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1827 to 1920.

Being the Records of the

PERTH CITY AND PERTH COUNTY
CRICKET CLUBS

Ex-Dean of Guild BARLAS.

PERTH
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1 lb. flour, 1 lb. sugar, 1 lb. butter, 1 lb. eggs, 1 lb. milk.

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Foreword.

THIS booklet is issued on the initiative of Ex-Bailie Hally J.P., under the auspices of the Committee of the Perth County Cricket Club, Limited. It is intended to serve as a Souvenir of the visit to our historic North Inch of the Australian Cricket Team—a team that, by its performances in the test matches in Australia and in England, has demonstrated, beyond all doubt, that it is the greatest cricketing combination of modern times. It is also hoped that from the sale of the brochure such a sum will be realised as will enable the County Cricket Club to hand over to the County and City Royal Infirmary a substantial contribution to its funds.

The Club cannot forget the great services rendered by the staff of the Infirmary on the occasion of the Stand disaster at the Forfarshire match in August, 1903.

Thanks are due to Ex-Dean of Guild Barlas for the writing of the History, to Councillor A. W. Fisher for valuable help and advice, and to Mr. F. A. Walker for attending to the Advertisements and Printing.

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Cricket in Perth—1827-1920.

NO one who attempts to present, even in briefest detail, a record of Perth City and Perth County Cricket can pass on without acknowledging his indebtedness to the pains-taking labours of Mr. William Siewright, author of the "Historical Sketch of the Perth Cricket Club," published in 1880, and the "History of Cricket in Perth from 1812 to 1894," published in 1896. Nearly all the facts relating to the beginnings of Cricket in Perth, in this brochure, are gleaned from his pages.

There is evidence to prove that Cricket, as the game was known in England, was played on the North Inch of Perth as early as 1812. At that date there were at least two clubs in the city—a military club, composed of soldiers drawn from the Barracks and from the dépôt for the French prisoners-of-war; and a school eleven, composed of the students attending Mr. Hugh Mitchell's Academy, Tailor's Hall, High Street. This club practised and played regularly in 1813-14-15 on a pitch on the North Inch opposite the Academy. Alexander MacLoughlin, master painter, was one of the playing members. The game was also played by the young tradesmen of the city, and thus early a good deal had been done to foster the love of English cricket. Favoured by the unequalled facilities for the game, which the magnificent Inches afforded, there was nothing to hinder progress from those small beginnings to greater things. To Mr. John Caleb Simmonds, of Edmonton, Middlesex, appointed first superintendent of Murray's Royal

Asylum in 1827, falls the honour of founding the Perth Cricket Club. The formation of the club coincides with his coming to reside in Perth. Mr. Siewright, in his "History of Cricket in Perth," discards the date 1826 and fixes upon 1827 as the year when the club was called into being. Beyond the fact that Mr. Simmonds was the prime mover in giving the club a local habitation and a name, there is no record as to who formed the first executive. There were no Scottish clubs in existence when the Perth inaugurated its career, save possibly a few military teams stationed at various barracks. This, no doubt, accounts for the absence of any report of matches during the initial years of the club's existence.

Few particulars are given in the early records as to the organisation and finances of the Club. The expenditure must have been exceedingly moderate at first, and the yearly subscription was low. The first list given is one of twenty-nine names—3/- being set against each as "entry and one month's subscription." It would seem however, from another list that 5/- or 5/6 was the original annual subscription. Expenses increased and members did not always pay their dues with punctuality, hence in 1832 as many as thirteen members doubled their subscriptions, amongst whom were some of the leading early players. The total subscriptions for the first year was £10 2s 6d. The following is the earliest recorded list of members:—Alexander Scott, A. Matthew, David Ross, James Greig, John Gibson, Wm. Greig, R. S. Bisset, Archibald McIntyre, Robert Cameron, Ralph Bernal, Henry Hepburn, A. Jamieson, David Stark, R. Stewart, John Deas, William Maury, P. Soniar, Alex. Walker, William Anderson, R. Ancell, Robert Bisset, David Greig, D. Halket, A. M. Wedderspoon, Alexander Drummond, T. Robertson, William Niven, J. C. Simmonds, John Thomas, John McLean, William Tasker, D. McIwan, James Gentle, Thos. Fleming, H. M'Leod, Walter Baird, David Syme, Thomas Caw, D. Stobie, James Condie, P. Davidson, Archd. Grant, Wm. Pearson, Wm. Peddie, W. Illood, G. B. Clark, Adam Elrick. The love of the game was claiming the attention of the youths of our city. In a paragraph in the "Perth Courier" of 16th June, 1831, I find this recorded:—"A numerous party of young gentlemen have formed themselves for the exercise of the game of cricket. Respectable office-bearers have been appointed and a gay uniform has been procured for its members, who duly pass the morning hours on the South Inch in this invigorating exercise. The Society is designated the Perth Cricket Club, and is rapidly increasing in numbers." Mr. Siewright has apparently overlooked this notice in the "Courier," and we can only assume that while the Club may have been formed in 1827 it was not till 1831 that its doings were first noticed in the Press. In the return match with the 71st Regiment, of the members mentioned above ten took part in the game, namely, Soutar, Elrick, Pearson, Bisset, Ross, Gentle, Greig, Syme, Grant, and Matthew.

The first Anniversary Dinner of the Club was held in the George Inn on Tuesday, 18th October, 1831. Dr. Halket, Captain of the Club, was in the chair.



During the eight years embraced between 1827 and 1834 we have what may be called the first period of the Club's history, during which eleven matches were played, the first in 1829 being at Stirling against Glasgow University, of which no details are given, but the match is said to have been won by Perth. In 1831 a game is reported, in which a team representing the 71st Regiment and the Perth C.C. played a close game, Perth winning by 1 run and 2 wickets.

A return match was played five weeks afterwards, when the Regiment won by 20 runs. This match was played as late as the 11th September, and a still more important and exciting encounter was tackled at Stirling on the 24th of the same month, when the men of the Fair City met the Glasgow University. It is worth noting, in passing, how late in the season those games were played, suggesting that the starts were very much earlier than they are now. The University challenged the Perth Club, the stake being £25 a side.

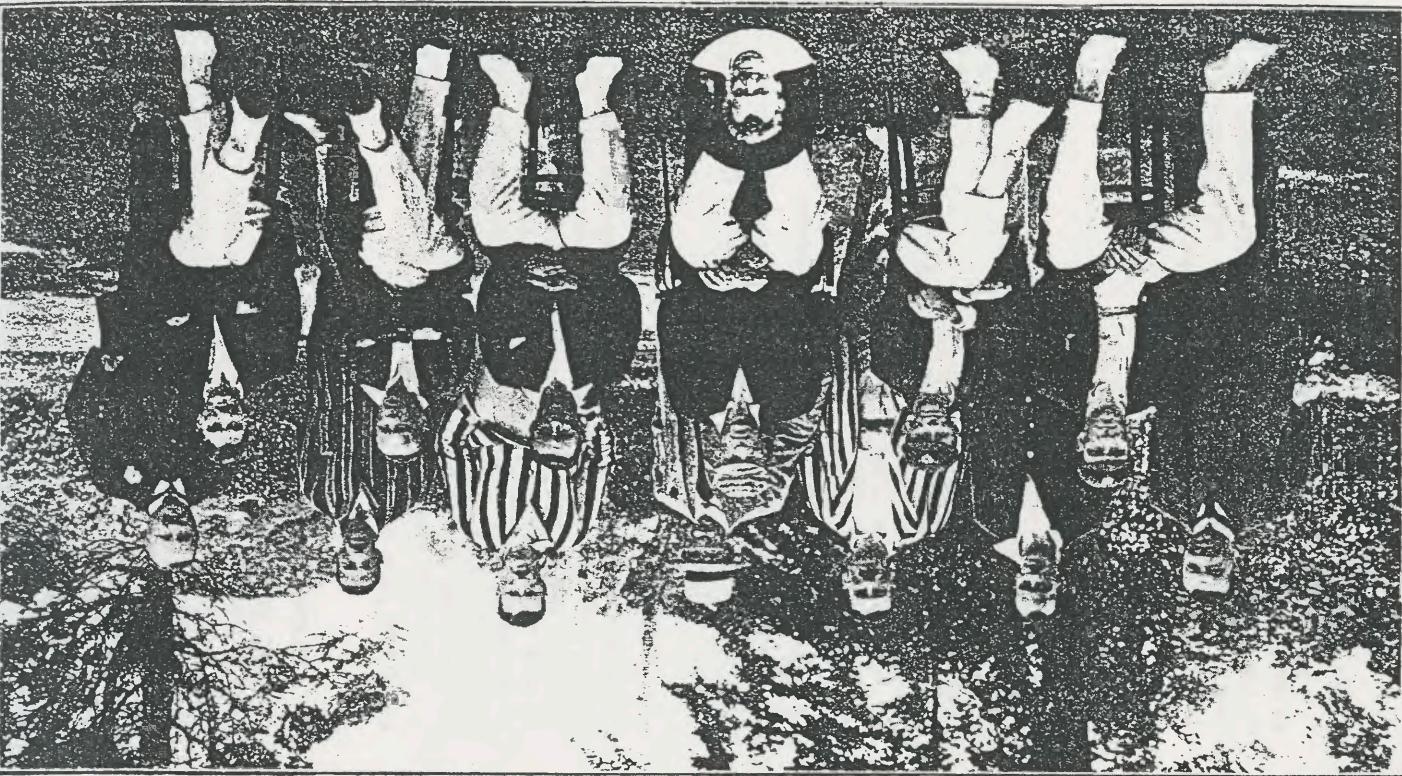
A contemporary account of this match records that when the combatants met it was discovered that amongst those who appeared for Glasgow University were several of the picked men from both the clubs of that city—a circumstance which in no small degree tended to damp the ardour of the "Heroes of the North." They had not played long, however, ere they felt that they had not very much to fear from the crack men of Glasgow. The Perth club excelled their opponents both in bowling and batting, but were greatly inferior in fielding. The scores were:—

