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### The Cricket Season.

Early in the term the cricket season seemed to promise to be almost as successful as last year, even the first defeat not pointing out any weakness that could not be remedied. After the season is over, however, it must be said that the Eleven of '98 was inferior in all respects to that of '97. With the same Captain as last year, and the confidence that last year's successes could not help but give, there were lacking the persevering practice, the steady loyalty to the game, and the *esprit de corps* that characterised last season.

Last year the fielding of the XI was praised by everybody, but the only remark overheard this year was from some one who expressed himself as disappointed with it. The slackness in the field has not been general, the most notable exception being the Captain.

The batting of the Eleven has been decidedly below the average, the new members making no show whatever. Dalton, Doolittle, Gurd and Baldwin have practically got all the runs that were got. This failure of the other batsmen has had many times serious consequences. The four best bats cannot always come off.

The last six men seem to totally lack hitting power. If they possessed the ability to hold up their wickets for any length of time, runs might have come, but the rule seemed to be that the poor ball should be treated with respect and the good ball be allowed to take a wicket. This was particularly noticeable in the T.C.S. game when the last 5 wickets did not add one run. It is just as much a necessary part of one's cricket education to learn to handle a weak ball as to deal with a good one. There are few things that soon give the spectator a bad impression of an Eleven, than the letting off of loose bowling.

With regard to the bowling department, we have been in a transition stage. Baldwin and Gooderham, who have been the mainstays, are both young and inexperienced and will both be much better next year. The weakness in the bowling has been chiefly in the lack of good changes, and several long stands by the opposing batsmen have resulted.

### The Games.

This year, so far as they went, the games were extremely successful. The weather was all that could be desired, and the committee carried out the programme without a hitch. There was however one serious drawback, and that was the lack of active support by the boys, with the result that the number of entries in the different events was entirely too small. It is rather surprising that in a school such as this, that there are only a dozen seniors who are willing to take part in contests on the track.

Such a state of affairs is deplorable and unless there is a radical change it would certainly be justifiable to consider the doing away with the games. The games are held for the express purpose of affording an opportunity for physical development, and if the boys do not desire this, then it is high time to do away with track athletics. This would be a serious move and it is to be hoped that the boys will make a more serious effort next year, and will not give grounds for any comments with regard to the number of contestants.

### The Ideal School.

There was once a boy at Ridley called Jack Robinson. He is not here now; he is at a school in one of the Western States. Jack Robinson is not his real name, and I dare not mention the name of the school or its exact location. Why I practice this reserve may appear later.

Jack Robinson did not get on well at Ridley. His master thought he was lazy and said so on his reports; the boys said he funked football and would not play cricket. His mother said she was afraid people did not understand her boy, and his father said nothing.

Jack went home very miserable one Christmas and said he was afraid he had been overworking himself. His pasty complexion, due to

want of exercise and Wilson's canned salmon, seemed to corroborate his story, though the report which followed a few days later, together with the bill for the salmon, appeared to leave room for some uncertainty. However, the end of it all was that Jack was sent off after Christmas to an ideal school that his mother had heard of in the States. To be sure his father held out for a long time, but he was finally won over to the change by being told that the fees were only half those of Ridley.

As Jack drove up in a cab to the magnificent building his heart was heavy with forebodings. He remembered his new-boy's life at Ridley and was not encouraged by the recollections. A servant showed him into a handsomely furnished room, and went to tell the Principal of his arrival. After waiting five minutes Jack thought he might as well begin to look around, and after taking stock of the contents of the room, he threw himself down on a luxurious lounge and in a minute began to doze. He was soon awakened by a step in the hall, and the steps approached nearer until the door opened, and a benevolent white-haired old gentleman walked in. From the photographs he had seen of him, Jack recognized him as the Principal. He appeared rather astonished to see Jack lying there, but advanced with a friendly smile. "Welcome to our school" he said, "remember the object of it is to keep boys free from worries and vexations till they are old enough and strong enough to bear them." "This was formerly my room" he continued, "but, since you evidently have a liking for it, I will give orders to have my things removed."

He retired, smiling affably, though it must have been inconvenient for him to have to leave his apartments so suddenly.

A few moments later several of the older boys knocked at the door, and asked if there was anything they could do for their new comrade, as he must feel very strange and lonely.

Jack soon understood that it was the new-boys who were privileged here, and gave his orders to them to bring up his trunks. As soon as this was done he had them unpacked. The "old-kids," as they were called, then brought him in some appetizing grub, and he retired for the night.

The next morning he was awakened by the servant dusting the room. Jack mumbled something to him about the time. The man immediately begged his pardon for waking him, and asked if he would like to have his breakfast brought to him, as it was already past ten.

After a sumptuous repast Jack was about to plunge his head into the basin of water, when

one of the other boys happening along rushed in and stopped him. "Wait, wait" he called out, "yesterday the P. gave out that we need not use any water during the winter mornings as it was much too disagreeable. You had better not. Here is some cold cream. Do you like the rose or violet perfume?"

So the new-boy went down encouraged and hopeful to his morning work. Going into one of the classrooms he took an arm-chair.

Everyone in the room was supposed by the rules to be talking. Other like rules there were for the attaining of perfect contentment amongst the boys. If any of these rules were broken, the masters, and not the boys, were severely punished. Jack thought this idea should have been carried out at Ridley long ago. When each lesson was over the boys were asked their opinion as to what lesson should be set for next day. The shortest one suggested was the one done.

During the history lesson on the first day one boy said he felt sleepy, so the master came up and put a pillow behind his head and tipped his chair back. Jack noticed every now and then a boy turn a tap under his desk, fill a glass and take a drink, so lifting up the lid of his own desk he saw three taps, one marked lemonade, one ginger ale, and one milk shake. He immediately tried all three, and found them all excellent, quite equal to Abb's or Sweet's.

The arithmetic lessons were managed on an admirable plan. Each lesson consisted of five examples, which were worked out by the master on the blackboard, when the boys looked up the answers and told him if they were correct. In the literature lesson each boy was allowed a right and left prompter, and the poetry was always very well said. For the written lessons that were to be done in the evening and shown each morning, every boy had a typewriter, who was an honor graduate of Toronto University, and the language exercises were always satisfactorily done. Jack found out by enquiry that during the examinations each typewriter sat with his boy. This system worked very well and no boy ever got below 90% on a paper. Such little contrivances as these avoided bad reports, the remarks upon which were always pleasing to the parents.

As soon as school was over all the boys adjourned to the play-grounds. Here, in order to avoid the squabbling and bother consequent upon choosing up, everybody formed themselves into the side they wished to be on, and the game commenced. But it was slightly different from the Rugby as we know it. Both sides, instead of playing against each other, took different parts of the field, and, without any opponents, made some astonishing scores.

Around the field were dozens of seats, so that the toilers might every now and then have a chance to recover. It had been felt by the Principal that all mass-plays were too rough and likely even to produce a tendency to cultivation of brute force, so, by a wise command, no boy was allowed to touch another. In this way the game was rendered much more open and agreeable to the spectators. After a few moments the sport came to a stop, and everyone was expected to go down town and charge up as much as possible to the account of the college.

