

## Canadian Flyers—10.

JAMES MILN.

The subject of this sketch first took to wheeling in the fall of 1888. In the spring of the following season he joined the Toronto Bicycle Club and was always a welcome member at the club runs, but was not looked upon as a racing man until June of 1890, when he surprised his club friends by taking part in the first of a series of handicap road races in which some twenty-three started, when he gave them a still further surprise by taking fourth place, beating McClelland, Hurndall, F. B. Robins, W. H. West, Whatmough, and others who had already made their mark on the wheel.

Encouraged by his success on this occasion he started in the 20 mile road race held on the 21st of July of the same year, in which he took third place, having been beaten only by D. Nasmith and W. H. West. On this occasion he came in ahead of the celebrated Will Robins which seemed to have given him more satisfaction than if he had taken first place. On the 13th of the following September the third and final race of the season was held, this being a 30 mile race, in which Mr. Miln again did good work by once more taking third place; on this occasion being beaten by Nasmith and Will Robins, but coming in ahead of McClelland, F. B. Robins, S. Bulley and others. On account of his good showing in these races the racing board selected him as one of the team in the great 50 mile road race between the Torontos and Wanderers with ten men a side, held on the 29th of September of the same year, when he showed the wisdom of their choice by finishing ninth, beating many of the old champions of the wheel, including Fred Foster, Fred Brimer, Bert Brown, Fiskey Johnson and others.

Thus far Mr. Miln's performances had been confined to road riding, but in August the following year at the club's annual race meet he made his first appearance on the track by taking part in the two mile novice race, winning second place, and beating Hurndall, Hunter, Lennox and Bain. On the same day he took first place in the one mile handicap, beating Pearsall, Palin, Bain, Begg and others. This was a very exciting race, and was a hard struggle between Palin and Miln, but the little Scotchman was equal to the occasion, and as the saying is, "got there with both feet." The five mile race coming on a few minutes later, Mr. Miln started in it and rode pluckily to the end,

taking third place, although somewhat exhausted from the previous race.

A few weeks after this he attended the meet of the Montreal Athletic Association, but by some carelessness of the Grand Trunk Railway his wheel with others was left at Kingston. However nothing daunted he borrowed a fifty-two inch wheel, which was two inches too large for him, and entered the one mile three minute class, in which he secured second place.

His races thus far had all been ridden on a high wheel, but as he was selected by the racing board to ride in the big forty mile team race at Hamilton on September 7th, 1891, and as all the wheels in the race would be safeties Jimmy determined to try his luck on a safety, and a week before the race mounted one for the first time, and found the position so new to him that he could not turn around on Jarvis St. However, he stuck to it, and did what training he could in the short time at his disposal, and on his new mount was one of the twenty men to start in this race, in which he took eighth place, being fourth man in his own team. Time 2 hrs. 9 mins. 36 secs. He finished his riding for the season by taking part in the relay race which was ridden from Hamilton to Kingston on November 18, by riding from Bowmanville to Port Hope in the rain, a distance of twenty-two miles, in 1 hr. and 31 mins.

With such a record as the above to his credit it is quite safe to predict that he will be one of the foremost men on the track next season, and the members of the T. B. C. are expecting him to win new laurels for the club.

He is a very graceful, easy rider, and the accompanying cut shows him seated in his favorite position on his Comet Rational, and his competitors know too well when they see Jimmy lean forward and commence to bob his head that it is time to look out for squalls.

To say that he is a general favorite in the club would be putting it mildly, for socially he is an indispensable member. No entertainment is complete without the name of "Jimmy Miln" on the programme. Many are the enjoyable evenings spent by the boys in listening to his comic songs, most of them being of his own composition. H. C. P.

To-morrow evening the Wanderers Snow Shoe Club give their annual assembly in the Pavilion. Those who have been favored with invitations should not fail to attend, as it promises to be *the* event of the season.