

CHICAGO-TO-BOSTON TOUR.

The second extended bicycle tour of the Chicago Bicycle Club will be from Chicago to Boston, via Niagara Falls, Toronto, Montreal, Lakes Champlain and George, and through the northern part of Massachusetts. The programme as now outlined will be to leave Chicago the evening of July 13th, taking train to Niagara Falls, arriving there the afternoon of the following day. The Falls and all interesting points connected with the vicinity will be visited on wheel and otherwise that afternoon and evening. Here, at the International Hotel, will be the meeting point with other wheelmen from the East and various parts of the country. On the 15th, the tourists will leave the hotel and wheel across the foot-bridge to the Canada side, thence down the bank of Niagara river past the suspension and cantilever bridges, whirlpool and Brock's monument to the mouth of the river, arriving in time to take the 11 o'clock boat, the "Chicora," for Toronto, which point will be reached in the afternoon. Dinner will be served on the boat. The many objects of interest in and about Toronto will be visited during the afternoon, and a junction formed with the Canadian wheelmen. The morning of the 16th will witness the departure from the Rossin House, Toronto for the four days' tour along the north shore of Lake Ontario over Canada's finest roads. The first day's objective point will be Bowmanville, 43 miles, with dinner at Whitby. On the 17th, wheel to Brighton, 40 miles, with dinner at Cobourg, 18th, to Napanee, dinner at Belleville; Saturday, 19th, wheel 26 miles to Kingston, take dinner and embark on steamer for an afternoon's ride among the Thousand Islands to Alexandria Bay. Here Sunday will be spent and will be put to good use in viewing the marvellous scenery of the Islands and River. Alexandria Bay is the most popular and best situated resort, situated on the New York shore opposite which are countless miniature islands, and upon each one an elegant summer residence. At night the illumination is superb. Monday morning, the 21st, depart from Alexandria Bay for a trip down the St. Lawrence river, running through all the rapids, forming one of the grandest steamboat rides known. Montreal will be reached in the evening, and after supper there will be a chance to view some of the interesting points connected with the old city. Next morning the departure will be from the Windsor to the G.T.R. depot, taking the 9:45 train for Plattsburgh and Port Kent, on Lake Champlain. These points will be reached at noon, and after dinner and during the afternoon a fine wheel will be had along the shore of the lake and to the magnificent Au Sable Chasm, the wonder of the region, returning in the evening to Port Kent. Wednesday morning, the 23rd, take the steamer "Vermont" for a ride down picturesque Lake Champlain, arriving at Fort Ticonderoga at noon. Dinner will be taken on the boat and everything ready to make

the wheel trip of eight miles to Baldwin, at the head of Lake George in time to catch the steamer "Horicon" for the afternoon's trip down this famed lake. Many stops are made at various points on the lake, giving ample opportunity to view the places along the shore, arriving at Caldwell, at the foot, at about 4 o'clock. Here the party will tarry the rest of the afternoon, taking in the magnificent scenery of the lake and country. Late in the evening wheels can be put aboard special baggage car ready for the early morning train for Saratoga. Here we have a country that is extremely doubtful as to wheeling. In some stages of the weather it is good, but on account of its fickle disposition arrangements will be made to run through to Saratoga by train, arriving at about 8 o'clock. From Caldwell to Glens Falls the road is of worn out plank, and wheelmen who have ridden over it pronounce it unridable with any comfort. From Glens Falls to Schuylerville the riding is excellent and hard; for about ten miles between Schuylerville and Saratoga is sandy and dependent upon certain weather to be at all in proper condition. From 8 o'clock in the morning until after dinner will be an excellent opportunity to take in the splendid wheeling and interesting features of this nation's watering place. After dinner the tourists will all form for the trip of twenty miles over fine wheeling and famous revolutionary ground to Mechanicsville, on the Hudson River. Here train will be taken next morning for Gardner, Mass., but should inducements prove attractive to stay in Saratoga over night, train will be taken from there. Arriving at Gardner about noon, the tour will be resumed after dinner through quaint old Massachusetts' villages and historic territory to Clinton, twenty-six miles. Saturday, 25th, the finishing stretch of the tour will be made to Boston, forty-two miles. The last two days will be run over splendid roads, the representative wheeling of the East, and through places and over roads famous in bicycling annals.

A programme has been arranged at Boston whereby the most can be made of the few days' stay there before taking train for home. Weeks could be profitably spent in the suburbs and vicinity of the Hub. The Kennebec tourists will leave Boston the third day after the arrival of the Niagara-to-Boston tourists, giving our tourists an opportunity of going with them down the Kennebec River in Maine for a week's trip. They will pass through Linn along the Atlantic coast out of Boston, on the way to Portsmouth, and this route affords the finest bicycling in the country. Many of the tourists will return West via New York and up the Hudson River, while the extreme western wheelmen will return direct from Boston. Transportation arrangements will be made both ways.

The transportation and subsistence expenses will be arranged under the head of tickets covering both departments, and will be given out in June and July. An estimate of \$80.00 for the round trip has been made from Chicago, but it is designed to get this

item fixed absolutely sure. As minor changes may be necessary in the route, this sum cannot be made sure as yet.

An ambulance, or covered carriage, will accompany the tourists during all wheel trips, for use of those who may become indisposed or whose wheels may fail; also to carry baggage. On the question of baggage, chance will be given to exercise some judgment. It must be as light as possible, especially between Toronto and the Islands. This stretch will include the solid bicycling of the tour, and strict touring trim will be necessary. Beyond the Islands extras may be indulged in, but they will have to be forwarded ahead to the different hotels. Tour baggage should be rolled in a yard of rubber cloth and bound tightly with a luggage-carrier to be attached to machine if necessary. The ambulance should not be absolutely depended upon for baggage, as it may fail. The tourists will bear in mind that horses are no match for bicycles on the road. This was demonstrated conclusively on our Canada tour last year, where, on certain stretches two teams were used up, the tourists arriving long ahead of the ambulance causing some halting. However, the daily mileage is not so great on this tour, being in every case not over the forties.

It is with pleasure the Chicago Bicycle Club invites wheelmen to participate in the Niagara-to-Boston tour, feeling that in no event can they spend a more enjoyable or profitable summer vacation. The route, country and wheeling are all that can be desired. It is not exclusively a bicycle tour, but is sufficiently varied with rail and steamer through most scenic but unridable country that both ways of travelling will be keenly enjoyed, and the points of a country unsurpassed in beauty and interest taken in, each in its most appropriate way.

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FIXTURES.

Friday April 25th, the Citizens Bicycle Club annual race meeting, American Institute, New York.

Friday May 2nd, Brantford Bicycle Club concert and evening meet.

Monday and Tuesday May 19th and 20th, 5th annual meet of L.A.W. at Washington, D.C.

Saturday May 24th, Forest City Bicycle Club Grand Tournament, London, Ontario.

Thursday 19th June, 2nd annual meet of C.W.A. at Toronto.

July 13th Sunday to July 19th, Detroit annual tour through Western Ontario.

We have received from Messrs. Wallace Trotter & Bro., Montreal, a sample of their American Sanspareil Oil for Bicycle lamps, and after having given it a thorough and practical test, we can recommend it as a splendid burning oil, which will fill a long felt want in this special line.