

## News from the Clubs.

TO CORRESPONDENTS—Please make your letters brief and newsy, and then we will not be obliged to crowd out other letters of equal importance.

### GUELPH.

DEAR WHEELMAN:

Although at this season the interest taken in bicycling is somewhat dead, I cannot say that it is altogether so, here. The members of our Club still all feel confident that we are going to make a greater success of it this year, and as we now have comfortable rooms in which to meet a large number intend joining on that account. We intend to push things here this year, and hope soon to be able to secure some building to practise in, and hope to have every arrangement made to make it pleasant, not only for ourselves but for all wheelmen who drop in to see "the Royal City." Yours,

PEDAL.

### WANDERERS NOTES.

DEAR EDITOR:

The wheeling in Toronto is still a thing of the future for 1884, as the amount of snow and ice piled on the roads lately made the bicyclist wonder if there is such a thing as wheeling on the roads anyhow!

However, although there has been no road-riding, yet the practice in large riding "shed" proceeds steadily, and by the season opens the advantage of this winter's practice will be felt by the number who are now learning the act. There have been no very large meets on Saturday afternoons as yet, owing to the cold weather, but during April no doubt the place will be crowded. The first club run of 1884 is claimed by a party of Wanderers who went for a cruise around the bay on their bicycles, some good sport was had on the occasion, the only drawback being an accident which occurred with an iceboat, which collided with one of the bicycles, breaking it into several pieces. The club room has lately had several additions made to the furniture, new pictures, and brackets etc., donated by the lady friends (of which the Club has probably its share), have been placed on the walls, additions have been made to the reading table, and taken altogether it now forms the best furnished and equipped "club" of its kind in the city. But although it has a good "club room," yet the accommodation for wheels is so small the Committee are on the look out for a suite of rooms where dressing, wheel, and club rooms will all be on the same ground floor.

The regular monthly meeting was held last week, a large number of members being present. A large number of new names were proposed and several added to the now very large list. Considerable comment has been expressed on the rule of the Club which excludes any person joining who is not a bicyclist or means to be one. The progress of other clubs has been studied, and we find that although the membership may be very large, yet the number of riders

is actually small. However, the number that are joining now, a good many of whom are experienced riders, shows that next season the success that attends us on every hand will still continue.

The "Rudge" is having quite a run at present, a large order was sent last week by a local dealer, and in all probability will be followed by a larger one soon.

The Club has been losing some of its old members who are moving from the city, the latest to leave having been Mr. W. A. Capon, who has left for Winnipeg; Mr. N. Porter, who has gone to Belleville; Mr. R. Grove, who has gone into business in London, and Will Kurst, the bugler, who has removed to the States.

The glee club, formed some time ago, meets every Thursday evening. There are some twenty singers connected with it.

A number of the Wanderers' suits were noticed on the Victoria Rink, in Montreal, during the late carnival. The members who attended were most hospitably received at the Athletic Club rooms.

Yours,  
WANDER "OR"

### THE TORONTO CLUB.

As the spring approaches, "altho' on leaden wings," the thoughts of bicyclists generally turn upon the possibilities of the coming season.

Some there are who have not yet been initiated into the mysteries of our craft, who are anxious with fear and trembling to make the acquaintance of the "historic goat," and hope that they, of all who preceded them, will be able to escape from what seems to be the lot of all adventurers in this particular arena, the inevitable header.

The Torontos, after finishing up last season with the best and most satisfactorily conducted race meeting ever held in Canada, have been keeping rather quiet, but as the season advances, and the days lengthen, bicycling conversation comes once more into prominence. During the winter, additions have been made to the Club of gentlemen that will tend to strengthen its already high standing in the city, and altogether some twenty names have been added to its active membership roll since the first of January.

Last year a two weeks club tour was arranged, date and route being fixed, but business took a more active turn and those who had made arrangements to go, found it impossible to get away on the date previously agreed upon, so it was finally decided to postpone it till the season of 1884. It was originally intended to confine it to members of the Club, whether its scope will be enlarged to take in any other that might wish to join I cannot say. The destination was to be the National Capital, "Ottawa," whether that point will be attempted this year, is not yet decided.

The Club room question has at last been decided in the affirmative and a most cen-

tral location chosen with accommodation for the storage of wheels also provided, so that visitors and members may be sure of having their wheels in safe custody while attending to business in the city. Restrictions are placed upon the rooms which will prevent them from becoming other than a very pleasant place of resort for both members and visitors. Bicyclists visiting the city will be heartily welcomed and made to feel perfectly at home. The landlord has consented to arrange the rooms to suit the aesthetic taste of the Club, and the members have decided to furnish them only with necessary requisites until their appreciation is evidenced by frequent use.

Rumors are in the air of a complete change of officers at the next annual meeting which takes place on April 1st. The Captain has stated his determination to retire from all official positions, and it is said the secretary will do the same. Some of the retiring officers have worked hard in the interests of the Club, and they feel gratified at its present prosperous condition.

Capt. McBride and Lieut. Ryrie are credited with the longest all day record in Canada having ridden from Toronto to Belleville, 117 miles in nineteen hours including all stoppages.

I shall expect to see this very creditable performance eclipsed by some of the western clubs over the superb roads they are credited with having.

A rumor is current that the second annual meet of the C.W.A. will be held in Toronto during the Semi-Centennial week, if this should prove true it will give our brother bicyclists from all parts of the country an opportunity to witness the grand demonstration, and also to become important factors themselves in the setting forth of the great progress that has taken place in the last fifty years. Should it be decided at the annual meeting of the Board of Officers of the C.W.A. to hold the meet in Toronto at that time I trust every bicyclist will make up his mind to be one in the grand parade of mounted wheelmen.

Perhaps some of our cousins across the border, from Rochester, Buffalo, &c., might be induced to swell the number.

"RELLER."

### OTTAWA.

DEAR WHEELMEN:

With the warm breezes of approaching spring Ottawa bicyclists, like other localities, no doubt, begin to "enthuse" on their wheels and possible tours to be accomplished during the coming summer, and to recall many pleasant memories of rides of the season just past. Bicycling, if it promotes anything, promotes close and pleasant friendships. In common with other wheelmen, I feel the inspiration of warmer weather and picture to myself many delightful trips taken last summer away from the hot and dusty city, in company with my now greatest friend, which friendship originated entirely through the mystic influences of the wheel. Together, on many a Sunday morning, have we gone off at sunrise out into the delightful