On the way out Jack accidentally broke two large panes of glass in a greenhouse near the gate. He was wondering whom to report it to and what would be done to him, when he observed a master, who was standing near, writing in his note-book. The new-boy hurried up to him and was eagerly explaining how unintentionally he had done it, but the master interrupted him, saying "I am sorry it was accidental, the school always likes the boys to have as much enjoyment as possible. If you would be so kind as to wait here, I will run up to my room and get you the fifty cents that is always paid to those who commit any damage, as it is sometimes startling to hear the broken glass falling."

At tea, two large cakes were provided at each place, and receptacles were fastened all over the room in which pieces might be shyed, this arrangement seemed to suit Jack, for he threw all his food around the room, and then grabbed the next fellow's, who was too lazy to complain.

Study came at length and Jack reluctantly got his school books out of his trunk. He had hardly commenced to work, though, when an attendant knocked at his door and said humbly: "A master told me to bring these up to you. He is very sorry that he omitted to send them sooner, but, he could find no ones which appeared suitable for some time." So saying the man disappeared leaving a pile of books on the table.

Jack was delighted. Instead of a new series of lesson books, which he had feared, all the latest novels were before him.

After looking at the pictures for some time he at last retired to bed, wondering which was the best place, Ridley or the Ideal School.

### We Are Seven.

A red hot sport.  
In Simcoe there are many,  
But none who glows with quite the heat  
That radiates from Benny.  
I met a martyr from the sixth,  
Worn out by endless toil;  
His eyes were dim from working late  
And burning midnight oil.

"Poor things, ill-treated, overworked,  
How many may you be?"  
"How many? Seven with Ben", he said,  
And wondering, looked at me.  
"With Ben?" I said, "Yes, Ben, for though  
He's now in Simcoe, yet  
His memory dear, we still revere  
And never can forget.  
Were he ten thousand miles away,  
Yea, were he twice that many,  
To us the number in the sixth,  
Would still be 'Seven with Benny.'  
Oh! who can ever take his place?  
Benny the true dead game!  
The school without his jovial face  
Will never seem the same.  
Where was the place he had not seen?  
What that he did not know?  
We never doubted anything  
That Benny said was so.  
And all the manly outdoor games  
Seemed natural to him;  
What could the football team have done  
With Benny not in scrim.  
His element was everywhere,  
So perfectly at ease,  
He made sad havoc with the fair  
And always seemed to please.  
But when he sang: how sweet the sound!  
Like music in a dream,  
Alas! no more I cannot talk  
Of such a painful theme.  
His gentle jabs and ready wit  
Would make the long hours fly,  
Instead, we languish with the heat  
And watch each hour go by.  
Now dark and gloomy is the form  
That was a seventh Heaven;  
But looking back on days gone by  
We still think we are seven.

### A LETTER FROM FRANCE.

Boys who study the methods of expressing their thoughts in French, may find their work a trifle hard; but what must be the work of the French boy in attempting English composition, who penned the following epistle to one of the sixth form boys:—

*Alex, the twenty-second March, one thousand, eight hundred and ninety-eight.*

Esq.  
I am very happy of to know than you be will good to hold one correspondance french-english.

We are begin be some letters very easy for you how me; of that way, we shall caning walk with a enough swiftness. Now, I am think than you shall want good to do know at me the fault's whan I s all doing into the letter's than I shall send to you and of I should doing for you.

At last I should say at you of do know at me how some letter's you shall might to write a month, when at me I stand to write the less two letter's a monnth.

Any be waiting your answer, I send at you my salutation's the more respectuous.

At Alex, Drome.

COURSANGE MARIUS.

The Annual Games.



**HIS** year we were extremely fortunate in having splendid weather on both days of the game. As usual the first part of the programme was carried on at the cricket field and alteration was made, the interchanging of the distance, running and the high jump. The records in the various events were excellent, especially in the broad jump in which Gander established a College record.

On Friday, May 27th, the main part of the programme was carried out at Fairvale Park, when a large number of the friends of the College were present.

The contests were keen and the time made in the short runs was exceedingly good. Gander, ma., easily won the championship and he is to be congratulated upon the excellent performances he made.

The junior championship fell to Hoyles, mi., with Trimmer and Norton Taylor within a few points of him.

The championship cups, which were exceedingly handsome, were donated by Mr. Geo. Gooderham and Mr. W. G. Gooderham of Toronto. Mrs. N. W. Hoyles, presented the cups and medal, to the winners at the conclusion of the afternoon's sport.

Following is the list of winners:—

PART I.

1. Running broad jump, sen.—M. H. Gander 1, W. C. J. Doolittle 2. 19 feet, 8 inches.
2. Throwing cricket ball, sen.—W. C. J. Doolittle 1, J. H. Wade 2. 100 yards, 1 foot.
3. Throwing cricket ball, jun.—H. Norton-Taylor 1, H. Barnes 2. 86 yards, 10 in.
4. Running hop, step and jump.—M. H. Gander 1, W. C. J. Doolittle 2. 40 ft. 11½ in.
5. Putting the shot.—M. H. Gander 1, W. C. J. Doolittle 2. 38 ft. 2 in.
6. Running half mile.—M. H. Gander 1, H. L. Hoyles 2. 2 min. 22 sec.
7. Running broad jump, jr.—N. W. Hoyles 1, A. S. Trimmer 2. 14 ft. 8½ in.
8. Running high jump, jun.—N. W. Hoyles 1, H. Norton-Taylor 2. 4 ft. 2 in.
9. Kicking the football.—W. Nicholls 1, A. S. Trimmer 2.
10. Running one mile.—H. L. Hoyles 1, M. H. Gander.

PART II.

1. Running 100 yards, sr.—M. H. Gander 1, W. C. J. Doolittle 2. 10 2/5 sec.

2. Running 100 yards, jr.—A. S. Trimmer 1, N. W. Hoyles 2. 12 1/5 sec.
3. Sack race.—Kennedy.
4. Running 100 yards, (under 14).—H. Smith 1, S. Bunting 2. 13 1-5 sec.
5. Running 220 yards, sen.—M. H. Gander 1, H. J. Erswell.
6. Running 220 yards, jun.—A. S. Trimmer 1, W. Hoyles 2.
7. Fatigue race.—H. J. Erswell and W. Nicholls,
8. Three legged race.—H. Norton-Taylor and H. S. Smith.
9. Running high jump, sr.—J. H. Wade 1, M. H. Gander 2. 5 ft. 2 in.
10. Running quarter mile, jr.—N. W. Hoyles 1, H. S. Trimmer 2.—1 min. 11 sec.
11. Running quarter mile, sr.—M. H. Gander 1, J. H. Wade 2. 57 1-5 sec.
12. Bicycle race, half mile jr.—H. Norton-Taylor 1, A. S. Trimmer 2. 1 min. 34 sec.
13. Obstacle race.—S. Snively 1, H. C. Corey 2.
14. Hurdle race, 120 yards sr.—J. H. Wade 1, P. E. Dietrich 2. 19 1-5 sec.
15. Hurdle race, 120 yards jr.—H. S. Smith 1, H. Norton-Taylor 2. 20 1-5 sec.
16. Bicycle race, half mile, sr.—F. S. Hobbs 1, W. Nicholls 2. 1 min, 27 sec.
17. Consolation race, sen.—C. J. S. Trench.
18. Consolation race, jun.—P. E. Mitchell.

