

The Cricket Season.

The cricket season, just past, has been perhaps the most successful one that the College has yet had. There has been a more regular attendance at practices, which have been longer than ever before, greater perseverance in trying to attain good form, and consequently higher scores, both individual and total.

We welcome especially, Gurd's two scores of 30 and 32 against the Toronto Colts and the Parkdale club. We always had an idea that Gurd was a good bat. Now we know it.

Hills has developed into a good safe bat, and though up to the time of going to press, he has done nothing startling. We are expecting great things of him next season. His good style in the T. C. S. match was very favorably commented upon.

Spence began the season well, but has not fulfilled the promise of the early matches.

Mr. Michell has proved the greatest acquisition to the eleven. He has an average of 7, and is without doubt, the safest and speediest fielder on the team, while for hard running between wickets when runs are badly needed, he is simply priceless.

Mr. Miller made a late return to form by scoring an excellent 32 against Parkdale. All his runs were got by clean hard hitting, and to see him at it one would have thought he was at practice.

Mr. Williams best score was 26, not out, against the Toronto Colts, which, with Mr. Michell's 18, not out, pulled the match out of the fire.

In the bowling department we have been weak. Spence is one of the best bowlers the College has had—perhaps he is the very best, but we have had no changes. Spence has an almost over-arm delivery, medium pace, excellent pitch, and can also bowl a good lob.

Mr. Miller has been our second support in the bowling, and especially in the earlier matches, put in some first rate work. He is much more on the wicket than last year, but yet occasionally gets one put away to leg.

The second XI has played this year by no means so pluckily as in former years. There has been poor attendance at practices, and very little improvement noticeable. Of course this has been partly owing to the lack of a professional coach this season, as Mr. Miller and Mr. Williams have had their hands fully taken up with the first XI. Those who show improved form are Miller, Reid, Maclaren, max, and Baldwin.

This seems scarcely the place for a sermon on selfishness, but what else is this? To arrange a match and then telegraph or write *on the morning of the match* that it is impossible to come. We were so served by three clubs.

Here is another instance. Knowing that the XI is going to Toronto for a Saturday match, certain boys work their parents to write for them to come home on the Friday, and to stay till Monday, others miss the train on Saturday, the consequence being that Mr. Miller, who had promised us the 21st and 22nd in Toronto, has the matches cancelled.

NOTES ON THE MATCHES.

May 11th—Victoria C. C., at Hamilton. Ridley went to bat first. All out for 40. Spence 12, Lett 8. Victoria 10 for one wicket. Rain stopped further play. Drawn.

May 18th—Buffalo C. C., at home. Buffalo 1st innings 82. Of them Garwood made 22, but was missed five or six times. 2nd innings, 27. Mr. Miller took 7 wickets for 8. Ridley 1st innings 45, Hills 12, Mr. Williams 9; 2nd innings 67 for 4 wickets. Spence 19, Mr. Williams 15 (not out), Benson 13 (not out). Won by 6 wickets.

May 22nd—Welland C. C., at Welland. Welland 1st innings 22. 2nd innings 70 for 4 wickets (declared). Cohoe made 43 of these by dashing play. Ridley 45 (Spence 10) and 29 for 5 wickets. Won on 1st innings by 23.

May 24th—Grimsby C. C., at Grimsby. Grimsby 111. Stone played excellent cricket for his 35. Ridley's first wicket realized 32, (Gurd 16, Hills 13), but Cobbold went on to bowl and all were out for 43. The 2nd innings totalled 40. Benson 13. Lost by an innings and 28.

May 25th—Buffalo C. C., at Buffalo. Buffalo batted first and lost 5 wickets for 3, 7 for 5, 8 for 7, 9 for 11, 10 for 28. Lloyd made 12. Their 2nd innings reached 45. Lloyd 19. Ridley made only 29 in their 1st innings, Mr. Michell 9 (not out), but got 49 for 5 wickets in the 2nd, Mr. Williams 17. Won by 5 wickets. A very enjoyable day! Most hospitably entertained by the Bisons.

June 8th—Trinity College School at Toronto. Ridley 1st innings 33. Hills played patiently and well for 12, and McKenzie made a lucky 9. The 2nd innings realized 47, Cooke 9, Hills 7. T. C. S. made 100 for 6 wickets and then declared. Henderson 32, DuMoulin 22. Lost by an innings and 20. A long way behind but showing considerable improvement.