

C. W. A.

Amateur Bicyclers everywhere are cordially invited to join the Canadian Wheelmen's Association. The admission fee is \$2.00, or \$2.00 for every five members, or fraction thereof of a club whose entire active membership joins. Provided such club has a rule in its by-laws that every member must be and remain a member of the Association as long as he is a member of said club. Make checks, drafts or postal money orders payable to Jas. S. Brierley, St. Thomas, Ont., and address all communications in regard to applications for membership to him. Write names of applicants plainly, with first name in full, giving full address and on one side only of separate sheet from letter of advice. Applicants should notice names as published in *THE BICYCLE*, and notify the Secretary-Treasurer if any error is made. Wheelmen generally should notice the names also, and inform the Secretary-Treasurer (confidentially) if any professional or otherwise objectionable person applies. Information regarding the Association will be sent to any address on application to the Secretary-Treasurer. Every member should endeavor to extend the influence and benefits of the Association by inviting desirable Wheelmen to join.

The rules of the Association are given in full in the first number of *THE BICYCLE*, and may be obtained post free by sending ten cents to the office. It is important that every member should be familiar with these rules.

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

APPLICATIONS.

Editor *THE BICYCLE*—

The following names have been proposed for membership in the Canadian Wheelmen's Association and are sent to you for publication.

JAS. S. BRIERLEY,
ST. THOMAS, Dec. 28th, 1882. Sec.-Treas. C. W. A.

CLUBS.

FOREST CITY BICYCLE CLUB, London.—R. Burns, C. H. Wallace, W. M. Begg, C. B. Keenleyside, Geo. D. Cameron, J. B. Digman, R. Miller, Geo. Burns, Jr., J. W. Simpson, Wm. Payne, W. Chisholm, Jas. Lamb, Stanley Williams, Geo. McIntosh, J. Shaw, E. Hodgins, J. Bilton, W. Logie, Jas. Reid, J. Riddell, Geo. Lilley, Geo. Forsythe, A. E. Griffith, W. Skinner, W. Trebley, H. O. Brunton, J. A. Carling, Fred. Carling, Alex. Reid, J. McCarty, W. Worthington, I. Dawson, G. C. McLean, W. H. Cooper, C. Mountjoy, L. Fitzgerald, R. Patton, F. S. Peters and Frank Adams.

ST. THOMAS BICYCLE CLUB, St. Thomas.—C. H. Hepinstall, Arthur Wood, James S. Brierley, W. White, O. Boughner, H. Scott, E. Fitzgibbons, E. Heal, W. Reiser, R. J. Old, H. Eakins, Chas. Scott and E. White.

SIMCOE BICYCLE CLUB, Simcoe.—Geo. W. Wells, H. A. Carter, H. B. Donly, R. J. McKee, J. A. Rippon, W. S. Perry, E. A. Tisdale, C. A. Austin and W. S. Wallace.

UNATTACHED.—J. B. Moore, Seaforth.

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.

THE LONDON FELLOES.

MY DEAR BICYCLE.—Your former correspondent, Mr. A. Pasha, is no more. He was murdered by the incensed foot-ballist from the (late) Railway City. They met on the 9th December, A. D. 1882, in the room of the Forest City Bicycle Club. Weapons, soft gloves. After fighting two rounds, during which Mr. Pasha had lightly the foot of it, the crank was observed to spit over his little finger, (that is, his smallest finger) for good luck, and tightening his grip on the buckskins, the advanced to the attack. Throwing his arms over his head, and circling them in the hair, he broug Mr. Pasha a thump on the

nose and following up his advantage, he soon had the unfortunate scribe reduced to a funeral. Crying "sneaky music please" Mr. Pasha succumbed to the awful slugging of his opponent. In response to his dying request, the minstrel struck up the Dead march in "Saul" with variations, from the "Merry War." With the fall of Mr. Pasha the Baby City was avenged and the balance of the evening spent pleasantly.

The Forest City Bicycle Club have joined the C. W. A. and were delighted to find that they were No. 1, and they now take pleasure in inviting and recommending the wheelmen of Canada to join the National Association, as a better, or more useful association could hardly be conceived of; and if the cyclists of the Dominion rally to its support as they should, the association, by spring, will be in most excellent working order. Some fault is found with the constitution, especially regarding fees. The idea that unattached riders will be willing to join and pay \$2.00, when club members pay but 40 cents is rather absurd; and that the high fee for unattached riders will have the effect of fostering clubs, is also rather erratic. The unattached will receive less benefit than the club member. Then why tax him more heavily? If a uniform rate were agreed upon, say 50c. or \$1.00 all around, the Association may be assured of the support of the vast majority of the riders in Canada, or at least Ontario.