The senior championship was won by M. H. Gander with 41 points.

The junior championship was won by N. W. Hoyles with 34 points.

The Assault-at-Arms.



**ONE** of the most successful entertainments, given by the boys for some time past was the assault at-arms held on May 13th, at the Masonic hall. In addition to this for some weeks Mr. Hendry had been training a gymnastic class while Capt. Thairs was putting a bayonet class through their paces. In addition the renowned private Stewart, of the 48th Highlanders, the British Empire bayonet champion, together with Sergeant Williams, instructor in the gymnasium at Toronto University also of the 48th, and Mr. F. A. Young, B.A. of the University, volunteered their services for the evening, and by exhibiting their skill in the use of the bayonet, foil and quarterstaff won the admiration and applause of the audience.

On the vaulting horse, paralled bars and horizontal bars the exercises by the gymnastic class were of the highest order and reflected

great credit upon Mr. Hendry for his admirable training.

Sergeant Williams and Mr. Young gave a most interesting display of fencing and later on had a exceedingly close engagement of sword vs. sword.

The event of the evening was the bayonet combat between Private Stewart and Sergeant Williams. The contest was very exciting and the interest of the audience increased with every thrust, and although the Sergeant defended himself admirably against his formidable opponent, the score stood 5 to 3 in favor of the champion.

The bayonet class gave a most interesting exhibition. The uniform time kept by them in going through their exercises did not fail to attract attention, and great credit was reflected on Captain Thairs under whose careful instruction they were prepared for the occasion.

Great amusement was afforded the audience in the pick-a-back wrestling in which great opportunities were given for the manoeuvring of the horses and the unhorsing of the riders.

Mr. Barr held his own excellently against the Sergeant in the quarter-staff encounter and although he had never handled one before he gave quite as much as he took. Although adept at the art, through long practice the sergeant very rarely broke through Mr. Barr's guard and the dilapidated condition of the weapons after the fray told of the number of blows parried.

The gymnastic class gave another exhibition of their skill. Mr. Hendry's expertness on the bars was very conspicuous while Gander's back flip, and Gardner's long arm balance on the parallel bars were very much applauded.

The entertainment wound up with three-round sparring contests, between Hoyles and McLeod, and Mr. Hendry and Mr. Barr. The boxers were evenly matched and it was difficult to say who had the advantage in either case.

Light refreshments were then served and a most enjoyable evening's entertainment was brought to a close.

### The Medals.

The names of the winners for this year, of the gold and silver medals for true manliness, presented by Mr. S. H. Blake and Mr. J. Herbert Mason respectively, have been announced. A. E. Dalton, silver medallist last year, is awarded the gold medal, while the silver goes to M. H. Gander.

It is a noteworthy fact that Dalton is the first boy to be awarded both the gold and silver medals.

We tender our hearty congratulations to the recipients.

With the close of this term Mr. Wood severs his connection with the College, and great regret is felt by the boys at his departure. He has at all times taken the most lively interest in all the sports, and especially in cricket will his absence be keenly felt. Mr. Wood returns to England to enter the ministry.

We wish him all success and hope that he may find time in the near future to pay a visit to Canada and to Ridley.

Seven is the perfect number and although Casey is only rushing six just now, he says the one who sent him the cake counts for two.

We quote the following translation from Pete's French paper:

Demeure-t-elle bien loin?

Where do you live, good lion?

Jimmie Dalton (when a cricket ball hit him on the finger.) "Crush me Cæsar's ghost by dad y'horse's neck, I feel like a stuffed elephant up a tree.

After long and careful study Pete can now successfully imitate Arty Allan's swagger with impunity.

The following note was found in Mrs. Rothwell's room a short time ago.

Please clean and press Tuckett.

### "SCRUBFOOT,"

AFTER a very successful season as 'Varsity's coach offers his services for next year. Excellent recommendations as a bowler and fielder. For references apply to K. S. Ranjitsinhji, A. E. Stoddart, W. G. Grace, or any others.

THE COW also wishes to get a situation as ground bowler and guarantees to keep the grass nibbled short.

### Junior Cricket.

The following matches were played during the season:—

Hamilton jun. at St. Catharines, May 21.—Ridley II, 61 and 43; Hamilton 29 and 23.

Grimsby II, at St. Catharines, May 24th.—Ridley II, 48 and 18; Grimsby 18 and 36.

Grimsby Preparatory School, at Grimsby, May 28.—Ridley, 18 and 34; School, 26 and 27 for 4 wickets.

Grimsby II, at Grimsby, June 4.—Ridley II, 12 and 22; Grimsby 82.

Madison Ave., C. C., at St. Catharines, June 11.—Ridley III, 46 and 99; Madison Ave. C. C., 57 and 11.

The Cricket Season.

RIDLEY VS. HAMILTON I.

Played May 21st, at Hamilton—Lost by 22. Although the game was lost the result was very encouraging against so strong an XI. In the first innings the boys offered considerable resistance to the bowlers, seven of whom were tried. Mr. Wood played in order to strengthen the bowling department.

The fielding was noticeably slack, and the second innings was altogether without spirit.

Ridley—First Innings.

Gurd, b Kerr	1
Doolittle, b Kerr	10
Dalton, b Glassco	24
Baldwin, b Pattison	13
Sewell, b Pattison	0
Mr. Wood, b Glassco	11
Gander, m, b F. Martin	14
Hoyles, b F. Martin	4
Norsworthy, b F. Martin	0
Hobbs, l.b.w., b Pattison	0
Gooderham, not out	0
Extras	5
Total	84

Ridley—Second Innings.

Dalton, run out	1
Sewell, b F. Martin	1
Gander, m, b Kerr	0
Doolittle, l.b.w., b Kerr	6
Mr. Wood, b F. Martin	0
Baldwin, c Marshall, b F. Martin	9
Gurd, b F. Martin	2
Hoyles, b Counsell	3
Norsworthy, run out	1
Hobbs, b F. Martin	0
Gooderham, not out	8
Extras	7
Total	38

Hamilton.

Pattison, c Doolittle, b Sewell	26
Marshall, run out	0
K. Martin, b Mr. Wood	10
F. R. Martin, b Mr. Wood	2
Counsell, b Mr. Wood	2
Dixon, run out	37
Washington, b Gooderham	0
Kerr, c Doolittle, b Mr. Wood	11
Marsland, b Doolittle	16
Glassco, not out	0
Cameron, c Sewell, b Doolittle	0
Extras	2
Total	106

RIDLEY VS. GRIMSBY.

