

KRON'S BOOK IN CANADA.

Editor CANADIAN WHEELMAN:

DEAR SIR.—The task of distributing "Ten Thousand Miles on a Bicycle," in freight boxes and express packages to all parts of the United States, has proved such a slow and toilsome one, that I almost regret not having adhered to my original plan of mailing the books directly to individual subscribers. Just two months have elapsed since the final pages were printed, and about 4,500 volumes have now been despatched to depositories, but I fear I shall not be able to finish this branch of the business before the end of August. I intend then to forward a circular to all subscribers whose books are not placed at these depositories, requesting each of them either to send me \$1.20 or else a post-card notice that he relinquishes the privilege of claiming his "specially numbered and autographed copy" at the specified half-rate. Meantime, I make this same request, through your columns, to all Canadian subscribers who may read these lines. Of my 130 advance supporters in the Dominion, about a dozen have already sent in their cash to me, and have expressed much satisfaction with the book. As I think a safe form of remittance is supplied by a one dollar bill and ten two-cent stamps (U. S. preferred, but Canadian also acceptable), I will bear the loss in case any such is stolen when addressed to me; but an order on the American Express Company costs only five cents and is absolutely safe.

If any subscriber will notify me, within a month after receiving his book, that he thinks it is not worth the price paid, I will return his money, with a label for mailing the volume elsewhere. I also offer to send the book "on approval" to any member of the C.W.A. who will agree that, within a week from the time of receiving it, he will either forward me its full price (\$2) or else will wrap up the volume ready for remailing, and will pay the Canadian postage on it whenever I send him a mailing label.

Canadians who may wish to lay the book outright, without the trouble of their preliminary examination, should send their \$2 order to my Montreal agent, A. T. Lane, 1421 St. Catherine street, who has kindly undertaken to sell forty copies for me. As I've paid some \$17, for Custom House charges and tax like, in getting them to him, I trust he has not over-estimated the probable demand, in believing that the entire forty will find purchasers before the year closes.

The University Building, KARL KRON.
New York City, D.,
July 25, 1887.

M. B. C. ROAD RACE.

The Montreal Bicycle Club's handicap road race, from the M.A.A.A. gymnasium to the bridge works at Lachine, eight miles, took place on Saturday afternoon, July 23rd, and resulted as follows:—

	Net riding time—Min.
1. E. W. Barlow received 4½ min	31½
2. E. P. Baird, scratch	27
3. C. O. Palmer received 5 min	32
4. D. Pollock received 3½ min	31½
5. Fred. Scott received 3 min	31½
6. A. T. Lane received 4 min	33
7. F. G. Gnaedinger received 7 min	38

This is the first of a series of three road races. The second one, to be held in August, will likely be to Valois, and the last one will be in September, destination not yet decided on, but will likely be to the bridge works, Lachine, and back to Montreal, about sixteen miles. The winner of the largest number of points in the three races will take the first prize, and so on down till the seven handsome prizes that have been donated have been disposed of. The first man in Saturday's race counts seven points, and so on, No. 7 scoring one point. The roads, except through Cote St. Antoine, were very good, and the time was excellent. The handicap was very close.

The Springfield Bicycle Club feels very bitter toward George Hendee, because he failed to run for a record at their 4th of July tournament.

With the Clubs.

TORONTO.

NOTES FROM THE WANDERERS.

Bicycling matters around the club house are now quiet, and as most members are enjoying their holidays, no active business will be done till about the 15th of August, when we will commence to boom things again, starting off with our annual trip to Rochester.

A ball team in connection with the club has been organized, and already they have "done up" the Toronto Bicycle Club twice in succession, as well as several other teams. The officers are: Capt., A. S. Rennie; Sec., W. McGee; Manager, Fred. Foster. There are no salaries paid, although fines have been inflicted.

After and before the Brantford meet our house was honored with many visitors, the Midland Tourists and Montreal clubs paying us a friendly visit. Two tourists from Cleveland made themselves at home for a day or so with us.

The Syracuse club came along to the number of six, and after staying a day or so, left the city, expressing loudly their appreciation of treatment received. But the Wanderers more than exerted themselves in the case of the Ilderan Club, of Brooklyn. Some fifteen members of the W.B.C. crossed over the lake and accompanied back an even seventeen tourists. The party were met on the wharf by about fifty Wanderers, who escorted them to the hotel. In the evening the club turned out about 200 strong, riders and non-riders. The island was visited and a sail was taken. Next day the city was shown the guests, and they left in the afternoon, accompanied by G. H. Orr as convoy and some half dozen of the club, for Kingston. To give all the little details of the time which the Ilderans had would fill a book. They think the W.B.C. could do anything, and wanted to buy out the whole club, plant and all, and take it away with them.

