

## MONTREAL.

I was delighted to hear that it had been decided to make a venture in wheel literature in London, and hasten to wipe the rust off my pen and give you a skreed from Montreal.

I have sent you a programme of the 3rd annual race meeting of the M.B.C., together with a report of the same culled from the *Montreal Gazette*. We were disappointed at not having Doolittle or Westbrook down to wipe out the defeat they sustained in your city on Dominion Day.

Ross, the champion, is now in hard training for Springfield, where I fully expect he will uphold the honor of Canada in whatever races he enters.

Low, another of the London party, goes down with Ross on the 10th and will enter in several events; the rest of the club will most likely leave on the evening train, on the 17th. About twenty-five names have so far been handed in, exclusive of gentlemen joining us from the west.

The rate of railway fare is \$8 00, return, \$3 00 additional if accompanied by a wheel.

The expense at Springfield is \$2 50 a day including meals and accommodation under canvas; all that a cyclist need take along, besides toilet requisites, is a blanket.

The tents will be boarded and each man will have a cot to sleep in.

Our club will be five years old on the 2nd of December next, and different suggestions for celebrating the event have been offered. Among the best being a dramatic sketch with a wheel tendency, of which several have been written and presented in England, to be given on the stage in our Club House, followed by a "bonnet hop," of which we had one or two last winter proving very successful.

There is considerable excitement anent the C.W.A. elections for C.C. and Representative for No. 4 district, there being just four men eligible for the two offices, (one not being a resident in the Province.) and the same number to vote, as, although the whole membership of the Montreal Club has joined in a body, the Secretary of the Association rules that only they are entitled to vote or hold office who were members before 1st of July.

I see that the membership of the C.W.A. was, previous to that date, over 250, as No. 1 District was entitled to three representatives ergo it contained at least 150 members, No. 2 District to two representatives, ergo it contained at least 100 members—250 exclusive of Districts No. 3 & 4. Considering the extreme youth of the Association, this speaks well for energy on the part of the officers and enthusiasm on that of the wheelmen.

On the 11th August, Captain J. H. Low made a trip of a hundred miles, being accompanied by President Tibbs, and Vice-President Lane on a "Premier Sociable" for eighty miles. This was a regularly called club ride and is, I think, the first century in Canada, the eighty miles stands as second so far on this continent for any form of

tricycle, seventy-two miles being the best done in the States up to the present time, in one day.

In my next I will give you an account of our trip to Springfield. I am sorry that we shall not enter for the club drill competition there. Last year we had a squad of sixteen men who could go through a considerable number of evolutions gracefully and correctly, but this year the men are too lazy to get up to practice in the early morning, and for the first time we had to drop it from the programme of our race meeting. There was no fancy riding competition, either, as in former years, it being considered too difficult a matter to judge fairly between the respective movements of the contestants when all do not do the same feats. KANUCK.

## Annual Races of the Montreal Bicycle Club.

The third annual races of the Montreal Bicycle Club took place on the Montreal Lacrosse Grounds on Saturday Sept. 1st, and were in every respect a decided success—the weather was all that could be desired, the attendance of spectators was large, and the races were all closely contested.

We only append the races open to all, and the club race, which will interest the wheelmen most.

## ONE MILE BICYCLE RACE,

open to all amateurs. First prize, gold medal; second, silver medal.

W. G. Ross, Montreal Bicycle Club.....	1
R. Darling, ".....	2
Allan Arthur, ".....	3
Time—3 min. 47 sec.	

Darling led until the last round, with Arthur second, when Ross made a spurt and took first place, with Darling a second behind.

## THREE MILE (1ST CLASS)—CLUB CUP RACE.

Open to all members; three prizes, silver medals.

J. H. Low.....	1
R. Darling.....	2
H. S. Tibbs.....	3
A. T. Lane.....	0
G. H. Hill.....	0
Time—11 min. 46 sec.	

Hill dropped out at the end of the fourth round. Low took the lead at the start and kept it throughout, winning easily. Tibbs, although he had only ridden a few times this season and was consequently out of practice, made a plucky race, keeping the second place until the second last round, when Darling passed him. Lane tried to make a spurt on the last round, when he fell, cutting himself badly in the face. Darling's time was 11 min. 52 sec.

## FIVE MILE BICYCLE.

Open to all amateurs. First prize, gold medal; 2nd, silver medal.

W. G. Ross, Montreal Bicycle Club.....	1
J. H. Low, ".....	2
G. S. Low, ".....	0
Time—18 min. 47 sec.	

G. S. Low dropped out at the end of the first mile, leaving the race between Ross and J. H. Low. Low took the lead at the start,

but Ross kept him well in hand, and on the second last lap made a spurt, and obtained first place, finishing in fine style. Low's time was 18 min. 50 sec. The time for each mile was as follows:—First mile, 3 min. 48½ sec.; 2nd, 7 min. 28 sec.; 3rd, 11 min. 16 sec.; 4th, 15 min.; 5th, 18 min. 47 sec. It was expected that some of the Western wheelmen would have entered for this race, but none of them put in an appearance.

## LONDON.

## THE ARIEL TOURING CLUB.

London comes once more to the front with a new club—the "Ariels"—formed August 9th, for the special purpose of touring and drill. At their first meeting the following officers were elected for 1883: G. D. Cameron, President; J. D. Keenleyside, Vice-President; W. M. Begg, Secretary; J. A. Muirhead, Captain; H. M. Kipp, 1st-Lieutenant; James Lamb, 2nd-Lieutenant. The Club is limited to sixteen members this season and twenty next. The membership has reached twelve already and promises soon to swell to the required number, and the fact that no one can become a member without a machine and uniform, shows that though small the "Ariels" will be strong as a Bicycle Club. Their uniform is a dark grey polo cap, braided patrol jackets, pants, stockings and grey cloth shoes faced with black leather. At the "meet" next year, which it is hoped will be held in Toronto, the "Ariels" will turn out their full number. They are going right in for drill, and have secured the Drill Shed in which they are drilling in the evenings and expect before long to be able to go through some good movements.

## GALT.

We have just got our Club nicely organized and have eleven riders, their names being R. McMillan, J. T. Cochrane, R. Gilholm, A. Habbick, W. Trap, J. E. Warnock, F. Pitts, C. Warnock, F. Campbell, H. Cranston and myself. We have had some nice pleasant rides, but all our runs are very long, one of our members having taken a trip as far as Hamilton and back.

We had two races here for medals—one and two miles—and both medals were taken by members of our Club.

I have no doubt but that we shall start out in the spring with a good number of riders. Our boys have experienced some very fine "headers," but so far we have had no bones broken, and things are going along first-class.

Several of our members talk of taking a trip as far as New York next season on their wheels, and our intention is to join the C.W.A.

I will be most happy to do what-I can to help you with your paper.

Yours truly,

J. R. C.