Perth Club,	62 and 48 = 110,
Glasgow University,	48 and 58 = 106,

Perth winning by the narrow margin of four runs. This match was so very close that the men of the West were not disposed to admit the superiority of the Perth players. A match was accordingly arranged to be played at Perth on Saturday, 25th August, 1832. The day, we are told, was most favourable. The game commenced at 10 o'clock, the Perth going in first and scoring 160. To this the Glasgow University replied with 30 runs in the first innings, and in the second 75, Perth thus winning by an innings and 55 runs. In this match, J. C. Simmonds scored 47 and E. L. Maitland 29 not out. The Perth C.C. again met the Collegians at Stirling on 15th July, 1833, the match ending in a tie, the first in the history of the club. The scoring was particularly low:—

Perth,	30 and 47 = 77.
Glasgow University,	38 and 39 = 77.

Perth challenged their opponents to play a third innings to decide the game, but the schoolmen declined. Reverting to 1832, the Perth Club met a combination known as the "Perth Union" on the North Inch on Monday, 11th July. No details of the match are available, but it is said to have been very keenly contested. At the close of the encounter, owing to some inaccuracy in the marking, both sides claimed a victory. By decision of the umpires, the game was declared drawn. This match is not altogether unimportant from the fact that it sheds a measure of sidelight on the



The Perthshire Cricket Eleven, 1921.

[Photo, by] *Walter, Farmer Smith.*

Top Row: A. Laito, Secretary, W. Murdoch, R. Gardiner, Ex-Ballie, J.P., Capt. Ritchie, Capt. Blackwell, Neil Gow, Treasurer.
Bottom Row: J. A. Ferguson, J. Anderson, W. Lovat Fraser, Captain, W. Honeymann, J. Hallie, R. A. Wood, Jessie, J. Miller.



that there were many who had a practical knowledge of the game previous to the formation of the Perth Cricket Club, and that some vigorous cricket—acquired by the practice of years—existed in the city in 1832 outside the Perth Club proper.

In 1834 the Perth Club sustained its second defeat, this time from the hands of the Glasgow Club. The match was played on the North Inch, the scores being :—

Perth,	26 and 42 = 68,
Glasgow,	55 and 14 for 1 wkt. = 69,

the home team losing by 1 run and 9 wickets, a humiliating reverse.

A return match was played at Perth in August of the same year. As this was the first cricket match played for the championship of Scotland, it possesses more than ordinary interest. I quote the following from a report by the *Perthshire Advertiser* :—"The match took place on the North Inch on Saturday last (23rd). The play on both sides was of the best description, and the contest, which was the keenest and closest ever seen here, was eventually decided in favour of the Glasgow Club by 3 runs, they thus having gained two successive matches with the Perth Club, who were hitherto considered the best cricketers in this part of the kingdom."

Scores :—

Glasgow,	67 and 39 = 106.
Perth,	70 and 33 = 103.

This same year there is recorded the first of that long series of contests which are still waged between Perth batsmen and clubs from the Dundee district. On the North Inch, in August, the Dundee C.C. met the Perth eleven with the following result :—

Perth,	72 and 132 = 204.
Dundee,	42 and 35 = 77.

The Perth Club won by 127 runs. In the second innings of the home side, Mr. Simmonds scored 53.

It would appear that from 1827 to 1834, of the eleven matches recorded, 6 were won, 3 lost, and 2 drawn. We find that about thirty different persons are mentioned as having taken part in one or more of the eleven contests. Mr. Simmonds played in seven of the games, scored 198, an average of 15.3.

In 1835 considerable additions were made to the membership of the club, including a number of county gentlemen. The early enthusiasm for the game appears to have evaporated. Meetings were held occasionally for the reception of members and for practice. Various Scottish clubs—the Grange, Brunswick of Edinburgh, and the Dundee Club—were challenged to play matches, but no fixtures could be arranged. About 1843 and 1844 there was a manifest revival, the club entering into a most vigorous and successful period of its history. The home team seems to have been particularly powerful in 1846. The Grange had issued a challenge to "All Scotland," a proceeding which indicates the strength of the Edinburgh combination at that period. Nothing daunted, Perth met

them in July at Edinburgh and secured a draw. The return match was played at Perth the following month, when the Grange suffered defeat by nine wickets. "The victory," says a writer of the day, "thus gained by the Perth Club over the Grange is considerably enhanced by the fact that the latter club recently in *Bell's Life* challenged 'All Scotland.' Laurence and Walker for Perth bowled beautifully. The fielding also was excellent, and altogether the improvement on the play of the Perth Club must have somewhat astonished our Grange friends who, it is said, came over with their minds made up to take the shine off what they considered the over brilliant reputation of the boys of St. Johnstone. In the meantime, however, this hope has been deferred."

The scores were :—

Grange,	31 and 33 = 64.
Perth,	55 and 12 for 1 wkt. = 67.

Perth won by 9 wickets and 3 runs.

This same year (1846) the Perth C.C. accepted a challenge to try their skill against any eleven players picked out of any club or clubs in Scotland. The challenge, on the terms stated, was given by Mr. Baillie of Jerviswood (afterwards Lord Jerviswood) and was at once accepted. It was arranged as a two days' match, to be played on the 1st and 2nd of October—note again this very late date. The "All Scotland" eleven comprised seven Grange players; two Captains and two Sergeants from the Edinburgh garrison.

Scores :—

All Scotland,	50 and 54 for 8 wks.
Perth C.C.,	92.

The match is so outstanding in the history of the Perth Club that I think it well to give the score of the home team in detail :—

PERTH C.C. (First Innings).	
Jamieson, b Baillie,	4
Condie, b Baillie,	...
Rennie, b Baillie,	6
Laurence, b Baillie,	...
Sir T. Moncreiffe, c and b Young,	...
Murray, c Hutchison, b Young,	3
A. Irrie, not out,	0
Kemp, b Young,	45
Walker, c and b Hutchinson,	8
Duncan, b Baillie,	4
H. Skeete, c and b Moncrieff,	5
Byes, ...	0
Wides, ...	5
Total,	92

There being only two wickets to fall in the "All Scotland's" second venture, and the Perth score exceeded by only 12 runs, the position of the visitors was so hopeless that it was arranged, by consent, to abandon the second day's play and declare the P.C.C. winners. From 1844 to 1848 inclusive, only fourteen matches were played, nine being won, two lost, and three drawn. The principal bowlers



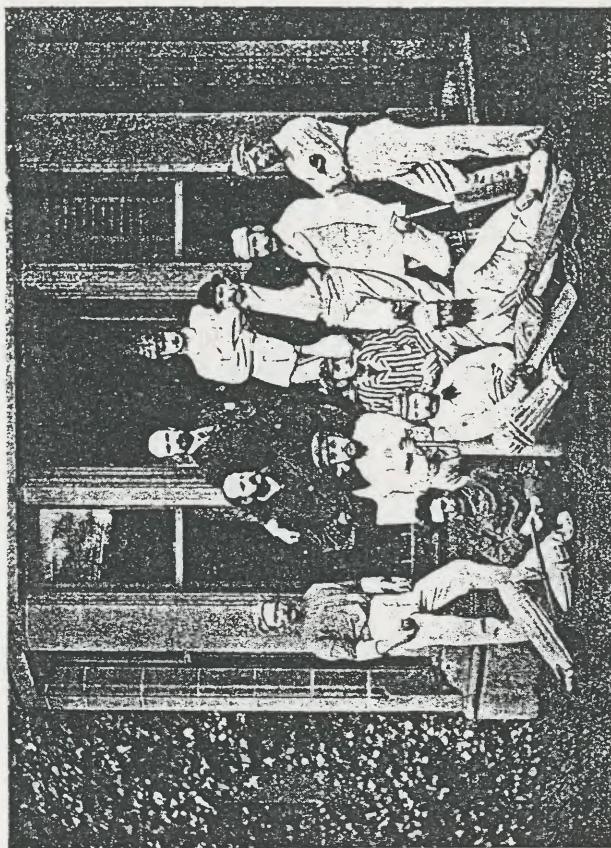
during those years were Messrs. Kennie, Boyle, Walsh, Stewart, Walker, Lawrence, and Sir Thomas Moncreiffe. Bowling and batting averages were not attended to. As a rule, the totals in all matches were low, and individual scores of 40 or 50 being regarded as quite phenomenal. It has to be remembered that bowlers in those days were greatly aided by the poor pitches. The cutting machine and the heavy roller were then unknown implements on cricket grounds.

