## PREFACE.

Of the article on the "Character of Cricket," we have little to say—it speaks forcibly for itself. We only trust it may find its way, by our humble instrumentality, into the hands of those who, either through prejudice or ignorance, have set their minds against the policy of encouraging the manly game. It requires to be read but cursorily to make many converts. The history of Cricket, though a curiosity now, will be doubly so as years roll on. We trust that the annual publication of this, or some other serial, will never fail to hand down authentic records of the progress being made from year to year.

Intending to make the "Comments" a standing authority, we have much pleasure in stamping them with the impress of a genuine commodity. The name of their author would instantly remove any doubts that might pre-exist as to their worthiness of confidence. It must suffice then to state, that they originate from one whose decisions are respected by every Cricketer of note in the Province. In commending the Instructions embodied in these comments to the considerate study of beginners, we may remark that few are too old to derive material benefit from their perusal; and when it is stated that they are the production of (we believe) the oldest Cricketer in Canada, an ample incentive to ponder over and practice his maxims, will be set before all who aim at becoming shining lights. To those having an opportunity and desirous of consulting a more complete treatise on the subject, we would kindly recommend the CRICKET FIELD, as affording food for many an intellectual Cricket feast.

The "Management of a Match" is a thing too much neglected. Those alone who have tried the experiment can have the faintest conception of the beneficial results to be derived from getting an Eleven to practise together as a complete field for a couple of afternoons previous to a match. There can be no doubt that it is to their judicious management that the "Elevens of England"

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