Played on the College ground on May 24th.—Won by 3 wickets and 42. Four masters played on account of the difficulty in raising two XI's on the Queen's Birthday. The College score in the 1st innings was far too small, the bowling considered. Grimsby led by 5 runs in the 1st innings, and as time was short instructions were given to score quickly in the 2nd innings, which was declared at 79 for 7 wickets. With a little

over an hour to play the Grimsby XI was disposed of for 32 with only 30 seconds to spare, Mr. Meyers having carried his bat through the innings for 8.

Ridley—First Inning.

Sewell, b Fitch	1
Dalton, c Smith, b Fitch	1
Baldwin, b Fitch	18
Gurd, b Fitch	5
Gander, c Pettit, b Drope	3
Mr. Williams, b White	8
Mr. Wood, c Rainey, b Fitch	0
Mr. Miller, c Smith, b White	2
Mr. Barr, not out	17
Hoyles, c Andrews, b White	2
Norsworthy, c Meyers, b Fitch	3
Extras	2
Total	62

Ridley—Second Innings.

Dalton, c Meyers, b Drope	28
Gander, c Vidal, b Drope	10
Baldwin, c Meyers, b Fitch	0
Mr. Barr, c Nelles, b Fitch	2
Sewell, c Andrews, b Drope	0
Mr. Williams, not out	23
Mr. Wood, c Pettit, b Drope	0
Gurd, b Rainey	10
Mr. Miller, not out	2
Norsworthy, ) did not bat	
Hoyles, )	
Extras	4
Innings declared	79

Grimsby—First Innings.

Meyers, c Norsworthy, b Baldwin	1
Andrews, run out	15
Vidal, b Mr. Miller	17
Rainey, b Mr. Wood	7
Fitch, b Sewell	5
Drope, run out	5
White, b Mr. Miller	2
Pettit, run out	12
Nelles, c Dalton, b Mr. Williams	0
Smith, c Gurd, b Sewell	0
Gibson, not out	0
Extras	3
Total	67

Grimsby—Second Innings.

Meyers, not out	8
Gibson, b Mr. Wood	7
Andrews, b Mr. Williams	8
Vidal, run out	0
Rainey, b Mr. Wood	3
Fitch, b Mr. Wood	0
Drope, l.b.w., b Mr. Wood	6
White, b Mr. Wood	0
Pettit, c Baldwin, b Mr. Wood	0
Nelles, b Mr. Williams	0
Smith, c Hoyles, b Mr. Wood	0
Total	32

RIDLEY VS. ST. ALBAN'S.

Played at the College on June 4th.—Won by 16. Baldwin began to score quickly and had made his 27, whilst Dalton had only made 7. Except these two no one else seemed able to do anything with Edward's bowling. In the St. Alban's innings occurred the first instance of a failure in the bowling towards the end of the innings, more

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than half the runs being added for the last 5 wickets; 13 for the 10th after the best bats had been cheaply disposed of.

Ridley—First Innings—

Dalton, c Harrington, b Edwards	43
Baldwin, c Beaty, b Hancock	27
Doolittle, c Wheatley, b Hancock	0
Gander, mi, b Hancock	2
Gurd, c Hancock, b Edwards	0
Sewell, b Edwards	0
Gander, ma, c Harrington, b Edwards	0
Duggan, b Edwards	0
Norsworthy, c Edwards, b Hancock	1
Gooderham, not out	5
Charles, b Hancock	1
Extras	14
Total	93

Ridley—Second Innings.

Gurd, b Garrett	0
Doolittle, b Edwards	9
Gander, ma, b Edwards	4
Duggan, c Harrington, b Edwards	0
Dalton, b Garrett	0
Sewell, c and b Garrett	0
Baldwin, not out	25
Gander, mi, c and b Edwards	16
Gooderham, b Hancock	14
Norsworthy not out	2
Charles, did not bat.	
Extras	3
Total	73

St. Alban's

Wheatley, b Baldwin	1
Garrett, c Gander, ma, b Gooderham	18
Edwards, c Gooderham, b Baldwin	1
Ledger, c Gurd, b Gooderham	1
Edwards, J., c Duggan, b Baldwin	0
Beaty, b Gooderham	8
Harrington, c Gurd, b Gander, mi	10
Hancock, b Gander, mi	16
Cameron, b Duggan	0
Edwards, W., not out	9
Matthews, b Sewell	4
Extras	9
Total	77

RIDLEY VS. GRIMSBY.

Played on June 8th at Grimsby.—Drawn on account of rain. Grimsby had been cheaply disposed of for 65, which total had been just reached by the College for the loss of 4 wickets, when, with Dalton and Gurd well set, the rain came in and the Grimsby players left the field, robbing the boys of a well earned victory.

Grimsby.

Meyers, b Baldwin	3
Whitelaw, b Gooderham	10
Nelles, c Baldwin, b Gooderham	11
Drope, b Baldwin	3
G. C. Pettit, b Baldwin	2
Rainey, run out	0
W. H. Pettit, c Norsworthy, b Baldwin	9
White, b Gander, mi	9
Smith, not out	1
Cline, b Baldwin	0
Alexander, b Baldwin	2
Extras	5
Total	65

Ridley.

Doolittle, c and b Whitelaw	2
Gander, mi, run out	6
Gooderham, b Whitelaw	13
Baldwin, b Whitelaw	6
Dalton, not out	27
Gurd, not out	4
Extras	7
Hobbs, Duggan, Sewell, Hoyles, Norsworthy, did not bat.	
Total	65

RIDLEY VS. T. C. S.

Played at Rosedale on June 10th.—Lost by 9 wickets. Gurd won the toss as usual and went in to bat with Doolittle. Though the rawness of the weather may have had something to do with it, the whole side made a most lamentable display; even Gurd's usual coolness deserted him and he ran himself out. The whole side received exactly 100 balls, and scored 17 runs off the bat. Saunders and Hindes both bowled splendidly, Saunders taking 6 wickets for 7 runs, and Hindes 3 for 10.

T. C. S. made a bad start, losing 2 wickets for 2 runs and 5 for 19, but here both Baldwin and Gooderham sent down several very loose balls which were taken advantage of. With the side out for 56, however, the game was not yet lost.

The College made a good start in their second innings and put on 49 for 4 wickets, but after that every batsman went in apparently not to hit, but to hold up his wicket, and not being able to do this got out. During the latter part of the innings Hindes seemed tired and put in many balls that might have been scored off. As it was the last 5 wickets realized exactly two runs, scored in some mysterious way by Hobbs. Duggan went in 7th and was not out without having attempted to hit anything.

It is rather curious to remark that the two coolest and most experienced players on the XI, Gurd and Dalton, both threw their wickets away by the rankest errors in judgement.

With 20 to get to win, T. C. S. went in and readily obtained them for the loss of Osler's wicket, who succumbed to a splendid catch by Gurd in the long field.

