

This year the club went East and won nine matches against Galt, Belleville, Montreal, (twice) Quebec, Ottawa (twice), St. Catharines and Toronto (twice), lost to Port Hope and Colborne and drew with Kingston. The following year R. Leisk, a very punishing bat who had made 202 against Montreal, helped the club during a tour in the West to win nine matches against Paris, London, Chatham, Detroit (twice), Toronto, Port Hope, Montreal, and Grimsby. But Toronto and Grimsby both had their revenge the same season. Against Montreal C. J. Ottaway of the first Irish eleven played for Hamilton and scored 102 out of 239. P. Robarts made 71 against Grimsby. R. K. Hope did not play this season. In 1879 the club determined on a trip to the United States and came home covered with laurels and with an unbroken succession of victories, which it is doubtful if any Canadian club will ever again achieve in the same territory. The enterprise was that of H. C. Simonds though the reliable Kennedy gave the word of command. The two Hopes, B. W. Wand, that admirable wicket-keeper now dead, J. H. Park, A. H. Harvey and R. B. Ferrie were joined by S. Ray, of Port Hope, C. W. Hyman, of London and G. P. Simpson, of Galt, instead of A. Gillespie, D. Wolverton and another, who, at the last moment were unable to go. The first match with the St. George's club of New York was not played out, the visitors getting 99 for 2 wickets, of which Ray made 28, R. K. Hope 21, and H. C. Simonds 21. The young America's new ground at Germantown was opened by the next match, where Hamilton won by ten wickets. A. H. Hope made 24



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and H. Simonds 22. Staten Island was beaten by 8 wickets. Ferrie took in all 28 wickets for 84 runs and Kennedy 17 for 93, both phenomenal performances. Indeed in one match Ferrie took 7 wickets for 5 runs. This same season the Hamilton eleven was beaten by the Irishmen by 60 runs. H. C. Simonds died in St. Louis the following year of malarial fever. His best score was 125. In 1880 A. Gillespie and T. Stinson began to come to the front, the former both with bat and ball. In 1881 Chicago was defeated by Hamilton by 90 runs on the first innings and the same season Gillespie put together 117 in a match against Toronto. S. Cummings, a dashing bat and effective slow bowler in 1883 added much strength to the Hamilton club. When in 1882 the International match was revived, the first Canadian game was played and lost at Hamilton. In 1886 Hamilton defeated the West Indians, winning the only across water match that has been won in Canada. The last six years has produced some good men, among them H. McGiverin, who in '86 had a good average, K. Martin, Dixon, Patterson, and Fitz Martin, who does some excellent work with the ball; he has made some good scores and is the likely coming man in Hamilton.

There are two names which will be forever linked with the history of Hamilton cricket for the decade ending with 1890, and they are those of R. B. Ferrie, and A. Gillespie. Ferrie has done as many