

game and almost exclusively on importation for players of it. Philadelphia seems to be the only place on the Western continent where cricket is understood thoroughly. At least results go to show us this. I have seen Capt. Doft's team and an Australian eleven play in the City of Friends and when other clubs were playing twenty-two, Philadelphia would stand or fall with the old eleven. On these occasions, to use a metaphor, the whole town turned out and there was enough enthusiasm to give the players courage enough to stir them on to new efforts and play such a game as surprised the visitors.

For some reason or other Canada has been remarkably backward in comparison, when it should have been remarkably forward judging from the material that we ought to be able to draw from. To anybody who has watched the progress of the old English game, especially in the Eastern end of Canada, there is some ground for congratulation on the marked improvement, but still it is not anywhere like what it should be. The advent of Lord Hawke's team should be calculated on to give a decided impetus to the game and it is to be hoped it will. The visitors won with something like remarkable ease both in Toronto and Ottawa, and some writers on the daily papers lay a good deal of blame for native defeats on the lateness of the season and the coldness of the weather. This is hardly good reasoning, for the Englishmen might naturally be supposed to suffer more from incipient snow flurries and the like than the wholly or partially acclimatized Canadian cricketer. Nevertheless there has been a move in the right direction as far as cricket is concerned. There is one thing, however, that has been learned and that is that there are a few good cricketers in Canada and one man that will be heard from in the future is Bristowe, who did more than remarkably well. Harrod also did some splendid work with the leather, and made the record of taking six wickets for forty-five runs. When it is considered that the nine wickets went for 280, Harrod's analysis is something to be proud of. The technical points of the game show the Englishmen to be considerably ahead, but the following scores will tell the tale for the match at Ottawa:—

| LORD HAWKE'S TEAM. | |
|--|-----|
| H. T. Jewett, b Bristowe | 3 |
| S. M. J. Woods, c Mackie, b Harrod | 54 |
| Lord Hawke, c Mackie, b Harrod | 21 |
| C. Wreford Brown, c Bell, b Harrod | 38 |
| J. W. J. Hornsby, c Browning, b Bristowe | 19 |
| C. W. Wright, c Little, b Harrod | 14 |
| G. W. Ricketts, not out | 71 |
| K. McAlpine, c Coste, b Harrod | 0 |
| Lord Throwley, c Little, b Hill | 27 |
| Hon. H. Milles, b Harrod | 13 |
| Extras | 20 |
| Total | 280 |

| EASTERN CANADA. | |
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| <i>First Innings.</i> | |
| M. G. Bristowe, run out | 35 |
| J. F. Mackie, c Throwley, b Milles | 7 |
| Q. H. Warden, b Woods | 1 |
| L. Coste, run out | 0 |
| B. T. A. Bell, l b w, b McAlpine | 11 |
| A. Browning, b Wreford Brown | 8 |
| E. Turton, b McAlpine | 2 |
| C. J. Hill, b Wreford Brown | 3 |
| H. Ackland, run out | 1 |
| A. Z. Palmer, b Wreford Brown | 15 |
| C. G. Harrod, not out | 8 |
| Extras | 15 |
| Total | 106 |

| EASTERN CANADA. | |
|-----------------------------------|----|
| <i>Second Innings.</i> | |
| M. G. Bristowe, not out | 47 |
| J. F. Mackie, c Woods, b Hornsby | 0 |
| Q. H. Warden, c Wright, b Hornsby | 8 |
| L. Coste, c Hewett, b Hornsby | 0 |
| B. T. A. Bell, b Hornsby | 10 |
| A. Browning, c Hewett, b Hornsby | 0 |
| H. Ackland, run out | 1 |
| A. Z. Palmer, c Hawke, b Woods | 4 |
| C. J. Hill, c Hawke, b Hornsby | 1 |
| B. Z. Palmer, c Ricketts, b Hawke | 9 |
| C. G. Harrod, run out | 1 |
| Extras | 9 |
| Total | 90 |

Little retired ill after the first day's play, his place on the eleven being taken by Ackland.

| BOWLING ANALYSIS. | | | | |
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| LORD HAWKE'S ELEVEN. | | | | |
| | B. | R. | W. | M. |
| Turton | 55 | 51 | 0 | 0 |
| Bristowe | 140 | 93 | 2 | 3 |
| Harrod | 100 | 45 | 6 | 4 |
| Little | 50 | 41 | 0 | 2 |
| Hill | 65 | 30 | 1 | 5 |

| EASTERN CANADA. | | | | |
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| <i>First Innings.</i> | | | | |
| | B. | R. | W. | M. |
| S. M. J. Woods | 95 | 37 | 1 | 6 |
| Hon. Mr. Milles | 80 | 25 | 1 | 6 |
| K. McAlpine | 40 | 7 | 2 | 5 |
| W. Brown | 52 | 22 | 3 | 3 |

| <i>Second Innings.</i> | | | | |
|------------------------|----|----|----|----|
| | B. | R. | W. | M. |
| Woods | 75 | 33 | 1 | 3 |
| Hornsby | 80 | 41 | 6 | 2 |
| Hawke | 8 | 7 | 1 | 0 |

