

CRICKET IN CANADA.

PART II.

SINCE the first part of this article appeared in August, the Rev. T. D. Phillips, who has been sometimes credited with having assisted Miller, of Montreal, in organizing the visit of the so-called Canadian eleven to England in 1880, has sent some interesting facts concerning the trip. He hardly thinks justice has been done him, and writes: "I was opposed to the scheme and wrote against it in the *Mail*, and at the last moment was obliged to state in that paper, over my own signature, that I had declined being on the team. But that year I was in poor health, obliged to give up work and take a sea voyage. I left Canada three weeks after the team, and when I reached England they had played four or five matches. On arrival in Liverpool I found, next morning, at the Allan's office, this telegram: 'Three men disabled; do come down to Leicester and help us.' I had no special plans, but, considering blood thicker than water, went to Leicester, got there during lunch, and found the team bankrupt. I had to spend all I had to meet their reckless hotel bills, and pay fare to London to save the country from further disgrace. Tom Dale had been arrested at Leicester as a deserter. I got the men into quiet but respectable quarters till the M. C. C. and Crystal Palace matches came off. These gave us, in accordance with Miller's (the originator's) arrangement, £200

sterling. I took this and paid all debts. Meanwhile the managing committee, in the teeth of my strenuous opposition, hired a Nottingham professional at £5 a



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week and expenses. I was too unwell to play all the matches. Finally, on my own responsibility, I called aside the professional, showed him how we were losing, paid him off, £9, out of my own means, and then won next two matches. After that it would have been plain sailing, but in a most *cowardly way*, four men who had return tickets, left us after Stourbridge We who were left were compelled to cancel all engagements. More than this, as the rest were stranded, I had to secure return tickets for four of them, only one of whom ever refunded a cent." This confession by one of those who participated in the illstarred adventure, while it does not in any way affect the conclusion come to on all sides as to the failure and want of nationality of the eleven, seems to relieve Mr. Phillips from a stigma which