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SINGLE WICKET.

It is strange that single wicket matches are entirely unknown in Canada. One would think that in places where it is so difficult to get eleven men together for a game against a neighbouring town that single wicket matches would be resorted to in order to give the five or six, who in nearly every town are always ready for a game, a chance of having as much cricket as they want. In English papers we see constant inquiries regarding the laws of single wicket; and this fact, taken with other indications, shows that the game is widely popular in the mother country. We ourselves consider the playing of single wicket matches of the greatest benefit to participants in them. When only two or three are on a side a man is obliged to rely more on his own personal exertions, and to trust less to collective action. His play will therefore be more careful, and anything which necessitates careful play is a boon to cricket.

Single wicket matches might be substituted for the ordinary practice at the net, which at the best is wearisome on one or two afternoons in the week. We are sure that a great deal of interest would be excited in them, and that they would be greatly enjoyed by the players. We shall be happy to publish the scores of any single wicket matches which may be played.

EDITORIAL NOTE.

We owe our subscribers an apology for the lateness of the present number.

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We should like to hear the public feeling about giving the Australians a match on their return from England. Such a match might possibly be arranged, and it would give Canadians a chance of seeing the famous 3rd Australian team.

Just in the very heyday of that pastime of which he was so fond, has Cuthbert William Shanly been removed from amongst us. Long as was our warning that he might be severed from us, yet longer still and stronger was our hope that it might be otherwise, and that once again, good fellow that he was, he might be with us as in days gone by, when, with his manly bearing and true, good qualities, he won from us our affections. But when, poor fellow, he had at last to go, the shock that burst the ties of those affections was ruder, as we loved him well.

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It is more than likely that the initiative steps will be taken towards securing a professional for Trinity School, Port Hope. Among the past and present boys of that institution the idea is prevalent that it would be an excellent thing to have such a man. But this is mere theory, and the question must be brought before the authorities, and pressure brought to bear upon them from every legitimate quarter. At Upper Canada College the Government would have to be button-holed. Better let the oracle be worked here by force of example. But let the boys of Trinity College School circulate a petition, get it well signed, and present it for acceptance to the heads. Follow up this by recommendations from old boys of good standing, and you will have a decision one way or other before next spring.

CRICKET, AND HOW TO EXCEL IN IT.

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CHAPTER VI.—LAWS.—Continued.

VII.—The side going in generally sees that the ground is swept and rolled. The rule says the ground shall not be rolled except at the commencement of each innings, and this often gives one side a great advantage. If the side has been in all day, say up to twenty minutes of drawing the stumps, the ground is rolled before the other side go in, but it is not rolled in the morning when they continue their innings, though rain during the night may have entirely spoiled the pitch. The side that goes in first has thus all the best of it, and it would be much fairer if the ground was rolled each morning as well as between the innings. In preparing a wicket, the great thing is to have it as level as possible, and in the centre of a level area, and not on the side of a hill if it can be avoided. The space which is specially prepared for the pitch should be about ten or twelve feet wide, and extend for about twenty yards behind each of the wickets to allow of good long-stopping when the bowling is fast. The rolled space should thus measure about sixty yards by four.

VIII.—This does not say how long after rain, but it means that if the ground is wet and much cut up a change can be effected. Sometimes the ground will get into such a state that it is absolutely necessary to take advantage of this rule, and owing to the inclement weather of the last few seasons many a day's cricket has had to be abandoned on account of the bad state of the ground, although the sun was shining overhead.