Leaving the match records, let us devote a few lines to other matters that are of interest. At a general meeting of the club in 1835, Mr. Peddie was elected captain; Mr. Condie, lieutenant; Mr. Whitson, treasurer; and Mr. William Ross, secretary. Mr. Peddie was awarded a vote of thanks for his handsome conduct at the match with the Glasgow Club in 1834, in providing an elegant entertainment, not only for the players, but for the ladies and strangers who were on the ground. At the same meeting, the annual subscription was raised from 5/- to 7/6. In 1839 there is another general meeting, at which nine gentlemen were admitted to membership. The next meeting recorded is in May, 1843, at which Mr. A. Jamieson was elected chairman, the meeting resolving "to practise and encourage the game of cricket in Perth during the season." The treasurer was directed to pay Mr. Peter Malloch, the officer of the club, "the sum of one pound in full." At a meeting held a few days later, Mr. Kemp was authorised to purchase two bats and two balls. Mr. Jackson was appointed officer of the Club "at a salary not exceeding two pounds, two shillings annually." At this time Mr. George Condie and Mr. Robert Walker were admitted members. The Hon. Fox Manie, M.P. for the City (afterwards the Earl of Dalhousie), was elected captain. At a subsequent meeting the newly-appointed captain suggested the getting of a professional and offered a subscription towards his salary. The secretary was instructed to acknowledge Mr. Manie's kindness and their "regret that they will be unable to get a regular professional bowler to Perth." This is the first time a professional is spoken of in the history of the club. The secretary was instructed to get four balls, and to write to Glasgow for that purpose. In June, 1845, the minutes record that "the secretary was instructed to request Mr. Walsh to name two days in the week that he could attend at the Inch and take the management of the field, direct the players, and instruct them in the game." Mr. Walsh, who was a member of the Club, was an Englishman, hailing from Lincoln, and was an accomplished cricketer.

In 1850 some unpleasantness arose between the Grange and Perth clubs regarding the playing of Lawrence, whom the Grange held to be a professional and not an amateur. The Perth strongly repelled this assumption and produced evidence to show that Lawrence was a *bona-fide* gentleman player. Notwithstanding this disclaimer, the Grange, as a set off against Lawrence, introduced to their team in 1850-51 a Mr. Usherwood, who was indeed a professional. The result was a strained relationship between the clubs and a refusal on the part of the Grange to meet the Perth team in 1852.

The Perthshire Cricket Eleven that met and defeated the M.C.C. Team,

on 28th and 29th August, 1876.



Names reading from left to right:

John A. Imrie. R. W. Wordsworth.
Hunter Greig. C. T. Eden.
Sergt. A. Bunch. R. Dunsmore. W. F. Middleton. R. Keay.
P. Stewart. W. G. Greig. T. Whittet. J. C. Johnstone.

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Perth wrote again and again and expostulated with their Edinburgh friends. "The excuse which the Grange advanced for not giving the men of St. Johnstone a fixture was that they had lost their bowlers. "If I could get two bowlers," writes the secretary of the Grange club, "I would not hesitate to agree at once to a match, but without them this is impossible." In August of the previous year the Grange met and defeated Perth by 35 runs, so that this excuse of want of bowlers seems somewhat thin. This same year (1851) Perth met the Aberdonians for the first time, inflicting upon them a heavy defeat, as the following scores show :—

Perth,	78 and 120 = 198.
Aberdeen,	29 and 17 = 46.

The refusal of the Grange to play in 1852, led to the issue in *Bell's Life*, London, of the following :—

Challenge.

18th July, 1852.

"The Grange (Edinburgh) Cricket Club having declined to play the Perth Cricket Club the annual matches this season, the P.C.C. now claim the championship of Scotland and are open to play on the North Inch of Perth, before the end of July, any club in Scotland, and failing this, any eleven gentlemen, at the date of this challenge *bona fide* members of Scotch clubs. No professionals on either side."

Meantime a match had been arranged with the Caledonian Club of Edinburgh, the day before the above challenge appeared. This gave rise to a rumour that the Caledonian had accepted the challenge, but the fixture with the Caledonian had nothing to do with Perth's war-whoop. If it had, then the men of the Fair City had every reason to be satisfied with the result. Perth scored 118 in the first innings, to which the Caledonian replied with 28. Instead of following on, as is now the rule when sixty runs behind in a first innings in a one-day match, the visitors allowed Perth to bat a second time. When stumps were drawn, the score was 97 for 5 wickets. It does not appear that the *Bell's Life* offer was ever accepted.

The year 1852 was a notable one in the history of the club, for it was the year in which the P.C.C. defeated the then famous I. Zingari. The match was played on the 14th and 15th September, twelve men aside. On the I. Zingari side, we notice the names of the Marquis of Worcester, Lord F. Gordon, Captain Munday, Hon. C. Lyon, Earl of Strathmore, Lord Dupperlin, Sir Thomas Moncreiffe. The scores were :—

Perth	73 and 44 = 117.
I. Zingari,	62 and 42 = 104.

Perth won by 13 runs.

"The Perth players," said *Bell's Life* in a notice of the match, "possess not only perseverance but patience, which latter quality gained them a victory in one of the most interesting matches I. Zingari have played during the present season." *The Perth Courier*, describing the play, says :—"The Perth side were at the wickets for three hours, I. Zingari only one hour and forty-five

minutes. As it took the Perthians that time to make 73 runs, whilst I. Zingari made 62 in little more than half the time, the deduction is that the Wandlers' bowling must have been pretty good, or their run-getting power rapid—it was too rapid, too rash. Patience was wanting, and then, in spite of the very good bowling of Messrs. Walker and Smith, it would have been in the power of the Gipsies to have made the contest even closer than it was. At this match there was the largest gathering the I. Zingari have ever seen round them, and one which they each and every one trust they may again witness—full of good humour, good spirits, and good fellowship—kind to their foes—keen for their friends, whose victory they hailed with vociferous cheer."

The Perth C.C. Receives Colours.

In connection with the I. Zingari match, *The Field* of 23rd April, 1853, has the following :—"The Perth Club had its opening game for the season on the North Inch on the afternoon of Saturday last, 16th current. During the course of the afternoon, the Club was presented with a magnificent flag and flag-staff by the ladies of Perth in token of their approbation of the successful result of all the matches played by the club last season, and especially of the victory obtained over I. Zingari in September. The flag is a beautiful piece of embroidery, having the Perth City Arms in the centre and the initials of the club, etc., also embroidered on it. The flag was presented on behalf of the ladies by the Rev. Mr. Murdoch, of the Middle Kirk, who made an eloquent speech on the occasion, and a neat and appropriate reply was returned by Mr. Kemp, who, as Lieutenant of the Club, received the flag. There were several hundred spectators at the presentation. We are informed that the Perth Club is at present the champion of Scotland."

The writer of this brief sketch remembers seeing the flag fluttering on its white painted flagstaff in front of the luncheon marquee when important matches were played half-a-century ago. Alas, this interesting and valued treasure was destroyed when the Club's Pavilion was burnt to the ground in 1913.

The Thistle, of Glasgow, had pretensions to the Championship, and had challenged Perth through the pages of *Bell's Life*. The Secretary of the Perth C.C. sent this curt answer :—"Any communication in regard to a match addressed to the Secretary of the Club at Perth will be duly attended to." The clubs appear to have met in 1848, when the Glasgow men encountered a crushing defeat by 2 runs and 9 wickets. They met again in August, 1853, and played a match of one innings each, the scores being—Perth 101; Thistle 53. In this game, Mr. E. Archer is specially mentioned for "a magnificent square-leg hit past the tent for 5." This is the first five-hit recorded in the history of the club's matches. From 1849 to 1854 inclusive, twenty matches were played, 9 won, 6 lost, and 5 drawn. The bowlers during the period were Messrs. MacLeish, Walker, Laurence, Dewar, Smith, and Christopher Wood. The lack



of carefully taken bowling analysis during the early history of the club leaves a regrettable blank in the records. The season of 1853 appears to be the first in which the bowling was correctly attended to, the figures given being:—

	Balls.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Average.
R. Walker,	484	44	69	26	2:17
R. B. Smith,	526	38	93	20	4:13
Chris. Wood,	55	4	5	5	1:0

In the early part of 1854 the United All-England Eleven had entered into an arrangement to play a match at Glasgow against 22 of Scotland, in September of that year, and were very anxious to have an engagement with the Perth Club about the same time. In pursuance of this object, Dean and Wisden, the secretaries of the United Eleven, and also Fred Lilywhite, wrote the Perth Club wishing to know if their terms would be suitable. The negotiations, however, fell through. The Secretary of the Clydesdale Club had invited Messrs. Wood, Lankham, Archer, and Skeete to assist against the Englishmen at Glasgow, but from various causes none of them were able to respond to the request.