Ridley—First Innings.

Gurd, run out	5
Doolittle, b Saunders	3
Gander, b Hindes	2
Dalton, c Rathburn, b Saunders	3
Baldwin, b Saunders	0
Gooderham, b Hindes	1
Duggan, c Reid, b Hindes	2
Hobbs, b Saunders	0

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Hoyles, b Saunders.....	0
Norsworthy, b Saunders.....	1
Sewell, not out.....	1
Extras.....	18
Total.....	18

Ridley—Second Innings.

Gurd, c Reid, b Saunders.....	6
Dalton, thrown out.....	5
Gander, c Patterson, b Saunders.....	9
Baldwin, b Hindes.....	18
Doolittle, b Saunders.....	6
Gooderham, c Craig, b Saunders.....	6
Duggan, not out.....	0
Hobbs, c Reid, b Saunders.....	2
Norsworthy, b Saunders.....	0
Hoyles, c and b Saunders.....	0
Sewell, b Saunders.....	0
Extras.....	2
Total.....	57

T. C. S.—First Innings.

Osler, b Baldwin.....	11
Hamilton, c Norsworthy, b Gooderham.....	1
Duggan, b Baldwin.....	0
Rathbun, c and b Gooderham.....	7
Hammond, b Baldwin.....	0
Reid, b Gooderham.....	3
Patterson, c Hobbs, b Baldwin.....	2
Lucas, c Duggan, b Gooderham.....	21
Saunders, b Sewell.....	7
Craig, b Gander.....	3
Hindes, not out.....	0
Extras.....	1
Total.....	56

T. C. S.—Second Innings.

Osler, c Gurd, b Gooderham.....	12
Hamilton, not out.....	5
Rathbun, not out.....	2
Extras.....	1
Hammond, Saunders, Duggan, Hindes, Lucas Patterson, Reid, Craig, did not bat.	
Total.....	20

BOWLING AVERAGES.

Ridley—First Innings.

	Overs.	Runs.	Mdns.	Wks.
Hindes.....	10	10	5	3
Saunders.....	10	7	6	6

Ridley—Second Innings.

	Overs.	Runs.	Mdns.	Wks.
Hindes.....	19	20	12	1
Saunders.....	23	22	12	8
Osler.....	2	7	0	0
Duggan.....	1	6	0	0
Lucas.....	1	0	0	0

T. C. S.—Innings.

	Overs.	Runs.	Mdns.	Wks.
Baldwin.....	14	20	5	4
Gooderham.....	10	20	4	4
Sewell.....	3	9	1	1
Gander.....	5	6	1	1

T. C. S.—Second Innings.

	Overs.	Runs.	Mdns.	Wks.
Baldwin.....	3	0	0	0
Gooderham.....	5	4	1	1
Dalton.....	15	3	0	0
Sewell.....	3	1	0	0

RIDLEY VS. PARKDALE.

Played at Parkdale, on June 11th.—Lost by 25. Parkdale's innings was chiefly noticeable for Chambers' finely played 32. His placing through the slips and hard driving were useful object lessons. Lucas was out l. b. w. to Gooderham when he had made 2, but the bowler hesitated to appeal. Baldwin only obtained one wicket for 80, but Gooderham bowled especially well and got 5 for 28, Sewell 3 for 14.

The College started badly, Dalton forgetting he had one of the best wicket keepers in Canada behind him. 8 wickets were down for 88, nearly all of which came from Doolittle's bat, when Norsworthy partnered Doolittle and the 8th wicket put on 22 runs. Doolittle's 38 was a creditable performance, the bowling considered. He gave one very hard chance to Gregory at point when he had made 3, and a very hard one to Chambers just before he was retired.

Parkdale.

Hall, b Baldwin.....	0
Dean, b Gooderham.....	11
Chambers, c Duggan, b Sewell.....	32
Lucas, c Hobbs, b Gooderham.....	17
Gregory, b Sewell.....	5
Leigh, c Doolittle, b Gooderham.....	0
Lightfoot, l. b. w. b Gooderham.....	9
Schofield, not out.....	5
Hatch, b Gooderham.....	2
Fahey.....	1
Griffith, c Hoyles, b Sewell.....	0
Extras.....	7
Total.....	89

Ridley.

Gurd, c Gregory, b Leigh.....	2
Duggan, b Lightfoot.....	0
Baldwin, c Hatch, b Leigh.....	4
Dalton, std. Dean, b Leigh.....	0
Doolittle, b Chambers.....	39
Gander, b Leigh.....	1
Gooderham, b Lightfoot.....	3
Hobbs, run out.....	3
Sewell, std. Dean, b Leigh.....	0
Norsworthy, not out.....	4
Hoyles, c Lightfoot, b Chambers.....	3
Extras.....	5
Total.....	64

RIDLEY VS. TORONTO UNIVERSITY.

Played on the College grounds on June 13th—Lost by 35. The game was begun in the rain, which fell during the whole of the Varsity innings.

After getting 8 of the best wickets down for 26, Gooderham and Baldwin seemed to go to pieces, and the last two wickets were allowed to put on 55, Brown, last year's U. C. C. Captain, making 40, not out, in easy fashion.



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Ridley's innings realized 36, and the less said about it the better. It was only after 'Varsity had declared with 63 for 3 wickets that the boys showed anything like their true form, Gurd batting steadily for 11, whilst Doolittle compiled 38, not out.

'Varsity--First Innings.

Anderson, b Gooderham.....	1
Waldie, c Norsworthy, b Gooderham.....	9
Mackenzie, c Hoyles, b Gooderham.....	8
Cameron, b Baldwin.....	0
Brown, not out.....	40
Edgar, b Baldwin.....	2
Meredith, c Hobbs, b Baldwin.....	0
Moss, hit wicket, b Gooderham.....	0
Gooderham, run out.....	0
Boyd, b Sewell.....	10
Nicholls, c Hobbs, b Doolittle.....	3
Extras.....	8
Total.....	81

'Varsity--Second Innings.

Waldie, c Baldwin, b Gooderham.....	9
Edgar, b Baldwin.....	5
Mackenzie, not out.....	27
Anderson, c Hobbs, b Doolittle.....	21
Extras.....	1
Innings declared.....	63

Ridley--First Innings.

Dalton, c Gooderham, b Waldie.....	8
Gurd, b, Cameron.....	9
Gooderham, b Waldie.....	2
Baldwin, l.b.w., b Cameron.....	3
Doolittle, l.b.w., b Cameron.....	0
Gander, mi, b Anderson.....	0
Norsworthy, c Cameron, b Anderson.....	0
Duggan, b Anderson.....	4
Hobbs, b Anderson.....	0
Sewell, b Cameron.....	0
Hoyles, not out.....	1
Extras.....	8
Total.....	36

Ridley--Second Innings.

