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## The "Canadian Wheelman."

The issue of August 3rd of the *Wheelman* marks a new era in its history, as it is now in the hands of Secretary Donly, of the C.W.A. We congratulate the publisher on its improved typographical appearance and are sure that succeeding issues will only add to the tone of its literary matter.

## "Better Drop It."

Such is the heading of a leader in the last issue of the *Wheelman*, which, we think, reflects little foresight in its editor. It is not a question of whether Mr. Robertson should have been elected or not. It is quite sufficient to say that he was not elected, and, moreover, Mr. Hill was. We think the organ of the Association has no right whatever to criticize the action of one of the members of that Association—the Toronto Bicycle Club—in the exercise of its franchise. The Toronto Bicycle Club could not alone defeat Mr. Robertson, as there are other clubs nearly as strong who voted on that occasion. In our opinion, it is time that the *Wheelman* looked at this matter in a proper light and acknowledge the fact that Mr. Hill is President of the C.W.A., and that it is the duty of that paper and its editor to remain loyal to the officers so long as they perform their duties in a proper and sufficient manner. We may just say here that this discussion should never have arisen, and would not, if it had not been for the uncalled for and unwarrantable article in the July issue of the *Wheelman*.

## Lady Riders.

Some months ago we wrote a short note asking why the ladies of Canada do not ride bicycles, and as this note has been freely

copied into several of our English and American exchanges, we desire to say that the fair sex here are freely following the example of their American sisters, and we now have in Toronto a good sprinkling of lady riders, who may be seen almost any fine evening enjoying a quiet spin over our asphalt streets. The dealers report quite a demand for the drop frame, not only in the city, but in various sections of the country, where the roads are at all suitable, and we have not the slightest hesitation in saying that the demand will rapidly increase, for when a few of the more courageous have set the example and taken to the safety, there is no doubt but their appearance will speedily be followed by the more conservative, and next year will certainly see a strong contingent of wheelwomen in the C.W.A.

## Second Challenge Accepted.

The Torontos have accepted the second challenge of the Wanderers, and at a meeting of the joint committee last night a track race was decided upon, five men a side, distance ten miles, date about August 25 or 26, course, Rosedale Grounds.

A correspondent in the *Referee*, describing a run near Los Angeles, Cal., says:—

"Again we mount the silent steeds for a push up a hill, one mile in length, with a rise of 200 feet to the mile. *When riding up this hill it looks as if you were going down grade*, though it don't feel like it, as it is a steady grind up a dusty, rough road. When rounding a curve, and this hill came in view, Meyers put his feet on the foot-rests to *coast up the hill*, and finding that he could not do it, he thought there was something wrong with the wheel, so he dismounted and oiled his machine. Having mounted again he found that his wheel still ran hard, and was very much perplexed, but this was too good to keep and the boys began to guy him unmercifully, telling him that we were going up a hill, which we could not make him believe until we had reached the top, and then it was very apparent that it was a hill."

We have sometimes found it difficult to persuade ourselves that we were not going uphill when we were actually descending, but this is the first time we have heard of a rider being so deceived as to try and coast uphill.