We find that in 1855, William Peedie was re-elected Captain, John Thomas, Lieutenant, and David Keay, Secretary. At the first meeting of the season, it was agreed to raise a voluntary subscription to pay the salary of a professional trainer. The meeting also resolved that in future the

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of members going to matches should be paid out of the funds of the Club. George Condie, Esq., was in 1856 unanimously appointed Captain. He had undertaken to engage a bowler for the season. The following letter, with terms of engagement, transmitted to John Forbes, the first professional of the club, may be quoted at length, as it throws some light on the routine observed at practice and the duties of the "prof." :—

(Copy letter—George Condie, Esq., to John Forbes).

Perth, 9th April, 1856.

SIR, I can now engage you for 14 weeks at £30, commencing on say 20th April curr. There is a subscription list which will be given to you, and the subscribers will at all times have a preference to your services. The Perth Cricket Club have appointed you their officer, and the duties are to take out the bats daily at 3 o'clock and they are out till about half-past six, and again at 8 o'clock if any party desires to play. On Saturday, at one o'clock, and earlier on any match days, to attend all matches, your expenses, of course, being paid, and to do what you can when not engaged by the subscribers to improve the cricketers of the Perth Club.

I do not think you will dislike the place, and I am sure you will find nobody troublesome.

You will also require to look after the ground, but that is no difficult matter. Say if the terms I have named suit you, and when you can come.

I am, etc.,

(Signed) GEORGE CONDIE.

Amongst the subscribers to the professional fund were Lord Dudding, Lord Rollo, Sir T. Moncreiffe, Mr. Condie, Mr. Walker, Mr. Keay, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Skeete, Mr. W. Inrie. The coach proved rather a disappointment, for of the five matches played in 1856, the Perth players won only one, and that being the first ever played against Stirling. Perth lost heavily in the return fixture by six wickets. Forbes did not take part in any of the games played. His services were dispensed with, and the following season a gentleman named Puddiephat was engaged as professional. In 1857 nine games were played, Perth winning seven and losing two. Puddiephat took part in the two with the Grange, and, strange to say, those were the two that were lost. Perth's first essay with professionals had not been a success.

During 1859 and 1860 the Club appears to have been in low water, no matches during those seasons being recorded. Several new names are found among the players in 1861 and 1862, not a few of them being regular playing members for many years, and some of them destined to become notable bowlers and batsmen in their day—James Inrie, John A. Inrie, Davie Inrie, D. Ross, John Miller, James Young, Pooley (afterwards the famous wicket-keeper of the United South of England Eleven) was prof. for 1861; Colville for 1862; Holloway for 1863; and Lochhead for 1864. It was in 1864 that the Perth Club first met the Free Foresters, a first-rate English combination of strong batting power. A two days' match played in September ended in a very creditable draw, the scores being:—Free Foresters, 227 and 126. Perth, 177.

Lochhead proved himself a splendid coach, an excellent practice bowler, and the club retained his services for four years in succession. Batting in the forties, fifties, and sixties of last century must have been a most tedious affair. Here is the scoring against Aberdeen in 1853. In two innings, during which 152 runs were scored, I find one 4, three 3's, eighteen 2's, and one hundred singles—two-thirds of the total in single hits. Ten years afterwards the hitting became freer, for in a game played against Clydesdale in 1863, in a score of 140, I find again only the one 4, but nine 3's, and twenty-two 2's, less than half the score being made up of 65 singles, an indication that the batsmen were beginning to take more liberties with the bowling. It must be remembered that the grass not far from the wicket was often long, and the ball did not travel well unless "lifted."

In 1865 and 1866, out of twenty matches played during those two seasons 12 were won, 7 lost, and 1 drawn. In the latter year, Greenock contributed one of the record small scores, their first innings only producing 9 runs, and their second 25. In 1869, in a match played on the North Inch between the Perth Club and Crieff Academy, the visitors were all dismissed for 8 runs.

At the general meeting of the Club in 1870, it was proposed and unanimously agreed that with a view of strengthening the club, the secretary be authorised to issue a circular to various gentlemen throughout the City and County soliciting their patronage and



inviting them to become members of what was henceforth to be the PERTHSHIRE CRICKET CLUB. It cannot be said that the change in the name has brought that added strength to the Club which was anticipated from the widening of the area of its patronage, or a greater field for playing members.

One must notice here the visit of the All England Eleven, when twenty-two gentlemen of the Eastern Counties of Scotland met this powerful combination on the North Inch. The fixture was arranged by the energy of Mr. R. W. Wordsworth, the secretary of the Perthshire Cricket Club. The match fund reached £184 19s 10d, nearly £140 of which was required to pay the expenses of the match. There were no inclosures and no collections in those days. In the 22, there were 9 representing Perthshire (including 1 from Trinity College), 5 from Aberdeenshire, 4 from Forfarshire, 2 from Fifeshire, and 2 professionals. The Scotsmen made a sorry figure, their two innings only yielding 174; while the Englishmen, assisted by miserable fielding, amassed 205.

In 1873, the Perthshire boldly tackled the M.C.C. on even terms, eleven men aside, and met with gratifying success, the game ending in a draw, as follows :—

M.C.C., 73 and 98,
Perthshire, 55 and 39 for 4 wickets,

a fairly good performance when we consider that the opposing bowlers were Alfred Shaw, Ryloff, and Biddulph. But as we shall see, Perthshire, three years later, were going to go one better than this. The same teams met again in 1874, the M.C.C. having in their eleven Shaw, Price, Ryloff, Biddulph, and Farrends, and although on this occasion the Perthshire played 14 men, they were quite outplayed :—

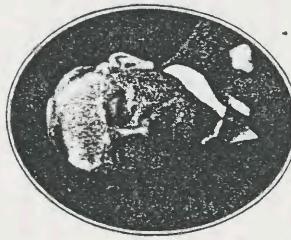
Marylebone, 139.
Perthshire, 49 and 40.

The Club in those days put up with very primitive arrangements. The playing pitch, even for the most important matches, was just about half the size of a modern bowling green. There was no boundary line. Big hits had to be lifted into the "country"; it was useless to attempt to get runs by keeping the ball down and sending it "nicely along the grass." The thing could not be done. It is well to remember this in comparing the scores of those days with the huge totals that are now amassed. There was no practice net, no whitewashed screens, no refreshments except the few bottles of beer kept in a hamper by Old George, the greenkeeper. This hamper, along with a sack containing a selection of bats, and a similar sack containing cricket pads and shoes, was brought every afternoon to the practice ground by Jovie Henderson on a barrow, from the Club's store room, 4 North Port.

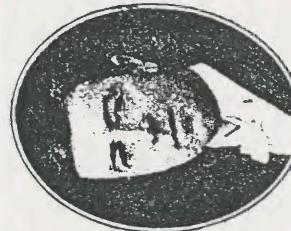
Members were not over particular, and helped themselves to what suited them from the collection of shoes and bats in the respective bags. There was no pavilion, and on match days the visiting team and the members of the Club lunched in a marquee placed at a spot where the tent now used is pitched. In front of



W. LOVAT FRASER,
Present Captain of the Perthshire
Eleven.



A. LATIO.
Secretary to the Club, a position
he has filled for Twenty Years.



Ex-Baile R. HALLEY, J.P.,
who has been connected with the
Club in various official capacities
for over Fifty Years.



NEIL GOW.
Treasurer to the Club, a position
he has filled for Eighteen Years



A. K. BELL.
A Captain of former days and
President of the Club at the
present time.

The late J. THOMAS,
Past President, Player and Ardent
Supporter in the early days
of the Club

this luncheon tent, on a tall white-painted poll floated the fine flag presented to the Club by the ladies of Perth in 1853.

In 1875 Perthshire faced Drumpellier for the first time, playing home and home matches. At Perth, Drumpellier won by 36 runs, but at Coatbridge Perthshire won by 50 runs. From 1870 to 1875 inclusive, 60 matches were played, 35 won, 17 lost, 6 drawn, and 2 tied. When scores of 60 or 70 or 80 were made by individual players in those days it was quite a customary practice to present the member with a bat, bearing a silver plate, on which the achievement was recorded. Amongst the players to receive this distinction were R. W. Wordsworth, P. Stewart, R. Keay, J. Millar, R. Halley. For several seasons preceding 1876 the interest in the game had considerably cooled and the club suffered financially and otherwise. There had been no professional engaged for five years.

Louis Hall, of Yorkshire, was appointed professional in 1876, and proved one of the best instructors the club ever had. The year of his appointment was one of the red-letter years in the history of the club. So far as can be ascertained it was the year in which the coveted "century" was first scored on the Inch. It was registered by Louis Hall against Dumbarton County, the professional's contribution being 133 in a total of 289 for six wickets. The match was drawn. The outstanding encounter of the year, and so far in the history of the Club, was the match against

MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND,

played on the 28th and 29th August. Never since the matches against "All Scotland" in 1846, and the I. Zingari in 1852, were the Perth lovers of the game stirred to such keen feeling as on this occasion. The Englishmen batted first and scored 160, to which Perthshire replied with 60. The second innings of the M.C.C. was of the nature of a procession; the fielding and bowling of Perthshire was so good that this crack team were all dismissed for a paltry 32, only one player, Captain Pennycook, reaching double figures (11). This left the home team 102 to win. But they had great bowlers to face in Mcrost and Rylott, and they meant business. The batting of Perthshire was very variable, and such as to give thrills more than once. One for 8, two for 42—that was good. Six for 58—that was bad. Seven for 99 again raised the hopes of the Perthites—"century" had just been notched when Middleton was caught for an invaluable 18. Dunsmore, with one run to tie and two to win, came out and scored the winning hit, a two off Rylott, and, amid a scene of unbounded enthusiasm, Perthshire gained a great victory by 1 run and 2 wickets.

