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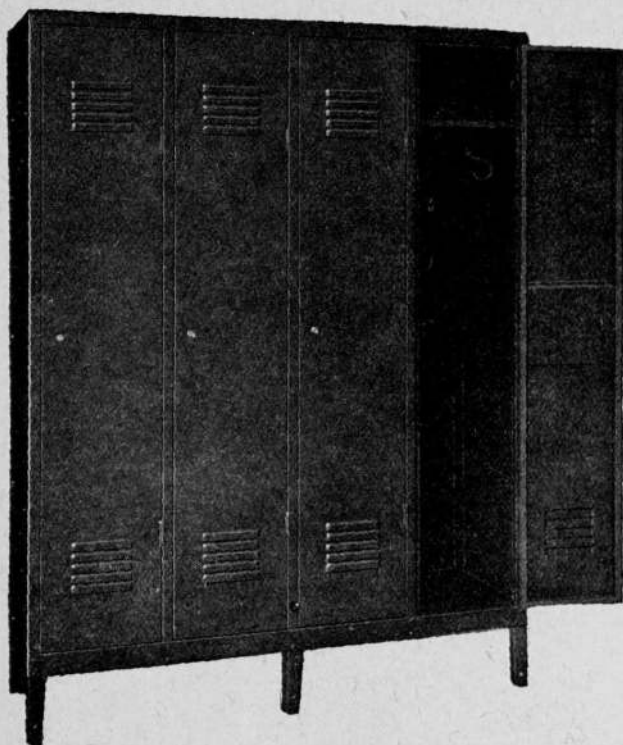
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Wanted? Well Balanced Golf Courses For Ordinary Players

The question of what constitutes a particularly well-balanced golf course for the ordinary or average player, is often asked and various courses are frequently quoted as conforming most adequately to the requirements of the man who is not everlastingly "breaking into" the "seventies" and sometimes the "sixties." Super-courses are required for such experts, but here is the card, kindly sent by a golfing friend, of a course recently laid out by the noted architect, Donald Ross, of Pinehurst, N. C., for the Forrest Hills Club at Augusta, Georgia, which seems to be an ideal one from the standpoint of a player who doesn't want and doesn't require, links calling for tremendous distances from the tee and through the green on the majority of the holes.

The yardage, plenty long enough, of this new Ross creation, is 6,487 yards, made up as follows: No. 1, 406 yards; No. two, 449; No. three, 349; No. four, 177; No. five, 466; No. six, 409; No. seven, 219; No. eight, 398; No. nine, 415. Out—3,288 yards, par 35. No. ten, 412; No. eleven, 426; No. twelve, 357; No. thirteen, 139; No. fourteen, 369; No. fifteen, 371; No. sixteen, 192; No. seventeen, 398; No. eighteen, 398. Total in, 3,199 yards, par 35.

It will be noticed that Nos. 1, 2 and 3 are nice "get-away" holes. On so many courses a short hole is encountered "early in the game," and as a result congestion of the course is bound to occur. No. 4 is the first short hole at Forrest Hills, and this is followed by the second longest hole on the course, No. 5, 466 yards. No. 6 is another good two-shotter. No. 7 is a short hole, whilst Nos.

8 and 9 are around 400 yards—admirable lengths. Total out, 3,288 yards, par 35. Coming in, it will be seen, there are a fine variety of one and two-shot holes, and also virtually the only three-shot hole on the links, No. 17, 535 yards. Total in, 3,199 yards, par 35.

Here is a particularly well balanced course with holes excellently arranged and distributed as regards length. From the card it looks as though this course was just about the last word in intelligent construction, for the average player. In this connection, it is interesting to note that it compares, as regards yardage, more particularly, with the famous course of "Pine Valley," described elsewhere in this issue, which links have an International reputation.

Epoch-Making Legislation Enacted by the R. C. G. A. The annual meeting this month of The Royal Canadian Golf Association was quite an epoch-making event, the Constitution coming in for radical changes, as a result of the unanimous passing of a resolution ably fathered by Mr. W. H. Plant, President of the Ontario Golf Association, amending Articles VI. and VII. By this revision the election commencing with 1928 of the Executive of the Association will be conducted along new lines altogether. Briefly, the various Provincial Associations will have the nominating of the Executive. The rights of all the Provinces have been safeguarded. No Province shall have more than three representatives on the Executive, and each Province shall have at least one representative. This change will unquestionably make for a better feeling in golf circles throughout the Dominion. The claim has sometimes been made that in the past The Royal Canadian Golf Association has been more or less sectional—in fact, an Association dominated by Ontario and Quebec. The alterations in the Constitution as now adopted, will make for a broadening out of the Association's activities and sphere of influence.

All the delegates strongly supported a National Executive and National Championships. There was nothing but the most cordial feeling expressed towards all the Provinces. The revision is undoubtedly in the very best interests of Golf in Canada, and should and unquestionably will, meet with a hearty reception from all golfers from the Pacific to the Atlantic. The old charge of "Sectional" can no longer be laid at the door of the Governing Body of Golf in the Dominion, which hereafter will be truly National in management and scope.

It will be noticed by the annual report of the Association that several changes have been made in connection with the Green Section work, the Provincial Associations more or less taking this over, although the Bulletins will continue to be printed in the "Canadian Golfer" and also issued monthly in pamphlet form. The Golf Tournaments, held the past few years in order to raise funds for the Green Section, will be discontinued.

AN APPRECIATION OF MISS ORCUTT

D. T. CROAL, the professional of the Grand River Golf and Country Club, Kitchener, Ontario, writes the Editor from Ormond, Fla.:

"Miss Maureen Orcutt, 19-year-old Metropolitan and New Jersey Champion, has added another championship to her list in winning the Florida East Coast Women's Championship. Her name is inscribed on the cup along with that of Glenna Collett and Virginia Van Wie.

Having seen Miss Orcutt play for the first time at Ormond last Sunday in the South Atlantic Championship, I picked her as being a likely winner. She lost this Championship after a gruelling battle with Mrs. Pardue, taking the game to the 21st green. Miss Orcutt has a wonderful style, and is a perfect marvel with her irons. She hits the longest iron shot I've ever seen a woman play and is very accurate. Her style reminds one at once of George Duncan, and she has a wonderful way of 'stepping into' all her shots.

From what I have seen of Miss Orcutt's golf I consider her the coming lady golfer, and am looking for great things from her this summer."



(The Editor is always glad to answer questions about the Rules, and other golfing matters, but owing to so many of these requests coming in every month, he must ask in future that stamped-addressed envelope be enclosed with all such communications, otherwise they will not be answered).

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“A little golfing now and then, is relished by good business men.”

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General S. C. Mewburn, of Hamilton, and Major Hume Cronyn, of London, have recently been elected Directors of the Bell Telephone Company, of Canada. Both are exceedingly keen golfers and members of The Canadian Seniors' Golf Association.

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It is with personal regret that the Editor is called upon to record the tragic death in New Orleans of Captain Innes-Taylor, of Toronto, the well-known sportsman and journalist. He was very popular in sporting circles and news that he had committed suicide, came as a great shock to many friends throughout Ontario.

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A prominent medical man speaking to a convention of doctors in Toronto recently stated that he had kept several high blood pressure men alive and in fair condition by introducing them to and getting them to play golf with regularity. “Put that,” says the Brantford “Expositor,” “on the credit side when somebody begins to tell you of the increasing number of deaths on the links—and go on playing.”

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A valued Toronto correspondent writes, and writes “right truly”:
 “Your journal should advocate a better caddie-service in Canada. Caddies as a general thing are exceeding poor throughout the Dominion. They are not trained and not developed as they are in Great Britain and the States. One reason, I suppose, is that generally speaking, members do not support such a service on our Canadian Clubs. The coming season it is to be sincerely hoped that action generally will be taken by our leading clubs to remedy this regrettable state of affairs.”

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Announcing plans for the 1927 British Open Golf Championship tournament, the Royal and Ancient Club made known this month that the sectional qualifying system tried last year would be abandoned as unsatisfactory. The qualifying rounds will be played over the old and new courses at St. Andrews on July 11th and 12th. The first 100 players and all tying for the hundredth place will be entitled to compete in the championship proper, which will be played in four rounds, over the old course July 13th, 14th and 15th. All competitors 15 or more strokes behind the leader at the end of the second round will be retired, the survivors playing two rounds on July 15. The prize money will be increased from £50 to £250. Entries will close July 1. The Amateur Championship will be held at Hoylake on May 23rd, under the same conditions as last year. Entries close May 6th.

Mr. A. E. Wilson, of A. E. Wilson & Co., Ltd., Toronto, writing the Editor in reference to the late lamented death of Percy Barrett:

"Has it come to your notice that Arthur S. Russell, Lakeview Golf Club; Jack Pritchard, Wanaka Club, Buffalo, have been carrying on the late Percy Barrett's Winter School without any remuneration whatever and giving the proceeds of lessons to the widow and her family? To my mind this is the greatest sacrifice made by any one and represents the largest contribution to the Fund."

Mr. Wilson is quite right in calling attention prominently to the above laudable action upon the part of Barrett's old golfing friends. Such a fine spirit is worthy of all praise.—Editor, "Canadian Golfer."

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"The Divot," the interesting little monthly magazine issued by the Weston Golf and Country Club thinks, and thinks rightly, that it would be rather interesting, if it were possible (and it should be possible), to rate some of the courses in the Toronto district, or even in Canada. This rating would help, as it would be an incentive to the Clubs to improve their courses. The rating should include: The Tees—Size, contour, quality of grass, condition and fixtures. The Rough—Character, width, contour, quality, condition and drainage. The Fairways—Width, contour, quality, condition, and drainage. The Traps—All forms of tee and green shot controls, location, size, shape, quality, condition and drainage. The Greens—Shape, size, contour, quality, condition and drainage.

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Canada's jubilee year, celebrating the sixty years of Confederation, is fittingly emphasized in the 1927 issue of "5,000 Facts about Canada," the famous tabloid cyclopædia of the Dominion, compiled by Frank Yeigh, the well known Canadian publicist, lecturer and author. It is a tonic to read of our remarkable national progress, as tersely set forth in this unique booklet, under fifty chapters, from "Agriculture" to "Yukon." The contents are more varied than ever, and will prove a revelation to the reader. No better way of making known our resources, wealth and prospects exists than this publication, and it should have a wide circulation this year. The Government could well afford to use it widely in this and other countries. Copies may be had from leading bookstores, or by sending 35 cents to Canadian Facts Publishing Company, 588 Huron Street, Toronto, 2, Canada.

WILL BUILD \$25,000 CLUB HOUSE

Record Season—Many Improvements to Course, Besides
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THE annual meeting of the Cedarbrook Golf and Country Club, Limited, Scarborough, was held in the Yellow Room of the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, last month. The reports of the various officers and committees showed that last year considerable progress was made in every branch of the club's activities, the operating surplus for the year being \$346.81, and the mortgage on the property being reduced \$5,000.

A special by-law was passed authorizing a bond issue of \$25,000 for the erection of a new club house on the one-storey concrete locker room. The

Honorary President, T. W. Learie, Chairman of the Club House Committee, reported that over \$20,000 had already been promised. Construction will be commenced immediately, and it is expected that the new club house will be ready for use by the middle of June. The following presented interesting and complete reports to the meeting: President's address, Isaac Ilsley; Green Committee, Fred A. Duffort; Treasurer, George E. Edmonds; House Committee, G. R. McDougall; Membership Committee, A. A. Kirby; Captain, Sydney Okley; Ladies' Committee, Miss M. See.

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The Cedarbrook Club has had rather a unique record inasmuch as it has constructed one of the most sporty, characteristic and interesting golf courses in the district, without an assessment ever being made. The club has been fortunate in having an excellent board of directors from year to year, who have been responsible for this remarkable accomplishment coupled with the capable efforts of the Secretary, M. A. Chadwick, the various committees and the whole-hearted support of the membership in general.

The following were elected directors for two years, filling the places of the five members who completed their terms: Geo. E. Edmonds, G. R. McDougall, F. Goforth, J. H. Hewitt, Dan J. Davis. The other members of the Board, who have still one year to

serve, are: Isaac Ilsley, Fred Duffort, Dr. K. Campbell, A. E. King, A. A. Kirby, R. W. Parker.

The net playing fees for the season 1927 will be the same as last year, namely, gentlemen, \$50; ladies \$35. Thomas Cairns will again serve the club this year as professional.

The course has been lengthened out to 6,430 yards by the construction of five new bent grass greens, with some additional tees, and the members are looking forward to a fine season's golf on the improved course. The general surroundings and accommodation for the membership will be much improved by the addition of the new building, and a large influx of new members is anticipated. The meeting was one of the largest and most enthusiastic the club has ever held.

TORONTO CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

Groupings for the 1927 Ladies' Season Made by Toronto Committee
of C. L. G. U.

At a special meeting of the local officers of the Canadian Ladies' Golf Union, held at the home of Mrs. Leonard Murray, President of the C. L. G. U., Toronto, plans for the ladies' inter-club team competition for the city championship and The "Mail and Empire" Trophy for the coming season were discussed and the groups arranged. The meeting was attended by the Captains of each of the seventeen clubs that will compete this season as follows: Toronto, Mrs. Victor Sifton; Scarborough, Mrs. Young; York Downs, Mrs. Hobkirk; Lakeview, Mrs. Laing; Thistledown, Mrs. Piddington; Summit, Mrs. Moorhouse; Rosedale, Mrs. Lefroy; Weston, Miss Baldwin; Lambton, Mrs. Murray Wilson; Humber Valley, Mrs. Jacob; Mississauga, Mrs. Agar; Bayview, Mrs. Miller; Thornhill, Mrs. Perry; Ladies' Club, Miss Ada Mackenzie; Cedarbrook, Mrs. Ilsley; Lake Shore, Mrs. Dalrymple, and Islington, Mrs. Staden. Miss Inez Allan, Secretary of the C. L. G. U., acted in that capacity.

The presence of four new clubs—Islington, Cedarbrook, Lake Shore and

Ladies' Golf and Tennis Club—along with the enthusiasm of the captains of the other clubs, that have competed in the event in past years, indicated the success that the competition has been. Every delegate present was eager that the event be continued, and along the same lines as last season. Ladies' golf in the local district has improved greatly in the last few years, and much of the credit for the progress of the younger players is given to this competition, which enables inexperienced players and members of the bronze division to get experience by playing against silver division players, and in addition members of newer clubs get chances to play on the older courses.

Mrs. M. K. Rowe, of the Pars Committee of the C. L. G. U., presented the suggestions she advanced a year ago and which were adopted for a year, with the exception of that regarding the grouping of the clubs. Last year the grouping was made according to the average handicaps of the players, although Mrs. Rowe suggested that the clubs be grouped according to the number of points they secured in the pre-

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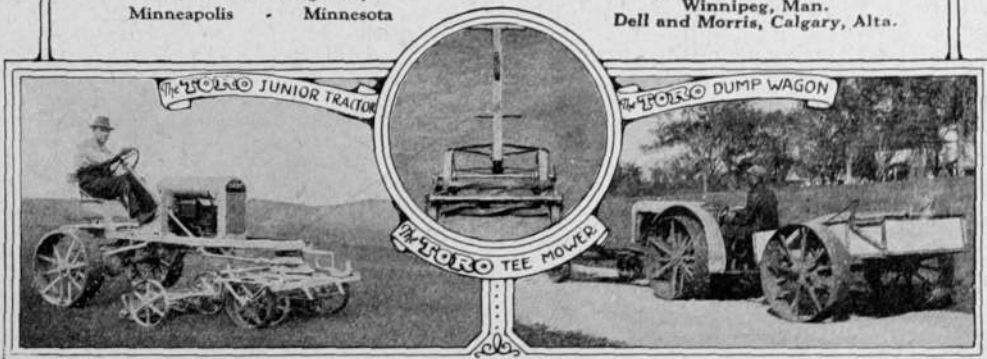
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vious year's play. Finally, after considerable discussion, Mrs. Rowe's suggestion was adopted, only one club voting against it. The old plan gave an advantage to the clubs that had the larger memberships and the greater number of silver division players advancing to the ranking group. By the adoption of the plan at this meeting clubs will advance according to their success in the matches the previous year.

In making the groupings for the coming season the clubs in Groups "A" and "B" last year were given their total points, while those in Class "C" were given three-quarters of their total, as in that class there were five clubs, each one playing four matches, against three matches for each of the clubs in the other two four-club groups. The groupings are as follows:

Group "A"—Toronto (22½), Scarborough (20), York Downs (19½), and Lakeview (18¾).

Group "B"—Thistledown (16⅞), Summit (15), Rosedale (14½) and Weston (13).

Group "C"—Lambton (12½), Humber Valley (12), Mississauga (10½) and Bayview (10½).

Group "D"—Thornhill, Cedarbrook, Toronto Ladies, Islington and Lake Shore.

It was decided that the group games be played during the month of May, the games being played on Tuesdays, May 10, 17 and 31 being the dates for the games in the first three groups, while there will be two games in one week for each of the clubs in Class "D." As was the case last year, the games will be played with ten players on a team, on the course of one of the two clubs, and the matches will be individual, a win counting a point, and a halved match half a point. The individual matches will be in handicap, giving the players with a large handicap an even chance of winning their matches against those with lower handicaps. The schedules for the groups and the dates of the semi-finals and final will be announced later.

A letter was received from Mrs. Murdock, of the Humber Valley Club, who was unable to attend owing to sickness. Mrs. Murdock expressed her best wishes for the success of the competition. Following the meeting the ladies were guests of Mrs. Murray at afternoon tea.

Golf Club Management Developing Along Expensive Lines

(By Club Manager).

A CLOSE perusal of a number of Canadian Golf Club Annual Statements covering the past season's operations gives added weight to the oft repeated criticism that far too large a proportion of the revenue derived from club members is being frittered away in unnecessary frills, thereby adding to the already high cost of golf.

A statement of income and expenditure of one of the larger clubs shows a total revenue from membership and visitors' fees along with room rentals of some \$49,000, and gross receipts from dining room and cafe sales of slightly over \$24,000, making a total operating revenue from these sources of around \$73,000. Against this large revenue there are expenditures for salaries for secretary, office help, steward and house staff amounting to about \$17,000 and for supplies for dining room and cafe (not including any charges for fuel, light, laundry, renewals or similar items), of almost \$18,000—the latter amount including the cost of food supplies for the entire staff—or a total expenditure under these headings of some \$35,000.

