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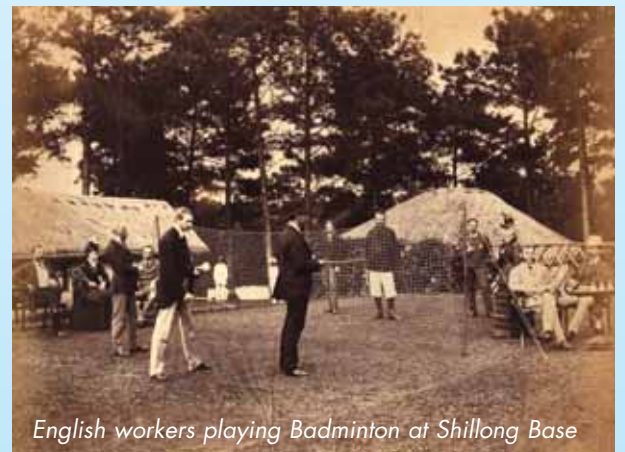
BADMINTON

Badminton Developing Worldwide



*Ball badminton
in India, 1870*

During the 19th century various forms of the game of badminton are recorded as being played in England and also various other parts of the world. It was popular in India and enjoyed by many of the English people stationed in that country. Various names were attributed to the new sport, for example Poona which was an important British military base. Sometimes the shuttlecock was replaced by balls of wool – these were more easily controlled in the wind and this game was called ball badminton. There are also records of the game having reached New York and Boston. At this time the hour-glass shaped courts were often used and up to five players would take part on either side of the net. The need for rules and an official body to standardise the game was pressing – this came about in 1893 when the Badminton Association was founded in Southsea, England.



English workers playing Badminton at Shillong Base