

# The Canadian Cricket Field,

A JOURNAL DEVOTED TO THE INTERESTS OF CRICKET IN CANADA.

VOL. I.

MAY 10, 1882.

No. 1.

## The Canadian Cricket Field.

Will be published twice in May, twice in September, and Weekly during the intervening months.

A. G. BROWN, )  
G. G. S. LINDSEY, ) .....Editors and Proprietors.

Correspondents are requested to send in contributions by the first mail on Monday to be in time for Wednesday's issue.

Subscription price, \$1.50 per annum, in advance.

Advertising rates on application.

All communications to be addressed,

THE CANADIAN CRICKET FIELD,

Box 347, Toronto, Ont.

## NOTICE.

*All who receive this number are requested to forward their Subscriptions within two weeks, otherwise no further copies will be sent.*

TORONTO, MAY 10<sup>TH</sup>, 1882.

## THE CRICKET FIELD.

The *Canadian Cricket Field* is intended to be a medium of communication between amateur cricketers; and it will itself be the work of amateurs. It will aim to bring before Canadian cricketers whatever occurs on the cricket field likely to be of interest to them; and being specially devoted to the subject, it will contain much which could not be expected to be found in papers which have no such special mission. This is the day of specialities in periodical literature. Almost every interest of importance has its special organ, through which communication between individuals and the public can be most satisfactorily made. That portion of the press which deals with all questions indifferently cannot afford to give more than ordinary attention to any one, much less to what may happen to be occurring on the cricket field.

A journal such as the *Canadian Cricket Field* is intended to be, may be expected to add to the interest with which the noble game of cricket is regarded in Canada; to incite cricketers to take pains to improve their play; to show how the best teams may be brought together, from different places, in view of some great test of skill, such as is seen in an international match; to increase the general interest in the game, even among persons who have themselves never handled a bat or pitched a ball.

Our undertaking being in the interest of Canadian amateur cricketers, we think we may fairly rely upon them for support. The support we have already received, through our subscription

list and advertising space, is an encouraging earnest of what we may expect, and justifies us in assuring our patrons that the publication, during the cricket season, will be regularly made.

## THE BANE OF CRICKET IN CANADA

Is a bumpy wicket. Even at our birth, and in our maiden issue, we must strike at one of the roots of our present deficiency in cricket, as compared with our cousins over the border. They invariably have a levelled ground to play on—our wickets are notorious for their irregularity.

Cricket is much more universal here than in the United States, but we have not one-half the number of heavy rollers. In our dry climate, where the ground gets baked very hard, a heavy roller is much more essential than in England; but it is the last expenditure our clubs will think of, making it subservient to pavilions, flags, and such like luxuries, while in the Old Country a heavy roller is the first member of any well organized cricket club.

We cannot have good cricket without good grounds, and we cannot have good grounds without heavy rollers.

## THE ONTARIO CRICKET ASSOCIATION.

In 1879 cricket enthusiasm in Ontario was at a very low ebb; disastrous defeats were experienced at the hands of several foreign elevens; and worse than that, misunderstandings existed between several of our leading clubs, and comparatively little cricket was played throughout Ontario.

In March, 1880, at a meeting of cricketers representing most of the clubs of the Province, it was resolved to form an Association, the main object of which should be to arrange all matters in connection with an annual international match with the United States, or any eleven of an international character that should visit the country, and to do all possible to be done toward the improvement of cricket in the Province. With this latter object in view, it was decided to inaugurate a series of matches, which should determine the best club in the Province. It was hoped that by means of these matches more cricket would be played, that country clubs would be brought into greater prominence, and that records of their players be made obtainable; also, that from the greater number of "foreign" matches, the confidence of all our players would be increased.

Everyone is aware of the great impetus the Association has given to cricket in Ontario. Five new clubs have entered the competitive ranks this year, nearly all of which are from districts lying beyond the battle-ground of last season; a fact that indicates the spreading influence of the Association.