

proxies at the annual general meeting must be held by members of the club appointing them.

Article IV. Clause 1 was also amended, and now provides that Chief Consuls and Representatives are to be elected at the annual general meeting on Dominion Day.

The question of handicapping pneumatic and cushion tyred wheels was referred to the Racing Board as coming within their powers.

It was decided that the fee should not be reduced to 40 cents as proposed, and it will stand at 50 cents as heretofore.

The Minister of Customs is again to be interviewed by Messrs. P. D. Ross, T. A. Beament and G. Blyth, of Ottawa, who were appointed a committee to formulate a scheme to modify the Customs regulations and present for his consideration.

The proposal to issue a new guide book resulted in a decision to publish one in the spring of next year.

Altogether the meeting was one of the most successful in the history of the Association, and the Board are to be congratulated on the amount of work accomplished.

Ottawa Letter.

EDITOR "CYCLING,"—In looking over the *Mail* for March 28th, one must have noticed the able editorial referring to the Davis Bill for the regulation of wheeling.

The editor deserves the gratitude of all wheelmen for his powerful defence of our rights, and for the scathing rebuke administered to the authors of that masterpiece of ignorance and injustice, which could have emanated alone from a biased and untutored mind. So complete in all its bearings was that editorial that little remains to be said except in praise of the editor and in condemnation of the measure that called it forth.

Seldom do we see so well indicated that injurious tendency of the age toward over-legislation, and seldom have we seen the ambitious efforts of incapable, would-be legislators culminate in such a monstrosity. The passage of such a measure would be a gross injustice, a blow at individual liberty, and a precedent for the re-enactment of every iniquitous restriction that has ever disgraced the pages of legislative incapability. Surely the wheelmen as citizens have rights that command respect, and surely the manufacturers of Canadian wheels, in view of their vested interests, deserve the respect and support of the community in which they have had the enterprise to erect their fac-

tories. Few outside of the cycling fraternity have any conception of the amount of capital that is invested in wheels in this country—in legislators this ignorance is little less than criminal. I trust that before the publication of your next issue the obnoxious measure shall have been relegated to the realms of oblivion, except that its memory shall remain a monument to the incapability of its authors. It is high time that such measures should be taken that would prevent the sending of persons to our legislative bodies that have no knowledge of the proper sphere of government, nor even the barest rudiments of the principles of political economy.

Ottawa, usually enthusiastic in wheeling matters, will probably be largely represented at Hamilton. Some there are that laugh at enthusiasm, but he who is incapable of it has never been known to succeed; therefore let us be enthusiastic wheelmen with our faces set toward Hamilton which is this year to be our Mecca, a pilgrimage thence it is our bounden duty to accomplish.

Mr. Donly's letter *re* C. W. A. has given a clue to the real trouble. It strikes me forcibly that whatever delinquency may exist in the organization is due to the apathy of individual members rather than to the fault of the officers. We feel that these officers have carried out their duties nobly, being without hope of reward other than the thanks of the Association. It must come home to all of us that we have not supported them as they have deserved. This is shown by the manner in which efforts to compile a new guide book were received. A guide book can be gotten up only through the efforts of individual members, and until the very members that are kicking buckle-to and provide matter for it, that book will continue a minus quantity. Undoubtedly some aggressive work can be done by the C. W. A. with reference to road improvements, tariff charges and the use of public parks, also in the line of ascertaining and protecting the rights of wheelmen. The publication of the laws relating to wheeling jurisprudence, either in connection with the new guide book or as a separate pamphlet, would be a desirable acquisition to wheeling literature. The payment by the C. W. A. of the legal expenses of Mr. English would tend to increase the confidence of members, as well as to show outside wheelmen that the C. W. A. offered the additional advantage of protection as well as those of good fellowship and enjoyment. Yours fraternally,

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OTTAWA, March 30, 1891.