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The organization of a Canadian Association of Base Ball Players and the adoption of a special constitution and by-laws, playing rules and championship code, have made the publication of a Canadian Base Ball Guide a necessity. The short time allowed for compiling and arranging the information contained in this book, and the want of authentic records of the game in Canada have made the task more difficult for this season than it is likely to be in the future, and the publisher feels that he can, under the circumstances, justly claim the consideration of his patrons, trusting that they will kindly overlook any omissions or inaccuracies that may have occurred. Next season he hopes to be able to present to the base ball public of Canada a work that will contain a complete record of this season's play for the championship, and be the equal in every other respect of the standard American publications.