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### UMPIRES.

One or two remarks yet remain to be added to what we have already written for the benefit of the umpire. The umpires, before a match begins, should compare watches, and also see that there is a distinct understanding between the captains as to the time for drawing stumps, and as to all boundary hits. Remember that if a man is caught through the ball rebounding from a fence, tree, or anything which is not a boundary, he is out. If a fixed amount is allowed for "over the fence," but nothing for a ball striking the fence, then a ball rebounding from it may be caught. See that the return crease is drawn properly at right angles.

An umpire at Galt the other day gave a man out lbw when the ball had struck his bat before touching his leg. Though few are so stupid, we think it worth while to call attention to Law XXXIV.

### SUCCESSFUL CRICKET.

As we have said before, good elevens will grow up and be successful where there is money to generate them. An instance in support of this assertion is the Winnipeg team. Every inducement has been offered them to fulfil their mission. They have travelled leisurely and well, and at the expense of their fellow-players more than at their own. Twelve hundred dollars was subscribed to bring the team east, and the project will not cost much more. To every man who makes over one hundred runs in any innings is presented one hundred and fifty dollars, and to him who makes over fifty runs one-third that sum, while a complete outfit falls to the lot of every bowler successful enough to get at least six wickets out of the ten. Such liberality, while it places the present

expedition under the most favourable circumstances for doing its best, is an earnest of what we may expect from the west in the future.

But this is only one reason for the success of the team. Another very strong one is the management. In Captain Hood they were most fortunate in their choice of general manager. A liberal contributor to the fund and an old cricketer, it must be admitted he made the most out of the material at his disposal. Without Stratford he would have been weak, far weaker than he was, for he combined in this man his best bowler and bat. His team was but a fair fielding one with not, bar Stratford, very difficult or destructive bowling. Hamilton is very erratic, and Jukes does not always come off. But of his men the captain made the most, and aided largely in their success. Every man played in the interests of the team, not for his own individual self.

Stratford would make a valuable acquisition to the International team this year, and should be looked after, as should our efficient captain for this match. A great deal more depends on good generalship than many suppose, and it is difficult to get an efficient man. There are no cast-iron rules that can be set down for his guidance; he must be rather a man who knows how to take occasion by the hand. Of course he must be a good enough cricketer to merit a place on the team, but still a good deal of latitude might be allowed if as a captain he really excelled.

The International team will have to be well captained, well practised and well selected this year, if it is to be a success, and it becomes the Association to see to these matters. When chosen, the team should receive every encouragement at the hands of their fellow-players, and be so circumstanced that they will have the greatest possible chances of success.

### EDITORIAL NOTE.

Whitby is not by any means so strong this year as last. Many suppose that there has been a strong tide of emigration from this eastern hamlet. Not so; the only good cricketer it has lost is Mr. A. Laing, now in Detroit, and who has had a good bowling reputation ever since he went to Upper Canada College. But Mr. S. Ray has been in the North-West, and things have, so to speak, "gone to pot" in his absence. The ground has been shamefully neglected. However, the prospects of rejuvenation are good, and the influx of a large number of the younger element into the eleven argues in favour of its excelling its old record.