

Introductory Preface.

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THE idea of issuing such a work as that now offered to the Cricketers of Canada, was suggested by the rising importance of the game as exhibited in a retrospective glance at the proceedings of last season. The project began to assume a definite shape by the issue, in January last, of a Circular, requesting information from the various Clubs to which it was addressed. Although the responses were neither so numerous nor so full as could be desired, they accomplished a good end, if only in proving that the CANADIAN CRICKETER'S GUIDE was a desideratum, and would be patronized extensively ; so much so, that there is every prospect of its being self-sustaining, in place of being supported by a few for the benefit of the many in the first year of its existence, as was originally intended.

The contents of this work may be classified under the three heads of Original Articles, Compilations, and Selections. Of the former are the "Comments;" of the compiled articles, the principal are the "Notice of the Clubs," "Review of the Season," &c.—all, it may be observed, partaking largely of the nature of originalities,—while, lastly, the excellent remarks on the "Character of Cricket" are taken *verbatim* from the CRICKETER'S MANUAL, by "Bat." The practical hints given in conjunction with the "Comments" are, in our estimation, better adapted to the requirements of this country than even the "Preliminary Instructions," which form the lucid contribution to LILLYWHITE'S GUIDE for 1857, to which last work we are in part indebted for the compendious hints on the "Management of a Match."