

about two weeks ago. Only one man of the Chicago party, "Birdie" Munger, succeeded in riding every hill. The round trip of ninety-two miles has only been ridden once, that by the late Cola Stone. A medal will be given next year to the wheelman making the trip in twenty-four hours, and it is said that two Canadian boys will have a try at it.

Jay Ross, an old Wanderer, started to form an ex-members' club, but had to give it up owing to pressure of business. I believe it is his intention, now that the busy cycling season is about over, to again give his attention to the scheme, and next year you will probably hear "summat" of the Canucks who are now in Chicago.

The most recent and the best way of bringing about good roads is the courier relay rides now absorbing the attention, not only of wheelmen, but the public in general all over the world. The fact that in such a way despatches can be sent quicker than by a courier on a horse, has been clearly demonstrated by the relay ride from Hartford to New York, and not only in fine weather, but through mud and rain, over hill and along stony roads, as shown by the plucky "Canucks" who took an active part in the ride from Hamilton to Kingston, a distance of 205 miles, in the remarkably fast time of 15 hrs. 20 mins. That ride is bound to create a sensation, and will tend to greatly increase the use of the wheel throughout Canada. The writer is well acquainted with the greater portion of the road, and it is to him a genuine astonishment that some of the riders got through on account of the mud and rain. I consider that the cycling fraternity of Canada owe those riders a debt of gratitude for bringing their favorite pastime into such prominent notice. I offer as a suggestion that the C. W. A. give to the riders who took an active part in the ride some souvenir as a token of appreciation for the service done in assisting the advancement of wheeling.

L. D. Munger's record of 3 hours and 47 minutes over the De Soto road has been disputed by Hal Greenwood, of St. Louis, and as a result he has challenged Munger to a race on that famous road, which "Birdie" has accepted and is ready to ride on Nov. 28, for a solid 18 karat gold stop watch. He will be accompanied to St. Louis by a number of Chicago's 2.50 Club members, who want to try conclusions with the St. Louis scorchers.

The majority of riders have laid up their wheels for the winter and have turned their attention to indoor base-ball and bowling

alley. The clubs have opened up the winter season, and smokers, receptions, card parties, concerts and raffles are taking place at some club nearly every night in the week. Chicago has about forty-seven clubs at the present time, and nearly all possess elegant club-rooms or club-houses. The latest addition in the way of a club-house is that of the Oak Park Cycling Club, located on the corner of Railroad and Prairie Avenues. The lot is 65 x 125 feet. The total cost is in the neighborhood of \$50,000, and the house is something of which the O.P.C.C. may well be proud.

I ran across big Sam T. White, of Hamilton, to-day, who intends remaining here if things come out all right. He will probably go into some bicycle house, and ought not to have much trouble in doing so as "Sam" is a "hustler." He reports trade in Canada as good and the prospects for next year are very bright. His reason for leaving Hamilton is, that when he undertook the sale of "Push On's" photos his trade fell off and he is now doomed to be A TRAMP ABROAD.

Chicago, Nov. 18.

Sarnia Letter.

DEAR CYCLING,— Referring to "Sarnia Letter" in your last issue, the Sarnia Bicycle Club feel that they cannot allow such a thing to pass, without making some explanation.

"Nibbs," whoever he may be, is a person who is in no way connected with the Sarnia Bicycle Club, and who had no authority from the club to write any letter, and the first information our club had of such a letter was when it appeared in the columns of CYCLING.

You will therefore see that this club is in no way responsible for "Nibbs'" actions, nor in sympathy with his ideas, and we regret that his letter should ever have been published, purporting to come from the Sarnia Bicycle Club. Yours truly,

W. R. PAUL,

SARNIA, NOV. 21, 1891. Sec'y S. B. C.

[We are indeed sorry that our correspondent "Nibbs'" letter should have given such displeasure to the S. B. C., but trust that no harm has been done.—Ed.]

London Letter.

DEAR CYCLING,—The F.C.B.C.'s special meeting in regard to ways and means took place last evening. After a business-like