What contributed to this fine achievement was the great bowling of Sergeant Bunch, a noted underhand bowler; and the splendid batting of Wordsworth 25 not out first innings and 23 not out in the second, Hunter Greig 20, Middleton 18, and P. Stewart 13, in the second innings. Bunch's bowling is worth recording:—In the first innings he captured 8 wickets for 62 runs, and in the second innings his analysis ran—15 overs, 5 maidens, 11 runs, 5 wickets.

Never were the players and supporters of the old club so proud as on this occasion, for to no other team in Scotland has fallen the honour of recording a win over the M.C.C. After the match the Perthshire team was photographed. The picture has been reproduced on page 17 of this brochure.

From 1876 to 1888 inclusive, 183 matches were played—96 won, 50 lost, 35 drawn, 2 tied. It was in 1885, in a match against Aberdeenshire that Mr. J. T. Soutar took all the ten wickets in the first innings. Fully a month afterwards, at the close of the last match of the season, Mr. Soutar was presented with the ball, silver-mounted and suitably inscribed. The year 1889 is remarkable for the number of engagements on the fixture card, shewing that at this period the old club was rich in playing members. There were 22 first eleven fixtures, and 16 for the second eleven. Of the former, 11 were won, 3 lost, and 5 drawn. It is of interest to note that this same year the Club went on a short tour in Ireland, during which they played three matches—one in Dublin against the famous Phoenix Park, which was won by 76 runs. They then journeyed to Belfast and played the North of Ireland and Cliftonville, the match with the former was drawn and that with the latter won by 60 runs. Ex-Bailie Halley was Captain of the visiting team. On account of the number of matches won, 1890 stands out as a great one for the club. Out of 19 on the programme, no fewer than 17 were won. Amongst the clubs deserted were Drumpellier, Edinburgh University, Australasians, Leith Caledonian, Blair Lodge, Arbroath United, and Fife-shire (twice). It has to be noted, too, that this was in Haigh's day, and Robert Halley (Ex-Bailie Halley) was Captain. The sturdy 'Fyke proved himself an ideal professional, and Mr. Halley in many respects the highest conception of a captain. The result was renewed prosperity to the Club in every department.

On the 12th, 13th, and 14th October, 1893, the Club promoted a Bazaar for the purpose of raising funds to erect a new pavilion, and to make much needed improvements on the ground. The Bazaar was opened by Sir Robert Moncreiffe, and Mr. John Thomas presided. The pavilion which was to be displaced was erected on ground leased from the Perth Bowling Club, and as the bowlers were proposing extensions, "the shabby old structure," as Mr. Thomas described it, had to be removed. The three days' sale realised £1013 11s 10d, and the following year a new pavilion was erected on ground kindly granted by the then Earl of Kinnoull.

I ought to have mentioned that in 1892 Perthshire tackled a combination of English County players, captained by Louis Hall. The home team made rather an indifferent show, scoring only 70 and 60 in two innings. The Englishmen won by 5 wickets.

In 1893 only eight matches were won, and twelve were lost; but 1894 gives figures that are quite a contrast to this. Out of 23 matches played, no fewer than 16 were won, only 3 lost, and the others drawn. It was a great year for Haigh, the prof. In batting, in 22 innings, he had an aggregate of 583 runs, and an average of 34.5; with a bowling record of 128 wickets at a cost of 4½ runs each.



as professional that ever played for Perth or Fifehire has ever shown a performance like this, and it placed Haigh far in front of any professional in Scotland for that year. Haigh was again at the top of the batting averages in 1895, and he scored the only century of the season—125 not out against Stirling County. In 1896, we lost more matches than we won, but the following year there was a considerable improvement in the playing form, ten games being won and six lost. It was in 1897 that Shutt, the professional, scored 164 against the Watsonians of Edinburgh. The next event worth a special notice was the dismissal in 1899 of Burntisland for the record lowest score ever made on the Inch, namely 4 runs. Vost, professional, and Mr. MacGregor Mitchell were the bowlers. I reproduce the remarkable bowling analyses:—

	1 W.	· W.	· W.	W. ·	W. ·	6 wickets for 1 run.
Mitchell,	1 W.	· W.	· W.	W. ·	W. ·	
Vost, ...	1 W.	W. ·	· W.	· W.	1 W.	4 wickets for 3 runs.

We are not likely to see figures like these again on the North Inch pitch for a long time. In 1902 the Scottish County Championship Competition was inaugurated—Perthshire, Fifehire, Aberdeenshire, Stirlingshire, Fifeshire, and subsequently Clackmannan County forming the League. In this year half the matches played were drawn—eleven out of twenty-two.

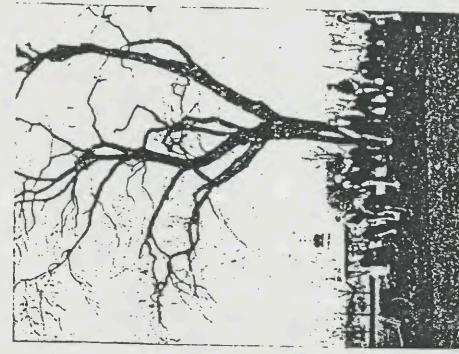
Season 1903 will ever be memorable as the year of the fall of the Grand Stand during the progress of the match against Fifehire on Saturday, the 1st August. The game had reached a most interesting stage. Fifehire had scored 156 on Friday, to which Perthshire replied with 246. In their second innings Fifehire had compiled 45 runs for one wicket; W. R. Sharp and Higgins were batting when, to the consternation of the vast crowd, the Grand Stand, with 400 spectators seated upon it, was seen to collapse. It was the work of a moment. The scene which followed is one which those who witnessed it will not readily forget. Fortunately no life was lost, but some were seriously injured, and many more or less hurt. A band of willing helpers rushed to the rescue of the sufferers and in less than an hour after the disaster all the injured were removed either to the Infirmary, to their homes in town, or to the railway station to train to their respective destinations.

The Committee of the Club had to negotiate 51 claims for injuries received. By tact and careful management, each claim was satisfactorily settled without recourse to Court proceedings. In this delicate work, Mr. John Thomas, the Hon. President of the Club, Ex-Baillie Hally, Mr. A. K. Bell, Mr. Alex. Latto (for twenty years the honorary secretary), and Mr. Neil Gow (for eighteen years the honorary treasurer), rendered signal service. Mr. Robert

Morison, accountant, in many ways also gave valuable assistance. The total sum paid to meet all claims, amounted to £3643 18s 6d, the greater portion of which was provided by many of the Club's patrons. In all its long history, the Club never experienced such an anxious time.

The year 1904 gave us the record scores for the Inch in the Inter-County match between Perthshire and Fifehire. In the two days, 838 runs were scored for 19 wickets, Fifehire scoring 411 all out, and Perthshire 355 for 7 wickets. Truly a struggle of cricketing giants. In this match, Dr. C. C. Stuart scored 136 for his County. This season Perthshire won the Scottish County Championship.

The outstanding event in 1895 was the visit of the M.C.C. in a two days' fixture with the Northern Counties. This game gave us the record score for a first-wicket on the Perth ground, namely 170 (R. G. Tait, Aberdeenshire, 113). The performance of Tait and Joe Anderson on this occasion was a great effort, considering the bowling they had to face. This year the title of the Club was changed to "The Perth County Cricket Club, Limited." Mr. W. Lovat Fraser gave us his best score, 150, against Glenalmond, and topped the batting averages with 31.68. R. Gardiner appears to have been the wicket-keeper, for he is credited with having stumped 11 and caught 10 batsmen during the season.



In 1906 the County Club scored 360 for 7 wickets against Fifehire, which is 5 runs better than their great score against Fifehire two years previously. R. Gardiner was the hero of the game, with a fine score of 161. In this match the first wicket fell at 167, only three short of the previous year's first wicket record. An old landmark was removed this year from the match ground: the aged oak tree which stood on what is now the north-west point of the chalked boundary line, some fifty yards west from where the north whitened screen is generally placed. It was the ambition of



the Perth "Jessops" to send the "leather" careering over it; it was the bane of many a man fielding at the long on position to the bowler bowling down the Inch; it was the kind friend to many an elderly citizen who, under its spreading branches, followed with comfort many an exciting game, regardless of a broiling sun.

" Thy memory, like thy fate, hath lingering stood
For years, thou hermit in the lonely sea
Of grass that waved around thee."

The tree was cut down on 21st November, 1906. The picture of it on the previous page is from a photograph taken at the time, and kindly lent by Mr. J. K. Taylor.

