

The 100 Mile Road Record.

George F. Stephenson, of East Toronto Village, and a member of the Toronto Bicycle Club, whose photograph appears on the foregoing page, commenced wheeling in '87, then nineteen years of age, on one of the old time ordinaries, but as the machine was not one of the best he never attempted long distances, and it was not until October, '91, that he purchased his first safety

Last winter he became a member of the T. B. C. This is his first season at speeding, nearly all of which has been on the road.

He first rode one hundred miles east along the Kingston Road on April 30th last, and lowered all previous Canadian records for the distance. Time, 9h. 20m. This, however, was beaten by Walter Thomas who rode to Newcastle and return in 9h. 12m. On June 2nd Stephenson rode from Toronto to Trenton, a full hundred miles with some to spare, in 8h. 8m., once more securing the record. This was considered good time for the Trenton road and has not since been beaten.

D. Nasmith rode from Kingston to Belleville and return, on July 4th, in 6h. and 45m., and many believed that this placed it at a mark out of the reach of other flyers, but, nothing daunted, Stephenson went to Kingston on Sept. 19th, and, after securing Mr. Hill, President of the C. W. A., as time-keeper, he started the following morning for the record and succeeded in covering the distance in 6h. 39½m., thereby once more securing the one hundred mile road record of Canada and this time the U. S. A. as well.

He has made five centuries this season, three of which were records, one on a pleasure trip with a friend and the fifth with the T. B. C. on their annual run.

Mr. Gladstone's Opinion of Cycling.

"I have noticed with real and unfeigned pleasure the rapid growth of cycling in this country, for not only does it afford to many to whom it would otherwise be unobtainable a healthy and pleasurable form of exercise, but it also enables them to derive all those advantages of travel which, previous to the advent of cycling, were out of their reach. Of the bodily good derived from so many and healthy a form of exercise; of the blessing it bestows, helping to maintain a sound mind in a sound body by the relaxation from the desk or counter; of the recreation in the

open air; of the energy it calls into play, I need hardly speak. I can only emphasize the fact that I consider that, physically, morally and socially, the benefits cycling confers on the men of the present day are almost unbounded, and this belief I endeavor to act up to by heartily welcoming and assisting, so far as in me lies, the many cyclists who come to visit Hawarden and see the grounds."

The first meet of the Calgary Bicycle Club was held on the grounds of the Calgary Agricultural Society, on September 30, under C.W.A. rules, and consisted of the following events: Quarter-mile dash, half-mile (solid tire), 2 mile, 1 mile club handicap.

Willie Windle now holds the record for the mile, with standing start, which was made at Springfield on Saturday last, as follows: Quarter in 35 2-5; half, 1.06 3-5; three-quarters in 1.36 2-5; and the mile in 2.06 2-5.

An advertisement in an English paper reads: "Wanted, a young man in a cycle depot to be partly outdoors and partly behind a counter." Just what would happen to this young man when the door slams is fearful to contemplate.—*Exchange*.

The L.A.W. in order to encourage continued membership has adopted a "Veterans" badge, which may be worn by League members of ten years' continuous standing. We commend the idea to the C.W.A. as a good one, and one which will tend to increase the membership by retaining with us the old heads.

We are pleased to be able to inform his many friends that W. G. McClelland is recovering nicely from the injuries received at Rosedale and expects, in a day or two, to be able to dispense with the bandages from his arm. He does not enjoy lying by for so long, even though he has had visits from many of the boys.

The International Circuit between New York and Canada, mooted in these columns for next season, seems to have borne fruit, and will be a go. Our Canadian cousins are doing splendid work on the path this year, and the financial reward, a circuit of meets, say in the spring and fall, will bring forth good racing. The plans should be formulated and brought to a head this coming winter, which would attract notice from all over. Now let those interested get to work, Buffalo and Toronto taking the lead in the movement, and racing will receive a great send-off next spring.—*Kodak, in Am. Wheelman*.