

A Practical Test By a Practical Man

(Extract from letter received from Col. Payne.)

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"I rode something over 2,000 Miles on my Massey-Harris last summer, and the most of it over country roads. It had a 72 gear, and I am not a young man (being past 50), but I found the gear none too high. If I was making a change would make it a little higher by taking off the 7 tooth sprocket and putting on an 8 or 9 tooth, and on the crank shaft a 22 or 23 tooth sprocket, making the gear from 72 to 80. It would not take any more force to propel a 77 gear with an 8 or 9 tooth sprocket on the back wheel than it does now with a 7 tooth and 72 gear.

"As an instance of how easy your wheels run, I might just mention that last autumn I wanted to see a little of the country. I took my wheel and went to Nia ara-on-the-Lake, and from there to the Falls and Buffalo, and took the ferry over to Fort Erie, and came up the north shore of Lake Erie to Grand Bend on Lake Huron, and thence home to London. It was Monday morning when I left home, and on my return on Friday at 4 p.m. my cyclometer, which is correct, showed a little over 400 miles, which, done in less than five days over a variety of roads and hills, with a 72 gear, shows that your wheel runs exceptionally easy."

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