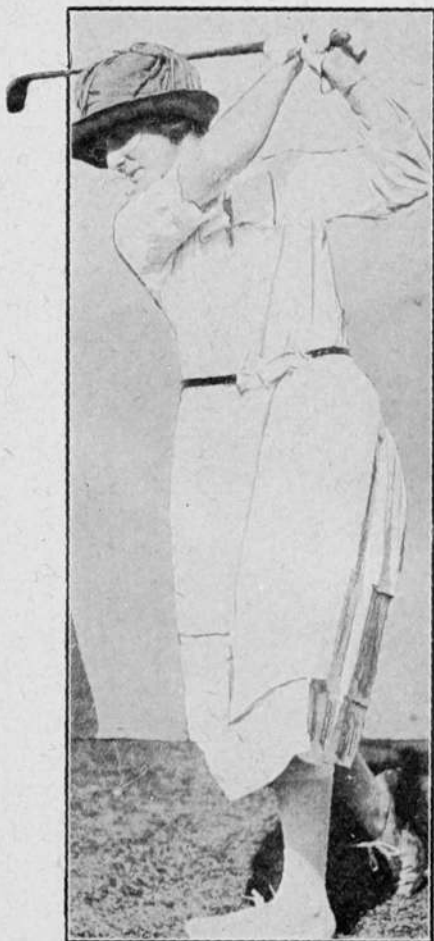
The above figures indicate that at this particular club, which is only too typical of the general trend throughout the golfing world, out of a total revenue from fees, etc., of \$49,000, an amount of no less than some \$11,000 had to be provided towards the secretarial and management costs and house wages, the professional's salary not being included in the above. This is certainly too high a percentage of the revenue for management costs and some earnest thought should be given in order to adjust such expenditures to a more reasonable proportion.

ONTARIO LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP, WEEK OF JUNE THE SIXTH

The Burlington Golf and Country Club will be the Venue of this Important Golfing Event

AT a meeting this month of the Executive of the newly formed Ontario Ladies' Branch of The Canadian Ladies' Golf Union, held at the residence of the President, Miss Jean Haslett, Hamilton, a number of very important matters were discussed. Possibly the most important was that in connection with the holding of the Annual Ontario Championship, one of the most delightful events in connection with Ladies' golf in Canada. The dates decided upon for the 1927 fixture were June 6th to June 10th, and the venue will be the Burlington Golf and Country Club. This is without question one of the most interesting courses in Ontario. The location is ideal, on the Highway between Toronto and Hamilton, and of easy access not alone from Toronto and Hamilton, but from London, Brantford, Galt, Guelph, Kitchener, Oshawa and other Ontario cities. A better selection could not have been made. The Burlington 18-hole links are very sporting. The fairways and greens leave little to be desired, whilst the environment is unexcelled in the Province. The lady golfers of Ontario are assured of a most successful week in June, both from a golfing and social standpoint. The present Lady Champion of Ontario is Mrs. E. W. Whittington, of Oakville, one of the ranking players of the Toronto Golf Club. The runner-up in 1926 was Miss Margaret E. Walsh, a very promising young player, also of the Toronto Golf Club. The interesting programme next June at the Burlington Golf and Country Club will consist of the 18-hole Qualifying Round for Championship gross and handicap prizes and club team match. Tuesday, the 7th, Championship, first round; Flights, first round. Wednesday, Championship, second round; Flights, second round; Championship Consolation, first round; Approaching, Putting and Driving Competition. Thursday, Championship semi-finals; Flights, semi-finals; Championship Consolation semi-finals. Friday, Championship final; Flights, finals; Championship Consolation, finals. Presentation of prizes. The officers of the Burlington Golf and Country Club will extend the privileges of the links to all competitors some days previous to June 6th.

The very representative Executive of the Ontario Ladies' Golf Association which will have charge of the Championship next June is comprised of: Presi-



Mrs. Whittington, Toronto Golf Club, who will be called upon to defend her title of Lady Champion of Ontario at the Burlington Golf and Country Club, this June.

dent, Miss Jean Haslett, Hamilton Golf Club; Vice-President, Mrs. Marshall Graydon, London Hunt Club; Secretary-Treasurer and Handicap Manager, Miss J. McFarlane, Hamilton Golf Club; Chairman of the Pars Committee, Mrs. M. K. Rowe, Toronto Golf Club. Committee: Mrs. Gordon Ferrie, Hamilton Golf Club; Mrs. Duncan Coulson, York Downs Golf Club; Mrs. Murray Hendrie, Hamilton Golf Club, and Mrs. McCaughey, Glendale Golf Club, Hamilton.

HAGEN ADMINISTERS CRUSHING DEFEAT TO SARAZEN



Hagen Still the Great Match Player

THE redoubtable Walter Hagen has once again demonstrated that he is one of the world's greatest match players, if not the greatest. He has recently administered a crushing defeat to Gene Sarazen, always looked upon as one of his most dangerous young rivals. The match was at 72 holes. The first 36 were played at Miami, Fla., and here Hagen established a lead of three holes. The final 36 were staged on Hagen's home course at St. Petersburg, Fla., and it was a crime the way the "impeccable Walter" treated the former young Open Champion. He registered a decisive defeat to the tune of 16 up. Sarazen, crushed at the eleventh, agreed to continue the play to please the large gallery that had gathered on the links of the Pasadena Country Club to see the finish fight.

This defeat of Sarazen makes the victory of the former young Hamiltonian, Harry Cooper, over Hagen recently, all the more notable. Cooper, it will be remembered, took the measure of Hagen at Dallas, Texas, with a 10 and 9 win, the 72-hole match ending on the 63rd green. It certainly would look as though Cooper is to-day the greatest of the young golfers in the States—a place generally heretofore accorded Sarazen. He came from England as a boy with his father, who was for a time steward at the old Hamilton Golf and Country Club. He really learned his game on the Hamilton links. His father is also a fine golfer and took the game up as a profession when the family removed to Dallas, Texas.

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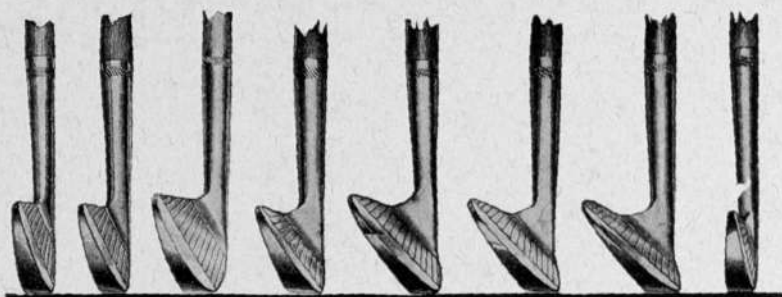
THE general progress of the Hamilton Golf and Country Club during the 1926 season, as illustrated by the several splendid reports offered at the annual meeting at the Royal Connaught hotel last month made the year recently ended one of the most successful, in every way, in the history of the club.

The reports not only suggested considerable progress in the way of particular development, but also showed a surprising list of additions to the course—improvements and innovations that have tended to make the grounds as fine as almost any on the continent.

Major W. D. Wilson, President of the Club, acted as chairman and under his guidance the meeting progressed rapidly. While there were several brief speeches on the

program, major interest was centered on the reports of Dr. Ingersol Olmsted, Chairman of the Green Committee, and Albert A. Adams, club captain.

Dr. Olmsted's address was remarkable in many ways. In it he went over the activities of his committee for the last three or four years, stressing many fine achievements during that time. The main improvements during this time consisted of the construction of three new holes on the short course, giving three holes for practice and instruction; the purchase of a portion of the Ancaster fair grounds, which removed an objectionable point of land that projected into the northwest portion of the first fairway; the construction of a shelter back of the first tee as well as two others at the fourth and fourteenth; construction of new



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tees at the seventh and thirteenth holes; water-piping to all tees, so that they are now treated in the same manner as the greens, and other improvements of this nature.

The seventh and eleventh fairways had been greatly improved and a new dam constructed between the tenth and eleventh to provide sufficient water for greens and tees.

In addition to five plots of young trees laid out five years ago, some thousand of these had been transplanted, as well as over 7,000 which were planted last year. Over 85 per cent. of the young trees planted have thrived, according to the report.

The purchase of some 20 acres of land about a year ago was mentioned. This piece has been carefully cultivated and part of it already used for the seventh tee.

The course is at present in wonderful shape, the Chairman said, and certain other improvements were to be made this spring. The bunkers are gradually being altered to make them less unsightly and artificial without impairing their usefulness.

The other major report was that of the club captain, A. A. Adams. In spite of the wet weather, Mr. Adams said, there was general success from the playing end. There was a general increase in the entries for the regular club competitions, they totaling 297 during 1926, as against 272 in 1925.

The prize winners for the season were as follows: Ramsay Cup—A. A. Adams; runner-up, D. H. H. Pirie. Crerar Cup—Dr. J. R. Parry and R. Burton; runners-up, E.

V. Illsey and H. H. Champ. Ladies' Cup—G. W. Wigle; runner-up, H. H. Champ. Club Championship—A. A. Adams; runner-up, E. C. Gould; second flight, W. D. Wilson; runner-up, Dr. H. H. Pirie; third flight, R. Schomfield Morris; runner-up, S. S. DuMoulin. Senator's Cup—H. A. Smith; runner-up John E. Lazier. 120th Cup—G. W. Wigle; runner-up, P. M. Yeates. Green Section Tournament—I. W. Champion. Pryse-Park Cup for mixed foursomes, Miss G. Secord and D. F. L. Williamson, best net; runners-up, Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Parry; Miss Phyllis Wright and H. H. Levy, best gross; runners-up, Miss Edith Turner and W. H. McPhie. Putting Competition, R. H. Arkell. Ringer Competition, G. W. Wigle; runner-up, A. A. Adams.

T. C. Haslett, who has been one of the club's most valued workers, was given an honorary life membership in the club as a slight recognition of his valuable services.

At the conclusion of the reports, Albert A. Adams, the club's Captain-champion, was unanimously elected to the same office for another term. James Moodie was likewise unanimously elected to the office of vice-captain. The directorate was also elected by acclamation. It will consist of Messrs. Albert A. Adams, D. K. Baldwin, H. S. Braden, George D. Fearman, W. H. Marsh, Argue Martin, James Moodie, Dr. Ingersoll Olmsted, G. W. Wigle and Major W. D. Wilson.

The presentation of prizes was conducted by the chairman, Major Wilson, and A. A. Adams at the end of the program.

PARIS CLUB NOW SELF-SUPPORTING

Most Encouraging Reports Presented at the Annual Meeting—Mr. R. E. Haire Re-elected President

AT the annual meeting of the Paris Golf and Country Club, held in Community Hall, Paris, March 8th, a most encouraging report of the past year's progress both as to membership and finances was received, and the officers for the year 1927 were elected.

Mr. R. E. Haire, the President, in his address to the large gathering of assembled members, took pleasure in announcing that the club is now self-supporting, the current receipts being slightly over current expenses. It was true that during the year the mortgage had not been reduced, but \$600 worth of stock had been sold, and the proceeds had been used to make some necessary and very desirable changes in the club house, enabling the caretaker to be at all times on the premises, and thus to keep the building in first

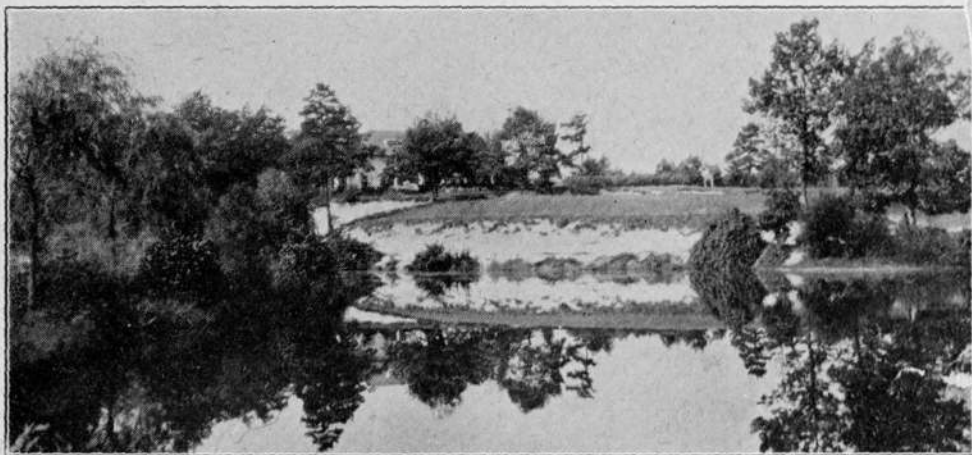
rate condition. They had now a very attractive and beautiful course and club house. The President then congratulated Mr. H. A. Crooks, the Secretary of the Club, on his devoted labors, and Mr. W. T. Thomson, Chairman of the Grounds Committee. Mr. Sheldon Smoke, the Captain, was also thanked and the good work of the lady members in the promotion of the welfare of the club, was commended by the President and endorsed by the meeting.

The following was the result of the election of officers and directors: President, Mr. R. E. Haire; Vice-President, Mr. J. R. Inksater; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. H. A. Crooks; Directors, the officers and Messrs. C. B. Robinson, S. L. Smoke, H. P. Long, S. M. Moffatt, Franklin Smoke, M.P., J. R. Martin, R. Thomson and John Harold.

"SOME MORE THUMB-NAIL SKETCHES"

Pine Valley, Near Philadelphia, One of the World's Greatest Golf Courses.
U. S. G. A. Officials Have Most Cordial Feelings Towards Canada—
Mr. Horace L. Hotchkiss, "Father of Senior Golf," Still
"Going Strong" at the Age of Eighty-six

DURING a visit last month to Atlantic City, Philadelphia and New York had the very great pleasure of fulfilling a long felt wish. Everyone interested in golf has heard of the Pine Valley Golf Club, the inspiration and more or less hobby of Mr. George Arthur Crump, a member of one of the old families of Philadelphia. Situated at Clemarton, N. J., fifteen miles distance or so from the "Quaker City," Pine Valley is fortunate in being an all-year



The Famous "Home-Hole" at Pine Valley, Guarded by a Mirror-like Lake.
To the left the Club House

round course, protected and sheltered as it is from wintry blasts, and enjoying climatic conditions which rarely interfere at any time with the enjoyment of the Royal and Ancient game.

I was very fortunate in having as "my guide, philosopher and friend," at Pine Valley, Mr. W. M. Reekie, the Metropolitan Amateur Champion, who most kindly came from New York for the week-end to play the part of host at the famous club of which he is one of the most prominent and popular members. It was the end of January, but quite a large number of Philadelphians, leaders in all walks of life, motored over to seek relaxation for a couple of days from their professions and from their businesses.

Pine Valley has comparatively speaking, a small, but very artistic club house, which is being enlarged to some extent this season, but here, and rightly so to, "the course is the thing." And a course it certainly is. Many good judges say it is the finest in America. I certainly for one, have never seen a more magnificent lay-out. By quite a curious coincidence, the last course I played over before my visit to Pine Valley, was Gleneagles, in Scotland. This was in October, and returning late in the season to Canada, our links were more or less closed for the winter months, and I did not have occasion to visit any of them. 'Tis a far cry from "Glorious Gleneagles" to "Picturesque Pine Valley." I was asked how the acknowledged finest Inland course in Great Britain compared with possibly the finest Inland course in America. But no comparison is possible. The construction and environments alike are totally different. Both are wonderful along distinctive lines. Personally, I should say, however, that the Pine

Valley is harder by several strokes than either the King's or Queen's courses at Gleneagles. The best players, either amateur or professional, rarely break into the seventies at Pine Valley, whilst the ordinary player is extremely content if his card shows anything better than ninety. With its yawning bunkers, many of them one hundred yards in length, and other hazards aplenty, Pine Valley is a Gargantuan test of golf, although truth to tell, the average player who sticks to "the primrose path," and doesn't pull or slice, is quite capable of providing in a good score. There are really very few unfair penalties, but unquestionably the long, straight driver has a decided advantage almost from the first tee to the last. It is claimed and rightly claimed, that a really good shot is never punished.

The Pine Valley course has the excellent length of 6,446 yards. The outward journey is 3,223 yards, par 35, and the homeward journey also 3,223 yards, and also a par 35. I don't think I ever remember before going over a course with "both legs" of exactly the same yardage and parage. I presume this is a coincidence and not purposely planned by Mr. Crump, who was largely responsible for the lay-out, although he called in consultation, some of the leading golf architects of both the United States and Great Britain.

The card reads as follows, and is well worthy of study by Green Committees in Canada as elsewhere:

OUT		IN	
No. 1.....	421 yards, par 4	No. 10.....	134 yards, par 3
No. 2.....	352 " " 4	No. 11.....	395 " " 4
No. 3.....	184 " " 3	No. 12.....	312 " " 4
No. 4.....	431 " " 4	No. 13.....	433 " " 4
No. 5.....	205 " " 3	No. 14.....	164 " " 3
No. 6.....	365 " " 4	No. 15.....	597 " " 5
No. 7.....	551 " " 5	No. 16.....	428 " " 4
No. 8.....	303 " " 4	No. 17.....	335 " " 4
No. 9.....	411 " " 4	No. 18.....	425 " " 4
Total.....	3,223 35	Total.....	3,223 35

Grand Total, 6,446 yards, par 70.

There are no fewer than six dog-leg holes, always the most interesting on any course. There are, it will be seen, the regular four one-shot holes (two on each "leg"), five 400 yard holes and two over 500 yards. The balance is made up of holes in the 300 yard class, always the backbone of any well thought out course. There are water-hazards aplenty, a charming chain of mirror-like little lakes, having to be carried at several holes, either guarding the tee-shot or the approach to the greens.

No. five is possibly the finest one-shot hole in America, and that all said and done, is a "pretty large order." This goes to the credit of Mr. Harry Colt, the celebrated English golf architect, who incidentally was responsible for the two outstanding courses in Canada to be found at the Toronto Golf Club and the Hamilton Golf Club. No. 5 tee is just back of the club house. A little lake has to be successfully negotiated to find the emerald-like elevated green 205 yards away, stiffly guarded by bunkers and fringed with trees. Another outstanding short hole is No. 14, with its Island green. Heroic 3-shot holes are No. 7 (551 yards), and No. 15 (597 yards), whilst it would be hard to imagine a more magnificent two-shot hole than the 18th, across the water to a green almost fronting the club house—a fitting end to a glorious round of character holes, without exception, from start to finish.

I can quite well understand that in the Spring and Summer especially, that Pine Valley is a pure delight, not only to the golfer, but to the visitor who is not altogether engrossed in green and fairway. Thousands of tulips on the banks running down from the club house to the lake, add their splash of colour to

flowering shrubs and creepers. Then the artistic rose gardens are in full bloom and altogether the setting is one of fragrant remembrance.

Up to date, some \$360,000 has been spent on the course and another \$40,000 or so is to be expended this season. A large sum yes, but the results warrant the outlay. Pine Valley to-day as a result has a reputation which is International, and golfers from all over the world esteem it one of their greatest golfing privileges to play over its verdant fairways. The late Mr. Crump builded both wisely and well. He gave of his own private means lavishly, in the initial stages of the project. To-day it is his enduring monument.