Gurd, c Brown, b Anderson.....	11
Doolittle, not out.....	38
Dalton, not out.....	2
Extras.....	8
Baldwin, Duggan, Gooderham, Gander, Hobbs Norsworthy, Hoyles and Sewell, did not bat.	—
Total.....	59

RIDLEY VS. TORONTO-ROSEDALE.

Played on the College grounds on June 15th.—Lost by 10 runs. Toronto-Rosedale went to the bat first and though they had a strong batting team only totalled 79. Thanks to Doolittle's splendid contribution the College 1st innings realized 89. Doolittle should have been given run-out before scoring, but Sewell who was umpiring, was not watching. This, however, does not detract from his fine batting display. Being beaten on the first innings, Toronto-Rosedale sent in their men to score quickly, and thanks to a hard-hit 42 from Mr. G. S. Lyon, they were able to declare for 76. As the event proved it was a

safe thing to do, but if Hobbs and Norsworthy had held up their wickets two minutes longer the game would have been won by the College. Mackenzie bowled especially well in the first innings, whilst Cooper was effective all through.

Ridley--1st Innings.

Gurd, b Lyon.....	1
Doolittle, l. b. w., b Cooper.....	43
Dalton, b Cooper.....	18
Mr. Wood, c McMurtry, b Cooper.....	1
Mr. Williams, b Mackenzie.....	6
J. Gander, b Mckenzie.....	0
Gooderham, b Mckenzie.....	0
Norsworthy, b Mackenzie.....	0
Hobbs, b Cooper.....	1
H. Gander, not out.....	1
Sewell, b Mackenzie.....	4
Extras.....	8
Total.....	83

Ridley--2nd Innings.

Gurd, b Mackenzie.....	6
Dalton, c Forester, b Cooper.....	3
Doolittle, c Forester, b Cooper.....	19
Mr. Williams, c sub, b Lyon.....	12
Sewell, b Mackenzie.....	4
Mr. Wood, c Forester, b Cooper.....	10
J. Gander, b Mackenzie.....	3
H. Gander, b Cooper.....	1
Hobbs, b Cooper.....	0
Gooderham, b Mackenzie.....	0
Norsworthy, not out.....	0
Extras.....	11
Total.....	62

Toronto-Rosedale--1st Innings.

Cooper, b Mr. Wood.....	17
Mackenzie, run out.....	24
Forester, c Mr. Wood, b Gooderham.....	4
Lyon, c Mr. Williams, b Gooderham.....	7
McMurtry, l. w. b. b Gooderham.....	7
McMurtry, l. w. b., b Gooderham.....	17
Larkin, c Gander, b Gooderham.....	0
Anderson, c Mr. Williams, b Gooderham.....	0
Chewitt, b Mr. Wood.....	0
Morris, run out.....	0
Mr. Miller, not out.....	8
Mr. Barr, run out.....	2
Total.....	79

Toronto-Rosedale--2nd Innings.

Forester, b Mr. Wood.....	7
Lyon, not out.....	42
Cooper, c Hobbs, b Mr. Williams.....	19
Mackenzie, not out.....	6
Extras.....	2
Total for 2 wickets.....	76
Innings declared.....	—

RIDLEY VS. U. C. C.

Played at Upper Canada College, June 18th.—Lost by 7 wickets. Gurd won the toss and went in to bat. At the outset it looked very much like a repetition of the Trinity match, the wickets going down quickly until Doolittle made a stand and added 13 runs, while of the last five wickets each added a few runs. Upper Canada made an extremely weak display in their innings; eight wickets

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were down for 18, when McLeod went in and brought the total up to 36. The bowling of Baldwin and Gooderham was excellent, the latter getting 7 for 11. With 11 runs to the good Ridley began their 2nd innings, but, with the exception of Dalton, who got 23 by patient playing, no one was able to add many runs. Upper Canada were now 61 behind, and these were nearly all made by Hills and Lownsbrough, who scored 20 and 30 (not out) respectively.

Ridley—First Inning

Gurd, b. Macleod.....	3
Dalton, c Macleod, b Hills.....	0
Baldwin, b Hills.....	0
Doolittle, c Hills, b Macleod.....	13
Gooderham, b Hills.....	3
J. Gander, b Hills.....	6
H. Gander, b Macleod.....	0
Hobbs, c Morrison, b Hills.....	3
Sewell, b Hills.....	5
Norsworthy, not out.....	1
Hoyles, b Hills.....	1
Extras.....	12
Total.....	47

Ridley—Second Innings.

J. Gander, c Howitt, b Hills.....	0
Dalton, c Baillie, b Morrison.....	28
Baldwin, c Myles, c Macleod.....	2
Doolittle, std. Hills.....	2
Gurd, c Hills, b Macleod.....	2
H. Gander, l.b.w., b Morrison.....	0
Sewell, c Hills, b Macleod.....	4
Hobbs, b Macleod.....	7
Gooderham, run out.....	0
Norsworthy, not out.....	0
Hoyles, c Darling, b Macleod.....	0
Extras.....	5
Total.....	50

U. C. C.—First Innings.

F. P. Myles, c Dalton, b Baldwin.....	2
G. Harman, l.b.w., b Gooderham.....	0
A. J. Hills, b Gooderham.....	3
H. F. Lownsbrough, c H. Gander, b Sewell.....	6
B. C. Morrison, b Gooderham.....	0
H. O. Howitt, b Gooderham.....	0
N. T. Macleod, not out.....	18
C. W. Darling, l.b.w., b Gooderham.....	0
O. E. Baillie, b Gooderham.....	0
A. L. Ogden, c Baldwin b Sewell.....	4
G. S. Malloch, l.b.w., b Gooderham.....	0
Extras.....	4
Total.....	36

U. C. C.—Second Innings.

Malloch, c Doolittle, b Baldwin.....	0
Hills, c Hobbs, b Dalton.....	20
Lownsbrough, not out.....	30
Macleod, b Dalton.....	6
Morrison, not out.....	6
Extras.....	1
Total (for three wickets).....	63

BOWLING AVERAGES.

Ridley—First Innings.

	Overs.	Runs.	Mdns.	Wks.
Hills.....	14	17	4	7
Macleod.....	14	18	8	3

Ridley—Second Innings.

	Overs.	Runs.	Mdns.	Wks.
Hills.....	11	5	7	1
Macleod.....	18	23	9	5
Morrison.....	11	17	3	2

U. C. C.—First Innings.

	Overs.	Runs.	Mdns.	Wks.
Baldwin.....	5	12	5	1
Gooderham.....	12	11	7	7
Sewell.....	6	9	2	2

U. C. C.—2nd Innings.

	Overs.	Runs.	Mdns.	Wks.
Gooderham.....	11	15	3	0
Baldwin.....	2	10	0	1
Dalton.....	17	20	7	2
Sewell.....	8	17	0	0

RIDLEY V. S. PARKDALE.

Played at the College grounds on June 22nd.—Lost by 62. Parkdale came four men short and took substitutes. With Gurd and Doolittle both off, three masters played. As in so many instances the College got their runs when they were no good, and the 114 for five wickets, in the 2nd innings, was of no avail. Chambers' 44 was a fine exhibition of good cricket. Dalton took an hour and a half to make his 34, but Baldwin put together 23 in about as many minutes.

