

Waller Johnstone, Thomas Ellis, George E. Moore, Captain Hugesson, C. S. Hammond, W. Girdlestone and Frank Cronyn.

The result of this match convinced the London Club that they could hold their own with any Provincial Club and in this way had a really important effect upon its future. From this time forward the match with Toronto became an annual event and the foreign matches with Hamilton, Chatham, Windsor, Paris and the towns and villages in the neighbourhood became frequent. In 1861, the present Mr. Justice Street, an ardent cricketer, succeeded Captain Hugesson as secretary of the club and held the position continuously for many years. This gentleman was an excellent long stop and patient bat and was for many years the reliable scorer of the club. He was chosen as one of the eleven to represent Canada in the Halifax tournament and has played on International Matches with the United States. His energy kept his club to the front and during the period of his generalship a number of excellent players were produced by or became members of the club amongst whom may be mentioned Alfred Luard, C. S. Hyman, Shaw, the present Mr. Justice Meredith who was an excellent point and a very steady bat, the late Henry Beecher, Q.C., W. Girdlestone now of Winnipeg, John and Thos. Gillean and the late Frank Cronyn. The club felt the effect of the craze for baseball, now happily passed away, and became almost extinct for a time. During the past two or three seasons, new life has been infused into it and it has again taken its place as one of the leading cricket clubs of the Province.

During the period of the decadence of the London Cricket Club proper the game was always kept alive by the continuous and plucky exertions of the members of the London Asylum Cricket Club, who at present number in their ranks some exceptionally fine cricketers. We mention more particularly those two brilliant bats Rev. F. W. Terry and Dr. Beemer. There have been four centuries scored on the Asylum grounds all in the last two years. Last season Terry made 140 against Delaware C. C. and Beemer made 119 against Forest C. C. but neither achievement is so creditable as the stand made against Toronto this year when they put together 182 without the loss of a wicket. Of these Terry made 112 and Beemer 70. This is a record for



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Canada as the largest score made without the loss of a wicket. A single wicket has produced more runs. In 1882 G. N. Morrison and A. G. Brown playing for Toronto against the Trinity College Rovers put on for the last wicket 198 runs, of which the former got 133 without losing his wicket, the latter 65. Dr. Beemer was a prominent member of a Sawbones eleven that played several games in 1885 and which was the first medical eleven that ever played together in any country.

The city in which cricket has progressed with uninterrupted regularity and where there has been no dissemination of interests or disintegration of forces, is Hamilton. Here there has been but one club and it has persistently prospered until to-day it stands among the leading clubs of Canada. This homogeneity and success are perhaps largely due to the fact that since 1872 the club has had a magnificent ground of its own. There must have been a crease in Hamilton as early as 1835, for on the 8th of August in that year, Guelph and Toronto played a match there. In 1848 Hamilton beat Toronto by 6 wickets, but in the succeeding year succumbed to the vanquished by 59 runs. In this latter match the Hamilton eleven were Dennis, James Sharpe, Gillespie (23) Packham, C. Hamilton, G. Sharpe, Jos. Hamilton, (5 and 14) H. B. Bull, Stewart, Crickmore and Clarke. Three years later we find G. L. Maddison, John G. Dykes, Joseph Peerless, R. S. Beasley,