A hundred yards or so from the club house is the Bungalow, which contains the sleeping apartments of the members. And here in every bedroom is conspicuously displayed the notice which might well be copied in the leading clubs of Canada.

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"Between the hours of 10 p.m. and 8 a.m., members are requested to refrain from any loud talking, or making any unnecessary noises in the rooms or hallways. Members or their guests disobeying this rule will subject themselves to immediate action, leading to suspension from the Club."

By the Board of Governors.

This notice is lived up to the letter and in the past more than one member has been promptly disciplined for failing to obey it.

Many golfing friends in Canada of Mr. Reekie, formerly a member of the Lambton, Brantford and Galt Clubs will be glad to hear that the Metropolitan Amateur Champion is playing wonderful golf again this season. He went out the first ten holes of my visit in par, notwithstanding rain-soaked fairways and greens—and any hole in par there is really "par" golf. Members of Pine Valley claim that he plays their difficult course better than any other leading amateur in the States. Two years ago he won the much coveted Crump Cup (the names of Messrs. Ouimet, Charles Evans, Jr., and other celebrities appear on the base of this outstanding trophy), defeating Mr. Jess Sweetser, the present British Amateur Champion and ex-U. S. Amateur Champion, in the play-off by five strokes. On that occasion Reekie came home in 34, which is the record for the last nine holes at Pine Valley.

It is too bad that the course has never been the venue of a U. S. Amateur or Open Championship, but I understand, that the members are adverse to opening up their famous links for major events. Pine Valley is more or less a "law unto itself." The members' wants are the first and paramount consideration always.

Golfing Notes In And Round New York

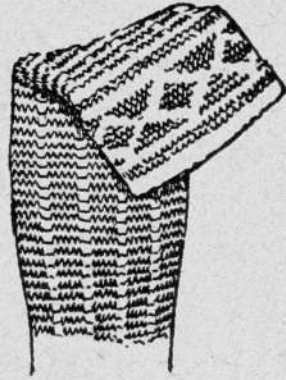
New York, naturally, is the home of the United States Golf Association, that very virile organization which rules over the destiny of thousands of clubs and hundreds of thousands of golfers scattered throughout the length and breadth of the country to the south of us. The U. S. G. A. has very commodious Executive offices and a capable staff presided over most capably by Mr. T. J. McMahon at 110 East 42nd Street. Here are carefully kept all the golfing statistics and data in connection with the game since its inception in the States. From very small beginnings the Association has developed into a most important organization indeed, both financially and from a golfing standpoint. Its receipts run into large figures and its prestige in the realms of golf is unquestioned, alike in the States, Great Britain and Canada. Mr. H. H. Ramsay, a leading New York lawyer, is the Hon. Secretary of this outstanding Association, and he is quite interested in golf in Canada as well as in his own country. As announced



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in the last month's issue of the "Canadian Golfer," he is strongly in favour of the revival of the International matches between the United States and Canada. Both Mr. Ramsay and Mr. McMahon informed me that at any and all times they would most gladly supply Canadians with any and all golfing information they had at their disposal. They could not have been more cordial.

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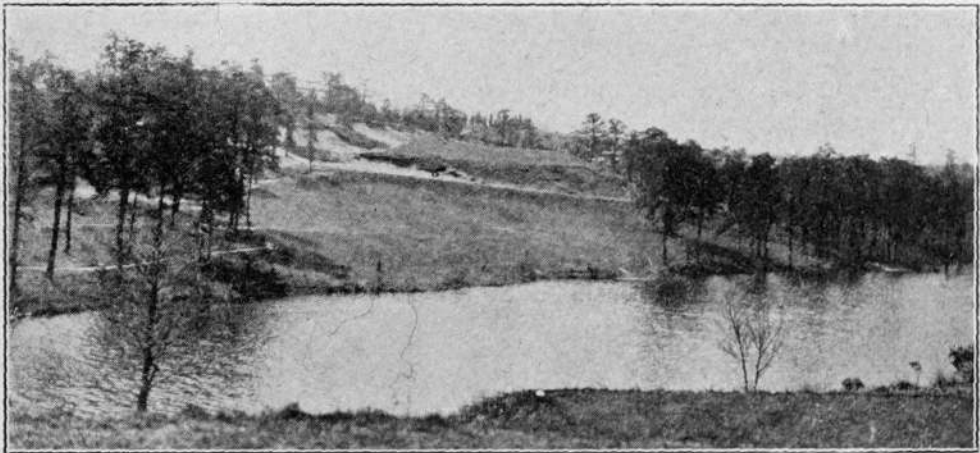
One of the most interesting experiences in New York was a luncheon at the Union League Club with Mr. Horace L. Hotchkiss, "The Father of Senior Golf." It was he who first launched the Senior movement at the Apawamis Club, Rye, N. Y., some two decades ago, in a very small way. The idea of golfers "fifty-five years and upwards" still being able to play tournament golf and good tournament golf "caught on" and to-day the movement first inaugurated by Mr. Hotchkiss holds sway throughout the golfing world. It was he who so graciously held out the helping hand to Canadian Seniors who ten years ago launched an Association which has developed into such a representative organization. His encouraging words and advice at this inaugural meeting which I had the pleasure of attending, at this self same Union League Club, had a great deal to do with the successful inauguration of the Canadian Seniors' Golf Association.

Full of years and honour is Mr. Hotchkiss. Mentally and physically, his many Canadian friends will be glad to hear, he is as alert as ever. I am inclined to award him the title of the "Grand Old Man of Golf." I know of no one in Great Britain, the United States or Canada, more justly entitled to the appella-

tion. He was particularly pleased to hear from me, that Lord Balfour, ex-premier of Great Britain has consented to act as President of the recently formed Seniors' Association in the Old Land. "I cannot," said Mr. Hotchkiss, "possibly imagine a more delightful and more dignified recognition of our Senior movement, which is destined to encircle the golfing world."

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Several prominent golf architects make their headquarters in New York, among others, Mr. Herbert Strong, who is so well and favourably known in Canada. He was responsible, it will be remembered, for the present Lakeview course in Toronto, generally considered the hardest test of good golf in the Dominion. The magnificent new Manoir Richelieu course at Murray Bay is another of his Canadian creations. He is putting the finishing touches to these



The Wonderful Fifth Hole at Pine Valley. From the Tee the Green is at the far end of the Plateau, the latter guarded first by 100 yards or more of water, then steep rough and roadway.

beautiful links this season. Another project he has on hand is the lengthening and improving of the Kent Golf Links, at far-famed Montmorency Falls, near the Ancient Capital. On this interesting course, his plans call for new holes at Nos. 13, 14, 15 and 16, which will greatly improve the balance of the course. Work was started last Autumn on these and other improvements and this season will see their completion. The Kent Links will then be amongst the finest in the Province of Quebec.

Mr. Strong has also got out plans for an 18-hole course near Beaconsfield, Montreal, on property owned by Sir Montagu Allan and is preparing plans too, for a strong Montreal syndicate for a regular championship course on a superb property between Montreal and Ottawa, on the Ottawa River. This latter is a very ambitious undertaking and promises to result in one of the finest golfing undertakings in the Dominion. It will be seen that besides his many U. S. undertakings Mr. Strong has a busy season ahead of him in this country also.

Mr. Strong, by the way, has a very clever idea in connection with winter-killed greens, the *bete noir* of all greenkeepers, especially in our own Northern climate. He maintains that this winter-killing is caused by the rays of the sun burning through ice formed on the greens after a thaw. On the courses he constructs he advises that just as soon as this ice forms on a green that it be promptly covered with sand or boughs of trees, thus preventing the sun's rays from focusing upon the ice and piercing through. This seems to be really the scien-

tific solution of a most troublesome and expensive problem which has for years confronted Green Committees throughout the country.

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Mr. P. C. Pulver, the Golf Editor of the New York "Sun," and Editor of "The Professional Golfer," is an authority on all things pertaining to the Royal and Ancient game. He is the Doyen of American golf writers and his daily column or so in the "Sun," the first paper in the States, I believe, to feature golf, is always anticipated and read with interest by followers of the game. Mr. Pulver was pleased to hear that "Pay-as-you-play" courses were being introduced into Canada. He is strongly of the opinion that in the future these courses will become increasingly popular. He predicts for them a great vogue. In the States the idea has "caught on" and "caught-on-big."

ARTISTIC CLUB HOUSE FOR ST. ANDREWS

WORK has been started this month on converting the farm house on the property of the new St. Andrews Golf Club, Toronto, into a most artistic club house. Smith and Everett, of Toronto, are the architects, and they have got out most interesting plans. A spacious verandah all round the building will be one of the features. There will be on the ground floor a handsome Lounge and Dining Room. Secretarial offices and a Caffateria. The men's locker rooms will be in a building to be added to the back of the main structure. The whole of the second floor will be devoted to the requirements of the ladies, who will have very commodious quarters indeed. The total outlay will be in the neighborhood of \$25,000, and it is hoped to have the improvements all completed by May 24th. Mr. E. M. Hurn, the recently appointed Manager of the club, and Frank Lock, the professional, will enter upon their new duties next month. A most successful season for St. Andrews is already assured.

VISIT OF BRITISH PROFESSIONALS

Rhyder Cup Team Will Probably Sail for Montreal En Route to the States—
Effort to Be Made to Get Them to Play in Canada—Several of the
British Team Already Selected

FROM latest London advices there seems no doubt but that the necessary sum of £3,000 will be raised in the Old Country to finance a representative team of British professionals to come to America this season, to play the return match for the Rhyder Cup, emblematic of the World's Professional Championship, and incidentally to take part in the U. S. Open Championship. The tentative idea is to play for the Rhyder Cup at the Salisbury Club, L. I., on June 9th. Then comes the U. S. Open, June 13th-14th at the Oakmont Club, Pittsburg, Pa. By a very generous arrangement indeed by the U. S. G. A. the British professionals will not be called upon to qualify for this major fixture. The week of July 11th the British Open will be staged at St. Andrews, Scotland, so the Britishers will have little time—a matter of four weeks, between the U. S. Open and British Open. Last year, by the overwhelming margin of 13½ points to 1½ points, the British team took possession for the first time of the Rhyder Cup. On that occasion, in the singles, Walter Hagen was defeated by George Duncan, 6 and 5. Jim Barnes was taken into camp by Abe Mitchell 8 and 7, whilst George Gadd won from Joe Kirkwood, 8 and 7, and Arthur Havers from Fred McLeod, 10 and 9. The only American to score in the singles was "Wild-Bill" Mehlhorn, well known on Canadian courses, who accounted for Archie



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Compston, by the narrow margin of 1 up. On this impressive showing, the Britishers will have to be reckoned with, on the return match next June.

It is understood that it is quite probable that the team will sail from Liverpool to Montreal via C. P. R. In that event, a strong effort will be made to get them to play in Montreal en route to New York. The Quebec Golf Association is taking this matter up, it is understood. It would be a splendid idea too, if Toronto could get them to spare a day for a match in that city with the leading players. This possibly too, might be arranged.

Word just received from England states that H. Vardon, J. Braid and J. H. Taylor have been asked to select the team and that the following already have been invited to make the trip, viz.: A. Boomer, A. Compston, G. Duncan, G. Gadd, A. G. Havers, A. Mitchell, E. Ray, F. Robson and C. A. Whitcombe. Of this selection, the only players who have not played in America are Gadd, Robson and Whitcombe.

"GOLF BY THE LIGHT OF THE MOON"

Interesting and Unique Match Participated in by C. R. Murray, of The Royal Montreal Golf Club, in Florida

WORD comes from Delray, Fla., of a most unique and remarkable golf match. Perfect Florida moonlight gave the lovers of golf in Delray the chance to see a night encounter on the Delray Municipal Golf Links, between "Charlie" Murray, ex-Canadian Open Champion, of The Royal Montreal Golf Club, and the professional at the Gulf Stream Golf Club, Delray, during the winter months, and Henry Ostro, of Garden City, L. I., winter-time pro. at the Delray Municipal course. The match was played over the sporting municipal links, owned and operated by the City of Delray, and was witnessed by a large gallery. Everyone expressed surprise at the nerve and skill of the experts, who hit the ball just as true and far as when playing under perfect daylight conditions. Four caddies were sent on ahead at each hole to "listen" for the balls as they fell, and not a ball was lost in the whole round. The match was close throughout and was not decided until the sixteenth green, where the Canadian expert holed his putt for a par, leaving him the winner by 4 and 2. One birdie and ten pars were made by the players in the sixteen holes played—a remarkable record. By this victory Murray won a silver loving cup given by the Altarep hotel management of Delray and also a well filled purse contributed by the gallery. Murray's score for the 16 holes was 71, and Ostro's 78. The only artificial light used during the match was a pocket flash lamp held at the top of the flag pole at each hole, and the only casualty was a negro caddie, struck on the head by a ball, from the effects of which he quickly recovered. The game was also stopped for about fifteen minutes to allow the Chief of Police of Delray to shoot an alligator in one of the water hazards on the course, which he bagged nicely. Florida, certainly supplies thrills, when it calls to its golfing aid and assistance, "luminous luna" and crocodiles as a side show.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW MANAGER FOR YORK DOWNS GOLF CLUB

YORK DOWNS GOLF CLUB has just appointed Col. Hamilton as its new manager. He was last year employed by the Toronto Golf Club, having come to this country from Glasgow about two years ago. Col. Hamilton was a member of several of the Glasgow golf clubs, having been Captain of the Western Gailes Club when he left Glasgow.

He held a Commission in the Territorial Forces for 26 years, and in September, 1914, after the Great War started, he was made a Lieutenant-Colonel and was on active service as such till well after the close of the war.

PROVINCES TO ELECT R. C. G. A. EXECUTIVE

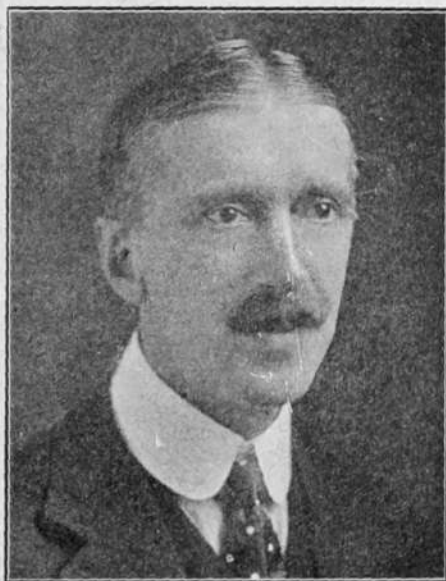
After This Year Directors of the Governing Body of Golf in Canada to be Selected and Elected by Provincial Associations—"Longest Step Forward in the History of the R. C. G. A." says Retiring President, Mr. C. A.

Bogert—Mr. W. W. Walker, Prominent Montrealer, is the 1927 President, and Major W. D. Wilson, Hamilton, Vice-President.

THE outstanding feature of the twenty-eighth annual meeting of The Royal Canadian Golf Association—the governing body of golf in the Dominion, held in Toronto on Saturday, March 5th, was the very important amendment to the Constitution of the Association, fathered by Mr. W. H. Plant, the particularly able President of the Ontario Golf Association, and a member of the 1926 Board of Directors of the R. C. G. A., which after much intelligent explanation and discussion, was unanimously carried and which, in the years to come, will unquestionably allay any trivial criticism or feeling of discontent in connection with nominations for the Board of Directors. In brief, these nominations, starting with the election of the 1928 Board will be made by clubs through their various Provincial Associations. Following the example of the British North America Act, and very appropriately so too, this Diamond Jubilee Year of Confederation, the number of representatives on the R. C. G. A. Board in the future will be based upon a fixed representation of three from the Quebec Golf Association and upon the ratio which the number of men members of Clubs in each Provincial Association, bears to the number of men members of Clubs in the Quebec Golf Association, but each Province shall have at least one representative and no Province shall have more than three representatives; and that is a fair, very fair, solution of rather a knotty problem.

The annual meeting was preceded by a very enjoyable luncheon in the Yellow Room of the King Edward Hotel. Presiding at the head table was Mr. C. A. Bogert, of Toronto, the President of the Association, supported at his right by Mr. W. W. Walker, of Montreal; on his left by Mr. A. W. Austin, of Toronto, an ex-President of the R. C. G. A., and in years gone by one of the leading supporters of the game in Canada, and by many prominent golfing executives of Ontario and Quebec. Mr. Bogert is not only a good golfer, but a very clever executive, and no time was wasted by him in presenting the annual reports and facilitating discussion thereon. In other words, he is quite a model chairman and that means a lot in the speedy and successful conducting of an Annual or Executive meeting, whether it is along financial or golfing lines. Herewith Mr. Bogert's annual report:

"The year 1926 was a very active one for the Association, and many matters of importance engaged the attention of your Executive Committee. It is not my intention to submit details of all our work during the past twelve months, as it is covered in the general report. There is, however, one subject of great interest to which I will refer particularly:



Heads Governing Body of Golf in Canada
—Mr. W. W. Walker, Montreal, President of The Royal Canadian Golf Association.

At a meeting of the Executive, held in Ottawa on December 11th, 1925, the following Minute was passed and appeared in the Annual Report:

'That this Executive approve a general plan looking to closer co-operation between Dominion and Provincial Golf Associations, and the appointment of a committee composed of General Mitchell, Mr. H. L. Kerr, and the Secretary, to confer with Mr. R. C. H. Cassels, K. C., in the working out of necessary amendments to the Constitution for tentative consideration at the next Annual Meeting, with a view to a change in the Constitution, taking effect January 1st, 1927.'

This Committee met on December 18th, 1925, but, through lack of time, was unable to make a report for presentation at the following Annual Meeting.

In 1926 your Executive, with the assistance of a new Special Committee, took this matter up actively and have pressed it vigorously throughout the past twelve months in an earnest endeavour to bring about closer co-operation between the parent body and the Provincial Associations, and to make the Royal Canadian Golf Association more national in its scope and activities.

Meetings have been held in Toronto and Montreal, and during the Summer the Secretary-Treasurer visited the Western Provinces to study golfing conditions and to discuss all relevant matters with various representatives. It was found, however, that there are so many angles to these problems that the Executive suggest to the members of the Association that further consideration be postponed until a meeting with delegates from the Provincial Associations can be held—preferably at the time of the Amateur Championship during the coming Summer.

Those who supervise the affairs of the Royal Canadian Golf Association are constantly facing new and serious problems—with a steadily increasing membership from all parts of Canada, it is inevitable that there will be differences of opinion on matters of legislation and policy, but I am confident that the new Executive will protect the interests of golfers in every district. Those who have been nominated to represent you in 1927 have had valuable experience in all these matters, and can be depended on to guide the affairs of the Association wisely and, above all, to uphold the standard of amateur golf.

