

Hamilton Letter.

Stratford News.

DEAR CYCLING,—One of the most enjoyable runs in the history of the Hamilton Bicycle Club took place on 25th July, the destination being Port Dover. That those on the run enjoyed themselves is but expressing it mildly. On the arrival of the club at Port Dover, the members were invited to a sail on Lake Erie, which was accepted. The kind ladies of the town tried to make everything pleasant, and as an orchestra was on board dancing was indulged in. Every one regretted when the sail was ended. Although the ride is a long one from Hamilton to Port Dover, the boys are looking forward to the next trip. The usual chapter of incidents occurred; for particulars, you should see the club run book.

The annual club run to Buffalo takes place this month, and already a large number are preparing for the trip. When the boys go in for anything it is sure to be a success, and with fine weather this will be the run of the season.

Already quite a number of our members have gone touring, and next week Treasurer Lloyd and Lieut. Griffith intend to guide a party through London to Goderich, returning about the 8th. The pace is promised to be slow, but we anticipate a record for the round trip notwithstanding this assurance.

On looking over my last CYCLING, I notice an eulogy on E. C. Hill, the President of the C. W. A. This just reminds me that the Association intends issuing a new guide-book next year, and as a month has now elapsed since Mr. Hill's election, is it not about time he should take some action in preparing the matter for the printer, if the book is to be ready by the first of the year? The Secretary of the C. W. A. is good-natured enough to undertake the work, but when we have a head, why not use it? This letting the Secretary do everything has gone far enough. It is time for others to do their share of the work.

We hope to capture a few first prizes at the flower show at Rosedale on 10th inst. While on a tour through the Conservatory, I was told several entries had been made, and our Lily is hard to beat.

I would suggest to the Racing Board of the C. W. A. that they recommend to the Association that in future all road races for the championship be run in the vicinity of the North Pole, so that all clubs may be placed on the same level. It is not fair to favour some clubs.

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The first heat of the Stratford Bicycle Club road race was run Friday, July 10, from Monteith's to Conroy and return, under the management of Messrs. Macfadden and Kenner, in the absence of the president, C. E. Nasmyth. The arrangements were carried out to the letter, excepting the start being a little late the result apparently was satisfactory to all concerned. A goodly number of spectators witnessed the finish, and at each concession crossing many friends in the rural district adjacent assembled to see the noiseless steed rolling by. The road was in fairly good condition and the atmosphere all that could be desired. At 7.29 Litt led away reaching Conroy in 24½ minutes, returning in 22½, total 47 minutes; at 7.33 Welsh and Pequegnat started doing Conroy in 23 and 23½ respectively, total 46½ and 52; at 7.34 Hyslop led away doing Conroy in 22½, Monteith's 32½, total 55 minutes. Mr. Hyslop was somewhat indisposed or he would in all probability have been a winner. At 7.39 McFarlane, scratch, made Conroy in 21½, and Monteith's 22½, total 44 minutes; Robertson, also scratch, did Conroy in 18½, and Monteith's in 19½, total 38 minutes, the fastest time of the heat by 6 minutes and record for the club, although this is far behind his road record of two years ago when he pushed his wheel from Stratford to St. Mary's in 41 minutes. Wm Jeffrey acted as judge, W. L. Scott and G. F. Preuter acted as timekeepers and referees. The race for this heat stands, Litt, 1st; Robertson, 2nd; Welsh, 3rd. This being the first heat of a series of four races to take place on the first Friday at 6.30 p.m. of each month. The winners receive two valuable silver medals.

On Monday, July 13, P. C. Twentyman, of the Stanley and North Road Cycling Clubs, increased the twelve hour Safety record by four miles, covering 181½ miles in the time. On the Wednesday following, this record was again beaten by George Smith, of the Stoke Newington C. C., who made a little over 191 miles.

F. J. Osmond, of the London County and Athletic Club, on Monday, the 13th July, made new path records for the half mile, three-quarter mile and mile as follows: half mile, 1 m. 7½ s.; three-quarter mile, 1 m. 42 s., and the mile, 2 m. 16 s., the latter being 4½ secs. better than W. C. Jones' time on September 9, 1890. Osmond's feats were accomplished on the new Herne Hill track—the fastest track in the world.