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TORONTO, MAY 27TH, 1882.

PROSPECTS OF THE SEASON.

Let us take a rapid glance at the prospects for the coming season. We have been promised visits from two elevens at a distance; one from the Western Union League sometime during July, the other from Winnipeg in the same month. The Toronto Cricket Club should note this fact, and make an honest endeavour to return the visit of the three American Clubs who honoured them with their presence two years ago. We understand that it is the intention of the Club to take an Eastern tour during the season, which we hope will be carried out and attended with success. Judging from the play of the Club on the Queen's Birthday, we could hardly help anticipating the good results likely to flow from a judicious selection from the old and young material, which latter is of the best quality. Capt. Burns, late of St. Catharines, will prove a valuable addition to the Club, and his good all-round play will be of the utmost service during the season. Sproule, Totten and Brock showed their old form, while Morrison played wonderfully well and in capital style. Daly and Paton are colts of unusual promise; with a little careful practice Foy and Helmcken will show bowling not to be despised. Trinity College shows signs of falling off from its usual high standard; the 'Varsity has an eleven of great strength; Upper Canada College does not possess a very strong eleven this year, although, no doubt, a little steady and diligent practice may tell a different tale. The annual match between Upper Canada and Trinity College School will take place at Port Hope on the 7th of June, and public opinion is decidedly in favour of the School, which has a

team of first-rate quality, Macdonell and Allan having already proved themselves good young bowlers. Hamilton will doubtless keep up its reputation, as no change has yet been made in its ranks, except that Ferrie will leave for England at the end of next month, and be away for the rest of the season. Whitby has been considerably weakened by the departure from its midst of Messrs. Matheson to Winnipeg; A. Laing to Detroit; Palmer to Toronto, and Messrs. C. and S. Ray, probably to Manitoba. Still the learned judge who presides over the Club's destiny is confident and very sanguine of the Club making a good show; it has our best wishes. The champions of the Association will dispute with all-comers their present title, and not feel inclined to let it go without a struggle. Cobourg is in doubt about its ground, but has good material; while the game seems to be in high favour in Kingston and Belleville, as well as in the North. Montreal has lost no players of any importance, but Ottawa is not so strong as of yore. Guelph is minus Clough and Tod, but flourishes notwithstanding. London has difficulty in securing a suitable ground; a big effort will be made in Woodstock to put the game on a firm footing, and Windsor claims to have an eleven capable of defeating anything, if only Dale be one of them. In conclusion, we have to remind all players that the International Match is to come off this year in the States, and it behoves all who possess a sufficient amount of pluck, energy and ambition, to pay such attention to their all-round play as will enable them to find a place on the team to be selected to uphold the honour of our Dominion.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The match on the 24th, played by the Toronto club, Over v. Under Thirty, may be regarded as but a partial success. The reason that this civil contest was substituted for the annual Trinity match, is explained by the desire on the part of some to open the new ground with a grand splurge, and to acquaint the recreant members with the fact that the new crease was ready for use. This protection of the home cricketing section is to be lauded on general principles. 'Tis true that the Trinity team is not so strong this year as to argue in favour of their giving Toronto a good match, but if instead, Whitby, Guelph or some stronger club had been tackled, the reputation of the ground would have spread just as far and the match would have been much more interesting. There is the remotest possibility that the Over Thirties, who by the way, fathered this 24th match, were anxious to test the relative abilities of the younger men and themselves. The test left the lighter eleven on top, and though a little shaking would make a wholesome mixture, yet the tendency of the heavier to gravitate to the bottom should not be interfered with.