The proper interpretation of an 'amateur golfer' has been the subject of much discussion since the game commenced, and about four years ago the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, the acknowledged ruling body, made a clear definition, automatically accepted by the Royal Canadian Golf Association, which has at all times acted in conjunction with St. Andrews. The United States Golf Association also fell into line and altered its own definition so as to conform with that of St. Andrews.

It is my earnest hope and recommendation that in dealing with proposed changes in the Constitution, no step will be taken to in any way imperil amateur golf in this country. Golf above all other sports, is a game for amateurs and any alterations that might introduce the 'thin edge of the wedge' should be firmly discouraged.

Suggestions have been made from time to time during recent years towards changes in the method of electing the Executive of your Association. This has also engaged the attention of a special committee, and it is suggested that the necessary alterations in the Constitution be considered when the meeting of Provincial representatives takes place.

One of the most gratifying features of golf in Canada during 1926 was the large increase in the number of small clubs in towns and villages. About 100 clubs were started during the past year and the number is steadily increasing. This means added responsibilities for your Executive Representatives if they are to keep pace with the situation.

I am deeply indebted to the members of the Executive Committee and to the Special Committee, who have assisted me so enthusiastically and so loyally during my term of office. I also desire to record my appreciation of the co-operation and support I have received throughout the year from Mr. B. L. Anderson, your indefatigable Secretary-Treasurer.'

Mr. Bogert's report on motion was unanimously adopted.

Extracts from report presented by Mr. B. L. Anderson, Secretary-Treasurer of the Executive Committee:

"On December 31st, 1925, the Association had a total membership of 148 Clubs, of which 29 were Associate, 118 Allied members and 1 Affiliated. On December 31st, 1926, the total membership was 156 Clubs, of which 31 were Associate, 124 Allied and 1 Affiliated Association.

Green Section.—The policy of the Association respective of its Green Section has been to promote every means of effecting a saving in Course Construction and maintenance in order to secure fundamental information in regard to each Member Club. Mr. C. A. Tregillus for two years has visited the Members with a view to securing this information and assisting them with their problems. The expense has been borne by means of a one-day Tournament for the benefit of the Green Section. As detail knowledge of nearly every Course is now in our hands, it was felt by the Committee that these expenses might now be eliminated. The Green Section work has developed into an established usefulness to the Member Clubs. In the district of Montreal, it is proposed this year to maintain a Green Section manager. It is quite probable that other districts will follow their example. In view of the development of the Green Section work and its usefulness to the Clubs it is recommended that it be actively continued, with the co-operation and assistance of the Dominion and Provincial Departments of Agriculture, but under revised methods. An arrangement has been made with Mr. Tregillus in which he is to be retained, in the capacity of Consulting Engineer, and his services will be available to the

Member Clubs at a small charge of \$10 per day and expenses, where a special visit is required. Mr. Tregillus will continue to edit the Green Section Bulletin, which in future will be addressed more particularly to the Greenkeepers and mailed as a separate bulletin directly to them. The Members will also have the privilege of submitting to him enquiries as to Course maintenance and construction, without charge. Under the above arrangement, it will not be necessary to continue the Green Section Tournaments.

Report of the Green Section of the R. C. G. A. for 1926.—During the past year the Green Section has been actively engaged in assisting the Member Clubs with problems concerning the care of their courses, all phases of construction and maintenance have been dealt with and every individual problem that has been brought to the attention of this department has received specific attention and treatment. The Green Section has visited every accessible course to inspect the turf and has advised where possible improvements might be made. Many clubs have been in very close touch with the Green Section and the co-operation thus afforded has been distinctly beneficial. To such clubs the Green Section has adequately demonstrated the extent to which it can be employed for the general advancement in Course development.

Regarding the work of the Green Section in detail it may be recorded briefly as follows:

Visits to Clubs.—All clubs from the Great Lakes to the Atlantic Ocean have been visited with but one or two exceptions. Following such a visit and inspection of the course, a report was submitted suggesting changes that would better the playing conditions or promote more economical upkeep. In addition a synopsis of the soil and turf conditions is recorded in order that information regarding the local conditions of each course may be kept on file. Follow-up visits were made where special work was going forward and circumstances warranted.

Experimental and Research Lectures.—With the assistance of the Dominion Department of Agriculture and Ontario and MacDonald Agricultural Colleges, experimental work on grasses, grass culture with particular reference to fertilizers, disease, pests, and so on has been prosecuted. During the spring a fungus affecting grass, causing discoloration and injury, was isolated and identified as a sclerotium disease hitherto unnamed. This disease, which has been bothersome throughout Canada and the Northern United States, was grown under artificial cold by W. H. Wright, of the Dominion Seed Branch, and the first specimen for study thereby collected. This work represents a definite contribution to the science of greenkeeping.

Lectures and conferences were held at Toronto and Montreal (MacDonald College), in March and April. These gatherings, attended by Course Managers, Greenkeepers, Seedsmen and others, were considered by those present as highly successful. They afforded a common ground for discussion and a clearing house for ideas on all phases of the work of course maintenance. The following gentlemen are deserving of particular recognition for the services they have rendered the golf association this past year, both in the lecture room and on the experimental ground: Dr. G. McRostie, Dr. A. A. McTaggart, Dr. B. T. Dickson, Prof. A. H. Tomlinson, Prof. R. R. Graham, Messrs. S. Waterman, F. A. North, G. A. Ruhnke, F. L. Ferguson, A. H. Walker and W. H. Wright.

Grass Seed Supply.—It is pleasurable to note that the domestic supply of bent grass seed is developing and making a steady growth. Last year 1,700 lbs. of re-cleaned Rhode Island Bent Seed was placed on the market and this year three times this amount is expected. In addition to Rhode Island Bent, the seed of Velvet bent in pure strain is now being produced by the Grass Growers' Association of Prince Edward Island. This is the first time that commercial quantities of this, the finest of all grasses, has been obtainable. The true seed of creeping bent and seaside bent is also offered from the same source.



Major W. D. Wilson, Hamilton, Elected Vice-President of The Royal Canadian Golf Association.

The growing of red fescue from selected strains of seed introduced by the Dominion Seed Commissioner is making sure and steady headway and it will not be many seasons before this seed may be had in commercial quantities. Laboratory tests shows that this Canadian grown fescue seed has from fifteen to twenty per cent. higher germination than that which is imported. Since a great deal of fescue is used throughout Canada and all must be brought in, this further development in providing a domestic source of supply, marks another important step in general progression.

Literature.—The bulletin of the Green Section has been published monthly in the "Canadian Golfer." The articles for this have been prepared for the guidance and information of Green Committees and Greenkeepers. A book entitled the 'Greenkeepers' Guide,' is ready for the printers. This book is in the form of a handbook containing information in all branches of greenkeeping, from construction to maintenance.

For the convenience of Member Clubs, we give below the names and addresses of the Advisory Committee, under headings which will be of assistance when consulting members of the Committee on any special branch of the work.

Solis and Fertilizers.—Mr. E. S. Hopkins, Experimental Farm, Ottawa, Ont.; Mr. Saxby Blair, Kentville, N. S.; Mr. T. G. Bunting, MacDonal College, Que.; Mr. A. H. McLennan, Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, Ont.; Mr. M. J. Tinline, Brandon, Man.; Mr. J. G. Taggart, Swift Current, Sask.; Mr. F. W. Broderick, Manitoba Agricultural College, Winnipeg, Man.; Mr. N. Ross, Indian Head, Sask.; Mr. A. F. Bars, University of British Columbia, Vancouver; Prof. R. G. Harcourt, Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, Ont.

Plant Pathology.—Mr. H. T. Gussow, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, Ont.; Mr. H. R. McClarty, Plant Pathology Laboratory, Summerland, B. C.; Mr. D. J. McLeod, Plant Pathology Laboratory, Fredericton, N. B.; Mr. J. W. Eastham, Court House, Vancouver, B. C.; Dr. G. H. Berkeley, Plant Pathology Laboratory, St. Catharines, Ont.

Grass Seeding Methods.—Dr. G. P. McRostie, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, Ont.; Mr. I. Hamilton, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, Ont.; Prof. F. E. Buck, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B. C.; Mr. L. E. Kirk, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Sask.

Tree Planting.—Mr. E. S. Archibald, Director, Experimental Farms, Ottawa, Ont.; Mr. A. H. Richardson, 17 Queens Park, Toronto, Ont.; Mr. Frank Newman, St. Williams, Ont.; Mr. N. Ross, Indian Head, Sask.; Mr. G. C. Piche, Chief of Forest Service, Quebec, P. Q.; Mr. F. E. Buck, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B. C.

Grasses.—Dr. M. O. Malté, Victoria Museum, Ottawa, Ont.; Dr. G. P. McRostie, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, Ont.; Mr. R. I. Hamilton, Central Experimental farm, Ottawa, Ont.; Mr. W. H. Wright, Seed Laboratory, Collier Street, Toronto, Ont.; Mr. C. W. Leggatt, Seed Branch, Calgary, Alta.; Mr. F. E. Foulds, Seed Branch, 173 Portage Ave., E., Winnipeg, Man.

Insect and Worm Control.—Mr. L. S. McLaine, Entomology Branch, Dept. of Agriculture, Ottawa, Ont.; Dr. E. M. Duporte, MacDonal College, Que.; Mr. L. Caesar, Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, Ont.; Mr. W. H. Brittain, MacDonal College, Que.; Mr. N. Criddle, Treesbank, Man.; Dr. E. H. Strickland, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alta.

Seed Supply and Seed Testing.—Dr. F. T. Wahlen, Dominion Seed Branch, Ottawa, Ont.; Mr. W. H. Wright, Dominion Seed Branch, Collier Street, Toronto, Ont.; Mr. F. E. Foulds, Dominion Seed Branch, 173 Portage Ave., E., Winnipeg, Man.; Mr. C. W. Leggatt, Dominion Seed Branch, Calgary, Alta.

Drainage.—Mr. L. G. Heimpel, Macdonald College, Que.; Mr. G. N. Ruhnke, Agricultural College, Guelph, Ont.

Appreciation.—On behalf of the members of the Association, the Committee desire to put on record its appreciation of the action of the officers and members of the Toronto Golf Club, Toronto, and the Royal Montreal Golf Club, Montreal, in extending the privileges of their courses to the Association for the playing of the Annual Championships, and for the kindness and attention extended to the players in the Championships.

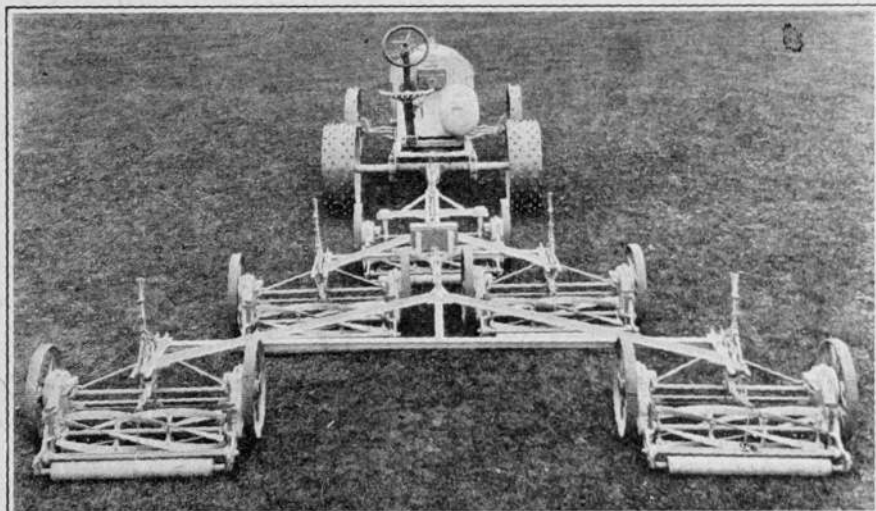
Rules of Golf.—Questions of interpretation of the Rules of golf have been submitted during the year, and have been referred to the Rules of Golf Committee, consisting of Mr. George S. Lyon, Chairman; Mr. R. H. Reville, Mr. C. P. Wilson, K. C., Mr. P. D. Ross, Mr. R. C. H. Cassels, K. C., and Mr. B. L. Anderson, Secretary. Decisions have been given by that Committee on the questions submitted.

Financial.—At the end of the year 1925 the Association had a surplus amounting to \$3,643.44. At the close of the year 1926 the Association had a surplus amounting to \$1,805.46. A large expense was incurred through the Green Section work, which has been almost entirely eliminated for the year 1927.

Note.—The total receipts for the year were \$11,603.50, made up of annual subscriptions \$2,445; sale of admission tickets for Amateur Championship, 1926, \$1,087; Open Championship, \$2,130.50; entry fees, Open, \$1,765; Amateur, \$525; special contribution, Royal Montreal Golf Club, for Open Championship, \$520; Green Section Tournament receipts, \$3,529.

Total expenditures were \$12,808.96. The Association's expenses during the year amounted to \$4,711; Open Championship expenses \$2,212; Amateur Championship expenses \$559; Green Section Tournament expenses \$484 and General Expenses \$5,325. The Surplus Account stands at \$1,837, of which cash in bank is \$1,642.

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Important Change in Election of the Executive

After the presentation of the various reports the most important business decided upon at the meeting was the amendment of Article VI. of the Constitution of the Association, pertaining to the annual election of the Executive. Here is the resolution presented, and presented in a most instructive and illuminating manner by Mr. W. H. Plant, President of the Ontario Golf Association. It should be carefully read and studied by every golfer in the Dominion, having at heart the future of golf from Coast to Coast:

Amending Article VI and VII of the Constitutions

1. The Executive of the R. C. G. A. shall consist of representatives from the several Provinces of the Dominion of Canada.

The representative or representatives from each Province shall be selected by the respective Provincial Golf Association. The names of the representatives so selected shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the R. C. G. A. on or before the 15th of February of each year and the representatives so selected shall hold office according to the fiscal year of the R. C. G. A. and until their successors are selected.

The number of representatives shall be based upon a representation of three from the Quebec Golf Association and upon the ratio which the number of men members of Clubs in each Provincial Association bears to the number of men members of clubs in the Quebec Golf Association, but each Province shall have

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at least one representative and no Province shall have more than three representatives. For the purpose of this section the Maritime Provinces, now united in the Maritime Golf Association, will be considered as one Province.

2. For any Province which has not a Provincial Golf organization, or in the event of failure to have representation named by a Provincial Golf Association, such representative may be selected at the annual meeting or at the annual meeting the authority to name such a representative may be vested in the Executive Committee.

3. The Executive Committee shall request the Provincial Association to appoint a representative to fill any vacancy which may occur during the year, and if no representative is so named within a period of one month, the Executive Committee may fill such vacancy.

4. The President shall be elected from and by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may elect from its members one or more Vice-Presidents and shall appoint a Secretary-Treasurer not necessarily a member of the Executive Committee.

Article VII.

Subsection 5, second sentence, shall be amended to read: "Three members of the Executive Committee, not all from the same Province, shall constitute a quorum."

Mr. Plant explained most intelligently the various clauses in the resolution. He believed that the Royal Canadian Golf Association in the future must get away from "sectional" influences and become truly "national." He was convinced that the adoption of the motion especially to amend Article VI, would go a long way towards accomplishing this end. What they wanted for the furtherance of Dominion-wide golf was the support of not only the followers of the game in Ontario and Quebec, but the whole-hearted support of the golfers of the Pacific Coast, of the West, and the Maritimes. Then, and then only, would the game become really national. This idea of the various Provincial Associations nominating members on the Executive was a beginning. Later on a scheme to have representative players as a team participating in an annual Inter-Provincial match and in the Amateur Championship could well be brought up. That was the desideratum to be desired.

Mr. A. Collyer, of Montreal, President of the Quebec Golf Association, cordially endorsed the resolution. He complimented Mr. Plant on the generous treatment accorded to Quebec as regarded representation on the Executive, and also thought the other Provinces had been most fairly dealt with. Mr. G. H. Forster, President of the Beaconsfield Golf Club, Montreal, heartily supported Mr. Collyer in his appreciation of Mr. Plant's resolution. He was convinced it was in the best interest of golf throughout Canada. Mr. G. T. Clark, of the

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Rivermead Golf Club, Ottawa, too, expressed his warm sympathy in the change. Last year he had travelled extensively throughout the Western Provinces and was convinced as a result of many interviews with leading golfers there that the scope of the R. C. G. A. activities must be widened to ensure the cordial support in the future of the West and the Pacific Coast.

Messrs. George S. Lyon, W. J. Thompson and others also spoke to the resolution and supported it, and it was carried without a dissenting voice. In the words of the retiring President, Mr. C. A. Bogert, "The unanimous passing of this resolution is the longest step forward in the history of The Royal Canadian Golf Association."

Election of Executive for 1927

For the first time possibly in the history of the R. C. G. A., at least for many years, a ballot was called for from the delegates present in connection with committee-men to serve on the Executive the coming year. The chief officials were elected without opposition, but for the remaining six positions there were ten nominations. Messrs. Band and Firstbrook were appointed scrutineers and as a result of the ballot cast Messrs. Ralph Connable, R. D. Hume, General Mitchell, A. Collyer, T. O. Lyall and N. M. Scott were declared elected. They were all nominees of the retiring Executive. The following is the full Board, therefore, for 1927:

President, W. W. Walker, Montreal, Que.; Vice-President, Major W. D. Wilson, Hamilton; Secretary-Treasurer, B. L. Anderson, Toronto, Ont. Committee-men: British Columbia, W. E. Hodges, Vice-President, B. C. Golf Association; Alberta, H. Milton Martin, President, Alberta Golf Association; Sas-

katchewan, R. Charlton, President Saskatchewan Golf Association; Manitoba, C. E. Harvey, President, Western Canada Golf Association, Vice-President Manitoba Golf Association; Toronto, Ralph Connable, Lambton Golf and Country Club; R. D. Hume, Scarboro Golf and Country Club; General C. H. Mitchell, York Downs Golf and Country Club; Ottawa, George H. Clark, Rivermead Golf Club; Montreal, A. Collyer, President, Quebec Golf Association; T. O. Lyall, Senneville Golf Club; N. M. Scott, Royal Montreal Golf Club; Maritimes, Senator C. W. Robinson, Riverdale Golf Club, Moncton, N. B.

It will be seen from the above list that every Province is represented on the Executive for 1927. Mr. W. A. Henry, K. C., of Halifax, was again nominated to represent the Maritimes in 1927, but owing to ill-health, he asked to be allowed to resign, and his resignation was regretfully accepted. His place is worthily taken by Senator Robinson, of Moncton, an enthusiastic golfer and a valued member of the Seniors' Association.

After Mr. Walker's unopposed election as President, Mr. Bogert vacated the chair and gracefully introduced his successor in office. Mr. Walker stated he was fully aware of the importance of the duties which would fall to his lot and the lot of his Executive the coming year. He appreciated most heartily the great honour that had been accorded him and his associates and he could assure the delegates that at all times the very best interests of the Royal and Ancient game would be safeguarded and advanced by himself and his Executive in 1927.

