

Cycling

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TO THE INTERESTS OF CYCLISTS
IN GENERAL

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Wheelmen's Camp.

According to the *Scottish Cyclist* cycle clubs prepare to go to camp regularly in Scotland, and fit themselves for the culinary department by attending cookery classes.

Now here is an opportunity for some of our amusement committees who provide club members with so many and varied entertainments during the winter. Why not organize a club camp for a few days during the summer? A most enjoyable manner to pass a short vacation with congenial company. A trip to one of Muskoka's numerous lakes, where first class fishing and varied scenery, splendid facilities for bathing, and a good time generally can be had at a very small outlay in cash. An outing of this kind properly managed would be appreciated by the club members. After having tried it once, its repetition would be only a matter of a return of the season.

Sidewalk Riding.

One of our city dailies had an editorial last week advocating the use of the sidewalks on suburban streets in the city for cyclists. Whilst we thank the editor who takes such a kindly interest in the wheelmen, and can sympathize with those riders who have of necessity to pass over an intermittent hole and block pavement to business, we do not think it advisable to agitate for any such privilege.

Sidewalk riding has, by the action of injudicious and reckless riders, been the cause of many minor accidents. The towns are few and far between where it has been un-

necessary to make by-laws prohibiting it. The wheel is a vehicle and is entitled to all the privileges of its class. What we want, and would thank the press to take a livelier interest in, is the improvement of the roads. Our American neighbours have started an agitation for the improvement of their "mud roads," which has already done much, and portends a new era in road building. The farming and mercantile community need only have the advantages of good roads made known to them to gain their undivided support. The gain in time, in wear and tear of draught animals and conveyances over good highways would, if it could be jotted down in figures, convince the most sceptical backwoodsman that every hour and dollar so expended in road building would be his best investment.

Is He an Amateur or Professional?

On the night of the 26th inst., a thief entered the store where the Seaforth Bicycle Club's trophies were on exhibition.

This was a dark horse, with a dark lantern, that those who entered for the race did not expect. He managed to capture four of the best prizes, and left all the other contestants "out of sight." The usual formality of a speech at the presentation was, on account of the retiring nature of the winner, dispensed with.

Secrecy is his watchword, and such is his repugnance to notoriety, that he failed to leave his name or address.

The prizes, two gold watches, a merschaum pipe and a silver watch, were not won under the rules of the C.W.A., as he did not start from the "flash of the pistol."

We trust that he will be debarred from entering the amateur ranks again.

Osmond and Zimmerman.

A few months ago Zimmerman went to England with the intention of meeting the best racers the land could afford. His form at first, and for a considerable time, was so poor it was confidently expected he would be easily defeated by second-class men, and, as a consequence, Osmond neglected training until too late, so that Zimmerman now returns with three out of four of the N. C. U. Championships, after defeating the best man that could be brought against him. Unfortunately he was unable to meet Osmond.