

BASE BALL IN CANADA.

Within the past six years Base Ball has made rapid strides in public favor in Canada, and in the western and northern portions of Ontario, especially, it has to a great extent displaced Cricket and Lacrosse as a favorite summer out-door recreation. In its earlier years, we are informed, the game first found a foothold in Hamilton. Woodstock next became the centre of its operations, and for many seasons base ball was confined to that town, Ingersoll, Dundas and Hamilton, the game being almost entirely unknown outside of these places. Gradually it spread to London, Guelph, Stratford, St. Mary's, St. Thomas and other towns in the West. With the single exception of a defeat by Ingersoll, Woodstock held the Silver Ball, emblematic of the Canadian championship, until it twice became the property of the Young Canadians of that town. In 1869, the "Young Canadians" presented to the Tecumsehs, of London, for competition at a tournament held under the auspices of that club, a new silver ball, which, with the title of Champions of Canada, was to become the property of the club winning the majority of games. The Maple Leafs, of Guelph