On motion of Mr. Ralph H. Reville, seconded by Mr. Fane Sewell, of the Summit Golf Club, Toronto, a hearty vote of thanks was passed, accompanied by cheers, to the retiring President, Mr. C. A. Bogert and the Executive of 1926, the name of Mr. Plant being especially mentioned in this connection. Both Mr. Bogert and Mr. Plant made appropriate replies. At a meeting of the new Executive of the Association, held immediately after the Annual Meeting, it is understood that steps were taken to at once cut down some of the expenses. Last year expenditures exceeded receipts. This season a balanced budget will be the aim of the Executive. The Canadian Amateur Championship was awarded to the Hamilton Golf and Country Club, Hamilton, Ont., the week of July 1st. The Open will be held on some well-known Toronto course in August.

Mr. W. W. Walker, the newly elected President of the R. C. G. A., is an all-round Montreal amateur sportsman. Like so many well known golfers of the present day, some two decades or so ago, he was a cricketer of note, "wielding the willow" for the McGill Cricket Club. Of recent years, however, he has devoted much time and attention to golf. His activities at the Beaconsfield Golf Club have extended over a long period, he occupying many executive positions there and doing much to make Beaconsfield one of the outstanding clubs of Canada. He is an ex-President of the Quebec Golf Association and is also a member of The Royal Montreal Golf Club. In fact, he takes a general interest in golf throughout the Montreal District. He has been a prominent member of the R. C. G. A. Executive for several years.

As a curler, too, the new President has made his mark. Perhaps his most notable achievement with "stane and besom" was in the winter of 1920, when he skipped the winning side at Ottawa, which brought to Montreal the Governor-General's Trophy, the curling Blue Riband of Eastern Canada.

Mr. Walker is possessed of well known executive ability, and will be a worthy successor in the R. C. G. A. Presidential chair to a long line of able men who have occupied the position—men not alone prominent in amateur sports, but in the business, financial and professional life of Canada. They are: 1896, Sir George Drummond, Royal Montreal; 1897, John Hamilton, Quebec; 1898, Col. George A. Sweny, Toronto; 1899, Lt.-Col. D. T. Irwin, Ottawa; 1900, W. W. Watson, Royal Montreal; 1901, Col. George A. Sweny, Toronto; 1902, G. H. Balfour, Royal Montreal; 1903, P. D. Crerar, Hamilton Golf Club; 1904, Fayette Brown, Royal Montreal; 1905, D. R. Wilkie, Toronto Golf Club; 1906, Geo.

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At the meeting of the new Executive Major W. D. Wilson was elected Vice-President for 1927. Major Wilson is President of the Hamilton Golf and Country Club, where the Amateur Championship will be held this year. He is a very prominent Hamiltonian.

TWO "ONEERS" IN ONE ROUND

Astonishing Performance of a Japanese Golfer on the Langara Course in
Vancouver, B. C.

A DESPATCH from Vancouver, B. C., March 7th:

"All gouging records vanished yesterday into space when K. Tanaka, local Japanese golfer, playing on the Canadian Pacific course, "Langara," at South Vancouver, scored a hole in one twice in one round of the eighteen hole links. The first was obtained at the fifth hole, which is 115 yards, and the second at the sixteenth hole, which is 210 yards.

The astonishing and unique feat is vouched for by several prominent Vancouver golfers, who were playing on the course at the time."

A very interesting and almost unbelievable performance, but it is not a record one, as stated in the despatch. Strange to say, it was at Vancouver, away back in 1911 that a similar or rather even a more extraordinary performance was recorded when Alex. Duthie, the well known Pacific Coast professional (now professional at the Jericho Club, Vancouver), playing over the old course of the Vancouver Golf and Country Club with Mr. Yellowdees and Mr. Norman, did two successive holes in one each. The first was a short hole and Duthie played a full iron; the second was a 200 yard hole, slightly uphill, and Duthie took his brassie off the tee. This is the only recorded instance of two successive holes in one each.

Mr. Frank B. Munro, playing in a medal competition over the Blackhill course, near Glasgow, in February, 1916, did the 5th and 7th holes each in one stroke, in the same round. Playing at Worlington on October 3rd, 1907, in a

three ball match, Mr. J. Ireland holed the 5th and 18th holes each in one stroke. W. E. Macnamara has done two holes at Lahinch in one stroke each in the same round. At Acton, on 24th November, 1909, Mr. H. C. Joseclyne holed the 3rd (175 yards), and 14th (115 yards), in one stroke each in the same round. It will thus be seen that the "Japanese" performance at Langara this month is not by any means a "record performance."

The remarkable card of Mr. Tanaka, who is a prominent Japanese merchant of Vancouver, has been sent in by Mr. McCadden, Manager of the Langara Links, and will be kept on file in the office of the "Canadian Golfer" as an "exhibit" of surpassing interest. The feat was witnessed and vouched for by Messrs. J. Nimi, T. Ode and S. Isogai, who were playing with Mr. Tanaka. By the way, the longest hole ever done in one goes to the credit of Mr. R. R. Burton, the former crack Oxford University player. Playing Merton Park, the well known London Club, of which the professional is A. J. Miles, formerly of Mississauga, Toronto, he found the "tin from the tee" at the 18th, which is 330 yards in length. Other notable long holes done in one by British players, are the 15th at Eastbourne, distance 325 yards, by Mr. A. Coomber, and the 9th at Scarborough, 300 yards, by Captain J. S. Matterson, now by the way a resident of British Columbia, and well known in golf circles there.

Reports of two other "one shot" performances this month in Vancouver have also been received. Mr. W. L. Keate, of the Shaughnessy Heights Golf Club, playing with Messrs. F. W. Guernsey and H. H. Richardson, made "our old friend," the third hole at Shaughnessy, in one.

From the Jericho Country Club, Vancouver, also comes word of the stunt. Mr. J. S. McGlashan, playing with Messrs. W. C. Woodward and W. G. Murrin, bagged a "oneer" at the Jericho twelfth hole, 167 yards. Vancouver golfers are certainly getting into the "one-hole game" "good and early."

And here is a despatch from Stratford, March 14th:

"Word has been received here that W. H. Gregory, well known Stratford druggist, has realized the ambition of all golfers, a hole in one. The 'oneer' was made on a course in far away Bermuda, where Mr. Gregory has been wintering."

PERCY BARRETT PUTTER COMPETITION

IN a very interesting letter to the members of the Summit Golf Club, Toronto, Mr. Fane Sewell, the Captain, writes:

"I have been fortunate in securing Percy Barrett's putter through the kindness of his widow and friends, and I propose instituting a new competition called the "Percy Barrett Putter," in memory of the ex-Open and Professional Champion of Ontario. Barrett won his first Professional Championship on Summit in 1923, and the Putter now honoured for competition was carried in his bag. Details of the competition will be given later when the plans are matured."

CANADIAN SENIORS INVITED

AS fully reported in a recent issue of the "Canadian Golfer," a very strong Seniors' Golf Association has been formed in Great Britain, headed by the ex-Premier, Lord Balfour. It was stated at the time of the formation that the British Association would probably hold its first Tournament at St. Andrews and that the U. S. Seniors' Golf Association would be asked to send over a team for a friendly match. This has been done and an invitation has also been extended to the Canadian Seniors' Golf Association. The United States' Association with its large and influential membership, will have no difficulty in selecting a team for this quite memorable match, and it is hoped that the Canadian Seniors will also be able to send representatives to historic old St. Andrews next July. It will certainly be a "worthwhile" trip. Action in the matter will shortly be taken by the Governors of the C. S. G. A.



In Golfing Togs.—Their Royal Highnesses, the Duke and Duchess of York, who are making a Triumphant Tour of the Antipodes. They are both keen golfers and will visit several of the golf courses in New Zealand and Australia, during their official tour there.

QUEBEC TO PLAY HOST TO ONTARIO

AT the annual meeting of the R. C. G. A., Mr. Forster, of the Beaconsfield Golf Club, Montreal, and Mr. Collyer, President of the Quebec Golf Association took the opportunity of inviting Mr. W. H. Plant, President of the Ontario Association, and his Executive, to be the guests in May at Beaconsfield, of the Quebec Golf Association, when a friendly match will be played. Mr. Plant accepted the invitation with much pleasure. The Ontario Executive can certainly put a very strong team in the field. Mr. Plant can call upon such stalwarts as Messrs. Ross Somerville (Canadian Amateur Champion), George S.

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Lyon (ex-Amateur Champion), W. J. Thompson (ex-Amateur Champion), R. M. Gray, Jr. (ex-Ontario Amateur Champion), not to mention several other players of reputation. The Quebec Association will have its work cut out to take the measure of the Ontario Executive. However, that is only an incident in a visit which is bound to be delightful and profitable. The trip is already being eagerly anticipated by the "Ontarians."

PROGRESSIVE BRITISH COLUMBIA CLUB

Kelowna Has the Very Satisfactory Membership of Over Two Hundred—
Course Now Eighteen Holes

THE annual meeting of the Kelowna Golf Club, Kelowna, B. C., was largely attended and the report of the Finance Committee, as well as at the other committees, indicated continued progress and the affairs of the club in healthy condition.

During 1926 the club opened their eighteen hole course and in the Fall secured the services of "Bob" Smith, for a number of years professional at the Calgary Golf and Country Club.

The membership recorded steady growth and an increasing interest in

the Royal and Ancient game, and indications are that there will be a further large increase in membership in 1927.

The Captain's report showed that players from this club had taken part in both the men and women's B. C. tournaments in Vancouver as well as interior championship events at Pen-tieton and Kelowna.

The visitor's register recorded a number of players from various parts of Canada and the United States during 1926.

Golf has certainly taken hold in the Okanagan, there being no less than five courses in the Valley.

Election of officers for the year resulted in re-election of Mr. H. F. Rees, Manager of the Royal Bank of Canada, as President; Mr. W. R. Trench, President of the Kelowna Board of Trade, as Vice-President, and C. R. Reid, Captain; committees being composed of Messrs. J. Hunt, W. A. McKay, F. L. Mitchell, C. Quinn, A. K. Lloyd.

Extracts from the very interesting report of the energetic President, Mr. H. F. Rees:

"The club has recorded steady growth since its organization in 1920.

The membership in 1926 totalled 214, comprised as follows: Regular members, 169 (Ladies 59, men 110); Privileged Members, 11; Non-resident Members, 9; Junior Members, 9; Associate Members, 9; Absentee Members, 7.

The outstanding event of the year was the opening of the 18 holes for play on May 20th, on which occasion invitations to be present were extended to various clubs. Several Clubs were represented and a number of congratulatory wires were received from others as well as from former members of the club now domiciled elsewhere.

I think you will all agree with the change from nine holes to eighteen holes has proved a pleasing one, and the fairways have shown remarkable improvement, bearing tribute to the indefatigable chairman of the Green Committee, his fellow committee men and the men they employed.

During the year, titles to your property, including the pond, have all been put in shape. Trust deeds were prepared in favour of the Okanagan Loan and Investment Trust Company, which company very kindly agreed to act as Trustees for the bond holders, at a nominal sum, evidencing on the part of our business interests an attitude towards sport that is most encouraging.

Another decided move forward which your club made in 1926 was the engagement of a professional, who in addition to tuition, will have charge of the grounds, a move which cannot fail to have a beneficial effect. In fact, it has already been evidenced, and the selection of "Bob" Smith, I think you will all agree, was a happy one.

The Club's fixtures for the year all brought out good entries; an increasing interest in these will help you as a player as well as the Club.

During the year members represented this Club at tournaments held in Vancouver under the auspices of the British Columbia Golf Association, and at Penticton and Kelowna in Interior Championship events, and while I regret inability to record any championships from our membership, it is gratifying

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to have our Club ably represented, as it was, at these meets.

I would be remiss not to mention the "Courier" and representatives of the Coast papers, who have so fully recorded our events; also the "Canadian Golfer," who gave a prominence to various items sent them, reproduc-

ing cuts showing different views of the course. The thanks of the Club are due to Mrs. J. B. Knowles for a large flag; to Mr. Palmer for his thoughtful donation of grapes at our Thanksgiving Luncheon, and to Mr. Calder, through whose good offices various donations were made to the Club."

MISS GLENNA WILL AGAIN COMPETE

IT is announced from New York, that Miss Glenna Collett, ex-U. S. and Canadian Lady Champion, will again go to Great Britain this Spring to compete in the British Ladies' Open Championship and other events. The Open will be held at Newcastle, County Down, the week of May 16th. Miss Collett competed in this fixture in 1925, but was rather decisively defeated in one of the earlier rounds at match play, by Miss Joyce Wethered, who subsequently won the Championship. Last year it was captured by Miss Cecil Leitch, Miss Wethered not competing. There is a chance this season, it is stated, that she may, however, do so and it is to be sincerely hoped she will, as she is unquestionably the World's greatest woman golfer. Miss Leitch won the Championship in 1914, 1920, 1921 and 1926. Miss Wethered in 1922, 1923, 1924 and 1925, or four years "in a row." This is an unparalleled performance in major championship golf.

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BRANTFORD GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

Third Oldest Golfing Organization in Canada has a Bright Future—Mr. Spencer Large Elected President—Presentation to the Retiring Secretary, Mr. E. M. Hurn

THE annual meeting of the Brantford Golf and Country Club, the third oldest club in Canada, was held last month at the Board of Trade Rooms, Brantford, Colonel Cutcliffe, the President, presiding.

Colonel Cutcliffe felt that the shareholders and members of the club had every reason to be gratified with the successful operation of every department of the club's activities for the past year; the financial position was steadily improving, with a substantial reduction in the mortgage debt being made each year; the course is in better condition for the enjoyment of the game than ever before, with golf enthusiasm showing a continued increase and the service in the club house maintained at a very high standard, being unsurpassed in this respect by any similar organization in the country.

The financial report was presented by A. A. Werlich, Chairman of the Finance Committee, and showed that the revenue was again sufficient to take care of all operating charges amounting to \$15,371.15, and the payment of \$1,500 towards the reduction of the mortgage indebtedness, leaving a sum of \$1,057.43 to be applied on depreciation of buildings and equipment.

D. McLennan, Chairman of the Green Committee, gave a very interesting report of the work accomplished on the course during the year. The work on the 18-hole course had been confined very largely to a consistent effort to improve the playing condition of the putting greens by the frequent applications of top-dressing and fertilizer. A new hole had been built on sound lines, which would allow of an alteration in the general layout of the course, which would give the necessary increase in length for the requirements of a modern championship course.

The ballot for the election of four directors to replace those whose term of office expires, resulted in the choice of Col. W. C. Brooks, C. A. Waterous, W. B. Preston and C. C. Siemin, who with those remaining in office will complete the new board of directors. The directors who remain in office for the coming year are: G. Bruce Gordon, A. C. Lyons, A. M. Overholt, A. A. Werlich, G. Gordon Caudwell, D. Spencer Large, John S. Lewis and Dr. J. A. Marquis.

Reference was made by the President and by each of the committee chairmen to the very real loss the club faced owing to the resignation of E. M. Hurn from the position of Secretary-Treasurer and Manager, and their personal appreciation of the services rendered by him throughout the six years of his appointment. A. M. Overholt, on behalf of the Board of Directors, tendered a resolution of sincere appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Hurn emphasizing the ability and tact shown in so successfully carrying out the combined

duties of Secretary-Treasurer, Accountant, House Manager and Grounds Supervisor. Mrs. W. T. Mair, the President of the Ladies' Branch of the Club, and Ralph H. Reville, added an expression of appreciation and a handsome presentation was made to Mr. and Mrs. Hurn on behalf of the Directors and



Mr. D. S. Large, Elected President of The Brantford Golf and Country Club.

members of the Club, with every good wish for success and happiness in their new sphere, Mr. Hurn having accepted the Managership of the new St. Andrews Golf Club, Toronto.

At a subsequent meeting of the new Board of Directors Mr. Spencer Large was unanimously elected President for 1927, and Dr. Marquis, Vice-President. Mr. Large, who is identified with the Waterous Engine Works Co., Ltd., has for many years been an indefatigable member and executive of the Brantford Club. Golf in Brantford owes very much to him and his election as President is a particularly well deserved honour. Mr. Knight, formerly on the staff of the Hamilton Golf and Country Club, was appointed steward of the club. In the meantime Mr. Gordon Caudwell has kindly consented to act as Honorary Secretary, no appointment being made to succeed Mr. Hurn.



