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mainly owe their astonishing success against first-rate Fifteens, Seventeens, and even Twenty-two's.

In the "Review of the Season" we do not pretend to give a complete catalogue of the matches played in Canada during the past year. The season was one very favorable to Cricket, notwithstanding its late opening. The game, in consequence, experienced a large accession both in players and new Clubs. Though, as a chronological history of the operations of the past season, the "Review" is necessarily imperfect both in number and detail, it will yet be a useful column of reference, not only for the present year, but to compare with the corresponding pages in future editions of the GUIDE.

It is with unfeigned regret that we are not in a position to analyze the bowling of the Province, the more so as it would compare favorably with our batting. In fact, from the rare appearance of any approach to excessively large scores, we are driven to the conclusion that the bowling is too much for the batting. At the end of the Guide, we give a form of scoring paper, which, if generally adopted by Clubs, would render an analysis of the bowling easy of acquisition; at present, it is utterly impossible to arrive at any approximation to a correct statement. The tables relating to the batsmen will be useful; in another year we hope to render them more extensive.

In the "Notice of the Clubs" we have given a vast amount of information; the object which we had in view in this article was simply to show the extent to which the game is played, and how steadily it is ramifying throughout the length and breadth of the land. This cannot but be regarded as a favorable omen of Canada's future; for, though the pleasures of a people cannot alone make the nation, it must be a source of pride to find ourselves following closely in the steps of the mother country in the selection of a favorite pastime. We regret having such a scanty amount of information from

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