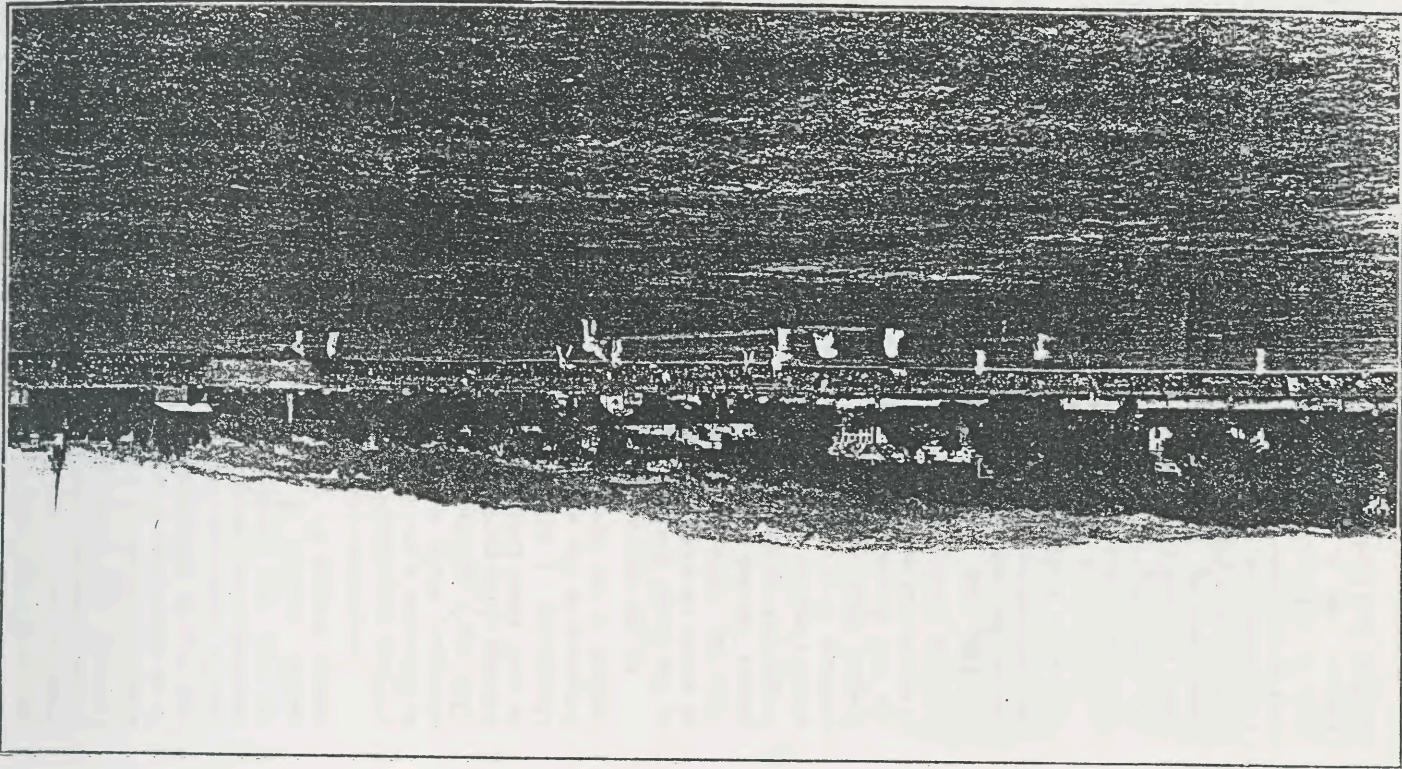
How often have we seen "Cricket Alec" basking in its kindly shade. It was well out of the way, however, for it was an obstruction in the field and cast a disconcerting shadow on the pitch. In 1907, Perthshire again stood at the top of the Scottish County Championship table, but nothing striking was done in the way of batting or bowling. In the following year we get two centuries in one innings, namely Joe Anderson 112, and Alex. Latto 110, against Kirkcaldy. Ten years previously, in 1886, C. T. Mannes, and P. R. Lowe accomplished a similar feat against 14 of Auchterarder, but then every hit had to be run; there was no boundary line then. Of the twenty-four matches played in 1909, no fewer than ten were drawn. R. Gardiner had the highest score, 102 not out, against Glenalmond.

The visit of the Yorkshire County Eleven, then England's champion team, was eagerly looked forward to in 1910, for so many of Perth's professionals had hailed from the broad-acred county, that the men of the White Rose were greatly esteemed by Perthites. The Yorkshire combination duly turned up on the 6th and 7th of May. The team comprised E. J. Radcliffe (Captain), Hirst, Rhodes, Haigh, Denton, Watson, Newstead, Wilson, Rothery, Drake, and Wilkinson. It was a Scottish Counties eleven that met them, and in it were five Perthshire representatives—A. K. Bell (who was captain of the Counties' eleven), Joe Anderson, H. D. Keigwen of Glenalmond, J. Mailer, and Benskin (prof.). On Friday, the 6th, the Counties scored 143 and Yorkshire replied with 195 for 5. With the exception of Joe Anderson, who scored 26, the Perthshire men made rather a poor show, the other four players contributing only six runs between them. The Forfarshire representatives did exceedingly well, Lindsay 40 and Chalmers 36. Owing to the death of the King, Edward VII., which occurred late in the evening of the same day, it was agreed by the respective Captains to abandon the match and all idea of further play on the Saturday. The cancelling of the match meant a great deal to Perthshire, who had charge of the arrangements, and who also undertook the financial responsibilities. On this occasion, as he has on many other occasions, Mr. A. K. Bell proved a staunch friend to the Club. Joe Anderson scored two centuries this year, 106 not out against Dundee Victoria, and 102 not out against Glenalmond. In 1911, the Scottish Counties gained

The Perthshire Cricket Pitch on the North Inch, Perth, showing Kinnoull Hill in the distance.

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a notable win over the All Indian team on the North Inch. Perthshire won 19 games out of 23 played. Dr. C. C. Stuart scored 106 against Stirling County and Captain Henderson 102 against Carlton. The Perthshire again won the Scottish Counties Championship.

In 1912, the suitability of the North Inch pitch for International fixtures was again amply proved by the great game between the Scottish Eleven and the Australians. The scores were :—

Played on the North Inch, Perth, 11th and 12th July, 1912.

SCOTLAND.

1st INNINGS.

2nd INNINGS.			
R. G. Tait (Forfarshire), b Minnett, 14—c Macartney, b Matthews, 24			
Joe Anderson (Perthshire), b Kellaway, 23—c Webster, b do, 5			
M. R. Dickson (Arbroath), b Smith, 49—b Matthews, ... 0			
G. W. Jupp (Carlton), c Kellaway, b Matthews, ... 0			
J. W. Sorrie (Carlton), b Matthews, 27—c Gregory, b Matthews, 56			
Benham (Drumgellier), c Kellaway, b Minnett, b Matthews, 32—c Minnett, b Matthews, 2			
b Minnett, b Matthews, ... 0			
Benskin (Perthshire), b Macartney, 13—c Jennings, b Matthews, 79—c Macartney, b Matthews, 16			
J. H. Orr (Stirling), b Macartney, 29—0—not out, ... 6			
W. L. Fraser (Perthshire), b do, 0—			
G. K. Chalmers (Fife), b do, 0—			
W. Stevwright (Arbroath), b Whitty, Extras, ... 15—			
Total, ... 289 Extras, ... 12			
	Total for 7 wkts.,	126	
	(Closure).		

AUSTRALIA.

J. B. Jennings, b Benskin, ... 6—c Chalmers, b Benskin, 28			
E. R. Mayne, c Chalmers, b Benham, 47—c and b Sorrie, ... 85			
C. G. Macartney, c Tait, b Stevwright, 17—c Fraser, b Benskin, ... 3			
W. Barisley, c Benskin, b Stevwright, 4—not out, ... 70			
R. B. Minnett, c Dickson, b do, 1—not out, ... 0			
C. Kellaway, b Fraser, ... 34—did not bat.			
S. E. Gregory, c Jupp, b Benham, 0—			
D. Smith, b Stevwright, ... 3—			
T. J. Matthews, c Tait, b Benham, 10—			
W. H. Whitty, run out, ... 3—			
H. Webster, not out, ... 20—			
Extras, ... 7—	Extras, ... 9		
Total, 152	Total for 3 wkts.,	200	

In order to make a sporting finish, Mr. Dickson, who captained the Scotland side, gave Australia a chance, but they played the safe game, making sure of a draw.

In view of the return visit of the Australians on the 12th and 13th July of this present year, 1921, I have thought it advisable to reproduce the details of the game played in 1912, as detailed above.

The magnificent batting record for this season of Mr. J. A. Ferguson is one that calls for special mention. In playing 16 innings he comes out with an average of 94.85, and for County Championship matches 121.5. He had 117 not out against Selkirk.

The Club was preparing for the opening of the 1913 season. On the 27th of April, the second eleven had arranged to play Auchterarder, but the match had to be abandoned owing to rain. The players, however, turned out and tea was partaken of in the pavilion. Little did they think that by one o'clock on Sunday morning the fine structure would be nothing but a wreckage of charred timber. In an hour's time it was completely destroyed by fire. Its destruction was in many ways an irreparable loss to the Club. All the minute books and scoring books were destroyed, besides many valuable prints and photographs that can never be replaced; and, not least, the famous I. Zingari flag that I have previously mentioned. Several of the playing members lost their cricketing outfits, notably Dr. C. C. Stuart, J. A. Ferguson, and Arthur Mailer.

