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CANADA ON THE PORT TACK.

occupied a position of responsibility with the Herreshoffs, and was intimately concerned with the building of *Defender* and *Vigilant*. He could hardly turn out a slow yacht or a failure, but racing is a question of seconds rather than minutes now-a-days, and it is useless attempting to prophesy or speculate regarding *Vencedor's* speed. According to the Chicago papers she is a phenomenal craft, there is scarcely a doubt of her success and so forth, but these opinions do not come from the owners or from experienced yachtsmen. The fact

is, that those best qualified to express opinions on the coming races simply decline to commit themselves. It is to be hoped that the issue will not be decided on the abstract qualities of the yachts themselves, but rather that there will be two or three grand sailing matches with seamanship at a premium and where every manœuvre will count. Whatever happens the Canadian representatives may be relied on to acquit themselves creditably and to win or lose fairly and squarely, but with equal honor.

William Q. Phillips.