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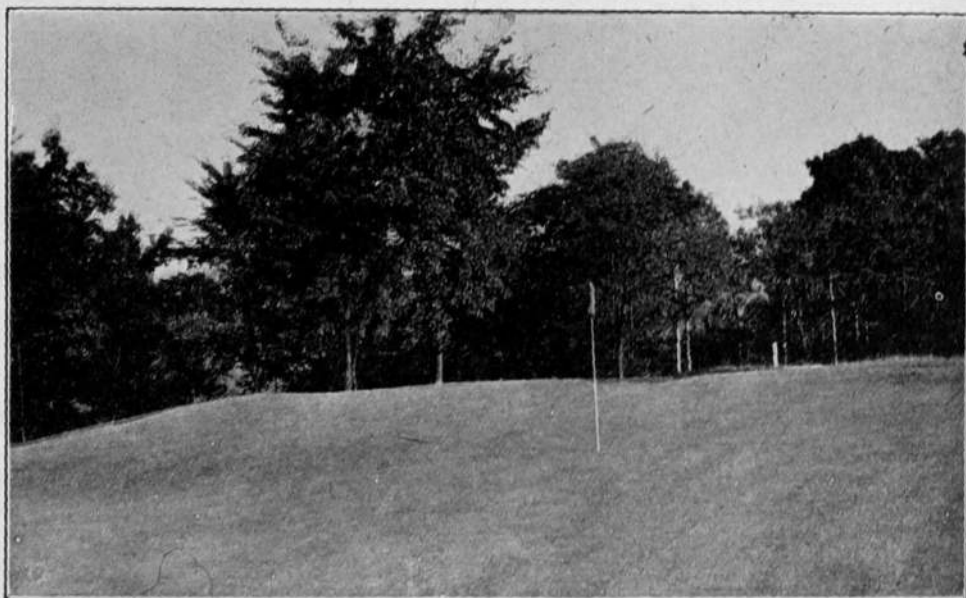
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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS IN CANADA

Several More Changes Listed This Month—Total Appointments So Far This Season Number Two Hundred and Thirteen

A NNOUNCEMENT has already been made of the professional appointment of “Bob” Cunningham, from Kingston, to Mississauga, Toronto; “Ben” Kerr, formerly of Galt to Kingston; J. Martin, formerly assistant to “Andy” Kay at Lambton, to Galt; H. Hotchkiss, formerly of Manoir Richelieu, Murray Bay, to the Quebec Golf Club; Frank Lock, formerly of Quebec to St. Andrews Club, Toronto, and now here are some further important appointments for the 1927 season, which opens up on April 1st next, recently announced: Russell Neilson, assistant to Kern Marsh at the London Hunt Club, goes to Sarnia. Sarnia this year by the way, will formally open its new 18-hole course, which from all accounts will quite put it on the golfing map. James Blair, the clever young Scottish player, who was at Thunder Bay, Port Arthur, the past season, has been appointed to the Regina Club, one of the most important of Western clubs. F. Ravel, last season at Orillia, will this year be at the Barrie Club. D. Hastings at the Blue Water Golf Club, Goderich, last year, will this year be at Oakville, where he takes the place of “Bert” Tew, who this season will fill the late lamented Percy Barrett’s position at Lake Shore, Toronto. A. W. Lawrence will be the professional this season at the newly formed club at Lennoxville, Que. Hugh Fletcher, accounted one of the best players in the West, will be the pro this year at the important Alerest Club, Winnipeg. He succeeds “Jimmie” Pringle, the former well known young Berwick player, who has secured a lucrative position in the States. Pine Ridge, Winnipeg, has secured as



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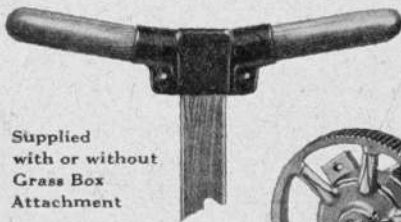
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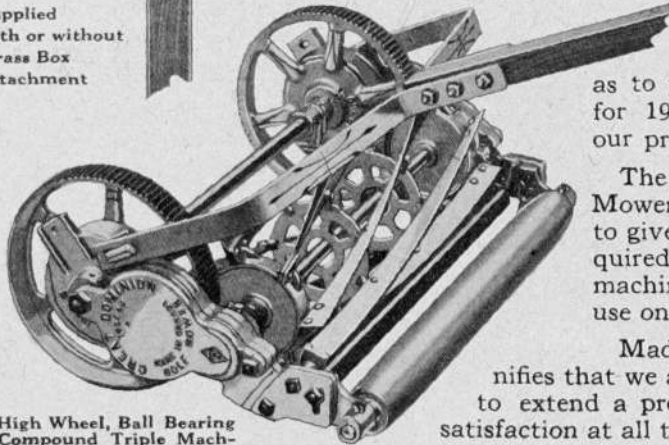
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pro W. R. Reith, a Scottish player of note, who recently came to this country. Arthur Lindfield has been appointed pro at the Islington Golf Club, Toronto, taking the place of Norman Bell, who many golfing friends will be extremely sorry to hear is again confined to his home through illness. He never really recovered from the serious injuries received in an accident some two years ago, although he has made a game fight to do so. Lindfield was formerly at Sault Ste. Marie and Weston. He learned his game in England and is a finished golfer and expert instructor. He was chosen for Islington from quite a large number of applicants and the choice is a good one.

Glendale, Hamilton, will have as its pro. this year James Hunter, who for the past few years has given such satisfaction at Owen Sound.

Timberdale, in the Montreal District, has appointed as professional this season, that outstanding golfer, David Spittal, formerly of Scarboro, and the Toronto Clubs, but latterly in Savannah, Ga. His return to Canada is a welcome one.

George Hutchison will hold down the professional position at Sault Ste. Marie this season. He is a clever young pro.

With the exception of three or four clubs, all the appointments for the 1927 season in Canada have now been made. The "Canadian Golfer" hopes to publish the complete list of professional appointments in the April issue.

The total number of professionals so far listed comes to 213, made up by Provinces as follows: Alberta, 13; British Columbia, 19; Manitoba, 18; New Brunswick, 6; Nova Scotia, 10; Ontario, 94; Quebec, 43, and Saskatchewan, 10. This total does not include assistant professionals, of whom there are several score, principally in the larger centres. Ontario, it will be noticed, still retains



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In connection with the appointment of W. R. (Billy) Reith to Pine Ridge, Winnipeg, it is interesting to record that he first entered the British professional ranks with the Eltham club in 1892, a club that was afterwards taken over by England's oldest club, the Royal Blackheath. He was one of the four organizers of the British Professional Golfers' Association, and in 1922 was honoured with the captaincy of that institution, with such famous figures as Harry Vardon, James Braid, Ted Ray, Sandy Herd, Arnaud Massy, Willie Fernie, and the late Willie Park as vice-captains. He was official starter for the P. G. A. and in that capacity officiated in such big tournaments as the "Daily Mail" and "News of the World."

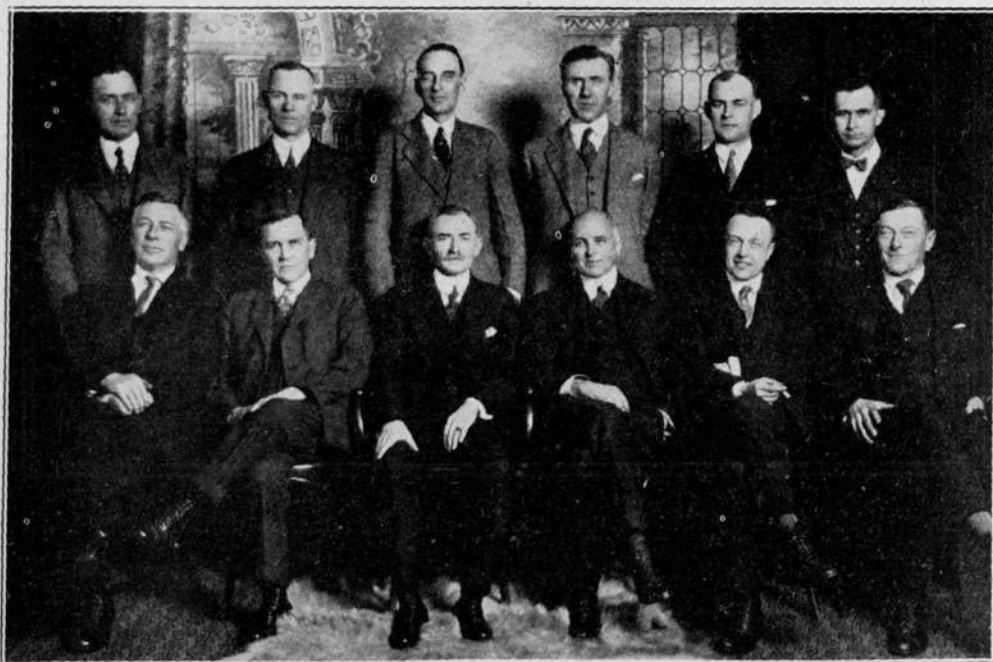
Reith has always devoted his energies to the working side of the profession, specializing in organizing, green-keeping and club-making, and he should prove a valuable addition to the ranks of Winnipeg professionals, as well as an acquisition to the Pine Ridge Club.

INSTRUCTIVE GREENKEEPERS' CONFERENCE

A VERY successful two-days' conference of greenkeepers and golf officials of Ontario in connection with the Green Section of The Royal Canadian Golf Association was held this month in the Federal Government Seed Branch, Toronto. There was a gratifying attendance and keen interest was taken in the various papers read by the experts. Mr. S. A. Waterman spoke on experiments with turf fertilizer; Mr. W. H. Plant gave a highly instructive

address on the relation between the greenkeeper and the club committee. Messrs. W. H. Wright, G. H. Clark and Professor A. H. Tomlinson, the Government experts, all gave instructive addresses, whilst Mr. Stanley Thompson, the golf architect, was heard to advantage in an address on the essentials of course architecture. The two days' session was greatly enjoyed by all in attendance. It was a very profitable and instructive conference, and the discussions are bound to result in much good, especially in connection with the upkeep and management of golf courses in the Province.

BRITISH COLUMBIA GOLFING GROUP



Prominent Members of the well known Nelson Golf and Country Club, Nelson, B. C. The course is a popular one with Tourists. Upper Row, reading from left to right: R.L. McBride, Director; J. H. D. Benson, Director; T. R. Wilson, Director (Captain, 1924-25); John Cartmel, President; A. D. McLeod, Vice-President; L. V. Rogers, Director. Bottom Row, reading left to right: Dr. E. G. Smyth, Captain (President, 1922-1923); Jas. O'Shea, K. C. (President, 1920); Alex. Leith (President, 1921, 1924, 1925, 1926); E. C. Wragge (First President, 1919); C. W. Appleyard, Director (Sec'y-Treas. 1919 to 1923); C. D. Blackwood, Director (Sec'y-Treas. 1924 to 1927).

A FINE TRIBUTE FROM J. H. TAYLOR

J. H. TAYLOR, the five times British Open Champion, writes: "News that, I venture to suggest, is of the greatest importance, and which will have a big bearing on the good relations already existing between the golfing communities of Great Britain and America, is that in the event of a British professional team visiting America this year each member will be exempted from competing in the qualifying rounds of the championships, and will be allowed to enter the competition proper without any attempt at discrimination. This is a gesture of magnanimity on the part of the American authorities, the greatness of which is more easily recognized when it is considered that hitherto we have always insisted that Americans competing in the Open should undergo the order of qualifying. It will be remembered that both Jim Barnes and Gene Sarazen failed to survive the preliminary test

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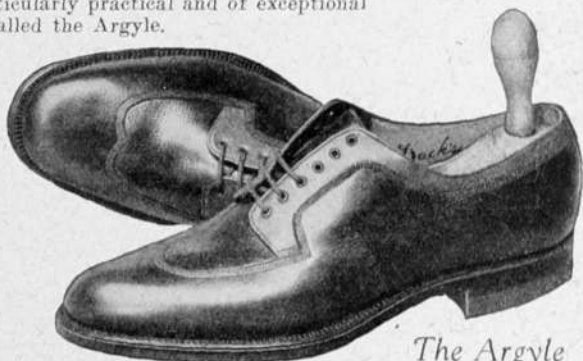
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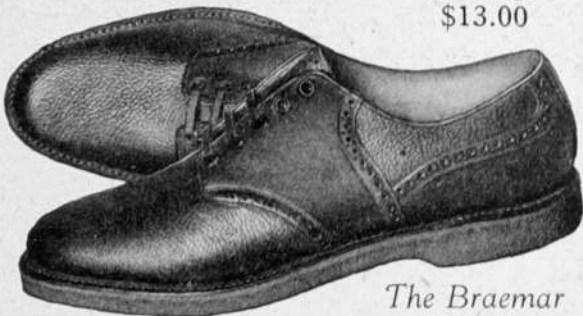


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BAYVIEW GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

Members This Season Will Enjoy the Privileges of An Artistic Club House

THE annual meeting of the Bayview Golf and Country Club was held March 5th at the Prince George Hotel, Toronto. The President, Mr. E. S. Duggan, being absent owing to illness, the chair was taken by Mr. A. E. Fraser, the Vice-President. In addressing the meeting the chairman said: "I don't think there is another club in the Dominion which has shown

such rapid strides towards perfection and still be able to enjoy the playing privileges for such a moderate fee."

Mr. G. E. Mearing, the Secretary-Manager, gave a resume of the affairs of the Club during the past year. He referred to the necessity of increasing the present membership and while, there were 403 active playing members, it was hoped that this would be brought

up to 500 by the Spring. Already there were over forty applications for active memberships that will be brought before the next Directors' meeting.

Before presenting, as is the custom to do so on this occasion, the affairs of the club during the past year, it might be as well to refer to the new club house that is almost completed. The cost of this club house complete with all its furnishings, will be in the neighbourhood of \$20,000. Satisfactory financing arrangements were made with the contractors and, weather permitting, it is hoped that this club house will be in running order about April 15th.

Mr. Mearing further stated: "In reviewing the affairs of the club for the past year, it is gratifying to be able to present a statement which shows that, despite the fire that destroyed the club house and all its contents, we are able to show a decided improvement in the affairs of the club over the previous year, the portion derived from membership fees being an increase of \$4,550. The amount received from green fees is less by \$902, this being on account of the reduction of the week-end fee. The revenue from other departments remains about the same. While the total expenditure shows a slight increase of \$660 over the previous year, all the depreciation requirements have been accounted for in full. During the year the mortgage was reduced by \$4,000. The loss, due to the fire, was \$24,294.55, against which the amount of \$13,300 insurance has been collected, making a net loss of \$10,994.55."

The undermentioned were elected to office: Directors, E. S. Duggan, G. E. Mearing, A. E. Fraser, W. Walter, J. S. Beatty; Men's Captain, G. R. Boase; Men's Vice-Captain, John Crawford; Men's Handicap Committee, A. Siddall, C. W. Long, A. L. Lewis; Ladies' Captain, Mrs. A. Siddall; Ladies' Vice-Captain, Miss E. D. Murton; Ladies' Handicap Committee, Miss H. L. Mackay, Mrs. A. E. Fraser, Miss A. Payn, Miss H. L. Machell.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Maurice Grimby for his untiring efforts in connection with the construction of the new club house.

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BULLETIN

OF THE GREEN SECTION OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN GOLF ASSOCIATION

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The Greenkeepers' Bulletin

PURSUANT of a new policy adopted by the Royal Canadian Golf Association at its annual meeting, March 5th, the Green Section Bulletin will henceforth be printed both as a department of the "Canadian Golfer" and as a separate issue that will be sent to the Greenkeeper of each member club of the Association. It has been felt in the past that the greenkeepers have not all been getting the benefit of the bulletin. While the Green Section Bulletin has

been directed for the benefit of the Green Committees of the clubs the chief object really is to make the information contained therein available alike for club member and greenkeeper. Now since the greenkeepers will receive their own copies of the bulletin there will be the better opportunity of making it a medium for the exchange of opinions among themselves as well as a means of distributing facts and information secured from other sources.

Handling Compost

The writer has had the opportunity within the last few years of visiting a great many courses; some just for the personal gratification of making observations, and others for the purpose of assisting clubs in their problems of making the grass grow satisfactorily. In the latter case the most common difficulty that was met with in turf production was inability to make good greens. In analyzing this cause of failure it is almost safe to say that in four instances out of five, the root of the trouble may lay in poverty of soil underlying the sickly greens. The only way to overcome this, of course, was to build up the fertility to a point where a good crop of grass would be maintained. This not only involved the application of fertilizer of a concentrated nature, but also requiring plenty of dressing in the way of rich soil or compost.

Generally, it is not hard to persuade a club or committee as to the cause of the scanty grass, and while they may demur a little at the expense of buying fertilizer, it will usually be secured when the case is made sufficiently urgent. However, concentrated fertilizers that are obtained commercially, while very helpful in bringing along the grass, cannot be solely relied upon to maintain it in a permanently healthy state since it does not contain sufficient organic matter to promote bacterial and other soil processes; for this we must depend on compost. The preparation of compost is not so expensive as far

as actual cash outlay for materials is concerned, still it requires considerable labour in making it ready to put on the greens. This is work that is added to the greenkeepers' daily routine which, on the average small course, is enough to keep him busy throughout the working day. For this reason he is likely to worry a bit when it is suggested that he prepare a compost pile for present and future use. Nevertheless, this should be considered just as necessary a part of his regular duties as the mowing of greens and fairways and should have the same sympathetic support of the committee in providing adequate help to have it properly attended to.

The business of gathering the components of a compost pile, that is, the manure, top soil, sand and so on entails a good bit of work and time, the very thought of which is likely to frighten many. However, if the greens require feeding up there is no dodging the issue; they must have some additional plant food besides chemicals, to supply the loss from continued cutting and to ensure the proper functioning of root and soil. In lieu of proper compost, a good rich soil may serve but it is an inferior substitute and it is pretty certain that it will require screening, so there is not so much labour saved by using this as one might suppose. When topsoil is taken it may be applied immediately except for the fact that it is fairly sure to contain weed seeds and muck soil from the swamp must be

piled and worked over to allow the air to correct any organic acids that might make it too sour to use. This involves work, so all things considered, it is doubtful if it is much more trouble to make a real compost heap while about it and it is certainly a satisfaction to work with the real article.

Some are of the opinion that, where good compost is available, there is no need for artificial fertilizers. This is true in part, but it would be better to express it this way: that real first-class compost is preferable to chemicals over a period of years if only one or the other were obtainable. That is the value of compost. And further, with compost available, the bill for commercial fertilizers can be kept down to a relatively small figure.

It cannot be denied that there is a good deal to bother about compost by the time that it is gathered together, worked over, hauled and spread over the grass, but if the work is not systematized much more labour and expense is expended than is actually necessary. In the first place, it is essential to plan the work, not merely for the current season, but one, possibly two, years ahead. With this idea firmly and permanently in mind, a lot can be done at odd times and so will not be noticed as a special burden on the general routine. This applies particularly to drawing material to the heap and screening. The compost heaps may be in process of making all the season through, providing that the heaps are kept separate. For instance, we will say that the greenkeeper starts the season of 1927 with the compost for this year ready to screen and put on. This particular heap was made last year or more likely, the year before and should have no new material put on it. All that is gathered this year should go into another heap. This system requires a separate heap for each year, a very important point. In actual practise it is found best to have at least three heaps, which allows one to stand for a whole season undisturbed. This would mean starting two heaps the first year, but this extra work would effect considerable saving thereafter, and the compost will be of a better quality.

Much labour is spent in turning over compost, an operation that certainly helps decomposition, but this is not necessary if the pile has stood for twelve months or more. Actual experiment has determined that a year's standing will devitalize 95 per cent. of the weed seeds and that sufficient rotting has taken place to enable it to be screened. So it will be seen that by having three heaps, one in use, one standing, and one in the making, that there should be no necessity to turn them just to help decomposition. If there are four heaps allowing of two years standing, so much the better. This business of turning over the compost is a stickler for many greenkeepers; it savours of dead head labour and it is necessary only when decomposition is to be hurried.

Building the Heap.—There is no hard and fast rule to be followed, anything of an or-

ganic nature may be used in conjunction with manure and some even get along without barnyard manure. While this is primarily a discussion on the management of compost, it would not be out of place to say that if it is at all possible, manure should be the basis of the compost formula. Comparing the chemical constituents of manure with artificial fertilizers, it is worth from a dollar fifty to two dollars per ton, but the real value lies in its organic nature and bacterial content, two factors that are so necessary to healthy soil life. There are those who manage to make a satisfactory compost with only muck, garbage and such like materials, but it is slow work to get a compost heap of this sort to rot down to a texture suitable to use. Unquestionably barnyard manure has no equal in this respect.

Regarding the location of the compost heap, we are often led to look for a sheltered, unfrequented, hidden corner where this rather unsightly phase of golf course economy is not exposed to public view. While it is a good policy to keep it well out of sight, still it must not be forgotten that sheltered spots are the last to thaw out in the spring and that it might be a hard job to get at the top dressing when it is wanted for the early application.

