

C. W. A. OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.



APPLICATIONS.

The following is a list of the applications for membership to the C. W. A. received up to date, which are published in accordance with Article III. of the Constitution. Objections must be made to me within two weeks of this publication; such objections shall be confidential. Every member of the Association should carefully examine the list and report objectionable persons. Secretaries of clubs, and candidates, will please note if names and addresses are correct, and report errors at once to

HAL. B. DONLY, Simcoe,
Sec.-Treas. C.W.A.

Winnipeg Club, add 4—B. 0475, F. Vandewe; B. 0476, Frank Westbrook; B. 0477, J. B. Chambers; B. 0478, W. Osborne.

Norwich Club, 9 members—B. 0480, J. H. Robinson; B. 0481, W. M. Carman; B. 0482, N. Batty; B. 0483, Walter Batty; B. 0484, W. Mustard; B. 0485, L. Copeland; B. 0486, W. H. Miller; B. 0487, D. Donald; B. 0488, J. M. Cole.

Berlin Club, add 1—B. 0489, C. W. Wells.

Toronto Club, add 34—

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| B 0496, W H Brown | B 0514, Dan Munn |
| B 0497, J W Ivory | B 0515, J Davis |
| B 0498, C J Thorley | B 0516, C Cuthbertson |
| B 0499, J H Page | B 0517, Gus Skerrow |
| B 0500, W H Stewart | B 0518, A Anderson |
| B 0501, C Davies | B 0519, A M M Kirkpatrick |
| B 0502, R G McLean | B 0520, E T Coates |
| B 0503, W H West | B 0521, A J Hollyer |
| B 0504, W H Cox | B 0522, A E Walker |
| B 0505, H R Merritt | B 0523, T Levy |
| B 0506, W Thomas | B 0524, C Segsworth |
| B 0507, D C Wagner | B 0525, J S Anderson |
| B 0508, C S Houltain | B 0526, C H Jaggard |
| B 0509, Geo Barfoot | B 0527, T F Hutchinson |
| B 0510, Geo Lever | B 0528, A S Bowers |
| B 0511, F W Brown | B 0529, J A Fraser |
| B 0512, C B Murray | |
| B 0513, Martin Merry | |

Woodstock Club, add 2—B. 0530, J J Dawson; B 0531, Merle S. Knight.

At the last annual meeting of the Association, the report of the Secretary showed that there were then 714 members good upon the books. This figure was, however, considerably above the *bona fide* membership. The 1st of July is the end of the Association year, and very many clubs had sent in their renewal subscriptions for the new year, while the clause in the Constitution which gives thirty days' grace to the members in renewing would not allow of any names being taken off, although the Secretary might know that they were not intending to remain in the Association. It has, in consequence, been deemed advisable to lay before the Association a list of the clubs, with their membership corrected to this date, in order to show our actual strength, and also for the purpose of comparing it with

what it was at the close of the wheeling season of 1883.

On the 19th of October, 1883, when the present Secretary was elected to office, there were in the Association eighteen clubs, with a total membership of 402. These clubs were the—

Forest City, London	45	Royal City, Guelph	13
St. Thomas	22	Hamilton	20
Simcoe	10	Ottawa	15
Aylmer	19	Clinton	5
Toronto	40	Montreal	66
Wanderers, of Toron.	50	Newcastle	6
Pt. Elgin	10	Ariels, London	12
Brantford	10	Unattached memb's	3
Woodstock	36		
St. Marys	10	Total	402
Oshawa	10		

By the 1st of July in this year, as given above, this membership had grown to 714. Some new clubs had joined, and others had increased their numbers, notably the Montreal Club, which topped the list with 102, the Wanderers' with 80, and the Torontos with 58. On the 1st of August, thirty days after the expiration of the year, the Secretary went over the roll-book, writing out the delinquent members and clubs,—the clubs to suffer expulsion from the C.W.A. and loss of rank being Aylmer, Pt. Elgin, Clinton and Oshawa. This, as a matter of course, materially decreased the number of our members; but we have ever since been growing back towards the old figures, and the end of this season finds us considerably better off than last. Our membership is now 523, made up as follows:

