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THE ONTARIO CRICKET ASSOCIATION.

The late date of the International Match this year has been fixed by the Americans. Any advantage that may accrue from the postponement is to the advantage of our neighbours, for while the resumption of business pursuits call most of our men back to duty before the close of August, this is just the season that the Americans set aside as the most desirable of the year, mostly because the intense heat of the summer forbids much cricket in Philadelphia while it lasts. Unfortunately delicacy stands in the way of the Canadians insisting on an earlier fixture, for they are to a certain extent under an obligation to their opponents for the handsome gratuity offered towards defraying their expenses, a favour that we have never as yet been able to offer, or at least have offered, to them. To this extent then we play at a disadvantage. However, the reason given for the lateness of the date is that the elite of Philadelphia will not have returned from the sea to patronize the game before the middle of September, and such a reason is valid, inasmuch as it is probably out of their pockets that our expenses will come.

At the last meeting of the Ontario Cricket Association the team was selected for eighteen eighty-two. The com-

mittee have kept the names in reserve for a reason that seems to us unwarrantable, or if not, at least pitiable. Some sixteen have been picked out as the likely men ranking in order of merit; and should any one of the first eleven be unable to play, his place will be taken by the twelfth man. Now, lest this twelfth man or any of the four succeeding others should take umbrage at not being ranked higher, and might for this reason refuse to substitute for a better man, the names selected have been kept in the background. What a pity that men should have to be coaxed to play on the best team the country can put in the field. It is indeed a pitiable state of things, and argues strongly against the existence of genuine cricket.

It may be premature to admonish those selected to practise as much between this and the 18th of September as possible, because we know not whom we exhort; yet at the same time this word of warning cannot be too well attended to by those to whom the Secretary's letters have already conveyed the intelligence that they are of them.

MR. MERRITT gave notice of motion that at the next regular meeting he would move, "that the dates for Association matches in future—dating from next spring, we presume—be fixed by the Association, and that it be imperative upon clubs to accept these dates or none." This, it seems to us, is good if these fixtures be made early in the season, for the reason that instead of other fixtures interfering with the playing of Association games, the warning will have gone abroad too early to prevent this clashing. This will be the alternative of the Association's fixing matches at all for next year, and confining its attention to the furtherance of the interests of the International Match.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

When one club accepts the challenge of another to play a game it has a right to treat it decently, be it weak or strong. It may be that your opponent turns out to be much less formidable than was anticipated, yet this is no warrant for any open show of disrespect. On Saturday last a member of the Toronto Club, if he did not quite overstep the limit of propriety, came so near the border line as to make it objectionable. It is no very great show of disrespect to a bowler to walk half way down the crease to him before he delivers the ball, for if he did what the circumstance would warrant him doing, he would bowl a ball over the batsman's head and settle Mr. man for that innings; and the same dodge has been tried against good bowling. But it is a very open expression of opinion to leave the field because the bowling is too rotten to be handled