

The Century Road Club.

The *Empire* and *Globe* last Friday contained letters criticizing the action of the C.R.C.C. in admitting Sunday Centuries. We understand, however, this subject is to be brought before the members of the club and those who have signified their intention of joining, and that a ballot is to be taken. If Sunday records are then allowed, it will then be time enough for those who are opposed to them to withdraw from the club.

There can be no doubt, however, that cycling in Canada has not degraded to such a low level as to permit of riding for prizes on Sunday, and we have no doubt, whatever, that the majority of the club will be largely against this practice.

Highway Improvement.

We have received the January and February numbers of *Good Roads*, a monthly journal published by the Roads Improvement Bureau of the L. A. W. It is well written, finely illustrated and neatly printed. The thought has struck us that we in Canada are just as much in need of good roads as are our American cousins, and probably cyclists appreciate them better than most people. Why can we not use this journal as a means of educating the Canadian farmer up to the point of building good roads, and what better means could be procured than for the clubs in Toronto, say, to combine and subscribe for a copy of the work for each member of York County Council? Fifty dollars a year will do it and the amount could not be better invested. Think of it, ye cyclists, and also think of some of the county roads, such as the Lake Shore and the fourth line of York and Vaughan.

No doubt clubs in other counties would follow our example, and by thus educating the most representative men in each county we would gradually educate the whole community on the subject of Highway Improvement.

Our Chicago representative, J. Jay Ross, an old Torontonian and member of the Wanderers, has just taken charge of the cycle department of the Monarch Cycle Co., of Chicago. We feel sure that he will make it a success, as he is a gentleman in every sense of the word. Any of our friends who visit that city should not fail to call at 42 to 52 Halsted Street, where they will receive a royal welcome, for Jay has a particularly warm spot in his heart for Canadians.

Chicago Letter.

Life, as far as cycling is concerned, has been very quiet during the past month. There have been a number of "smokers," etc., but the weather was such that it was only on one or two occasions fit to take a wheel out, though the "cranks" were about in full force. The condition of the streets and roads in this vicinity at present reminds me of the dinner for which the *menu* read: "Soup, soup, and soup, with soup for dessert." It is simply awful; I never saw anything to compare with it, no, not even the Esplanade in "Muddy York." Tony Radell, A. G. Roux and F. Slusser, of the Lincoln Club, were the first to reach Elgin this year. They were forced to take the railroad track, and, for thirteen miles, banged along over the ties. Art. Merrick, lieutenant of the Chicago Club, undertook to show the way to Hammond, Ind., to a number of his club mates, and succeeded in doing so. Merrick is a very popular wheelman as well as being an enthusiastic one, and a hard rider. He is illustrator for *The Bearings*, and is very clever with his pen and pencil. He hopes to participate in a tour through Canada during the coming season and all with whom he may come in contact will find him a gentleman in every sense of the word.

Roy Keator, who toured from this city to New York last summer, is making arrangements for another trip over the same route. On this occasion, however, he will use only his Ormonde unicycle, and will be accompanied by his brother. Roy is delighted with the treatment he received at the hands of the "Canucks," especially at Loudon and Hamilton.

Dai Lewis, who for the past two years has been on the staff of the *Referee*, is about to sever his connection with that journal. He is going to Buffalo, his former home, where he will publish "the best cycling paper in the world." That is a pretty big statement to make, but Dai is in earnest, and as all his acquaintances know is a "hustler." "The American Wheelman" will be the name of the new paper. It will be a weekly and the first number will make its appearance on March 4th. The new comer will give special attention to Canadian news, and with a popular man like Lewis "pushing the pedals," is bound to be successful.

Very few Canadians have any idea of the large number of manufacturers of bicycles and sundries in existence in the United States to-day. It is surprising, and the competition this season will be very keen, and it looks very much as though it will be