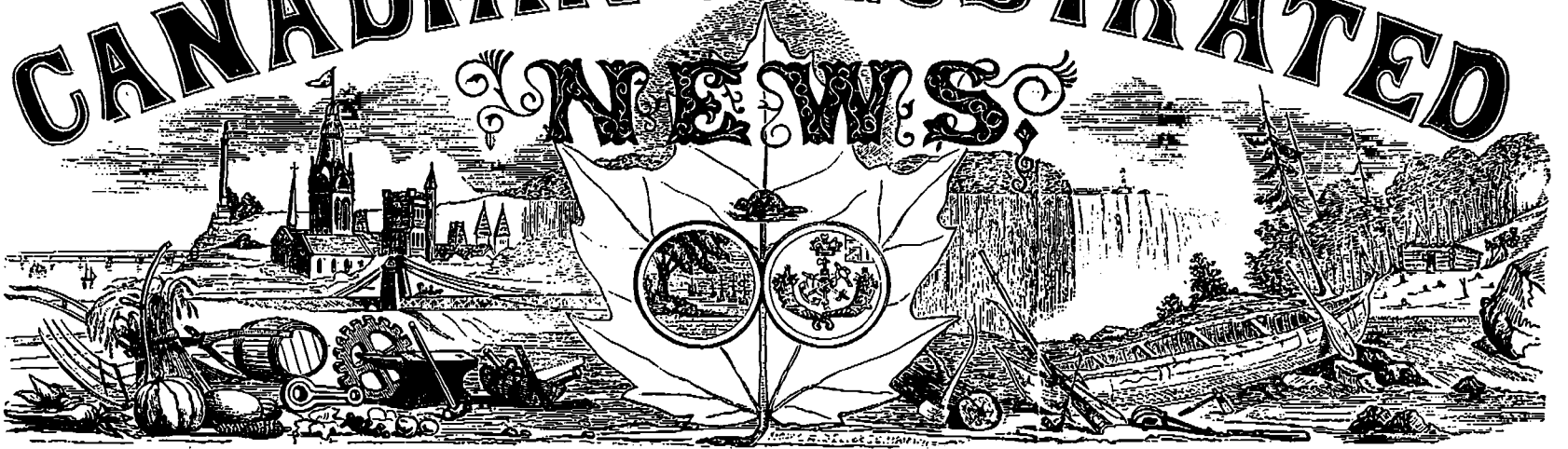


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CRICKET MATCH BETWEEN THE TORONTO AND HAMILTON CLUBS, PLAYED AT HAMILTON, JUNE 27, 1863. SEE PAGE 92.

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NOTES ON CRICKET.

Mr. George Anthony Barber of Toronto, was one of the Umpires at the match played at Hamilton on the 27th of June, 1863, and has since addressed a letter to the public referring to what he had stated in 1861. He says:

Since then the whole subject has been fully discussed by the Marylebone Club. The particulars would be too long for your columns; but as the subject is of interest to the Canadian cricketer, indulge me with space enough for a few general observations.

After a long debate, the M. C. Club finally resolved that the law should remain exactly as it stood before. The M. C. C. signified their intention to enforce the due observance of the law as now confirmed; and the follow-

ing circular was accordingly issued, viz:—

'1st. That the M. C. Umpires be directed to watch the bowling strictly, with a view to carry out the provisions of the law.'

'2nd. That, in forming their judgment as to the fairness of any bowler, they shall give particular attention to the height of his hand, as it passes the body, in the last swing of the arm before delivery.'

And in the recent great match at Lord's between the 'All England' and 'United A. E. Elovens,' these instructions were adhered to, and, in consequence, the bowling on both sides—even Willsher's, which has heretofore caused so much trouble—was satisfactory and according to rule.

An effort was made at the beginning of the cricket year to amend, or rather alter, law

xxiv, in regard to 'leg before wicket.' This reform movement was not, however successful; and, for the present season, at all events, the law remains exactly as it stood before. No doubt this vexed question will engage particular attention during 1863, so as to enable law xxiv to be determined on its merits rather than on fanciful theories.

My opinion has been frequently asked whether or not a 'one day' match was decided by the first innings; and my reply has invariably been that it was not, unless agreed to be so determined by a previous arrangement—because, as by the rules of cricket, 'no bet upon any match is payable, unless it be played out or given up.' So, in like manner, no game can be won, unless played out or given up.

Of late years 'Bell's Life,' in its answers to correspondents, has stated, on the contrary, that the first innings did decide a 'one day' match; and in its issue of June 7th, went so far as to assert that the M. C. C. recognized this as the rule. I notice, however, in 'Bell' of June 14, that the Hon. Secretary, M. C. C. (H. A. Fitzgerald, Esq.,) has promptly come forward in denial of this assertion; and states, by authority, that the M. C. C. does not recognize any such rule, unless there has been a prior stipulation to that effect. As now ruled by the M. C. C., 'a match must be given up, or played out, before one side can claim the victory; in accordance with the rules in respect to bets.' G. A. BARBER.

For the Rifle Brigade Match, played June 25, see page 92.