

# Cycling

A MIRROR OF WHEELING EVENTS—DEVOTED  
TO THE INTERESTS OF CYCLISTS  
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## A Canadian Century Cycling Club.

We recommend to the attention of our readers the suggestions of our Chicago correspondent on the above subject. The formation of such a club, embracing riders from every part of the country, would greatly tend to bring about closer relations between the various clubs, and aid materially in furthering the interests of the sport generally. We can well afford to follow the example of our American cousins, who have no doubt found their prototype in the English North Road Club.

For Chief Centurion no better name could be suggested than that of Art. Taylor, Vice-President of the Wanderers, who is well and favorably known all over the Province.

We invite the opinions of the various clubs in the country, and will be pleased to hear from correspondents on the subject.

## The Relay Race.

The Thanksgiving Day Relay Race is a thing of the past, but the interest it awakened is of the present, and will be particularly noticeable by the increased number of riders during the coming season. Fortunately the event took place at a time and through a part of the country which is very much in need of a reviving influence, for, with the exception of the Bowmanville and Peterboro' Clubs, there is not a C. W. A member between Toronto and Kingston. Great interest was excited in all the towns along the route, and the riders were aided and encouraged in every possible way by the public. The riders themselves certainly de-

serve very great credit indeed for their pluck in facing such roads and weather, and the performance was one to be proud of. November, however, is hardly the time of the year either for pleasurable or fast riding, and we would respectfully suggest that the next Relay Race be ridden, say, in June or July, that it be an inter-club affair, and the course be from Windsor to Ottawa. In this way the clubs all along the line would be interested, and each have its quota of riders participating.

## LaForce's Pneumatic.

Mr. H. J. LaForce, of Church Street, has patented a pneumatic tire of very simple construction. The tire consists of an outside case lined with canvas, between which and the tread is a chemically treated woollen pad. The edges of the case are formed with a sort of ear, which fits into the reversed edges of the rim, and the action of inflating effectually fastens it thereto. The tube is of pure rubber, and is prevented from coming into contact with the metal of the rim by a canvas flap attached to the casing. The tire can only be removed by deflating, and is easily replaced.

Mr. LaForce forced a sharp instrument through the tire, removed it, mended the puncture, replaced and re-inflated the tire, all in four minutes. Sufficient material to mend fifty punctures (more than could possibly occur in three or four seasons' riding) is contained in a small brass box  $2\frac{1}{2}$  in. long and  $\frac{3}{4}$  in. in diameter. A great feature of the tire is that the canvas lining of the case prevents stretching, so that patching the air-tube does not produce the unsightly lumps on the outer surface so common to the Dunlop. The valve is a deflating one, and is quite simple in construction.

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The "Wanderers" held their fortnightly "Smoker" last Thursday evening, and spent a very enjoyable time. Excellent music was provided and materially added to the festive occasion.