

## Cricket.

## THE CANADIAN TEAM.

As the time fixed for this important contest draws near, the cricketing public are doubtless anxious to learn the names of the players chosen to oppose our brother colonists from the Antipodes, and perhaps to know something of the record of those with whom they are personally unacquainted. Of course of the many good men whose names have been omitted in the selection some may be greatly disappointed, but the promoters of the visit have selected no man whom they did not know to be in good trim this year; therefore many players of excellent reputation may accept this as the reason they have been passed over. The following are the members of the Canadian team:

L. Ogden, of Toronto, who has been appointed captain, learned his cricket at Churthorpe School, London, England; has since played a good deal in South America and Cambridge, and has been a constant representative of the Toronto Club for two years, often scoring freely, and always rendering efficient service to his side. He is a very hard hitter, and a splendid field anywhere, often keeping wicket in excellent form. Being a first-rate judge of the game, a firm as well as genial captain, his selection to command the representatives of Canada on this important occasion, will doubtless give almost universal satisfaction.

R. Adams, of the Wanderers' Club, Toronto, is a very pretty bat, having good defence and hitting hard to all parts of the field; his cutting is especially brilliant; as a field he is probably one of the best in the team; a splendid cover-point, and able to take any other position; he is also a good bowler.

G. B. Behan, Toronto, hails from Cheltenham College; he is a tremendous hitter to the on, and almost always to be relied upon for a score against any bowling; his batting averages for the last two seasons have been 2 and 16, while this season he probably heads the list in both the Toronto and the Wanderers' Clubs among those who have played often enough to be reckoned; he is a good wicket-keeper, and has lately come off as a bowler. H. J. Campbell learnt the game at Trinity College School, near Port Hope, where he has now held a mastership for three years, and captained the school eleven with great success; he bowls very fast, and this year with more precision than formerly, having been very destructive on several occasions, notably against Newmarket, where he had 7 wickets for 6 runs in 89 balls; he bats steadily, but scores slowly; works hard in the field. G. F. Hall, Port Hope, played at Philadelphia in 1875; is a magnificent field, unsurpassed at long-stop, and ambidexter; bats in good form, and scores very fast when set, his cutting and leg-hitting being especially fine. C. Hyman, London, was for some years almost the best bat in Canada, and is a most brilliant field anywhere, we have not his average, but remember that he has scored as much as 60 against Detroit, and frequently dealt destruction to the bowling of Toronto. R. Kennedy, Hamilton, is an excellent bowler, very straight, and with capital headwork; good field and useful bat; has made a first-rate captain for his own club, and will be one of the principal bowlers in the forthcoming match. J. B. Laing, Whitby, won his renown in the eleven of Upper Canada College, and has ever since ranked as a first-rate, all round cricketer, has scored in good matches 92, 95, and this year against Carlton 98, and is a most reliable bat; played at Philadelphia in 1875. Rev. T. D. Phillips, Ottawa.—A full account of this gentleman is to be found in the "Canadian Cricketers' Guide" for 1877, published by him in conjunction with Mr. H. J. Campbell. Since his first appearance in the eleven of U. C. College he has been one of the stadiest bats in the country. Among his chief scores are 91 (n. o.), and 82 (n. o.), all made some years ago, and in 1874 he made two scores of 50 against the famous Philadelphia team at Halifax. He headed the Ottawa averages last year, and scored 74 (n. o.) against the St. George, of Montreal; 56 (n. o.) against Syracuse, and 49 (n. o.) against Port Hope. He is also a brilliant field at point, and a destructive slow bowler. A. W. Powell, London, is a good run getting bat and

