doctor, who happened to pass, some little time to bring him to.

Yours,

JACOB FAITHFUL.

C. W. A.

The constitution and by-laws of the Canadian Wheelmen's Association were published in full in the first number of THE BICYCLE, which may be obtained post free, by sending five cents to the publication office. It is important that every member should be familiar with these rules.

All association clubs and unattached wheelmen should subscribe to THE BICYCLE, which, as the official organ of the Association, will contain all important notices to members.

At a meeting held in the rooms of the St. Thomas Bicycle Club on the evening of Friday, Sept. 22nd, 1882, the following proceedings were had:—

The meeting was composed of some fifty bicyclists representing the Aylmer, Brantford, London, Hamilton, Simcoe, St. Thomas, Woodstock and other clubs.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. C. H. Hepenstall, captain of the St. Thomas club.

Moved by Mr. J. H. Eager, of Hamilton, seconded by J. Moodie, jr., of Hamilton, that J. S. Brierley, of St. Thomas, act as chairman of the meeting. Ordered.

Mr. Brierley took the chair.

Moved by Mr. Hepenstall, seconded by Mr. Perry Doolittle, that Mr. H. B. Donly, of Simcoe, act as secretary of the meeting. Ordered.

The chairman briefly explained the object of the meeting. How that at Toronto on the 11th inst., a meeting of representative bicyclists had resolved to and had organized an Association of Canadian Wheelmen. At that meeting a constitution had been framed and was now in the hands of the clubs of the country through the columns of THE BICYCLE. It was there decided to hold a meeting in St. Thomas on the evening of the 22nd inst., for the election of officers. This he, the chairman, thought would be out of the power of the present meeting as no notice had been sent to the different clubs as provided for in the constitution. In lieu of electing the officers called for by the constitution, he proposed that a provisional Board of Directors, to consist of a President, a Secretary-Treasurer, and a committee of seven be elected to hold office until the annual meeting takes place on the 1st July, 1883. This proposition was agreed to by the meeting.

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