In the match with the Western Ontario men the Englishmen were even more fortunate, having an innings to spare, as the following score will show:—

| ENGLISH TEAM. | |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| C. W. Wright, b Hall | 12 |
| J. H. J. Hornsby, b Boyd | 38 |
| Lord Hawke, b Goldingham | 35 |
| S. M. J. Woods, l b w, Hall | 25 |
| C. Wreford Brown, c Jones, b Hall | 18 |
| H. A. Hewett, b Hall | 0 |
| G. W. Ricketts, c Dickey, b Hall | 0 |
| Lord Throwley, b Hall | 27 |
| Hon. H. Milles, not out | 0 |
| K. McAlpine, c Boyd, b Dickey | 25 |
| Leg byes | 3 |
| No ball | 1 |
| Total | 184 |

| WESTERN ONTARIO. | |
|------------------------------------|----|
| <i>First Innings.</i> | |
| M. Boyd, b Woods | 26 |
| J. Bowbank, b Woods | 3 |
| Rev. T. W. Terry, b Woods | 13 |
| J. M. Long, b Woods | 5 |
| W. J. Fleury, b Milles | 3 |
| P. C. Goldingham, not out | 9 |
| E. Hall, b Woods | 0 |
| W. W. Jones, b Woods | 10 |
| Dr. Stevenson, c McAlpine, b Woods | 4 |
| F. S. Dickey, c Hornsby, b Milles | 1 |
| A. H. Collins, b Woods | 6 |
| Byes | 2 |
| Total | 82 |

| WESTERN ONTARIO. | |
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| <i>Second Innings.</i> | |
| Bowbanks, c Ricketts, b Brown | 2 |
| Boyd, stpd Wright, b Woods | 12 |
| Rev. T. W. Terry, b Brown | 2 |
| Goldingham, b Woods | 7 |
| Laing, b Woods | 10 |
| Fleury, c and b Woods | 0 |
| Jones, b Woods | 0 |
| Hall, c McAlpine, b Brown | 0 |
| Collins, not out | 7 |
| Dickey, run out | 0 |
| Extras | 8 |
| Total | 48 |

| BOWLING ANALYSIS. | | | | |
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| ENGLISH GENTLEMEN. | | | | |
| | B. | R. | W. | M. |
| Dickey | 77 | 34 | 1 | 4 |
| Hall | 130 | 70 | 6 | 3 |
| Stevenson | 25 | 17 | 0 | 1 |
| Boyd | 45 | 31 | 1 | 1 |
| Goldingham | 60 | 29 | 1 | 3 |

| WESTERN ONTARIO. | | | | |
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| <i>First Innings.</i> | | | | |
| | B. | R. | W. | M. |
| Woods | 92 | 45 | 8 | 5 |
| Hornsby | 35 | 11 | 0 | 1 |
| Milles | 55 | 24 | 2 | 2 |

| WESTERN ONTARIO. | | | | |
|------------------------|----|----|----|----|
| <i>Second Innings.</i> | | | | |
| | B. | R. | W. | M. |
| Woods | 75 | 23 | 5 | 6 |
| Wreford Brown | 65 | 15 | 3 | 7 |
| McAlpine | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 |

As I predicted last week, the lacrosse season came to anything but a brilliant ending. There is no use trying to disguise the fact. Lacrosse players are no better than the rest of humanity. Their well advertised talk about championships and other things rolled glibly from the tongue and may be harmonious to the ear, but the whole thing concentrated into two words is simply "Gate money." My opinion, of course, is only personal, and last week I attempted to point out the absurdity of the Montreal and Cornwall clubs meeting. The absurdity has come to pass, and like many another absurdity it has carried its lesson with it. Montreal was beaten thoroughly and well, and a great many of the club's best friends are glad of it, not for the reason that they were beaten, but because they have a distinct objection to any three or four playing members of the team running counter to the wiser judgement of a majority.

Cornwall has won what everybody who knows anything about lacrosse will call an alleged championship. The strange part of the whole proceeding was that nobody who knows anything about lacrosse could recognize the Factory Town club as champions. When the N.A.L.A. pennant began to be looked on as simply a ragged reminiscence of the past, the five best clubs in the country made a little league of their own and appropriated unto themselves a championship. When it seemed fitting that this house of lacrosse clay should split, there was an opportunity laying around loose for a Philadelphia lawyer to decide just where any championship belonged. Friendly negotiations did not seem to count for much when the negotiations ultimately ended in the most unfriendly behaviour, and Cornwall had no more right to claim the title of champions than the Montrealers had of challenging them for it. The real championship of the N.A.L.A. which is recognized in Eastern Canada is to-day held by the Shamrock Lacrosse club, and only the Capitals, of Ottawa, have had nerve enough this season to challenge for it. As far as a championship goes the question is not technically settled, but is settled morally, and the Cornwalls have won it by a method of procedure very similar to that used when they pretended to play for 13 medals, but were in reality playing for half the gate. This may be amateurism, as amateurism goes these days, but to an unprejudiced outsider, it seems to be the most dishonest kind of professionalism. Everybody with any kind of admiration for the Montreal club will feel sincerely sorry that they have committed themselves to be led into a little traplet where they had everything to lose, as far as reputation went, and a dubious half gate to gain. The conduct of the Cornwalls in refusing to allow W. C. Hodgson, of the Montreal club, to play was in keeping with the tactics pursued at the recent Shamrock-Cornwall match. Through the season on account of the generosity of the opposing clubs, Cornwall was tacitly permitted to violate the rules; but when it came to a question of a close call they were the strictest interpreters of them. It was just what might have been expected from Cornwall. The Shamrocks learnt a lesson a few weeks ago, the Montrealers have learnt theirs now. They will know better next year.

The Council of the N.A.L.A. seem inclined to work a little faster than their predecessors, and they ought to be congratulated on the circumstance. The Orient Lacrosse club attempted to make some frivolous trouble and were nearly successful. They tried to play the same old game that the Torontos did in the first year of scheduled matches. The result was the same with the exception that this time the N.A.L.A. Council settled the matter with promptness, neatness and despatch. They awarded the championship where it belonged, as far as the district is concerned, viz, to the St. Gabriels, while the intermediate championship was handed over to the Crescents. Good decisions, both.