Chattham, distinguished himself by his brilliant fielding at Philadelphia in 1875. Has also usually scored well for his home club, being a good hard-hitting bat (left handed) and is a useful bowler. W. H. Young was formerly captain of Trinity College. Is a magnificent long field, and has thrown 114 yards. Has this year played in capital form, and is a formidable batsman, hitting especially hard to square leg. E. J. Logan is a first-rate bowler, having a high delivery with good spin and dead on the wicket. Has bowled for Port Hope, Trinity College, Toronto, and Trinity College School, and his analysis in first-class matches will compare favorably with that of any bowler in Canada. Last year for Port Hope against Hamilton he delivered 19 overs (of 6 balls each) for 7 runs and 7 wickets. H. Lucas, Toronto, is a steady bat and a very active field. A useful wicket keeper. J. Parham, Toronto, is a very good bat and a most excellent wicket keeper. J. Gillean, of London, has long been noted as one of the best of Canadian bowlers, having been one of the most successful against The Gentlemen of England in 1873; he is very fast and straight, but is a poor bat and only a middling fielder. White, of St. Mary's, is a good all day bowler of medium pace; he bowls a good length ball and is nearly always on the wicket, is a very efficient fielder and a fair bat.

## THE AUSTRALIAN TWELVE.

The following is the description of the twelve players composing the Australian team, who are to arrive in this country the last of this month. The team includes two professionals—Charles Bannerman and T. Kendall—and ten amateur or non-professional players. The first on the list is

Charles Bannerman, the W. G. Grace of Australia, a native of New South Wales, and a professional; without a rival as a batsman in Australia; described by Lillywhite as second only to Grace. He will show our cricketers how to bat. His memorable inning, 165 (retired hurt), against the All-England Eleven in Melbourne last March has never been equalled in Australia—not even by the great W. G.—and could not have been surpassed by any cricketer the world has produced. A safe as well as a free batsman, scoring off all kinds of bowling, and yet playing the ball beautifully along the carpet. For one so stout of stature, his freedom, and particularly his grand off driving and leg hitting, are marvelous. An active field, with quick return. Not much of a bowler. Scored 83 and 24 against 15 of Sydney in a recent match. About 25 years of age.

T. Horan (Victorian amateur) ranks next to Charley Bannerman as a batsman. The opposite of Bannerman, being most patient and defensive, and yet having brilliant style. Played grandly against the Englishmen in the first match, though he only scored 12 and 20. Trustworthy to an unusual degree, and always shows true cricket. Plays back and "places" balls. Has scored over a century several times during past three seasons and headed Victorian batsmen last year. Scored 37 and 18 at Sydney lately. Bowls fast round arm; fields tolerably well.

F. Spofforth (New South Wales amateur), the fast bowler of the team. High delivery and terrific pace, but can drop speed and send a slow one without perceptible difference in delivery. Favors "yorkers" with telling effect. Took eight English wickets for 24 runs in January last. Moderate batsman and fine field. Is said to be able to throw a ball with any man in Australia. Has thrown one 120 yards.

P. E. Allan, "the bowler of a century," is an amateur cricketer, being engaged in the Civil Service of Victoria. For many years he has taken a prominent part in the intercolonial matches between New South Wales and Victoria, and has more than once distinguished himself against an English eleven. He has a very high, left-handed delivery—easy and graceful—and being over six feet in height, he is especially dangerous on a bumpy wicket. Has the best analysis—10.7 per wicket for eight wickets—against Lillywhite's Eleven. A fine field, a poor bat.

G. H. Bailey, the Tasmanian. A grand amateur batsman, a credit alike to the team and to the "island colony," where he has acquired his cricket. A dashing and pretty batsman, combining grace with power. A rapid scorer. Has frequently made his century against the best bowling in Tasmania. Average last year, 29. An active and untiring fielder, a good change-bowler.

A. Bannerman, an amateur, who takes the place of Evans, the great Sydney bowler, is looked upon by the New South Welshmen as the most brilliant young batsman of the colony; indeed is spoken of as "the most promising batsman in Australia." Is said to be even more

T. Garrett (N. S. W.), an amateur of great promise. A University player. A fine wristy style, but lacks steadiness. Has a weakness for leg hitting. A grand field, and a fair change bowler.

All of the above players except two are "native and to the manor born"—that is, they are not simply English cricketers resident in Australia, but they are natives of that country, of British parentage, and all have learnt their cricket in Australia.



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