

## With the Clubs.

### STRATFORD BICYCLE CLUB.

A large and very enthusiastic meeting of the Stratford Bicycle Club was held on the evening of March 29, for the purpose of organizing. The following officers were elected for the current year: President, Mark Wade; Vice-President, L. H. Dampier; Sec.-Treas., Wm. Lawrence; Capt., C. E. Nasmyth; 1st Lieut., J. F. Palmer; 2nd do., A. T. Macdonald; Standard-bearer, A. W. Cassels; Committee, R. M. Ballantyne and K. Eardley Wilmot.

The following gentlemen were duly enrolled as members for this year: Mark Wade, L. H. Dampier, Wm. Lawrence, C. E. Nasmyth, J. F. Palmer, A. T. Macdonald, J. S. Benedict, A. W. Cassels, R. M. Ballantyne, K. Eardley Wilmot, J. A. Macfadden, G. H. Home, R. B. Losee, R. R. McFarlane, J. L. Irving, Chas. Smith, N. A. Bosworth, R. McBain, William Jeffery, John Brown, Wm. Boles, E. R. Kastner, T. B. Mothersill, Ed. Tunc, J. McDonald, Frank Ward, A. W. Watson, D. W. Farmer, P. J. Watson, A. C. Hoffman, C. J. Wade, A. C. Mowat, J. A. Kirk.

A good deal of important business was disposed of; among other things, committees were appointed for the purpose of procuring suitable rooms for the club, and also to complete arrangements for the construction of a bicycle track. During the evening Mr. Veigh, the representative of Messrs. C. Robinson & Co., of Toronto, on behalf of his firm, presented the club with a beautiful standard.

Mr. R. M. Ballantyne, of Stratford, and Mr. C. S. Ramsay, of St. Marys, were nominated representatives to the C.W.A. for this district.

### HAMILTON BICYCLE CLUB.

It is some time since you have had a communication from us, but we are not dead yet, nevertheless. We had our annual meeting last night (April 7th), and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Chief Stewart; Vice-President, Chas. Tintling; Sec. Treas., J. Laidlaw; Captain, W. E. Rutherford; 1st Lieut., Charles Graham; 2nd do., R. A. Robertson; Bugler, Chas. Ross; Consul, R. R. Simpson.

We intend to have a cinder-path here soon, and will, if possible, lay it on the cricket ground which is well adapted for same. We put up a gold and silver medal at the annual meeting for a road race to Grimsby. The last ten miles of this road are as fine as can be found in Canada.

Some of the more enthusiastic members of the club hired the drill-hed during the winter, and I can assure you enjoyed it immensely, making good use of their time.

I don't think many of our boys will adopt the C.W.A. uniform this year, as they are dead stuck on their red polo caps, which always take so well with the fair sex.

We lost our secretary-treasurer last week and you may be sure we all regretted it very much. He was the coming flier of the province, and carries with him to his new home the best wishes of the club. Our captain is going to make a short tour in England next month. We have spent a good many pleasant evenings in our club room this winter. The room is none too large, but is cosy, and everything that goes on there is straight, as we are a moral lot. Let Brantford follow our good example. —By order of the

BARTENDER.

### MONTREAL BICYCLE CLUB

On Thursday, April 5th, the Montreal Club held its eighth annual meeting, which was attended by upwards of 75 members. The secretary's report and the treasurer's statement for the past year was read and adopted. The election of officers was then proceeded with, with the following result: President, J. D. Miller; 1st Vice-President, J. B. Ostell; 2nd Vice-President, W. G. Ross; Hon. Sec., R. F. Smith; Committee, A. T. Lane, G. S. Low, J. T.

Gnaedinger, and F. G. Gnaedinger; Captain, H. Joyce; 1st Lieut., J. T. Gnaedinger; 2nd Lieut., E. W. Barlow; Bugler, F. W. Crispo; Standard-bearer, J. H. Robertson.

T. G. GNAEDINGER,  
Acting Hon. Sec. Montreal B.C.

The annual meeting of the Kingston Bicycle Club was held on 7th April. The following gentlemen were elected officers for the ensuing season: Hon. President, John Carruthers, Esq.; Hon. Vice President, James Metcalfe, M.P.; Active President, D. F. Armstrong; Sec.-Treas., James A. Minnes; Captain, T. T. Renton; 1st Lieut., W. B. Skinner; 2nd Lieut., R. J. McKelvey; Standard-bearer, F. Mitchell; Bugler, George Smith. Prospects for wheeling in Kingston were never better.

The St. Thomas Bicycle Club held its fifth annual meeting on the 14th of April, when the following officers were elected: Captain, A. E. Donville (late captain Hamilton Bicycle Club); Sub-Captain, George Stewart; Secretary-Treasurer, Geo. Ingram. It was decided to continue membership in the C.W.A., and the majority of the club, as individuals, decided to adopt the Association uniform. A motion was passed in favor of attending, in as large numbers as possible, both the Woodstock and Montreal meets.

