

## MANITOBA WHEELMEN SECEDE.

### They Cut Loose From the Canadian Wheelmen's Association Yesterday.

MONTREAL, Quebec, Feb. 9.—A sensation was caused in cycling circles by the publication of a telegram from Winnipeg, Manitoba, in the annual meeting of the Manitoba C. W. A. District. The representatives present from the outside clubs sided with the three city clubs and were of the opinion the time had come for Manitoba and the Territories to secede from the Canadian Wheelmen's Association and form an association with the assistance of the States of Minnesota and the Dakotas. The Winnipeg Bicycle Club has the largest membership by forty of any in Canada, and is strong financially. It is taking the initiative.

It was generally believed that whatever grievances the Manitoba wheelmen had they had been amicably settled long ago, and it was even understood that Winnipeg was very anxious to have the next national meet on Dominion Day held there.

One of the peculiar features of the case is that last night, while the Winnipeg cyclists were arranging to cut loose, a young newspaper man who came from Winnipeg a short time ago, and was a candidate for the Vice-Presidency, was making a long and eloquent speech at the meeting of the Montreal District on behalf of Winnipeg as the city where the next meet should be held. What troubles the heads of the Canadian Wheelmen's Association most at present is fear that the British Columbia cyclists and those of Victoria and Vancouver will break away also. The latter have been rebelling for some time, and their complaints and threats to join the California wheelmen became so serious that George W. Orr, President of the C. W. A., had to go there to pacify them. It is feared that Manitoba's action may cause a general break up. Considerable speculation is indulged in as to how the matter will affect the L. A. W.