

notable things with the ball as any other Canadian, if not more, and at times has done some hard hitting. A severe strain prevented his doing himself justice while in England in 1887, but the writer has seen him open an International match at New York with two wickets for the first two balls, both good wickets too. Gillespie is a first class bowler who may always be relied on, nearly always scores, and his average at the end of any season will read well. With Lindsey's eleven in England he made 392 runs and had fourth analysis. His best scores were 54 against Ireland, 45 against Hampshire and 44 against Northumberland. Edward Martin, Q. C., for many years President of the club, has been one of its most enthusiastic friends and A. Gartschore now President is a staunch ally and supporter. The late Tom Stinson, a whole-souled genial cricketer, died this year mourned by a thousand friends, and when the cricketers of the last decade turn their thoughts to Hamilton they will always think of Tom.

The now Capital of the Dominion, Ottawa, was prior to 1858 known as Bytown, where the first cricket club, the Carleton, was founded in the early forties. In 1845 it died a natural death but was resuscitated in 1849 under the name of the Bytown club. In a letter to the *Gazette* "Bails" in that year chronicles the resurrection, which he attributes to the "emulation infused by our military friends who are always foremost in promoting such manly exercise" "but" he continues, "I am about to chronicle a new event in our club history, namely: the first match ever played by the club off our own ground." This was at Aylmer where the visitors won with a score of 139 by an innings and 71 runs. The Bytown eleven were Sherwood, Baker, Clemow, Street, Dufton, Hemey, Rogers, Torney, Keefer, Whitaker and Dr. Laing. Whitaker made 47 and Dufton 39. Baker was the destructive bowler. Next year Aylmer was again defeated by an innings and 60 runs, Baker scoring 26 and Morrison and Dufton 22 each. Next year Prescott with a score of 131 beat Bytown 109. The same year the Belleville club visited Kingston and were received by the following courteous announcement in the *Whig*: "Eleven gentlemen from Bytown where a good club has for some years been established arrived yesterday per *Prince Albert* to contend against eleven gentlemen from Belleville who arrived this

morning in the *Prince of Wales*. The game will take place on the Barriefield Parade Ground this day. The Bytown players are whalers, all able bodied men and will smash their opponents to smithereens—that's our opinion." The opinion was all wrong for Belleville won by an innings and 15 runs. In 1853 Bytown playing A. Lyon, A. Codd, G. P. Baker, W. Aumond, C. McNab, H. Codd, E. Sherwood, E. Dufton, A. Aumond, A. Scott and R. Lyon, were beaten at Cornwall. In 1857 five matches were played. When in 1858 Bytown was rechristened Ottawa and the new named town was chosen as the Capital of Canada and the new legislative halls began to crown the Parliament Hill, the civil service betook itself thither and Royalty sheltered itself under the roof-trees of Rideau Hall. At once Royalty, parliamentarians and civil servants united in a successful effort to establish a cricket club, to which endeavour the townsfolk who had at the time a flourishing eleven which had hitherto played on the common where the Parliament Buildings now stand lent vigorous co-operation. For a decade the game prospered but it was not till the advent of Lord Monck and the time of Confederation that its permanency was assured. This Governor generously permitted the laying of a crease on the Rideau Hall grounds and here in the midst of ten broad acres Capt. Pemberton of the 60th Rifles superintended the making of a fine pitch. Here too, later the Rev. T. D. Philipps built a pavillion which last year succumbed to the flames, only to be replaced by a more commodious structure. Of five matches played with Toronto between '72 and '75, four were won by Ottawa. The players of this period have for the most part ceased to play, some have emigrated, though some of them turn up at important matches still. They were Rev. T. D. Philipps (now in Chicago), G. P. Baker, C. S. Scott, V. H. Steele, still playing, W. Aumond, W. Himsworth, C. Fellows, Peden, Captain Pemberton, F. A. Wise, S. Hardinge, and E. Miall. No less than five of the Canadian eleven participating in the Halifax tournament of 1874 were Ottawa men, C. B. Brodie, Rev. T. D. Philipps, A. W. Powell, G. Brunel, and J. Brunel. Philipps made more runs than any player in the tournament, 197, though his average of 39.40 is second. Brodie did some effective bowling. In 1875 Ottawa beat Kingston,