At St. Catharines a new driving and riding park is now being built, and the intention is to put down a quarter-mile bicycle track. The annual meeting of the club was held on April 20th, and the officers for 1886 are now as follows: E. Goodman, M.D., President; Johnson Clench, Vice-President; H. Bixby, Sec.-Treas.; H. C. Goodman, Captain; C. McChie, 1st Lieut.; S. Cuman, 2nd Lieut.; C. Bixby, Standard-bearer. It was also resolved to change the name of the club and adopt a new uniform. There are now about 40 cyclists in this city.

"The Westminster Touring Club" has been formed in Westminster, a suburb of London, with the following officers: Captain, Wm. Piper; Lieutenant, J. E. Parke; 2nd Lieutenant, Wm. Richards; Secretary Treas., A. Nellis; Bugler, John Elliott; Committee, E. Muhmnick, Wm. Payne, H. O. Osborne, and E. McCormick. A suit of gray color, very similar to that of the C.W.A., has been adopted, and the club has joined the Association.

The Winnipeg Bicycle Club has elected the following officers: President, Mayor Westbrook; Vice-President, K. J. Johnstone; Captain, C. B. Keenleyside; 1st Lieut., F. F. Westbrook; 2nd Lieut., W. J. K. Osborne; Sec.-Treas., S. B. Blackhall; Standard-bearer, G. T. Simpson; Bugler, W. Suckling; Whipper-in, V. E. Latimer.

A Bicycle Club has been formed in Newmarket, Ont., and the management has been assigned to the following officers: Hon. President, Dr. J. H. Widdfield, M.P.P.; President, J. E. W. Fogal; Vice President, J. E. Hughes; Captain, T. C. Watson; 1st Lieut., J. Ashworth; 2nd Lieut. and Treasurer, R. Gain; Secretary, E. A. Bogart.

The much-neglected and sadly-mismanaged Star machine has at last been put into competent hands, Spalding's New York house having taken the agency. This make is now to be pushed vigorously in New York city, Jersey city and Long Island. C. E. Kluge will be Spalding's salesman for the machine.

The *Sporting Life*, of Philadelphia, one of the most popular papers of its class at the present day, comes to hand now in an enlarged and improved form, making it more readable than ever. The special feature of the *Sporting Life* is, that every department forms a complete epitome of the week's doings, the bicycle column being made especially newsworthy by contributions from Fred Jenkins, late of the New York *Wheel*.

## Wheel Tracks.

Minnesota has about 300 wheelmen.

There are over 200 bicycle riders in Vermont.

Wheeling now boasts 10,000 circulation weekly.

The Boston Bicycle Club is now in its ninth year.

President Bates is writing a bicycle story in the *State Republican*.

If you have not joined the C.W.A., can you give any good reason?

Messrs. Fourdeinier, Dean and Weston are the new editors of the *Bicycling World*.

Fred Jenkins, late of *The Wheel*, is now connected with *Sporting Life*, Philadelphia.

Terre Haute, Ind., has a prodigy in a one-legged rider, who makes his half mile in 1:38.

The C. Union (Ohio) Bicycle Club has 44 members. The majority of them ride the Star bicycle.

On 6th March, the League had 6,340 members. The largest number enrolled in 1885 was 5,176.

The bicyclists of Georgia are now organizing a State League, which will soon be in perfect working order.

Springfield is to have a new bicycle manufacturing concern, with a capital of \$150,000, to make the Cyclone.

The Columbia Light Roadster is now fitted with hollow fellows on both wheels, made from a seamless steel tube.

Germany, with a population of 45,000,000, has 5,600 members in the Cyclists' Union; Holland, with 4,000,000, has 800.

"Let go thy hold when a great wheel runs down a hill lest it break thy neck."—The Fool, in Shakespeare's "Lear."

The H. B. Smith Machine Company employ 375 hands during the busy season, which speaks well for the Star bicycle.

Six members of the New Orleans Bicycle Club have agreed to attend the Boston meet and ride the whole distance on their wheels.

Gormully & Jeffery have several novelties in view, which they will bring out later in the season. Keep your eye upon them.

T. Hallam, the holder of the Australian century record, recently won the two-mile championship of Tasmania in 6m. 59 4-5s.

The Ottawa Bicycle Club has decided not to adopt the C.W.A. uniform, but to retain its present suit of blue serge, patrol jacket and helmet.

Mr. A. T. Lane, of Montreal, has been appointed sole agent in Quebec for the Singer wheels. The appointment is a first-class one.

Henry Sandham, the artist has painted a group of wheelmen on the road for Mr. Prang, and it will soon appear in the form of a chromo.

The building of a track is very fine, but it is an expensive luxury. It costs the Springfield club nearly \$1,000 a year just to keep it in repair.

J. P. Mills, of Liverpool, will shortly attempt to recover for the bicycle the Land's End to John-o'-Groats' record now held by Marriot on a tricycle.

Fred Rollinson, the professional bicyclist and trick-rider, who had been before the public for a number of years, died in the Napa (Cal.) Insane Asylum during the week ending March 27.

John S. Prince and R. Neilson, professional bicyclists, are matched to ride the best two in three races—the first five and the second ten miles—for \$300 a side and the championship of America. If a third race is necessary, the one winning the toss will name the distance.