

## On the Cinder.

### RECORDS.

The following constitute the bests-on-record in Canada to date. It is unfortunate that Clarke's mile times were not recorded in his five mile race at Woodstock, on the 5th. Had they been kept, Clarke would now be credited with the best times on record, at all distances, for Canada, as there can be no doubt but that in that race he must have gone faster from one mile up to five than the riders who remain credited with the records for two, three and four miles.

Half Mile, 1.26 4-5—H. Clarke, Woodstock, Sept. 5, 1884.

Mile, 2.59 7/8—H. Clarke, Toronto, Sept. 6, 84.

Two Miles, 6.54 1/2—R. W. Hamlin, Toronto, July 3, 1884.

Three Miles, 10.09—F. J. Campbell, Toronto, July 3rd, 1884.

Four Miles, 13.55—W. G. Ross, Toronto, July 1, 1884.

Five Miles, 16.03-5—H. Clarke, Woodstock, Sept. 5, 1884.

Although the time made in the five mile race at the Toronto Bicycle Club races on Sept. 6th, by Clarke, was faster than the Canadian record, it seems that the day previous (5th) he accomplished the five miles in 16m. 3-5s.

### THE WOODSTOCK RACES.

Woodstock, Aug. 26.—Games of the Woodstock American Athletic Association. One mile open: C. F. Lavender (1), time, 3m. 05s; H. Davies, Toronto Wanderers (2). Two miles (green): Martin (1), Biette (2), both of Woodstock. Half mile, Davies (1), Lavender (2); time, 1m. 29 2-5s. Three miles, Lavender, barred, Davies (1), McKay, of Seaforth, (2); time, 10m. 29 1-5s. Five miles (Davies not starting): Lavender (1), Lambe, of London, (2), Clarke, of Woodstock, (3); time, 17m. 39s. Fancy riding: Hurst, of Toronto Wanderers, won. Oxford County challenge cup: Clarke (1), Martin (2). Half mile, without hands: Lavender (1), Doyle, of Fingal, (2).

Toronto, September 6th.—One mile, green, W. M. Hurst, Wanderers' Bicycle Club, first, in 3m. 34s., by ten yards; F. J. Capon, W.B.C., second.

One mile, open, H. Clarke, Woodstock B.C., first, by four feet; H. P. Davis, W.B.C., second, 3m. 2 3/8s.

This race was the event of the day, and the result was a genuine surprise to all present. As will be seen, it was not decided as between Clarke and Davies in the first contest, but resulted in another race between them for first place. The start brought out Craik, of Somerville, Davies, Hurst and Foster, of the Wanderers, and Campbell, of the Torontos. The latter was not in condition, and though he held his own well, did not come up to his usual form. Clarke led off, with Davies and Campbell after him. On the back stretch, on which most of the hot work of the day was done, the three at times seemed to be riding in a row. The race was a crippling one from the start, as is evident from the fact that the first two quarter miles were done in 45 seconds. Foster, who has developed wonderfully, eventually succeeded in getting third place from Campbell. He is a fast man, and seems to lack staying power. Davies stuck closely to Clarke, but did not pass him, and the latter came in first, with Davies about two lengths behind, and Foster and Campbell following. The time was 3.02 3/8. When it was seen that the Canadian championship record of 3.09 1/2 would be broken, the interest in the race became intense, but it was little thought that Lavender's subsequent record of 3.06, made on July 3rd, would also go. At the conclusion of the race, Davies entered a protest against Clarke on the ground that the latter had prevented him from passing him by crowding him off the track. A shower coming up, everybody retreated to the grand stand, and the judges considered the matter and heard what the parties had to say. Clarke claimed that, the track being quite new to him, he was several times forced out of his place in turning the corners, and that if Davies was thereby

prevented from passing him, it was unintentional on his part. It was finally decided that the two should ride again, and this was done between numbers 7 and 8 of the programme. The final contest was a magnificent one. Everybody was on the tip-toe of expectation. The wonderful speed displayed by the two led to the belief that a hot race would take place, and the result was as anticipated. Both went off at a cracking pace, and the race was fought all the way through. Clarke led, but on the back stretch of the first lap they rode side by side. Davies did not at any time succeed in getting his wheel ahead of his antagonist's, but for the first three-quarters the two wheels lapped. On coming into the back stretch of the last lap Davies spurred, and closed up on Clarke amid the cheers of the crowd, but Clarke immediately responded, and drew away with apparent ease. It was then seen that the race was his. He came in with hands off the bar about ten yards ahead of Davies, thus winning the race in the splendid time of 2.59 7/8. The spectators greeted the winner with loud and enthusiastic applause.

Three mile handicap, P. Doolittle, scratch, T. B.C., first, by twenty yards; H. Kyrie, T.B.C., four hundred yards, second. Time, 10m. 10s. Quarter mile, velocipede, boys under ten, P. Barr, first; R. McCall, second. One mile, city championship, H. P. Davies won. This makes two wins for Davies, the prize having to be won three times. Half mile, boys under sixteen, 48-inch wheel, F. Busted, first; A. B. Brown, second. Two miles, club championship, P. Doolittle, first; F. J. Campbell, second. Time, 7m. 20s. Time race, one mile, time, 3m. 59s., W. H. Stuart, first; P. Doolittle, second. Stuart was the last man in, Doolittle in front of him. Five mile handicap, H. Clarke, scratch, first, by twenty yards; H. P. Davies, scratch, second. Time, 16m. 6 3/8s. Fancy riding, W. Hurst, the only entry, gave a fine exhibition.