The General Accident Insurance Incorporation, with whom the building was insured, met all claims in a most generous manner, and in little over a year the Club was able to erect the present convenient structure, which was declared open by the then Earl of Kinnoull. This year's opening was indeed remarkable, for, while we had the burning of the pavilion, the Tay, the following Saturday, came down in such flood that the Inch was covered and matches had to be abandoned. I notice that it is recorded for this year that J. A. Ferguson in the match against Aberdeenshire had five successive catches in the slips.

In the ever-immemorable year, 1914, previous to the outbreak of the Great European War, the County XI. played 19 matches, of which 14 were won, 4 drawn, and only 1 lost; up to the 25th July the home team had an unbeaten record. J. A. Ferguson scored 134 not out against Edinburgh University, and W. Lovat Fraser 101 against Fifeshire. J. Mailer's 16 balls for 5 runs and 4 wickets against Forfarshire at Forthill was one of the phenomenal episodes of a splendid season. But gloom came on the 4th of August when war was declared. The match against Fifeshire on the 15th August was the last game of the season. Many members of the club at once hastened to the call of their Country and marched forth to sterner conflicts.

This year Mr. John Thomas, Sheriff-Clerk, passed from us. He was for many years President of the County Club, and followed the achievements of the Club with keenest interest and its defeats with great disappointment. There was, of course, no cricket on the Inches in the years 1915-16-17-18, except an occasional match between rival teams of the Army Pay Corps or Record Offices. In 1919 the County Club again resumed play, some of the lads who had gone through the war safely making a welcome return to the old pitch. Twenty-one matches were played, 17 won, 2 lost, 2 drawn. The games lost were to Arbroath by 13 runs and Dunfermline by 4 runs. This season will be ever memorable for the record stand made by D. R. Murdoch and T. M'Pherson in the match against Scottish Public Schools Eleven. Mr. A. K. Bell was out for 3. K. Gardiner retired hurt after he had scored 11. M'Pherson then joining Murdoch, the pair



added 321 runs before they were separated. When M'Pherson was dismissed, the Telegraph Board read:

3 3 5
2
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D. R. Murdoch was left not out with the record individual score for the North Inch of 182. This is batting that will take some beating. Lovat Fraser had a great feat against Sievwright of Arbroath, hitting 21 off his seventeenth over thus:— [. 6 . 6 6 3]

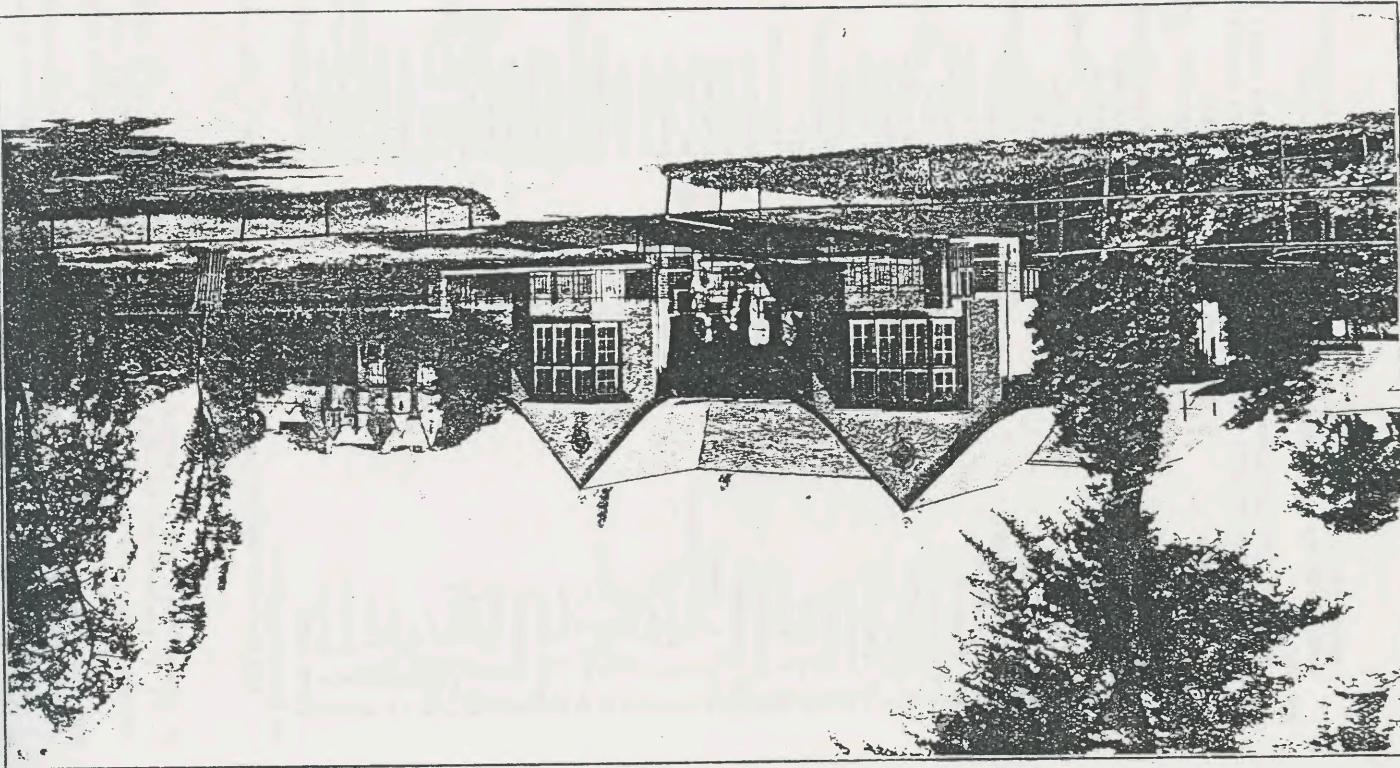
The new up-to-date telegraph board, the gift of an enthusiastic and generous patron of the Club, was used this season for the first time.

In 1920 twenty-two matches were played—11 won, 6 lost, and 5 drawn. In two games the Perth players met with surprises. Against Aberdeenshire they declared at 142 for 8 wickets, not expecting that their opponents could get the runs in the time left. But the Abberdonians did it and got the required 143 for two wickets; Scott, by great hitting, scoring a century. They had a like experience against Cupar. Perthshire closed with 223 for 3 wickets, and again their opponents went one better, getting 224 for 5, winning the match. Innes 108, and Col. Lindsay 71, did the trick for Cupar. In this game, J. A. Ferguson had 106 not out for his County, and the same player 107 not out against Edinburgh Indians. I have added in tabulated form the more important records of the Club in batting and bowling.

The numerous clubs practising on the North and South Inches provided excellent training schools from which many recruits for the County eleven were provided. Perhaps the Tay Club, playing on the North Inch, supplied more really fine players than any of the others. From this club came Willie Anderson (father of Joe Anderson), one of Perth's best wicket-keepers; Jamie Johnston, a first-class bowler; Peter Stewart, one of the most accomplished and finished batsmen; and David Johnston, another reliable run-getter. From the Union C.C. came Joe Anderson, and the steady and reliable bat, Alec Blair. Time would fail to tell of the many recruits which came from the ranks of the Perth Academy.

This somewhat hurriedly compiled narrative must, of necessity, be in many respects imperfect, but in brief space it is hoped that it will provide to lovers of cricket in Perth and Perthshire—and it may be to Perth folks in our Colonies—some interesting facts and figures as to the doings of the Perth City and Perth County Clubs from 1827 to the present time—a record of ninety-five years.

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The New Pavilion of the Club, built after the burning down of the old structure on 28th April, 1913.

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Balhousie Castle in the background

Perth City and Perthshire C.C. Records.

From 1827 to 1920.

ALL MATCHES PLAYED.

Total Matches Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Tied.
996	538	236	216	6
PERTHSHIRE'S RECORD AGAINST LEADING SCOTTISH CLUBS.				
Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Tied.
Grange, ...	61	17	27	18
Aberdeenshire, ...	69	31	21	17
Clydesdale, ...	26	13	11	2
Stirlingshire, ...	73	42	13	17
West of Scotland, ...	22	10	7	5
Dundee, ...	26	13	5	8
Lasswade, ...	15	4	7	4
Dalkeith, ...	5	2	1	2
Greenock, ...	9	5	3	1
Edin. Academicals, ...	24	13	8	3
Blair Lodge, ...	13	7	3	3
R.H.S. (F.P.), ...	30	15	4	11
Leith Caledonian, ...	15	7	6	2
Edinburgh University, ...	11	6	4	1
Arbroath, ...	53	26	14	13
Forfarshire, ...	72	16	24	32
Gala, ...	3	2	—	1
Fifeshire, ...	22	15	2	5
Clackmannan County, ...	22	13	4	5
Total, ...	568	254	164	150
AGAINST ENGLISH TEAMS.				
27	13	9	5	—

No matches were played in 1915-16-17-18, the years of the Great War.

North Inch Records.

BATTING.