There are many arguments pro and con, on the wisdom of making the compost heap high and compact or low and spread out over a large piece of ground that it can be cultivated by horse or tractor drawn implements. In favour of the latter method it may be said that it is easy to work over the mound and so help decomposition and assist in the germination and destruction of weed seeds and weeds; and against it, that there is an extensive loss due to the increased area exposed to the atmosphere with the consequent escape of nitrogen and subject also to the greater washing effect of rain, flooding and leaching. On the other hand, by building a higher and more compact heap, less space is required, less chance of wasting through loss to atmosphere or subsoil, and a more workmanlike and ship-shape appearance given to the whole job. Beyond an occasional drenching in dry weather and cutting down the weeds, it need not be touched from the time it is finished till it is screened for top dressing. Common practise is to build a pile not more than ten or twelve feet across of successive layers of sod, manure, topsoil and so on according to the materials to be had, each course not more than a foot deep at the time of building. Though the total height may be six or more feet when finished, it will gradually sink as the months go by until when ready to use it may not stand more than four or five.

There are differences of opinion regarding the advisability of adding sand to the pile or waiting till the screened mixture is ready for the green. Where sand must be brought in at a price there may be some loss in handling when it is put into the pile, some might go across the screen with the tailings and some wasted around the service yard. Further, it

is quite unlikely that the same proportion of sand will be required by all greens. There is individuality of soils, some heavy and others light, and until they are all brought to the same texture, they will demand separate prescriptions. The fact that a greenkeeper will adjust his top dressing to suit the individual requirements of each of his greens, bespeaks a close study and intensive knowledge of his work.

It was mentioned that there need be no work expended upon the compost heap, as it is ageing, other than cutting down the weeds and occasionally drenching with water. The former is an important matter to keep in mind. One of the big problems of the greenkeeper is the control of weeds and the right place to tackle the weed situation is at the source of supply, if possible; as the old adage puts it, "one ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." The compost heap is a very fruitful source of weed seeds; it is not at all an unknown sight to see a heap so buried with weeds that it can hardly be recognized for such. And one of the chief reasons for composting is to destroy the vitality of these very seeds.

The value of wetting down the pile from time to time is to aid decomposition in the straw and coarse organic matter. Bacterial action which brings about this change, requires a moderate degree of dampness. If we have occasion to use in making up the stack a quantity of dry humus, muck, tundra, rush, old hay, etc., material that does not readily rot, it is a good plan to scatter through it a small quantity of lime. This will further aid bacterial action. Lime as a dressing should not be used where clovers and weeds are to be discouraged, but the small amount in the compost is not enough to make a difference worth worrying over and its effects will be more than counteracted with the use of acid-producing chemical fertilizers.

The big job of work, of which there is no sidestepping, is that of screening preparatory to top dressing. It is surprising to find so many who still persist in rubbing it through a fine mesh screen, one man to pitch on and another to rub it through a horizontal stationary riddle. Such methods are slow and labour expensive, savouring of the dark ages, certainly not the era of mechanism. With the compost in good condition, two men might put five or six cubic yards in a day, but if it happens to be rather damp, the figure will be nearer two. There are on the market many devices for sifting or shredding the compost, all of which do splendid work and where there is a quantity of material to be prepared, easily pay their cost. However, the expenditure of from one hundred and fifty to five hundred dollars for the sole purpose of screening, appears to be and sometimes is, an impossibility to get through committee, but it has not deterred the resource of those who realize that hand screening is obsolete as far as golf course maintenance is concerned. To describe a few of the home-made contrivances that can

be used may be helpful to those who contemplate making chances in their system of handling this line of work.

The simplest improvement upon a rigid screen consists of inclining the screen at an angle of fifty or sixty degrees and attaching the upper end to a frame by means of a stout spring. Its action is automatic; the weight of a shovelful of earth thrown against the riddle will cause it to bounce and so clear itself. When the material is dry, a surprising amount can be put through by one or two men in the course of a day. The Whitlock Club, Hudson Heights, Que., have used this device for a number of years, screening twice, once through a half inch and again through a quarter inch mesh.

Another simple rig is one where the ordinary rectangular screen is suspended at the four corners to a frame work by short lengths of chain, metal links or strips of sheet metal, and given enough freedom that it can be shaken back and forth a distance of ten or twelve inches. The screen is slightly lower at one end so that the tailings will gradually work that way and keep the machine clear. A metal apron at this end will carry them out of the way of the material sifting through. As a mechanism to oscillate the riddle, a discarded pumpjack will serve, or any old assembly that will concert a rotary motion to one back and forth. A visit to a junkyard is sure to yield something suitable at very little cost. This type of mechanical riddle is best driven by a small engine, but lacking that, may be hand turned. A wrinkle that will add to its efficiency is to fasten the ends of a few short chains to the opposite side of the frame work so that they lie loosely in the bed of the screen. These will rib against the metal mesh, keeping it clear and will also help to break down clods so that they can pass through. One sees many of these machines at work in the Winnipeg District.

A third form and very popular, is one that is similar to the rotary screen of commercial manufacture. All that is needed is a couple or three old buggy wheels, some odd bits of scantling, a few feet of discarded water pipe and the metal mesh for the screen. The wheels, from which at least half of the spokes have been sawn out, form the support of the screen; one at each end and perhaps one in the middle. These are firmly fixed to the pipe, which serves as the axle, the latter being hung at a slight angle and at a convenient height that the lower end can be bent in the form of a crank to be turned by hand. One man can easily turn while another feeds from the other end. The difficult part is to fit the screen to the rims of the wheels, and this may call for some ingenuity on the part of the constructor if he wishes to get it inside the felloes in order that the material may run through without obstruction. If the rims are not deep it will be much easier to wrap the mesh around the outside. Outfits of this sort are in us all through the country, and among the most successful that the writer

has noticed are those at the Royal Montreal and Lingan Clubs.

In connection with the work of screening compost, it might be well to remark upon the value of building a cheap shelter so that this work may be done when the weather will not permit the men to stay outside. In addition, the compost will be under cover and in a state fit to use at any time. Compost that lies exposed to rain is hard to spread evenly and next to impossible to sow through a top dressing machine. Top dressing material that has been stored in a building over the winter can be used the first thing in the spring at a time when it is most needed; particularly is this true of Creeping Bent.

The final operation in the handling of compost is its application to the greens. Manufactured compost top dressers are receiving attention, but their employment as yet, is not by any means general. A distinct advantage that they possess is the ability to lay on the dressing at an evenness that hand applications cannot hope to duplicate. It is necessary for the satisfactory working of the machines that the compost be dry and crumbly in order that it will feed through without trouble. In using machines for this purpose the writer has found it good practice to follow immediately with the rubbing mat. This will break up any caking that might occur when the heavily loaded machine passes over the freshly distributed compost, particularly if the ground happens to be slightly wet and a heavy dose of sulphate of ammonia added at the same time. Marring of the green with wheel marks is likely to occur if this is not done.

Scattering by shovel is the old and time tried method and still clung to by many. The latest development in this operation is the introduction of the wide wheeled barrow, which can be taken right on to the green without first laying plank. This saving of time soon repays their cost and greatly facilitates the work. Once the knack of scattering the compost is acquired, it is possible to complete the job quickly and in a workmanlike manner. Whether the compost is spread by machine or hand the green should be brushed to level off the material and to work it into the turf. This may be done by switching with a bamboo pole, rubbing with the back of a

rake or dragging over the surface a flexible steel doormat. The latter is to be preferred, as it is simple and quick. Should there be any litter left on the green, it must be raked off on to the approach, where it can rot down and nourish the turf there.

A properly dressed green should be playable as soon as the workmen move off. It is a mistaken idea to think that the dressing should be put on in the form of a mulch and that it is necessary to postpone the work until the playing season is over. The accepted rate of application is roughly one cubic yard per five thousand square feet of green and such may be made as often as the greenkeeper feels necessary, though monthly should be quite often enough for a green that is in a good state of fertility. When put on at this rate, the layer of substance added will average less than a tenth of an inch in depth; a good sprinkling or a heavy shower will wash it out of sight. This may seem altogether too slight to be of any benefit, but if five or six applications are made in the course of a season, the sum of the dressings will be appreciable. The secret of successful top dressing is little and often for the majority of greens as at present constituted. Too heavy a dose will smother some of the budding shoots and retard their development. If the means of only two or three dressings per season are available, rather more than the quantities mentioned may be put on, but it is wise to avoid unnecessarily smothering the closely cut turf. The longer the grass, the more can be put on at one time.

Once a policy of systematic top dressing of the greens has been put into effect, there will not be the need for heavy purchases of expensive commercial fertilizers. These have their proper place and are very necessary to the well being of healthy turf, but should rightly be considered as complementary to good top dressing. Plants have life processes for the assimilation and elaboration of food just as do human beings and animals and it is as illogical to expect the former to subsist on a concentrated diet of chemicals without complementary roughage as it would be for the latter to remain healthy without a balanced ration.

Sand Greens in West and Southland

By Griffith Bonner.

Located in Kansas, on the borderland of the Southern States, we find ourselves in a 90 per cent. sand green territory. In golf's show window there are found two varieties of sand greens. One is the heavy sand variety that will hold long mashie shots, a midiron, and sometimes a wood shot. The other specimen is a fast, smooth green where many believe a player is better rewarded for his ability in both approaching and putting.

We classify a heavy sand green as practically a sand pit and because a shot drops dead in such a sand bed, the player need not

credit himself with a well played shot. The truth of the matter is this same shot played to the average grass green would run and bound far beyond the intended stopping place. Many a golfer pitching to these heavy sand greens credits himself as a back spin expert, when in reality a poorly played pitch shot would hold just as well.

Heavy greens tracked by players where there is a lot of play make it almost impossible for one to make a short approach with any degree of accuracy.

All smaller clubs must consider the question

of maintenance when it comes to the heavy greens, as it takes a greenkeeper three times as long to drag and smooth a green covered with four or five inches of sand. The cost of material is also four or five times as expensive. The excessive amount of sand and oil washed from the green, sometimes destroys the approaches as far out as ten or fifteen feet.

Nothing but a perfectly level sand green can be used, because sloping greens or any attempt at a broken contour are prohibitive from the maintenance standpoint. It is impossible to keep sand on greens that slope, or with undulations such as are often used in grass green construction, but enough fall is necessary to carry off the water.

In Kansas, sand greens are built about 40 or 50 feet in diameter. After removing the sod, the ground was plowed and levelled with ordinary grading and then rolled. The sand used for the greens is a fine plaster sand.

All the putting sand, however, must be screened with nothing coarser than a No. 8 screening. On a green of 40 feet in diameter two and one-half to three yards of sand are used, giving even distributions of about three-quarters of an inch of sand in the top sanding.

The proportion of sand and oil is about twelve shovels of sand to a gallon of cylinder oil.

Dragging is one of the nuisances of sand greens, but nevertheless a necessity. Carpets with wooden handles, wooden scrapers and other contraptions are used. These all have a tendency to move the sand from one point to another when used by careless players, and

even allow sand to be taken clean off a green. Cocoa mats with just a rope tied to both ends are often used with success.

In defense of the sand greens not heavily sanded, the player learns the resistance of the greens that are alike both in approaching and putting. With all greens alike the player's judgment of distance and resistance is rewarded, which seems to answer a sand green problem.

In obtaining a perfect surface for a sand green it is necessary to establish a grade in the centre of the green possibly one inch higher than the other edge. This is done by driving an iron pipe or something of a similar nature down to the grade point. A 20 foot railroad iron can then be fastened to the center grade and with a shoe on the other end of the iron the surface can be dragged with a team until it becomes as level as a table.

The most important thing in the construction of any sand green is the base, and this should now be established. On a green 40 feet in diameter, to oil it will require about three barrels of fuel oil, and in cold weather it is often necessary to heat the oil so that warm weather is preferable for construction work. In warm weather the dirt absorbs the oil much faster. The oil is poured on, evenly distributed. The surface is next raked with ordinary garden rakes to create an evenness.

One objection to sand greens is the time taken up by dragging and often one gets oil on one's clothes. This brief article is rather a comparison between two varieties of sand greens, so we will close with a unanimous vote in favour of the grass greens at all times.

Certified Browntop Seed

A fairly large supply of Browntop or Rhode Island Bent seed is available from the 1926 crop in the Maritime provinces for seeding on golf courses, bowling greens, tennis courts and fine lawns. The growers are organized on a co-operative basis for central cleaning and marketing, and are co-operating at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, a seed warehouse with two large cleaning machines running well into the night to get their seed ready in good time for the market.

The Seed Trade in Canada and the United States have shown appreciation for this hardy, northern-grown seed which has been inspected in the field, tested at a Canadian seed laboratory, and graded and sealed in the sacks by an Official Seed Inspector. Certified Browntop was shipped from Charlottetown last season even to dealers in British Columbia, California and Maryland, and we have received very favourable reports from golf clubs in regard to its quality and performance.

Browntop harvested from fields in Prince Edward Island and northern Nova Scotia should prove entirely winter hardy, if given fair treatment under turf conditions. Some of the seed meadows are over ten years' duration and the grass has persisted through climatic conditions which frequently kill out

red clover and are always too severe for winter wheat. The Browntop grows naturally, renews itself when the meadows are broken, and withstands exposure to the cold winds of winter, ice formations, and freezing and thawing of early spring.

Every field from which seed is harvested must pass a rigid official inspection. The seed crop must show good vigour of growth, must not contain over five per cent. of Redtop and must be reasonably free from bad turf weeds, the seeds of which are difficult of separation from Browntop. Bent seed of high germination and strong growth cannot be expected from a crop weakened by poverty of soil or other causes. Redtop was introduced into some localities with American grown timothy, and is avoided as a grass which produces an open turf and will not stand close cutting under putting green conditions. The seed cannot be separated from the other Bents and can be distinguished from Browntop only by a seed expert with the aid of the microscope. Field inspection and the sealing of seed in the sacks under seed grade certificate is our guarantee of purity of variety and quality of seed.

With inspection against bad turf weeds and the cleaning process to which the Brown-

top seed is subjected, it is estimated that 75 per cent. of the 1926 crop will grade No. 1 under the Seeds Act. Seed of this grade will reduce the handweeding of turf to a minimum and is recommended particularly for putting greens.

Purity of variety is essential to the development of a turf with uniformity in color and texture. Pure Browntop makes a very fine turf with a uniform dark green color. Uniformity in texture of turf is the principal requisite of a good putting green without which the ball will not roll true. Mixed Bent produces a turf mottled in appearance, according to the distinctive color of the variety, and varying in texture from the very fine Velvet Bent to the coarse forms of true Creeping Bent.

Certified Browntop is cleaned to about 90 per cent. of pure seed and the average germination is 85 per cent. This is a very high standard for fine Bent, which runs about 6,000,000 seeds to the pound. This quality of seed can be sown at the minimum rate of 3 pounds per 1,000 square feet of area, instead of 5 pounds, which is required for the lower grades of commercial Bent.

Farmers have learned that it is a good investment to pay a premium for certified seed to be used in the growing of crops. The same principle applies in the development of turf, and we have no hesitation in recommending certified Browntop seed to the golf clubs of Canada and the northern half of the United States.

THE ISLINGTON GOLF CLUB

Has a Wonderfully Successful Year—Prospects Exceedingly Bright for the Coming Season

THE annual general meeting of the Islington Golf Club was held at the Sunnyside Pavilion, Toronto, on Saturday afternoon, February 26th, and despite most unfavourable weather conditions, there was a very good attendance.

Those who braved the elements were amply repaid when they listened to the splendid annual statement and to the address of the President, Mr. W. A. Baird, M. P. P., covering the activities of the club, past and future.

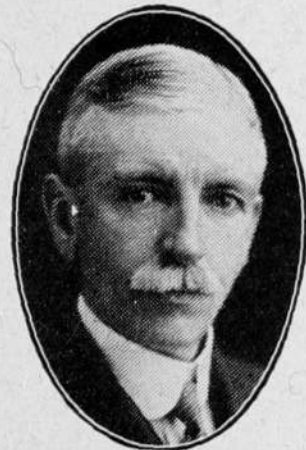
While this baby organization (so called), has only been in commission for a couple of years, it has succeeded in weathering all storms incident to organization and wound up its second playing year without having to call upon its members for additional capital in the way of an assessment, or to increase the very nominal annual fee.

The annual statement shows that so far as membership is concerned there was a net gain of over 40 per cent; that revenue from all sources increased by some seven thousand dollars and yet, even with such increase in membership, the actual overhead expense shows a decrease of about a thousand dollars.

The club was enabled to show a net actual operating surplus of some seven thousand dollars as against last year's three thousand.

Many bouquets were handed the Directorate, Captain Millar, the Secre-

tary-Manager, and Mr. Abbott, the greenkeeper, for their efforts during the past season, the result of which was clearly shown in the ballot for the 1927



Mr. W. A. Baird, M. P. P., Re-elected President of the Islington Golf Club.

Board, when all of those who allowed themselves to be re-nominated were elected by large majorities.

Two retiring members were replaced by Messrs. Karl Barton and Nicol MacNicol, Jr.

The new board will consist of Messrs. W. A. Baird, M. P. P., J. W. Pickup, Col. N. M. Young, M. P., J. H. Birkenshaw, Karl Barton, Nicol MacNicol, W. T. Rogers, Jas. Turner and Captain Millar, while Messrs. Milne and Arthur



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Brown will be Captain and Vice-Captain respectively. The great success of this young organization can be attributed to the fact that while it evidently has a directorate that directs it, it refrains from interfering in the actual management of the club as a club, being content to trust to the man selected for that job, and from all accounts their confidence has not been misplaced in Captain Millar, whom the President at the annual dance designated as being a hard headed Scotch-Canadian "who never handed out a dime unless he had a string attached to it."

If tentative plans are carried out this spring as are expected, the Islington Golf Club will become one of the

most accessible of any in the city, as it is understood that the T. T. C. anticipate putting on a bus service between the city and the town of Islington, whereby members will be able to get to the club very quickly almost any hour.

