

grounds, where, after a first rate crease had been laid, the Moncton Club sent up an excellent team to play on the opening day, Dominion Day, 1884. George W. Jones had just returned from Merchiston College in Scotland, where he had been captain of the eleven, and when he had been chosen captain of the St. John Club



C. St. C. Skinner, St. John.

took the men in hand. A reference to the records of the Canadian eleven in England will show what a fine bat this gentleman is, and he at all times proved a tower of strength to his own eleven. Under his management for five years the club flourished, frequent visits being interchanged with Fredericton, Moncton and Halifax, when St. John always held its own. The men who developed, about this time, were Fred. C. Jones, also trained at Merchiston, H. Harvey, who in addition to being a bowler is a finished bat; W. J. Starr, equally accomplished, J. Thomas, a good run-getter, A. McIntyre, Gordon McLeod, Hansard, S. Smith, and Claud S. Skinner. C. Skinner has been captain of Harvard for two years and is a dangerous bowler. Last year St. John tried conclusions with Boston. At present there is a lull in hostilities, but enthusiastic cricketers such as A. O. Skinner, the popular president of the club, say that if the first named men would get into good form and arrange fixtures with Montreal, Ottawa, Halifax, Fredericton and Boston annually, they

would give an excellent account of themselves. While distance from place to place militates against the game in St. John there is every reason to believe that that city will always have, as it has had, and to-day possesses a first rate eleven. No more successful system for promoting the welfare of cricket in New Brunswick could be adopted than the formation of a provincial association. Its primary object should be to increase the number of local clubs so that more competitors near at hand could be found.

Long distances between competing clubs stand in the way of frequent visits and cricket to succeed must be played continuously through the season. The same reasoning applies to Nova Scotia, but not with equal force, for Halifax has always the men from the regiments and ships to play against; still, the adoption of a plan by which the number of local clubs would be materially increased would at once make its influence felt. In Canada the time and the purse of the cricketer are limited, and that arrangement which will draw least on both, while at the same time it provides lots of games, is the one best suited to the needs of the cricketing community.



Jas. W. Thomas, St. John.

The oldest club in the Province of Quebec of which any record is available is the Sherbrooke Club, which was established in 1836. The first eleven were Major Henry Beckett, Henry Beckett, Jr., Alexander T. Galt, (now Sir Alexander), W. C. Mears, H. Taswell, W. Ansel, D. Ansel, T. Wheeler, R. D. Moskill, J. S. Donohue, and T. Brown.