The RECORD INNINGS for the North Inch is 485 runs, made by Scotland against Ireland, 1909.

In the match Gloucester against Scottish Counties, 1902 (two days), 808 runs were scored for 22 wickets.

In 1904, Forfarshire scored 411 for one completed innings. In the same match, Perthshire scored 355 for 7 wickets. For the two days, 838 runs were scored for 19 wickets.

In 1861 the Perth Eleven were all out for 16, playing against the Glasgow Caledonian.

Greenock's score against Perthshire in 1886 was 9 runs, made up of two two's, three singles, and two extras.

In 1899, Perthshire scored 215 for 2 wickets, playing against Strathmore (Forfar). The second wicket fell at 191.

In 1889 Perthshire dismissed the Burntisland for 4 runs. This is the record lowest score for the Perthshire ground.

In 1901, Perthshire scored 330 for 3 wickets against Stirlingshire.

J. H. Sinclair of the South African team, playing against Perthshire, hit up 122 runs in 65 minutes. He scored 47 runs off two successive overs. He hit eight 6's and nine 4's.

Joe Anderson and R. G. Tait (Aberdeenshire) playing for Scottish Counties against M.C.C., August, 1905, scored 170 for first wicket.

In 1905 Joe Anderson scored 835 runs.

Record of Centuries Scored.

The following players have scored 100 runs and over in a single innings on the North Inch.—

Louis Hall, ...	... 133	in 1876	against Dumfartonshire.
C. T. Manues, ...	... 122	" 1885	Linlithgow.
C. T. Manues, ...	... 149*	" 1886	14 of Auchterarder.
P. R. Lowe, ...	... 133	" 1886	14 of Auchterarder.
Smith (prof.), ...	... 103	" 1890	Glenalmond.
J. Mailer, ...	... 119	" 1894	Glenalmond.
Haigh (prof.), ...	... 110*	" 1894	Royal Scots.
Haigh (prof.), ...	... 109	" 1894	Craeff Nondescripts.
Haigh (prof.), ...	... 125*	" 1895	Stirling County.
E. S. Lyttle, ...	... 100*	" 1895	Rossie Priory.
S. Chapman, ...	... 100	" 1896	Perthshire.
Shutt (prof.), ...	... 164	" 1897	Watsonians.
W. R. Sharp, ...	... 150	" 1897	Perthshire.
Ernest Vost, ...	... 110	" 1899	Strathmore (Forfar).
D. Smith (prof.), ...	... 165*	" 1901	Stirlingshire.
W. R. Sharp, ...	... 138*	" 1901	Perthshire.
J. H. Sinclair, ...	... 122	" 1901	Perthshire.
C. T. Manues, ...	... 121	" 1902	Clackmannan C'ty.
L. M. Balfour-Melville, ...	... 100	" 1903	Perthshire.
Dr. C. C. Stuart, ...	... 136	" 1904	R.H.S.
Joe Anderson, ...	... 103*	" 1904	Perthshire.
F. Batchelor, ...	... 142	" 1904	Perthshire.
W. L. Fraser, ...	... 102	" 1905	M.C.C.
R. G. Tait, ...	... 113	" 1905	Australasian.
W. Stewart, ...	... 100*	" 1906	Fifeshire.
R. Gardiner, ...	... 161	" 1906	Kirkcaldy.
Joe Anderson, ...	... 112	" 1908	Kirkcaldy.
A. Latto, ...	... 110	" 1908	Perthshire.
M. R. Dickson, ...	... 131	" 1909	Dundee Victoria.
Joe Anderson, ...	... 106*	" 1910	Glenalmond.
J. A. Ferguson, ...	... 102*	" 1910	Dumbarton.
Captain Henderson, ...	... 102	" 1911	Carlton.
R. Gardiner, ...	... 111*	" 1911	Stirling County.
D. R. Murdoch, ...	... 182*	" 1919	Selkirk.
T. Macpherson, ...	... 117	" 1912	Grange.
J. A. Ferguson, ...	... 117	" 1913	Edin. University.
J. A. Ferguson, ...	... 134*	" 1914	Fifeshire.
W. J. Fraser, ...	... 101	" 1914	Cupar.
R. Gardiner, ...	... 111*	" 1919	Scottish Public Sch.
D. R. Murdoch, ...	... 182*	" 1919	
T. Macpherson, ...	... 121	" 1919	
J. A. Ferguson, ...	... 107*	" 1920	Edinburgh Indians.
J. A. Ferguson, ...	... 106*	" 1920	Cupar.

At Drumpellier, on 25th July, 1891, Mr. R. Halley scored 101 not out. Playing against Glenalmond at Glenalmond in 1888, Shutt (prof.) scored 104 not out.

Playing against Glenalmond in 1905, W. L. Fraser scored 150. Playing against Glenalmond in 1909, R. Gardner scored 102 not out.

* Signifies not out.

BOWLING.

J. A. Inrie.—1862, against Stirling County, 7 wickets for 12 runs ; 1865, against 16 of Caxton and Union, 10 wickets for 16 ; the same year against Aberdeenshire, 9 wickets for 33.
 James Johnston—1874, against Arbroath United, 5 wickets for 2 runs.
 Sergt. A. Burch.—1876, against Marylebone, 5 wickets for 11 runs ; 1879, against Blair Lodge, 6 wickets for 5 runs.
 J. T. Soutar.—1883, against Aberdeenshire, all the ten wickets in first innings for 19 runs.
 S. Haigh (prof).—1894, his bowling average for the season was 433 overs, 166 maidens, 615 runs, 128 wickets, average 4.5 per wicket ; against West of Scotland, 8 wickets for 18.
 The bowling of Vost (prof.) and McGregor Mitchell in the Burntisland match, 1899 will long stand as a record for the North Inch. Mitchell, 6 wks. for 1 run ; Vost, 4 wks. for 3 runs.

Famous Matches Played at Perth:

1846.		
All Scotland, 50 and 54 for 8 wkts.	I. Zingari,	62 and 42
Perth, 92 (first innings).	... ...	73 and 34
A draw in favour of Perth.	Won by 3.	

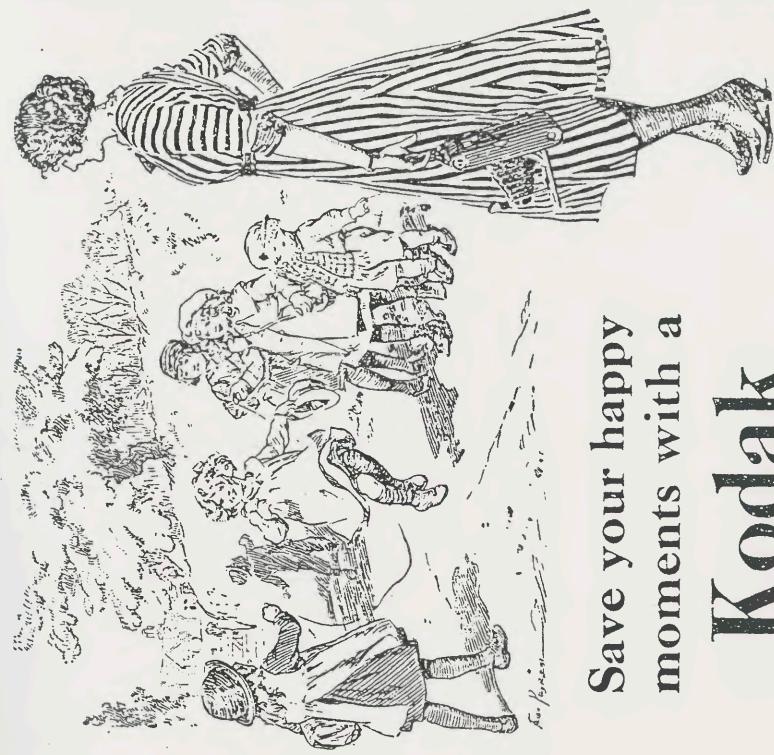
1876.

Marylebone, 130 and 32.
 Perthshire, 61 and 102 (with 2 wkts. to fall).
 Won by 1 run and 2 wickets.

1890.

1892.		
Hall's XI, ...	93 and 95.	Hall's XI, 101 and 83 for 5 wkts.
Perthshire XI, ...	44 and 94.	Perthshire XV, 70 and 60.
Lost by 50 runs.		Lost by 54 and 5 wkts.

Hall's North of England Eleven comprised—Hall, Sugg, Tunnicliffe, Hill, Wardall, Flowers, Briggs, Pougher, Storer, Watson, and Mold. 1901—South Africans v. Perthshire—Perthshire, 198 ; South Africans, 237 for 6 wkts. Lost by 39 runs and 4 wkts.
 1909—Scotland, 485 ; Ireland, 169 and 184. Scotland won by an innings and 132 runs.
 1910—Scottish Counties v. Yorkshire. Scottish Counties, 143 ; Yorkshire 195 for 5. There was no play the second day, owing to the death of King Edward VII.
 1911—Scottish Counties, 210 and 174 for 8 wkts. ; All Indian XI., 165 and 218. Scotland won by 2 wkts.
 1912—Scotland, 289 and 126 for 7 wkts. ; Australia, 152 and 200 for 3 wkts. Drawn.



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