

CRICKET IN CANADA.

PART III.

THE History of Cricket in the Province of Nova Scotia resolves itself practically into a history of cricket in Halifax, for, while clubs have come into existence and had their being for a time in other places, yet the noble game has found no permanent home outside of the capital. Truro could at one time boast of a team worthy to cope with the best that Halifax could put in the field, and the town that could produce a Blair, a McCully, and a Muir is worthy of mention even in this short history. W. Webster of Kentville, equally at home with bat or ball, was in his day worth a place on a representative Provincial eleven. Yarmouth, Windsor, Wolfville, Stellarton, New Glasgow, Pictou, Sydney, and a number of smaller towns have also at times put creditable representatives in the field, but their efforts have been spasmodic, and with a few exceptions these places have now no clubs.

In Halifax ever since 1860, and even earlier, although not much remains by way of record, cricket has been played every year. From lack of organization, however, little would perhaps be done for a season or two together, yet there has always been a small but vigorous following who have kept the fire burning on the altar, and who in 1882 fanned the flame which kindled into being the Wanderer's Amateur Athletic Club. Halifax owes whatever she now has of prominence in cricket to the presence there of the Army and Navy. For upwards of thirty years contests for the supremacy have been vigorously waged between the civil and military forces. Without this annually recurring rivalry cricket in Halifax would have died a natural death years ago, for while there is, and has been, enough material among the civilians to form one respectable eleven, it is at least fifteen years since there has been enough material for two.

Previous to 1860 there is no record of any civilian organization for cricket, although matches had been played in Halifax for many years. It is, however, recorded that about 1858 the present

Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, the Hon. M. B. Daly, then secretary to his father Sir Dominick Daly, Lieutenant-Governor of Prince Edward Island, while on a visit to Halifax, astonished the natives by compiling the then unprecedented score of 106, including one hit for a clean run seven. This gentleman was one of the originators of the "Halifax Cricket Club" in 1860, on whose membership rolls we find the names of L. J. Morton, M. B. Almon, Thos. Abbott, Stubbing, and the late C. B. Bullock. This club existed down to about 1875, having witnessed the birth of several other civilian clubs, of which "The Thistle," "The Mayflower," and "The Phoenix" were the most important. Matches were played by the civilian clubs among themselves, and by each club against the garrison, and every now and then the civilians would combine their forces against their military rivals. Matches were also played against teams from Fredericton and St. John's, New-



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