

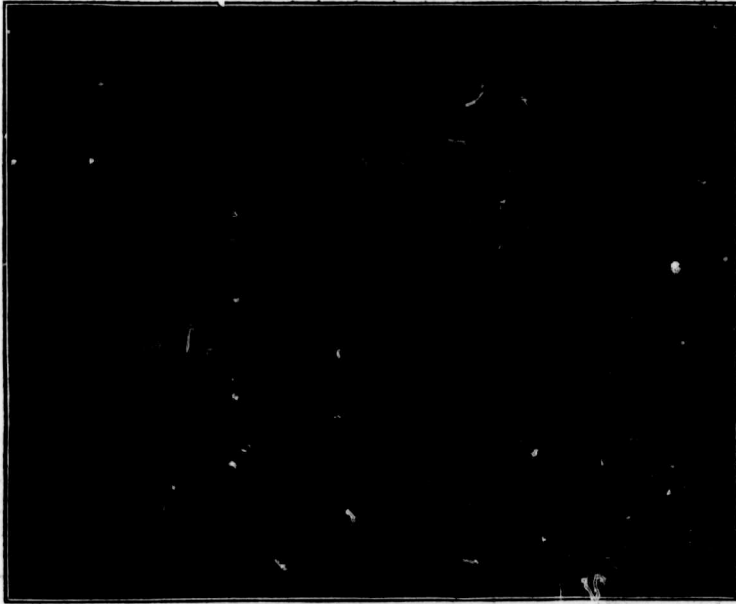
### The Cricket Season.

The season of 1897 will go upon record as the one in which we first licked T. C. S. and U. C. C., the season in which the first century was made for the College, and in which the record score of 200 for six wickets was reached. Besides this, out of 13 First Eleven matches only two were lost, whilst out of six Second and Third Eleven matches one resulted in a tie and the rest were won.

Mackenzie's score of 103 (not out) against Rosedale is the highest score made by a Canadian schoolboy, with the exception of 149 (not out), made by A. C. Allan at Orillia or Barrie; and so far as can be learned 200

have had all members of last year's XI had not these been faithful, hard-working cricketers for several years past. The improvement in Ridley cricket has been steady, and experienced outsiders, like Mr. J. E. Hall, Secretary of the Ontario Cricket Association, who take a great interest in school cricket, have expressed their opinion from time to time that Ridley was improving more rapidly than any other school.

The American Cricket Annual for 1896, in its article on Cricket in Canada, says: "A great improvement was made at Bishop Ridley College. The season was the most successful the College has yet had. The attendance at practice was regular, and great efforts



for six wickets in this match is a record score in a school match in Canada.

The first 16 matches played were won, and the smallest score made in Ridley's first innings was 73. It was only when the strong Toronto and Parkdale clubs were met that defeat came.

And what were the causes of this extraordinary success? First and foremost comes the painstaking work done for the last two or three years, which has this year borne its natural result. This must be coupled with the fact that we have seven members of last year's XI. It would have availed little, to

were made to attain good form. Three of the masters lent valuable assistance to the team, and Gurd and Hills also did good work. Spence proved the best bowler the team has ever had, but he had little support, and but for Mr. Miller the team would have fared badly in this department."

The Annual for 1897 says of last season's work: "In school cricket Bishop Ridley College was much stronger than it has ever been before, and although they did not defeat Trinity College School, the stronghold of young Canadian cricket, they had a very successful season, one notable victory being