New Haven, Conn., Sept. 24.—At the New Haven Bicycle Club races on Tuesday, in the one mile novice race Mr. Wait won in 3.04 1/2. In the two mile race for the club championship, Wait won again. Time, 6.52. In the one mile scratch race, George Hendece defeated Sanders Sellers, of England, in 3.01 3/4. The five mile tricycle race was won by Robert Chambers, of Birmingham, England, in 21.46. In the one mile boys' race O. M. Ferguson, of New Haven, who had the pole, struck Willie Hopkins. The latter was leaning over the guard-rail watching the race when Ferguson ran into him with great force, his machine hitting the boy on the back of the head, causing, it is thought, concussion of the brain. Three doctors on the ground attended to the lad. His father is in the employ of the Diamond Match Company, of Westville. By the accident Ferguson was thrown violently off his machine and stunned. The race was won by W. J. Redfield, of New Haven.

### RECORDS BROKEN IN ENGLAND.

The fifth race for the Crystal Palace fifteen miles challenge cup took place September 11, at Sydenham, London, Eng., and the winner, R. H. English, North Shields B. C., beat all previous records from two to fifteen miles, and, continuing with a view to beating Cortis' hour record, also beat record time for sixteen, seventeen, eighteen, nineteen and twenty miles, and in the hour rode 20 miles 360 yards, or 235 yards more than Cortis had to his credit. His two mile time was 5m. 32 2-5s., and 20 miles were covered in 59m. 6 3-5s. R. Cripps was second by 44 seconds, and H. F. Wilson third by 10 yards.

On Sept. 19th, bicycle races were held at the Exhibition Grounds in Toronto, which proved a fizzle. In the two-mile race for a \$50 cup there were three entries—H. P. Davies, Toronto; J. Craik, Summerville; H. P. Williams, Quebec. The race was won by Davies, Williams being thrown out of the race by his machine breaking. In the one-mile race there were three entries—Craik, Davies and Campbell, of Toronto. In the final heat Craik and Davies were on even terms just before reaching the winning-post, when Davies fell against the steps of the stand, breaking his collar-bone.

## Wheel Tracks.

Hartford has 500 and Springfield 700 wheelmen.

The Chicago Bicycle Club will build a cinder path.

When is London going to have a first-class cinder track?

Messrs. Retallick and Holden, of the Belleville Ramblers, attended the Springfield Tournament.

C. F. Lavender, of Toronto, is a manufacturer of cycles, and made the one he rode on in the Buffalo races.

Dr. Arnott, a leading physician of London, has provided himself with a tricycle, and may be seen taking a spin very often.

G. H. Ilston, one of the fastest English bicycle riders, has accepted a situation in a sewing machine factory at Wallingford, Conn.

Miss Florence Fuller, of Chicago, recently rode a tricycle from Chicago to Geneva Lake, Wis., a distance of eighty-five miles, in two days.

Among the noted amateur tricyclists of London (Eng.), who think nothing of making twenty mile excursions, are Mr. and Mrs. Bronson Howard.

Burley Ayers, of Chicago, in writing of the late "Niagara-to-Boston" tour, says: "We are going to have another tour next year quite as good."

On the second day of the long-distance race at Chicago, Morgan covered 107 miles in six and a half hours, an average of about eighteen miles an hour.

The New York State Championship for one mile, L.A.W., was won at Albany on the 11th ult., by C. E. Titchener, of Binghamton, in 3 min. 30 1/2 sec.

The American Roller is the name of a splendid eight-page weekly published in Boston, and devoted to the interests of roller skating, polo and other popular sports.

The Pope Manfg. Co. have presented one of their Expert Columbias to Thomas Stevens, the man who first rode across the continent, from Frisco to the Hub, on a bicycle.

Mr. A. Beasley, son of the City Clerk of Hamilton, has left for a tricycle trip through Europe. He will join two English tourists in England, and expects to be gone six months.

W. H. Nourse, Captain of the Winnipeg Bicycle Club, has joined the Canadian contingent under Sir Garnet Wolseley, to proceed to Egypt for the relief of General Gordon.

The Boston Ramblers' Club will disband Oct. 1st. The club is solid financially, but cannot compete successfully with the Massachusetts and Boston clubs. The big fishes always eat the little ones.

Mr. W. Wallace, of the Carrick Banking Co., Mildmay, has accepted a position in the Central Bank of Canada at Toronto. Mr. Wallace is an enthusiastic cyclist, and purposes joining one of the Toronto clubs.

The eight-day bicycle-horse contest at St. Louis, which terminated on Sept. 14th, resulted in a victory for the horse. The final score stood: Morgan, 445 miles; Armaida, 361; total or bicycle, 836 miles, and Anderson and horses, 839 miles.

A comparison of the half-mile record made by Sellers at Springfield, this year, with the Canadian record of Clarke, shows how little we are behind the Englishers. Sellers' time in a half-mile dash was 1 18 1-5, while Clarke's time for a half-mile in a five mile dash was 1.26 4-5.

Clarke, the Woodstock flyer, who is now justly claimed to be the fastest rider in Canada, is but seventeen years of age. He was born near Woodstock, but his home is in Seaforth, where his parents reside. Clarke is in the drug business in Woodstock, where he has done all his training, having mounted a bicycle for the first time last season. When in racing trim his weight is 148 lbs., and he is 5ft. 9 1/2 in. in height.