

A Few Things the Editor Would Like to Know.

If the C. W. A. will have a new Guide Book?

If the Customs Regulations will be modified?

If Mr. Beamant would not like to handicap ball-bearing wheels because they run easier than cones?

If Hamilton will get the C.W.A. meet for 1891?

If Mr. Gnædinger will make the penalty retro-active in order to catch Petrolia?

If the fact that CYCLING has two editors has anything to do with the idea of giving the *Wheelman* four?

If A. Happy Gregg will be at the lunch?

If the winner of a slow race would be debarred from a novice race?

How much F. B. wants for his wheel?

If there will be a team road race at the C.W.A. this year?

How the T.B.C. will celebrate their tenth anniversary in August?

If Holtby made the speech of the evening at the Hamilton supper?

The Canadian "Wheelman."

DEAR EDITOR,—To-day, for the first time in two months, I have had an hour to glance through an accumulation of wheel papers and among other things that have attracted my attention is your little passage at arms with the *Canadian Wheelman*.

Perhaps it would not be out of place for me to throw a little light upon the relations of the *Canadian Wheelman* to the C. W. A.

It is the property of the Association and is printed in London at a job printing establishment in which Mr. J. S. Brierley at one time—but not now—had an interest. For six years Mr. Brierley has edited the paper without other remuneration and without other reward than an occasional vote of thanks from the board of officers. That he has conducted the paper to the satisfaction of the majority of the members of the Association and at most times with marked ability I believe cannot be successfully contradicted.

If at times—particularly in the winter months—the paper is not so lively as one could wish, upon whom should the blame really fall? In my opinion not on the editor. I have had experience enough in journalism to know that one pair of brains will not grind out for ever, on so limited a subject as cycling, matter that will be attractive to every reader.

If you and other members of the C. W. A. are really desirous of booming the *Wheelman* it is not by pursuing your present course that it will be done, but by all putting your shoulders to the wheel and lending Mr. Brierley the aid of your wits and pens. He deserves the very warmest thanks of the entire Association for what he has done. He is one of the busiest men in the C. W. A. Yet he has found time to do gratuitously a great deal for us. Your criticisms are unkind and misplaced. Though I give you the credit of supposing that you have written in ignorance of the true facts of the case.

A word or two about a new Guide Book. I agree with you perfectly that one should be published, but to show you the apathy of the Association at large on the subject, I would point to the fact that two or three years ago I sent out circulars to local consuls and prominent wheelmen in all parts of the country asking for suggestions and contributions in the way of road reports. How many answers do you suppose I got? Just one! To get the material for the second edition of the Guide Book cost me two years of constant supplication and imprecation alternately. Still I think the officers should venture on a third edition, and when it is brought up at the board meeting on Good Friday I hope the members of the Toronto Bicycle Club who are on the board will give the project their active and energetic support.

As to a possible modification of the customs regulations I am willing to assist in another assault upon the obduracy of Hon. Mackenzie Bowell, but past experiences with him give me but little hope of success. I only touch on the subject to assure you that the matter has been before the officers of the Association for years, that they have made effort after effort to gain their end, but without success. Your insinuation that we have been faint-hearted and asleep is not justified by the facts.

Trusting, Mr. Editor, that you will be able to find a corner in your columns for this epistle, which has greatly outgrown my original idea of a short note, I remain fraternally yours,

HAL. B. DONLY.

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Very general dissatisfaction is expressed among L. A. W. members at the action of Detroit in placing the date of the League meet so early that the championship races cannot be contested. There is no doubt that the absence of the races will make a marked difference in the attendance