Ridley—1st Innings.

Dalton, run out.....	1
Gander, mi, b Lightfoot.....	4
Mr. Williams, c Lightfoot, b Leigh.....	13
Baldwin, c and b Lightfoot.....	2
Mr. Wood, c Dean, b Leigh.....	0
Mr. Barr, c Leigh, b Lightfoot.....	9
Gooderham, b Lightfoot.....	7
Sewell, b Leigh.....	5
Hobbs, l. b. w., b Leigh.....	8
Duggan, std., Dean, b Leigh.....	2
Gander, ma, not out.....	1
Extras.....	2
Total.....	54

Ridley—2nd Innings.

Dalton, not out.....	34
Gander, ma, b Leigh.....	4
Gander, mi, c Black, b Leigh.....	5
Mr. Williams, c and b Leigh.....	6
Baldwin, c and b Chambers.....	23
Mr. Wood, b Chambers.....	3
Mr. Barr, not out.....	23
Extras.....	16
Sewell, Hobbs, Duggan, Gooderham, did not bat.....	0
Total.....	114

Parkdale.

Chambers, b Mr. Wood.....	44
Black, c Gander, ma, b Baldwin.....	18
Leigh, b Baldwin.....	23
Lightfoot, b Baldwin.....	4
Lucas, c and b Baldwin.....	0
Dean, c Sewell, b Mr. Williams.....	15
Gregory, c Gander, ma, b Sewell.....	1
Norsworthy, b Baldwin.....	4
Dietrich, c Gander, ma, b Mr. Williams.....	0
Suckling, not out.....	1
Stayner, b Mr. Williams.....	0
Extras.....	6
Total.....	116

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RIDLEY VS. OLD BOYS.

Played at St. Catharines, June 25.—Lost by one run.

Through the exertions of W. R. Wadsworth and A. C. Kingston, the Old Boys gathered in force on Saturday 25th and spent an exceedingly pleasant day in renewing their acquaintance with Ridley. The weather was anything but favorable in the morning but by lunch time the rain had ceased and a heavy wind dried the grounds. Besides the team other old boys present were H. G. Nichols, H. G. Wade, J. H. Evans, A. Milburn, J. McWilliams, A. Alexander and F. Smith. A large number of the friends in town were present to witness the match.

Old Boys.—First Innings.

Mr. White, b Mr. Wood.....	12
A. W. Anderson, b Baldwin.....	0
N. F. Kerr, c Gurd, b Mr. Wood.....	7
A Mackenzie, c Hobbs, b Baldwin.....	3
K. Cooke, thrown out.....	0
H. Griffith, run out.....	11
L. Price, run out.....	5
C. E. Bourne, b Baldwin.....	3
A. C. Kingstone, b Baldwin.....	3
W. R. Wadsworth, b Mr. Wood.....	0
V. Boyd, not out.....	0
Extras.....	3
Total.....	47

Old Boys.—Second Innings.

N. F. Kerr, retired.....	0
A. Mackenzie, c Baldwin, b Mr. Wood.....	15
Mr. White, retired.....	11
H. Griffith, c Mr. Wood, b Sewell.....	4
R. Cooke, c Duggan, b Sewell.....	4
A. W. Anderson, b Sewell.....	5
L. Price, b Sewell.....	3
C. E. Bourne, c Norsworthy, b Sewell.....	1
V. Boyd, c Baldwin, b Sewell.....	0
A. C. Kingston, not out.....	0
W. R. Wadsworth, b Baldwin.....	5
Extras.....	5
Total.....	53

Ridley—First Innings.

Dalton, b Anderson.....	6
Gurd, b Anderson.....	8
Baldwin, run out.....	4
Gander, m, b Mr. White.....	4
Sewell, b Mr. White.....	3
Mr. Wood, b Mr. White.....	1
Gander, ma, l.b.w., b Mr. White.....	0
Hobbs, b Cooke.....	8
Duggan, b Cooke.....	2
Norsworthy, not out.....	3
Suckling, b Cooke.....	0
Extras.....	2
Total.....	46

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Overs.	Runs.	M.I.s.	Wks.	Av.
J. E. T. Sewell.....	53	123	11	18	6.83
H. D. Gooderham.....	130	253	38	33	7.66
F. W. Baldwin.....	143	283	40	39	9.36
J. Gander.....	18	38	3	4	9.50

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Innings.	Times Not Out.	Most in an Innings.	Runs	Averages
A. E. Dalton.....	19	3	43	234	14.62
W. C. J. Doolittle.....	14	1	43	190	14.61
F. W. Baldwin.....	16	1	27	154	10.26
H. D. Gooderham.....	14	3	14	62	5.63
R. D. Gurd.....	17	1	11	81	5.06
J. S. Gander.....	18	0	16	84	4.66
F. S. Hobbs.....	12	0	8	33	2.75
S. C. Norsworthy.....	14	6	4*	16	2.00
H. L. Hoyles.....	9	1	4	14	1.75
J. E. Sewell.....	16	1	5	25	1.66
M. H. Gander.....	9	2	4	11	1.57
R. Duggan.....	9	1	4	10	1.25

\*Signifies not out.

The Eleven.



R. D. Gurd, '95, '96, '97, '98. Captain for two years. He has shown himself a splendid Captain, certainly the best we could have had. Always on time. Keen and alert in the field till the very end of the game, a smart fielder and a sure catch, he has set a shining example to his Eleven. His batting is becoming freer, and with his recovery from lameness he has been much more effective.

W. C. J. Doolittle, '96, '97, '98. Owing to neglect of practice was late getting into form, but his average for the last four matches was over 25. He is a careful bat, but can punish loose bowling. With more attention to the game earlier in the season he would have done much better. His wicket keeping is good.

F. W. Baldwin, '97 and '98, has scarcely made the advance during the season that was expected; but he has been of the very greatest service to the Eleven, and promises to improve steadily, as he is persevering and desirous to learn. His chief weakness in batting is the anxiety to convert a straight ball into a leg ball. He is strong on the leg side, but must learn to treat straight bowling with more respect. His bowling is chiefly defective in the matter of length, the tendency being to pitch too far. His fielding is quick and clean.

A. E. Dalton, '97 and '98, has been a successful bat. He is a slow scorer and does not hit well on the off side, but he defends his wicket most effectively, and has made some long stands. While not a brilliant

fielder he has done excellent work in this department. He has, with Sewell, had charge of the cricket material.

H. L. Hoyles, '97, '98, has not improved in spite of most determined efforts. His fielding is still somewhat weak.

J. S. Gander, '98, as a bat, has not fulfilled the promise of the early part of the season, appearing to lose his hitting power. He seems to show a want of confidence in his defensive policy. His fielding on the contrary has improved.