A letter received from Chicago by the Secretary of the "Forest City," says that a large party of American riders from Chicago and Detroit intend making the tour of Ontario, from Windsor to the Falls, next summer, and wish the Canucks to join them. The Yankees say that for roads Canada certainly excels. (Excelsior, or as J. Burr. Plumb (?) says "Canada's best is the world's best.")

As bicycling is rather out of season, the "Forest City" has invested in a set of boxing gloves (slugs) and any amount of sport is had in pummelling each other.

Snowshoeing and skating are also extensively indulged in.

Wishing every knight of the wheel in Canada from Pelee Island to the North Pole and from Cape Breton to Vancouver Island, all the compliments of the season, I am,
Yours,
MACHINE.

London, Dec. 25, 82.

TORONTO LOCK-NUTS.

The Wanderers has been formed a little over two months, and although started late in the season can boast of about 25 members, and 20 bicycles.

The boys are well pleased with their uniforms which are of grey cloth, trimmed with black. A grey and black hat and black stockings complete the suit.

The badge is a neat silver monogram made up of the letters W. B. C.

We have been making arrangements and think we shall succeed in obtaining a suitable place to practice in during the winter.

Our next meet will probably be in the shape of a dinner, and I hope that this "meat" will turn the whole club out in force.

Our Vice President, Mr. Ross, is talking of riding next year. If he can learn to ride as well as he can row, he'll make things hum.

The "Cap" has fully recovered from the effects of running over a dog. He advises all riders not to tackle a dog over a foot high.

Lieut. Geo. Cooper was seen around town lately enveloped in a linen duster with a fur collar on. He is talking of putting runners on his wheel and making an ice-boat out of his "blawsted" machine.

The "Crank" or Don was noticed tearing around the bay on his bicycle last week. He says nothing can catch him when he's on ice. I suppose he managed to overtake and catch that bad cold that's bothering him so now.

The Wanderers' song, "Rolling into Oshawa," seemed to take in Weston, the last time they were out there. But that is nothing to wonder at, when we are led by the nickel-plated voices of Davies, Alexander, Fitz and Co.

"WANDERER."

TORONTO, Dec. 25th, 1882.

WOODSTOCK WARBLINGS.

MY DEAR BICYCLE.—As yet we have no club organization in Woodstock, but there is no reason why we should not. I think we could muster together as many as fifteen lovers of cycling in active exercise. Considering that we have amongst us the late amateur champion of Canada, together with those four expert amateurs who are aspiring for honors at their wheels, I fail to see why we should not call a meeting a once for the purpose of organizing a club and keep pace in this healthful exercise with other towns around us. Now that we have a Canadian Association of Wheelmen and an authorized journal—*THE BICYCLE*—(which by the way is well deserving the name,) I have no doubt that the interest in bicycling will increase very rapidly, and will soon become a more general sport among the young men of our country.

In the meantime I will do all in my power in Woodstock to assist the Association in carrying out their intentions, viz.: the establishment of a bicycle club in every town in Canada.

Yours truly,
SPOKES.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

"Will you hear this letter with attention as you would hear an oracle?"

—Shakespeare.

EDITOR OF *THE BICYCLE*—

In your last issue you offered the use of your columns for the discussion of the proposed Constitution and By-laws of the C. W. A. The subject is an important one, and demands immediate attention. It should be thoroughly ventilated during the next two months, so that at the Spring meeting of the Board of Officers a revised Constitution may be prepared which will reflect the opinions of the majority of Canadian riders, and will belikely to meet with approval and confirmation at the general meeting on July 1st, 1883. If this is not done, and the matter is left in abeyance until the eleventh hour, the result will be a mass of conflicting ideas presented to the meeting, which it will not have time to digest, and a Constitution may be evolved which will need constant revision. Kindred organizations are in existence, from whose experience we may learn what pitfalls to avoid, and what measures to adopt, and the fault will be ours if we cannot decide on a Constitution which will need but little subsequent alteration, and will achieve the end of doing the greatest good to the greatest number.

The first question which arises is—Of what shall the Association consist? What shall be the basis of its organization? Shall it be an Association of clubs for the benefit of clubs, or of wheelmen for the benefit of wheelmen, individually and collectively?

Let all due deference, consideration and encouragement be shown to Clubs, but not to the virtual exclusion from the benefits of the Association of unattached riders, who will soon be numbered by hundreds throughout Canada. The present Constitution is really prohibitory to the great unattached, so it levies on them an annual fee of two dollars, while members of a club pay only forty cents; but as a compensation for this difference the unattached member is allowed to vote in person at general meetings while clubs can only send one representative for every five members. This last rule will tend to weaken one of the chief objects of the Association, i. e., the gathering, together, at