Forest City, London	9	Kingston	19
St. Thomas	22	Ingersoll	8
Simcoe	20	St. Catherines	21
Torontos, of Toronto	73	Strathroy	9
Wanderers, do.	15	Listowel	6
Brantford	19	Paris	16
Woodstock	47	Winnipeg	27
St. Marys	5	Carleton Place	8
Royal City, Guelph	15	Royal City	12
Hamilton	21	Napanee	11
Ottawa	14	Stratford	10
Montreal	36	Berlin	8
Newcastle	15	Norwich	9
Aerials, London	20	Unattached	11
Goderich	15		
		Total	512

In comparing these two lists, it will be seen that nearly all of the clubs in the smaller places have either held their own or show a good increase, the clubs to fall off being the larger ones, notably the Wanderers', of Toronto, and the Montreal. We do not believe that this is because the clubs themselves have decreased, but because their entire membership is not in the Association. In fact, we know this is the case. Now, the Constitution distinctly says all clubs must belong in their entirety, or else they cannot be Association clubs. If we are to have rules, let us live up to them. If important clubs like the two we have mentioned are going to disregard our Constitution in such a manner, can we expect the lesser clubs to do otherwise? Must not the result sooner or later be most disastrous to the Association? We sincerely hope that the officers of the C.W.A. in the different clubs will take this matter up and urge upon their clubs the importance of attend-

ing to this matter at once. We estimate that if this rule was strictly adhered to the Association would now have enough additional members to bring its strength up to 800.

It appears to us that a great improvement could be made in the manner of selling the Association Pins. It is certainly most desirable that they come into universal use among the members. They are an exceedingly handsome scarf-pin and very cheap, and would surely sell readily wherever seen. To get members to remit money for them, however, without first seeing them, seems to be impossible, as the order-book of the Secretary testifies. The idea of the Board of Officers in keeping the sale of them in their own hands was not to make money, as that would be impossible at the price charged, but it was to prevent outsiders from wearing them, and thus imposing upon members of the Association that they might meet. This trouble has proved itself to be merely an imaginary one. No one but a wheelman would give a fig for one of these pins, while the possession of one should not surely be indicative of good standing in the C. W. A., otherwise what use are our membership certificates. At a bicycle meeting on the other side of the line, we venture to say seventy-five per cent. of the wheelmen present wear L.A.W. pins. Their way is to let the manufacturers that they contract with sell them direct to the members, and as a consequence they are on sale in all parts of the country with other bicycle goods. We think the Board of Officers will find that a similar arrangement made with Messrs. Ellis & Co. will have the effect of getting our badge into general use much faster than the present bothersome, roundabout way.

Various causes have for the past three months united to prevent the Secretary of the Association from bestowing that attention and time upon its affairs that he would wish. First, an accident which happened to him in the month of July, rendering him unfit for more writing than was absolutely necessary for six weeks or so, then a fortnight's absence from home, and since an unusual amount of business in his office, are to blame. He hopes in the future, however, to do better. Any who may have been inclined to find fault with his delinquencies will please pardon them upon his assurance of being more prompt and attentive in the future.

The only case that the Membership Committee have this month to report is that of R. W. Hamlin, of Oshawa, charged with having, in Port Hope, thrown a race for the sum of \$50. Hamlin pleaded guilty, and was expelled from the Association. Clubs holding race meetings should look out for the young gentleman, as should also all amateur racing men.

Jones is a cyclist, and a married man, and does his own gardening; Brown, another cyclist, meets him, and accosts him thus: "I saw you last night with a unicycle. Where did you get it?" Jones replied: "Some mistake. I haven't a unicycle; mine is a bicycle." "Well, I was under the impression that I saw you 'an a sickle," said Brown, trying to smother a laugh. Jones still wonders what Brown laughed so heartily about.