

FOREST CITY BICYCLE CLUB.

LONDON, Sept. 10th.

DEAR WHEELMAN:—

I suppose you are already aware of the fact that the Forest City Club has had a split in its members.

Twelve of our riders have formed a new club called the "Ariel Touring Club," having for its object the encouragement of touring and club drill.

I cannot see how the resignation of twelve members could affect a club of sixty, but such is the case, for since the time the new club was first spoken of, the F. C.'s have not had a club run and have had to call meetings twice before they could get a quorum.

Now, I cannot see why things should go on in this way, and I am sure that most of the members will agree with me in this.

Let there be a meeting called as soon as Secretary Maclean recovers, (which I sincerely hope will be very soon,) and re-organize the club, and not let the Ariels have it all their own way at club drill competitions. I hope that Captain Burns will be assisted in this by the other officers, and that before your next issue the Forest City Bicycle Club will be as enthusiastic as ever.

I am sure that none of us would like to see the F. C. B. C. going backward when it has been instrumental in doing so much for bicycling in Western Ontario. Wishing you every success, I remain,

BACKBONE.

BELLEVILLE.

I am pleased to hear that you are starting a wheeling paper in London. Long may it live and great its success. Our boys will subscribe, I am sure, to your journal. We have fifteen wheels in the city now, and are importing one every little while, so that by next year we will have a fair-sized club. We also have a sociable trike in the Club. I can give you very little news regarding the Club in Belleville, as we are a little disorganized on account of unamateurism (pretty good word, eh?) but we hope to have the club in good order again in about two weeks. Our membership roll is, I think, about twenty-six or seven, but the active wheels are, as I mentioned before fifteen, with one trike. The following is a list of our members:—Henry Corby, President; D. B. Robertson, W. R. Carmichael, Vice-Presidents; S. G. Retallack, F. Macoun, S. M. Daly, J. Morgan, J. Retallack, W. K. Greatrix, A. Dean, W. Northcott, W. Hogg, Robert Fenwick, W. N. Ponton, Q. G. West, S. T. Greene, W. H. Garratt, Jr., Geo. Davis, W. Mikel, J. H. Carter, myself and several others.

We will have a representative from our Club at the Springfield meet.

Dean, one of our boys, went to Kingston and back in one day, a distance of 165 miles, making the down trip in 4 hours and 45 minutes.

Yours fraternally,

J. F. W.

PERSONAL.

Mr. J. S. Brierley, Secretary of the C. W. A., paid us a visit on Saturday last.

Mr. John Moody, Jr., of Hamilton, was in town during the past week, on pleasure.

Captain Cox of Goderich was in town during the last few weeks with some Marshall, Mich., boys.

Mr. Perry Doolittle of Aylmer has completed his 10,000 miles on a bicycle. Who can beat this?

Mr. Alexander Duncan, of the Hamilton Bicycle Club, is spending a couple of weeks' holidays in this city.

Mr. Crawford Maclean, of the Forest City Bicycle Club, was seriously ill, but is now progressing favorably.

Mr. E. Fitzgibbons, of the St. Thomas Bicycle Club, has left for a three months' trip to the old country.

Mr. A. J. Morley of the St. Thomas Bicycle Club spent his holidays touring around the county on a five-foot wheel.

J. L. Fitzgerald and J. G. Dawson, both members of the Forest City Bicycle Club, spent a couple of weeks at Ashbury Park, N. Y., a short time since.

Mr. Frank Morrison, formerly of the Aylmer Bicycle Club, has removed to London and accepted a position with W. J. Thompson & Co., Carriage Manufacturers.

Mr. Charles Mountjoy has just returned from a week's tour on his wheel to Grimsby and vicinity, and reports being well treated by all wheelmen wherever he went.

Mr. James Hodgins of the Ariel Touring Club, has returned from a week's trip through the Counties of Huron and Bruce. He reports the roads in splendid condition.

F. J. Leys, of Sheffield, on Saturday, August 18th, at Leicester, England, rode twenty miles in a little over 58 minutes, and covered twenty and a-half miles, plus 25 yards, in the hour.

Mr. F. W. Jopling, artist, of New York, has been paying a visit to his friends in Toronto, Canada. Mr. J. was formerly a member of the Toronto Bicycle Club. The boys were all glad to see him.

George Burns, Jr., President of the Forest City Bicycle Club, has left for Springfield, Mass., to attend the grand tournament, which takes place on September 18, 19 and 20th. He is also going to visit New York and Albany.

N. S. Williams and Henry Saunders of the F.C.B.C. left on Tuesday last for Port Burwell. When about two miles from Aylmer, the head of Saunders' machine broke and he had to return home by train. Williams finished the trip alone returning home on Thursday.

We regret to hear that Mr. A. T. Lane, of the Montreal Bicycle Club, while participating in one of the races at Montreal on September 1st, received a severe throw from his machine, which confined him to the house for some time, and we hope to hear of his speedy recovery.

WM. PAYNE.

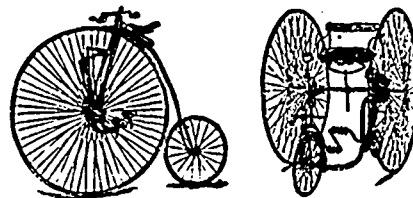
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