J. T. Sewell, '98, was expected to do well but has failed persistently. He has however the makings of a good batsman, and should not despair. He has been of considerable service as change bowler, and with more experience should make a good slow bowler. He has kindly performed the duties of curator.

H. D. Gooderham, '98, is a very promising bowler, with good length and pace. Next year, when he is older and stronger, he ought to do some very good work. His batting is weak and he is apt to give up altogether at a ball that seems difficult.

S. C. Norsworthy, '98 is a good straight bat, but has deficient hitting power. This may develop next year. His fielding is very weak, but is much improved.

R. Duggan, '98, has a good defence and promises to develop some freer play next year. He is a good fielder, though not a sure catch.

M. H. Gander, '98, is stiff and ineffective with the bat, though he can hit a leg ball well. His fielding is superb, and this alone gained him a place on the Eleven.

F. S. Hobbs, '98, considering this is his first year he has done fairly well. He has a good eye and is strong, and next year will probably develop his latent scoring ability.

### An Old Boy In Rome.

In a letter written to his father from the Grand Hotel du Quirinal, Rome, Italy, Arthur Allan, one of Ridley's old boys, goes on to say:

There are a great many more people staying here, and this house possesses, without doubt, the finest garden in Rome. It is simply beautiful with four or five fountains, in which innumerable gold fish swim, and which are completely overtopped with the

most magnificent palms I ever saw. They have an orchestra of eight pieces, which plays almost continuously from five in the afternoon until ten at night. The ordinary parts of the hotels here are not so expensive, most of them being from 12 to 15 lire a day, but they fairly rob you if you are foolish enough to take any extras. For instance, at the Grande Hotel, in Naples, you pay two lire for breakfast, which consists of rolls and coffee only. The first morning I was there they placed a very tempting fish in front of me, actually no larger than our perch. I was foolish enough to immediately reach for it, and it just cost me three lire extra for that puny little fish, which was nothing but bones. I thought, perhaps, they had caught the fish specially for me, but found afterwards that they always have them as a bait for "suckers." Everything over here is on the same scale, and a person has to understand the ways of the people pretty well or they rob you right and left.

The day after writing, three of us started on one of Cook's circular tours, taking one of their guides with us. We left in the morning for Capri, at least thirty of the people on the boat being passengers of the Aller. It was a beautiful day, but quite a big swell, so much so that some of the people who had not succumbed in the least on the way across, regretted ever going to Capri. We went direct to the Blue Grotto, but comparatively few of the passengers would venture in, as the waves completely covered the entrance every time they rolled up. I, you may be sure, was among the number that was going in, even if we had to swim, and some of them thought they literally had done that before they reached the boat again, for they were simply drenched. The Blue Grotto is in some ways quite a remarkable place, but I would think it rather strange if it were not blue inside, for the water all around the Bay of Naples, but particularly around Capri, is the prettiest blue you can imagine. When we first left Gibraltar, I, of course, looked for the color of the sea, for I had always heard of the Mediterranean blue, but before long I put it down entirely to the imagination of some fertile brain, and would have continued to do so had I not gone to Capri. The color cannot be imagined unless it is seen. It is just as different from the Atlantic as night is from day. At Capri we got a carriage and drove over to Anna Capri, which is a town built just over the mountain from the old town.

From here you get a magnificent view of the Bay of Solerno and the "Three Brothers," which are three immense rocks in the ocean. There was nothing particularly fine about Capri, and had it not its blue grotto it would never be visited. Here, as at all other places in Italy, you have to be rowed to shore by boatmen, for which there is in every case an extra payment. There is no reason in the world why buoys and wharves should not be built, not only here, but also at Naples, Sorrento, and I suppose at every Italian town on the sea but the people are so numerous who derive their sole livelihood from carrying passengers and baggage ashore, that every time such a thing is proposed there is such a popular outcry that they are afraid to do it. Just imagine such boats as the North German Lloyds' and warships hoving to, to be coaled from huge scows, at a distance of about 150 feet from the shore.

From Capri we went to Sorrento, staying over night at the Tremontave House. The Tremontave House is built on an immense rock, and from the verandah, which adjoins all front rooms, you can look directly into the sea. From here you get, perhaps, the best view of the Bay of Naples, with the possible exception of Vesuvius. The night we were there was perfect in every way. The moon came right over Naples and gave us a view of the town which is hard to see in day time. Under our window there were at least five boats containing musicians, playing the most delightful music possible. One thing especially that they played well was the Intermezzo from Cavalleria Rusticana. This, which always has been a favorite of mine, is played continually by the Italians. At the back of the hotel they have an immense garden, very prettily laid out with innumerable varieties of roses, over which grow oranges, lemons, figs, olives, pomegranates, etc., which guests are at perfect liberty to pick. It would be foolish to even try and describe Sorrento. It is by far the nicest place I have yet been in, and I very much doubt if I will visit any place in which I would more willingly spend three or four weeks than I would in that small, unpretentious village.

We started out the next morning for Amalfi and Cave di Terrini in a three-horse carriage and with one of the typical Neapolitan coachmen, who never think of anything but speed, cracking their whips and singing "Marguerite." The drive at first winds up

the mountain, which is beautiful, cultivated by an enormous system of terraces into the finest orange and lemon groves. As you gradually reach the top of the mountain you can see the road by which you have ascended at five different heights below you; and looking back over the Bay of Naples, the orange and lemon plantations, the village of Sorrento; you command a view which is not easy to forget. The road from the top of the Sorrento Mountain runs along the sides of different mountains for a distance of about fifteen miles, and is, I think, the finest, as well as the most wonderful, drive in the world. It is for nearly the whole distance hewn out of the rock, and from your seat in the carriage you can look down distances of over 500 feet directly into the sea. At numerous intervals the road takes you over immense chasms which are spanned by the prettiest little stone arches imaginable. All along the mountains here, where there is the least sign of earth, you see either grain or fruit growing, and it is a wonderful thing to me to think how much they make out of their limited space, while in Canada, unless the ground has the most wonderful advantages, it is despised. They say the Italians are not the class of people that Canada wants as emigrants, but I have yet to see the farmers that these same "Dagos" cannot teach how to make much out of little. We lunched at the Capuccini Hotel at Amalfi, where the proprietor remembered me immediately, and asked after my wife, and why I had not brought her with me this time. We met some of our steamer friends at this hotel, and enjoyed sitting around the Capuccini's beautiful garden, so much that we hated to go when our carriage drove up at 4:30. We drove very quickly from here to Cava, which we reached at 7 o'clock, staying at the Hotel de Sondres.

We left next morning early and reached Pompeii at 8.45 a. m., going immediately to the ruins of the old town. We were through with Pompeii by 12 o'clock, and decided to go to Vesuvius. The following day I came on to Rome, and, as I have told you, eventually came to this hotel.

To say that I am enjoying my trip does not begin to express the enjoyment I daily take out of sight-seeing. Everything is so entirely new, and every place is so full of historical and artistic interest, that I find the days go by like hours, and it is hardly conceivable to me that it is nearly four weeks since I left Toronto.

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