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Automobile News.

Club Notes.

The organization of The Stonewall Automobile Club, the county branch of the Winnipeg Automobile Club, was completed during last month. The officers of the club are:—R. McLeod, president; F. E. H. Luke, vice-president; W. E. Wright, secretary-treasurer. Directors: W. C. Power, N. Breen, S. P. Belcher.

A vsit of inspection to the club headquarters was made on Sunday, April 10, several cars making the trip in good style. Amongst those taking part in the run were: R. M. McLeod, F. E. H. Luke, W. E. Wright, Mr. Collins, Toronto; W. C. Power, H. Power, Toronto; C. H. Newton, N. Breen, W. Kilgour, A. C. Emmett, S. P. Belcher, Miss Mc-Naughton, Miss Belcher, W. & T. Sweatman, Mrs. Sweatman, Miss Newton.

A number of cars made the run to Stonewall during the past month, a regrettable accident to Mr. Jean Houghton's car being recorded. The car turned over sideways, owing to sliding off the narrow grade, and the passengers received a severe shaking. Mrs. Houghton was unfortunately the worst sufferer, receiving severe injuries to the face and head.

Touring preparations for the season are now in full swing and it is anticipated that the summer tour of the club will be the biggest and most elaborate event ever carried out in Western Canada. No definite route has yet been chosen, but strong pressure is being brought to bear from many points in Southern Manitoba to induce the club to take the same route as covered durthe 1908 tour.

Trade Notes.

The volume of business being done in the West is so far in excess of the most optimistic forecasts made by local dealers when sending in their requisitions to the factories that there is every possibility of a shortage in cars resulting. On many of the higher priced models, dealers are already unable to accept any further orders for delivery this season and arrangements are being made for the placing of orders ahead for 1911.

One of the greatest factors in the condition of affairs is the heavy demand from country points throughout the three provinces of Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan. Small towns with a population of less than 500 are placing orders for from five to ten cars, amongst them being Dundurn, Elgin, Dauphin, Humboldt, Antler, Reston, Macoun, Boissevain, Shoal Lake and Deloraine whilst towns such as Portage la Prairie, Virden, Souris, Carman, Neepawa, Carberry, etc., are finding the number of orders phenomenal.

The McLaughlin Carriage Co. have been delivering three and four car loads from the Winnipeg branch daily for the past month, and even at this rate finds it difficult to meet the demand.

Many new concerns will shortly open branches in Winnipeg and make preparations for a vigorous campaign for the 1911 season. Principal amongst the newcomers will be the Dominion Motor Co., The Chalmers, Detroit, and the Brush Co., of Detroit, whilst at least two accessory supply houses will join the ranks of those interested in the automobile trade of Western Canada.

Notes of the Trails.

Representations have been made to the Winnipeg Street Commissioner's department regarding the neglected condition of the grade immediately adjoining the C.P.R. crossing at the west end of the yards, where the trail to Stonewall joins in. This spot is full of pitch holes, some nearly a foot deep and to cross from the grade to the Stonewall trail necessitates the negotiation of a bad ditch unprotected by even the most humble apology for a culvert, From the point where the Rockwood

Municipality has charge of affairs, conditions are somewhat better, but considerable improvement could be made on the narrow stretches of new grade by the use of a drag over its surface for a couple of trips. Beyond Stonewall, along the Balmoral route, lots of new stone is being placed on the grades and should make this stretch in very good condition at an early date.

The Commercial Side.

One of the best features of the increased activity in the automobile trade, is the number of cars being supplied to commercial men for business uses. Amongst those who have adopted the car for covering their country routes are, Mr. Fraser, representing Tees & Persee and Mr. Mackley, of the G. Stephens Co., both of whom took their cars out on the initial trops during the latter part of April. Delivery vans in the city itself are getting numerous; the A. Mc-Donald Co., using a big "Rapid" truck for city deliveries; Charrest & Bartram, a light delivery van for covering delivery routes; Robinson's Departmental Store, a light van, now under test to show whether au mobile delivery will offer any advantages over the old style and the J. H. Ashdown Co., who have a truck coming forward for the same purpose. Many new styles will be offered in the near future in this class of car, the McLaughlin Carriage Co. having one to hand for demonstration purposes, showing one style of body fitted to the chassis of their well known two cylinder, 24 horse power model, and which may be varied to meet customers' requirements.

Light motor tricycles for small parcel delivery have also been secured by Winnipeg concerns, so that the intending buyers have the opportunity of watching the various styles in daily service, and getting valuable information as to costs, etc., before deciding on the one most suitable for their own needs.

Exhibition Meeting.

An interesting programme of events has been arranged by the Motor Trades Association, to take place during the course of the 1910 Exhibition. Commencing on July 13 a matinee race programme will head the bill, consisting of five events, three for the smaller class of cars, being five miles each, and two for the big cars at ten miles. A special race for motor cycles will also be arranged over a ten mile course. On the succeeding days, a series of contests, covering reliability, accessibility, economy, etc., will be competed for and can be watched by the public. These latter events should prove very interesting to the out-of-town visitors who may be thinking of buying a car, as it will give him a good line on the respective merits of the various makes in meeting the conditions to be found in different districts.

His Grace the Archbishop of Westminster, head of the Roman Catholic Church in Great Britain, and suite, have signified their intention of attending the Eucharistic Congress that will be he.d in Montreal next September. It is probable that his grace will be accompanied by the Duke of Norfolk, the leading lay head of the Catholic Church in England. While in Canada this distinguished party will visit Ottawa, Toronto, Hamilton, Niagara Falls and other important places. His grace has accepted the invitation extended by President Chas. M. Hays for himself and suite to be the guests of the Grand Trunk on their Canadian tour.

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