

CHAPTER VI.

The Ground and the Players.

It would seem that in Canada the game was once played over very long distances and rough ground; but the "pale faces" bringing less wind and more science to bear upon it, the distance was gradually contracted. One Canadian book recommends that half a mile be not exceeded, but we have heard of two miles between the goals. We think that game must have "blown" even the Indians. Boundless prairies being scarce in England (especially in suburban districts), a limit has been fixed at 250 yards, which we think quite sufficient; 150 is made the minimum. The breadth of the ground must not be less than 60 or more than 100 yards. Of course a club may use a smaller ground,