Another nice trip was that to Newmarket, on the 16th and 17th. Some twenty-five members were the guests of the Newmarket club, and the time they had, and the way the club out there used us, we shall never forget, as they are the liveliest and most sociable of clubs.

The Wanderers have sent in an even hundred members to the C.W.A. This was decided on at last meeting. I guess this tops the list for individual club membership.

July 24, 1887. "WANDER'-OR."

LONDON.

NEWS FROM THE FOREST CITY CLUB.

The principal reason of my communication this month is owing to the report that has been circulated that the Forest City Bicycle Club, in the midst of their phenomenal prosperity, intend investing their club funds in a \$30,000 club-house on the main street of the city. I can, with every degree of safety, flatly contradict the story, as it has been decided to invest the funds in six dozen lemons and three pounds of sugar to make lemonade to entertain the Bay City tourists. And having got this off my mind, I will chronicle the news. The Bay City wheelmen with other Michiganders, start from Windsor on the 8th of August, and will arrive here on the 10th and spend the evening as our guests, when a big time may be expected. Our new club headquarters are finished, and about ready for occupation. They are located on York street, in rear of the Tecumseh House (no insinuations, gentle reader. Our club motto is, "Strictly Temperance") in a very pleasant situation, and are being cosily furnished, so that all may spend a quiet evening in our cycling circle. (friends and acquaintances will please accept this intimation.)

Our next event is the Forest City Bicycle Club annual outing, which this year takes the form of a ride to Goderich. The start is to be made on Saturday afternoon, August 13. Sunday being spent in as quiet a way as possible, and Monday in Goderich, returning by train on Monday evening. As there may be a number of cyclers in

Western Ontario who would like to take a spin over the famous Goderich road with a party, we cordially invite them to join us in our quiet way. Any person so inclined, will be furnished with full particulars by writing our Secretary, W. K. Evans, at 860 Richmond St., London. As he is desirous of knowing the full number before starting, it is necessary to make all arrangements by August 8.

Thos. Stevens, the round-the-world cyclist, will very probably visit London in October, and give a lecture under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A., and patronage of the F.C.B.C. As it is not definitely decided upon, particulars will appear later. Several members are away touring around the country, and in fact everyone is riding more than ever this season, a large number of tourists passing through here every week. More anon.

A BIG RUN.

The Detroit Free Press says:—The longest one-day ride by Detroit wheelmen was made last Sunday, July 24th, by B. J. Holcombe and C. Smith. They started from Windsor at 4 a.m. and reached Leamington, thirty-four miles distant, in three hours, making only one dismount. Here they stopped an hour for breakfast. They then started for Blenheim, reaching there at noon. Mr Smith had not been feeling well on the run out, so that on his arrival at Blenheim he took a bath and went to bed. Mr. Holcombe meanwhile wheeled three miles past Blenheim and back to make up seventy-five miles one way. They took dinner at this point and remained two hours to rest. At 2 o'clock sharp they started for home. "Even if I am sick," said Smith, "I feel better on my wheel than in bed." A hot pace was then made for twenty-seven miles without dismount. They arrived at Leamington on the return at 5:30 p.m. and remained an hour for supper. Three miles out of Leamington Holcombe took a somersault header which so completely turned him around, that on mounting again he started to go back to Blenheim, and would not be persuaded that he was wrong until he made inquiry at a farm house.

The arrival at Essex Center was made just at dusk, and 133 miles had been covered in daylight. The seventeen miles from Essex Center to Windsor was made in darkness and with great difficulty. Arrival in Windsor was made at 11 o'clock, thus finishing the longest run ever made in one day by Michigan wheelmen. The actual riding time was 14¼ hours. Notwithstanding the long ride the gentlemen were at their places of business yesterday morning without any visible signs of having over-exerted themselves.

Mr. Holcombe rode a fifty-three-inch Columbia light roadster and Mr. Smith a fifty-four-inch light Champion.

AN ENGLISH OPINION.

W. A. Illston, the one mile champion, in an interview with a correspondent of the Glasgow Evening News, said: "Rowe is undoubtedly the best cyclist I have ever seen. I ran against him two years ago in America, and he beat me, although he was only coming out then. He is a different man altogether now. He has done the mile in 2m. 27s., a very wonderful performance indeed. I believe," continued the champion, "that the tracks in America are much faster than in England; they are half-mile tracks. My best time there was 2m. 39s." Referring to the recent English-American matches, Illston was decidedly of opinion that the recent matches between Howell and Woodside were genuine in every respect. "You see," he explained, "they were international affairs, and it was very unlikely that that being the case they would be 'faked.'" Asked his opinion of Howell, Illston smiled and confidently remarked: "I don't think there's anybody just now who can beat him. Yes," he went on, "Temple is a good man, and he is the fastest pedaller I ever saw; he rides a 53½-in."