

the Lower House, and introduced into the Upper as a Government Bill. Contrary to all expectations, it passed its second reading, and then was passed out, as the members objected, and reasonably, I think, to the Bill being sent down so late. The Auckland League is now moving most energetically in the matter, and does not intend to be late this session. It is already circulating a petition to the Premier asking him to again make the Bill a Government measure, and is working in conjunction with the other centres to push the Bill through.

I do not propose to inflict upon your readers even a *résumé* of the Bill. It would be nearly as painful to me as to them. Moreover, it has now been most fully reviewed and criticised throughout the colony. I shall, therefore, content myself with saying that so far only two objections with a shadow of reason in them have been

but do not get—namely, roads fit to ride on. We feel that we have no right to expect anything better than the general public is



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urged against the Bill. The first is that it is unfair that we cyclists should be taxed to provide that which we already pay for,

entitled to, nor more than is within the means of the various local bodies through whose districts the paths will pass, unless we are prepared to pay for it. Therefore, we say that if the great majority, feeling this, and wishing for special privileges, desires the tax, why should they not have it? The second is that the area of the proposed cycle districts—namely, the Provincial Districts—is too large. I maintain that it is not, and that anything smaller will increase the cost of administration, and lead to complication; but, to entirely remove this objection, I say, if the Legislature does not agree with me, "Make some smaller ones." That, surely, is a very simple matter.

Many people look upon this movement as purely a cyclists' agitation. We hope before the Bill comes to be considered again, that every member of the community will realize that he or she has a direct personal interest in helping us to achieve