

# Wheeling Honors.

## Ten Thousand People See Opening of Great Meet at Montreal.

## Mile Championship a Loafing Race Decided by Finish- ing Rush.

## Canadian Riders Show Up Well With the Cracks From World Over.

By Associated Press.

Montreal, Aug. 9.—The World's Cycle Championship meet of the International Cyclists' Union, under the auspices of the Canadian Wheelmen's Association, opened to-day on the Queen's Park track. The weather was beautiful, fair and not too warm, and there was but a slight wind, not heavy enough to interfere with the riders. Ten thousand people saw the races, filling every seat on the grand stand and bleachers, and overflowing on to the rails along the track.

There was only one championship event on to-day's card, that at one mile, and it fell to Tom Somers-Gill, of Leeds A. C., England, who won it in a bruising finish from Earl Peabody of Chicago and John Caldon, the Scotch champion. Of the other men from across the water Cherry, of England, was frozen out in the first trial heat, finishing second to a local rider named Boisvert. The same fate befel George, of South Africa, in the second heat. Goodson, the Australian champion, perished in the second semi-final, being beaten out by Peabody, Taillandier, the Frenchman, also being left in the same heat.

The three men in the final made a loafing race of it, no one desiring to cut out the pace. Peabody was in the front, with Somers-Gill in second place, and Caldon trailing. They kept this position until the back-stretch of the last round, when Caldon moved up and the three men came into the stretch practically abreast. Then it was that Somers-Gill let himself loose. He got a lead of half a length and succeeded in holding it from Peabody, who had about the same the best of Caldon, who did not finish nearly so strongly as he did in the preliminaries.

The most important professional event was the half-mile. G. McCarthy of the TenEyck string, Nat Butler, Carman, the Canadian rider, McCarthy of Toronto, Major Taylor and Angus McLeod of Toronto were the six men who got into the final. There was a hair-splitting finish between McCarthy of St. Louis and Major Taylor. The latter got into a pocket in rounding into the stretch, and though he made a great hustle he was beaten out by McCarthy. It was only a matter of inches. The decision was so close that when announced part of the crowd on the stand back of the wire refused to accept it, claiming that Taylor had won. The time was 1:00:15.

In the two-mile tandem professional a new world's competition mark of 3:47 3-5 was made by the Butlers, the previous record being 4:01 3-5, made by McDuffee and Tyrell in Boston. The men were paced by a triplet, the Butlers coming out at the head of the stretch and winning prettily from McCauley and Bowler, while Taylor and Casey were a wheel back of them.

The half-mile amateur was won by Lester Wilson of Pittsburg, who beat out Drury of Montreal. Cherry, the English champion, ran into the fence, and fell in the semi-final.

The remaining race of the day, the mile novice, went to Bert Denison, of Toronto, easily the best man in the bunch.

### SUMMARY.

One mile novice—Denison won; More 2nd, Brown 3rd.

One mile amateur championship of the world—Somers-Gill, England, won; Peabody, America, 2nd; Caldon, Scotland, 3rd. Time, 5.43 2-5.

Half mile professional—C. R. McCarthy, St. Louis, won; Major Taylor 2nd; Nat Butler 3rd. Time, 1.00 1-5.

Half mile amateur—Wilson won; Drury 2nd; Goodson 3rd. Time, 1.08.

Two mile professional tandem—Butler Brothers won; McCarthy and Bowler 2nd; Taylor and Casey 3rd. Time, 3.47 3-5.

### PILGRIMS MEET DEATH.

Returning From Shrine of St. Anne  
They Are Killed on the  
Canada Atlantic.

Montreal, Aug. 9.—(Special)—The fast express from Montreal to Ottawa on the Canada Atlantic railway jumped the track twenty miles from St. Polycarpe this morning and seven people were killed and many injured. The identified dead so far are: Joseph Rocheleau and daughter, of Champlain street, Montreal; Ned Stairs and Wilson O'Connor, of Ottawa.

Nellie Ryan, Bridget Ryan and Ellen McDougall, of Maniwaki, and Mrs. Joseph Rocheleau, of Montreal, were fatally injured.

Most of the dead and injured were pilgrims returning from the shrine of Ste. Anne de Beaupre.

### A LOVER'S CRUELTY.

Leeds, Eng., Aug. 9.—Miss Maude Spencer of this city has broken her engagement with George A. Randal, a young engineer, and secured \$250 damages in a breach of promise suit, because her lover returned her letters, with the errors in spelling and grammar corrected in ink.

### CHINA AND JAPAN.

London, Aug. 9.—The Rome correspondent of the Daily Mail says the Italian government has received positive confirmation that China and Japan have concluded an alliance.