It is confidently expected that the playing membership list will be closed before the season is over, and judging by the number of enquiries that are already coming in this looks like a foregone conclusion.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board of Directors the 1926 officers were re-elected by acclamation, as follows:

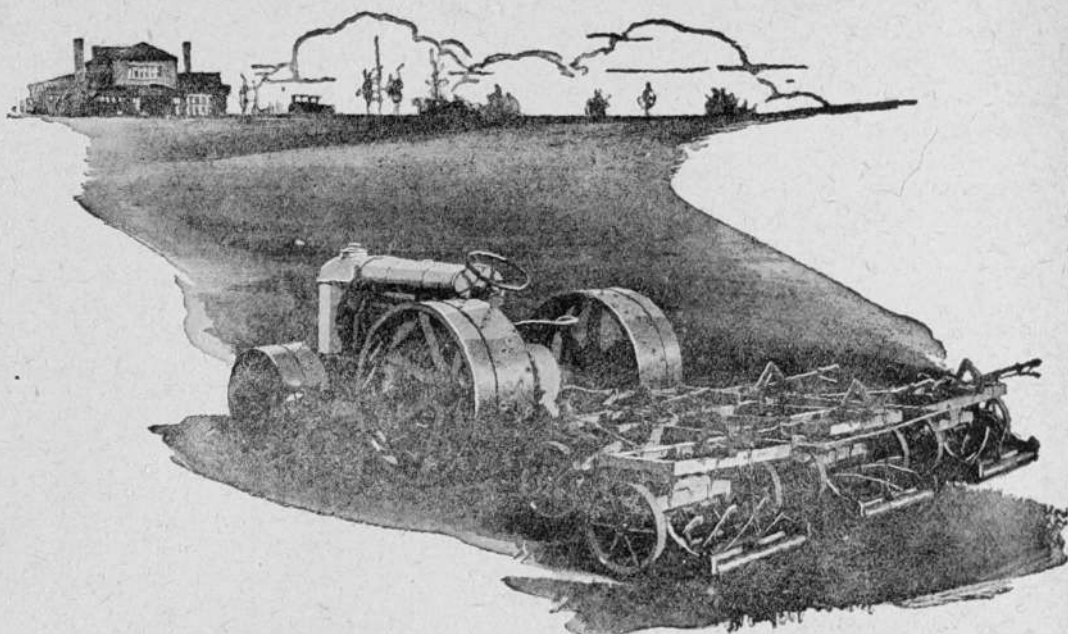
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The Board was very sorry to hear from the Secretary that Norman Bell, professional at the club during 1925 and 1926, would not be with them this season, on account of ill health, that it was therefore necessary to make a new appointment.

While numerous applications for this position were submitted, the list was rapidly culled down to two, and the final decision being in favour of Arthur Lindfield, who for a number of years was with Brighton and Hove Golf Club, England, and subsequently with Sault Ste. Marie and Weston Clubs.

Captain Millar and his staff will, as usual, commence spring operations the first of the month and it is hoped that by the middle of April the course will be declared officially open with all permanent greens in commission.

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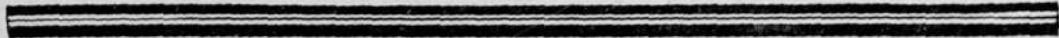
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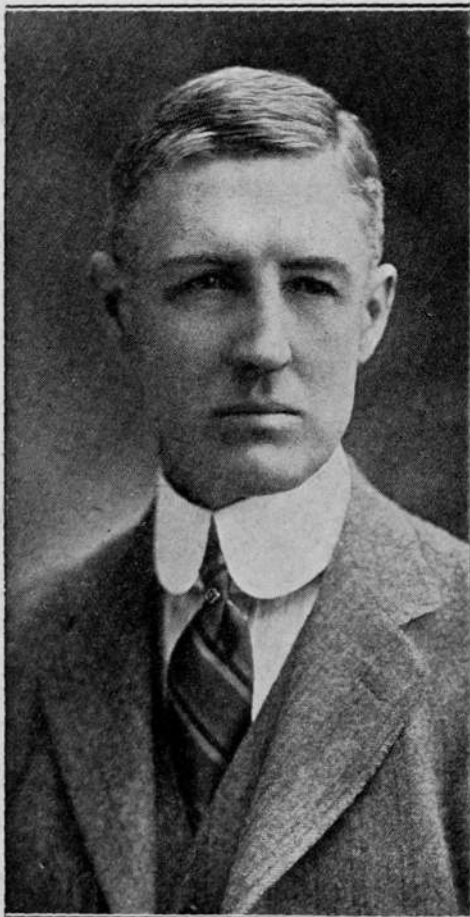
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ANNUAL MEETING OF TORONTO GOLF CLUB

Mr. R. C. H. Cassels, K. C., An Authority on the Game, Succeeds Mr. C. A. Bogert in the Presidential Chair

THE 51st annual meeting of the Toronto Golf Club was held in the committee rooms of the Dominion Bank, when the reports of the various officers and committees were presented.



Mr. R. C. H. Cassels, K. C., President of the Toronto Golf Club.

The members of the board who retired at the expiration of their terms were Messrs. C. A. Bogert, President; G. B. Strathy, Vice-President; Major C. A. Boone, W. J. Fleury and C. Leslie Wilson and the vacancies were filled by the election of Messrs. R. A. Daly, Dudley Dawson, Col. H. D. Lockhart Gordon, Strachan Ince and Godfrey

Spragge. Colonel H. J. Grasett was elected Hon. President and P. C. Tidy, Captain. All the reports were of a most encouraging character.

At the close of the meeting the retiring Captain, Dudley Dawson, presented the prizes to the winners of the principal club competitions during the past season, as follows:

Club Championship,—Bogert Trophy—R. M. Gray, Jr.

Championship Consolation—Everett Bristol.

Osler Trophy—Gordon T. Cassels.

Cockshutt Trophy—D. C. Rea.

Jubilee Cup—Captain's team.

Men's foursome, Warren Trophy—J. Grayson Smith and W. W. Angus.

Ringer Competition, first flight—J. Kerr Cronyn.

Ringer Competition, second flight—H. A. Richardson.

Ladies' Championship—Mrs. E. W. Whittington.

Parent and Child Competition, Masten Trophy—P. A. Chisholm and N. C. Cameron Chisholm.

Mixed Foursomes, McCarthy Trophy—Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Cronyn.

One of the most interesting events held during the past year was the first match between teams selected by the President and the Captain for the Jubilee Cup, presented by Mr. C. S. MacInnes; the result of the match being a victory for the Captain's team. This competition took place on Saturday, September 18th., when the Fiftieth Anniversary of the foundation of The Toronto Golf Club was celebrated. The Jubilee Cup Match will take place annually hereafter. Before adjournment of the annual meeting many fitting references were made to the valuable services which the club and its affairs received from Mr. C. A. Bogert as Director, and for the past four years as President.

At a meeting of the Board, later in the afternoon, Mr. R. C. H. Cassels, K. C., was elected President, and Mr.

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Mr. R. C. H. Cassels, K. C., who succeeds Mr. Bogert in the Presidential chair of the oldest golf club in Ontario, comes of a prominent golfing family. His father, the late Sir Walter Cassels, was one of the first followers of the game in Toronto and always took a

keen interest in the Toronto Club. Mr. Cassels himself has been most active in golfing circles, not only in Toronto, but in Canada. He is an ex-President of The Royal Canadian Golf Association, and is a member of the Rules of Golf Committee. He is an authority alike on the game and the rules. In every way he will prove a worthy successor to Mr. Bogert and a long line of well known Torontonians who in the past have been President of Ontario's premier golf club.

A FINE GOLFING TOUR

WHAT promises to be one of the most popular tours this summer, judging from preliminary enquiries, is a Cunard-Anchor golf tour which has just been announced to sail on the Cunard-Anchor liner "Caledonia" on July 16th, from New York to Glasgow. The itinerary has been specially planned with a view to com-

bining visits to some of the most beautiful spots in Scotland with playing on some of the better known courses in Britain.

The party will arrive in Glasgow on July 25th, and after a tour of the city will proceed to Edinburgh. Their golf activities in the Scottish capital will include a visit to Gullane and North Ber-

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wick, the latter being one of the best known courses in all Britain. While in this area the members of the party will be taken to Melrose and to Dryburgh and Kelso Abbeys.

The interest of this tour will culminate when the party proceeds to St. Andrews, the home and birthplace of golf. Here the party will be able to play on any of the famous courses, as well as visit many of the interesting spots in the environs.

After leaving the Mecca of all golfers, the party will go to Gleneagles, which is one of the most spectacular courses in all Europe. After visits Perth and Braemar, the party proceed to Turnberry in the Robert Burns country, many of the famous Ayrshire courses will be played on, such as Prestwick, Troon and Girvan.

The itinerary then takes the party to the English Lake District. After a tour through this lovely country, visiting Grasmere, Windermere and other lake resorts, the party arrives at Chester. Opportunity will be afforded to play on the famous courses of St. Anne's, where the British Open Championship of last year was won by "Bobby" Jones. Thence the itinerary takes the party through the Shakespeare country on to London.

The party on returning have the option of coming back on August 13 on the Aquitania, Franconia or Lancastria to New York, or the Alunia to Montreal. For those who cannot take the full tour an alternative is provided by which they may leave the main tour at Turnberry on August 5th, and embark at Glasgow on the Cunard-Anchor liner Transylvania.

There are several alternative tours offered members of the party, some of which will take them to Paris.

SCOTS SUPREME IN FOUR-BALL TOURNAMENT

MIAMI, Florida, witnessed this month a four-ball Tournament for big money prizes, in which eventually in the most representative field of professionals possibly ever assembled in the States, the two former Scottish amateurs, "Tommy" Armour and "Bobby" Cruickshank, convincingly demonstrated the superiority of golf learned in the Old Country. The story told by despatches, starting with the second round:

"Miami, Fla., March 7.—Favourites followed yesterday's precedent and came through the second round of the international four-ball golf tournament at the Miami Biltmore course to-day, but not until they had been extended to sensational heights. The scores were: Armour and Cruickshank defeated Harry Hampton and Clarence Hackney, 4 and 3; Sarazen and Espinosa defeated Willie Klein and Charley Murray, of Montreal, 4 and 3; Mehlhorn and Burke defeated Al Carberry and Tom Boyd, both of New York, 4 and 2; Hagen and Hutchison defeated Mike Brady and Cy Walker, of New York, 7 and 6.

Miami, Fla., March 8.—Walter Hagen and Jock Hutchison will meet Bobby Cruickshank and Tommy Armour in the 36-hole final of the annual international four-ball golf matches at the Miami-Biltmore course to-morrow. Hagen and Hutchison went into the finals by beating Bill Mehlhorn and William Burke, one up, in a sensational match to-day, and the Armour-Cruickshank combination stopped Espinosa and Sarazen, 3 and 2.

Miami, Fla., March 10.—Bobby Cruickshank and Tommy Armour to-day won the 36-hole play-off in the International four ball championship from Walter Hagen and Jock Hutchison, 9 up and 8 to play. The victory of the former Scottish amateurs was an outstanding one. They both played superlative golf."

THE ONTARIO GOLF ASSOCIATION

At Annual Meeting Several Important Matters Discussed—The Open Championship in Future Will Be Really "Open," Players outside of the Province Being Eligible to Enter—Mr. Plant Re-elected President

MR. W. H. PLANT, the President, presided over the annual meeting of the Ontario Golf Association held at the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, on Friday evening, March 4th, when many important matters were discussed.

Mr. W. J. Thompson, the Honorary Secretary, was able to report a very satisfactory season in 1926, both from a golfing and financial standpoint. Fifty-one of the leading clubs of the Province belong to this very important Association. Total receipts during the past year amounted to \$2,419, and disbursements to \$1,477, leaving the very satisfactory balance of \$942. Prizes to the value of \$279 were awarded to the winners in the Amateur Championship; \$330 to the winners in the Open; \$171 to the Juniors, and \$73 the Fall Tournament. Mr. Thompson's satisfactory report concluded with the following appreciation:

"On behalf of the members of the Association, your Directors have expressed appreciation and thanks to the officers and members of the York Downs Golf and Country Club, the Hamilton Golf and Country Club and the Oshawa Golf Club, for their action in extending the privileges of their courses to the Association and for the courtesy and kindness extended to the players in the various events."

An animated and interesting discussion participated in by several of the delegates took place in connection with the resolution brought in by Mr. Plant in reference to the revising of the Constitution of the Royal Canadian Golf Association so as to have the various provincial Associations nominate the Executive of the Parent Body. This resolution will be found in full in the report of the Annual Meeting of the R. C. G. A., published elsewhere in this issue. Mr. Plant in a very lucid manner explained the proposed changes. He strongly stressed the point that co-operation between the R. C. G. A. and the provincial bodies was necessary if the R. C. G. A. is to become National in other ways than in name. Something must be done to bring the various parts of the Dominion closer together, and he stated that the O. G. A., along with the Quebec Association, was strongly in support of the suggested changes which, among other things, would make the National Championship more than the sectional championship it is at present.

Mr. Plant reviewed the activities of the past year and suggested that the various clubs do everything possible to promote tournaments during the season. The selection of courses for this year's championships was left to the new executive. There were a number of changes made in the Constitution and By-laws, most of them to clarify the clauses. The number of directors was increased from twelve to fifteen, eight of whom must reside more than twenty miles from Toronto.

The Open Championship of the Province, it was decided, shall now be open to amateurs and professionals outside of Ontario, the same as prevails in Quebec.

The Directors for 1927 were elected as follows: Douglas M. Stuart, Barrie; John Lewis, Brantford; A. A. Adams, Hamilton; Stuart M. Robertson, Kingston; C. Ross Somerville, London; George Jacobs, Oshawa; W. Watson, Sarnia; Gill Gardner, Brockville; Murray Stewart, Weston; Ralph Connable, Humber Val-



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ley; W. H. Plant, Lakeview; C. M. Jones, Scarborough; G. S. Lyon, Lambton; R. M. Gray, Jr., Rosedale, and W. J. Thompson, Mississauga. Mr. W. H. Plant was unanimously re-elected President. The Association is fortunate in retaining his invaluable services for another year.

GREAT BRITAIN AND OVERSEAS

Interesting Happenings on the Courses of England, Scotland, Ireland,
Wales and the British Dependencies

RESPONSIBILITY for damage caused by flying golf balls has arrested the interest of most players of late, and that undue risks must not be taken is clearly emphasized by a decision given at Westminster County Court. Clayton Wagons, Limited, of Lincoln, sued L. H. Pell, of the Guards' Club, Brook-street, W., for 30s., cost of repairing damage done to the windscreen of their motor-lorry by a golf ball. Plaintiffs explained that a point was raised which affected a large number of people, users of the public highway, and it had never been decided before. Deputy Judge Ross-Brown ob-

served that in the case of the highroad or a public path alongside or across a golf course the liability was obvious. He gave judgment for the plaintiffs.

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Jack Smith, who since his association with the Wentworth Club has played a leading part in competitions arranged by the Guildford and District Golfing Alliance, was again prominent on Thursday of last week, when in an 18 holes medal event, on the North Hants course at Fleet, Smith, who, like the other professionals, was playing from the plus two mark, returned the winning net score of 78. Second place

was occupied by George Duncan, also of Wentworth, who was two strokes behind Smith.

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The championship circulars just issued by the English Golf Union show that entries for the English County Championship, which will be played at Little Aston, near Birmingham, on April 25, will close with the secretary of the English Union at noon on April 11th. The championship, which is open to all county unions, will be decided by medal play over 36 holes, the aggregate scores of four players counting. Entries for the English (close) Amateur Championship will close on April 11th, and the championship will begin at Little Aston on April 26. The championship is restricted to the amateur golfer who is either born in England, the Channel Islands, or the Isle of Man, or is the son of parents one of whom was born in one of these countries. No one who has played for Scotland, Ireland or Wales, or competed in the Close Championships of these countries since January 1, 1925, shall be eligible.

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Oxford University gained their first victory of the term when they defeated Royal Wimbledon, who were without several of their leading players, by 11 points to 4. Oxford led on the morning foursomes by 3 games to 2, and won all but two of the 10 singles. Owing to the late hour at which the match started, some of the foursomes were played over 14 holes, while others were over only 11 holes.

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Recently Miss Radcliffe Hall wrote an unusual letter to the "Daily Express," entitled, "Why Girl Golfers Shun Marriage." Another lady golfer has replied as follows in "Golf Illustrated":

"Her statements seem to be most sweeping. Readers of the article may well ask what the author means by the words 'Girl Golfers.' Does she mean girls who play golf habitually or those who are conspicuously good? If she means the former, it would be very interesting to know the facts on which she bases her statements. If, on the



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other hand, she refers to the latter, her statements seem rather unwarranted, and I think she will find that the percentage of married golfers compares most favourably with that of girls who play other games. Does Miss Radcliffe Hall find, with regard to environment, that golf is played only on black winter days. Is it never played on beautiful summer afternoons and evenings on beautiful courses—conditions which are conducive to romance? I would recommend Miss Radcliffe Hall to examine some of the railway posters of such places as Le Touquet and Gleneagles. Pretty though these are, the actual beauty of the districts they represent cannot be altogether conveyed by an artist's brush. She admits that girl golfers may look attractive, and we are very grateful to her for this concession, but we wonder how she arrived at the conclusion that they are as hard as the clubs and balls with

which they play. Has she forgotten that golf balls possess a considerable amount of resilience? She appears to think they are made of stone, and even if they were of this hardness, how many girl golfers has Miss Radcliffe Hall met before coming to this sinister conclusion?"

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Miss Edith Leitch, who has just been married to Mr. Herbert Guedella, has been for some years a prominent figure in ladies' golf. One of the leaders in the Middlesex County team, Mrs. Guedella represented England in the ladies' international matches in 1908, 1910, 1920, 1921, 1922. To be quite candid, Mrs. Guedella has never done herself justice in the Ladies' Open Championship, having on no single occasion reached the last eight. Miss Cecil Leitch, however, has more than compensated for this singular omission on the part of her eldest sister. Inclusive of her victories in 1914, 1920, 1921, 1926, Miss Cecil Leitch has reached the last eight on no fewer than nine occasions. Another sister, too, Mrs. MacGregor Millar (nee Miss May Leitch), reached the last eight in 1912.

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According to Mr. T. A. Crombie who recently made a trip through South Africa, the native caddies in the district of Bloemfontein are natural born golfers. Their equipment consists of one club only, 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ ozs. in weight and 37 inches long, with the shaft made of 3/16 inch iron fencing wire looped at one end to form a handle, which is covered with sacking to provide a grip. Two and a half inches of the business end of the shaft is then bent at a slightly obtuse angle, and this is inserted into the head, a round steel tube, $\frac{3}{4}$ in. in diameter and 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ in. long, and a carpenter's nail is next driven in between the wire and the tube as a wedge. As can be readily imagined, the shaft is decidedly whippy. In the New Year caddies' competition one kinky haired youth by name of Joseph, armed only with the weird club that they all use, made the remarkable score of 44 over a nine-hole course of 2,988 yards, bogey 38.



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A golf ball driven from the last tee at Llandudno, Maesdu, Golf Club, struck a rock, rebounded, and struck the player in the mouth. Several stitches were inserted at the Cottage Hospital.

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Correspondence in some of the Scottish papers has established that the mashie was probably first produced in the early eighties at Hoylake by A. F. Macfie, in conjunction with Jack Morris, the veteran Hoylake professional.

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While England is importing large quantities of hickory for golf shafts, one Birmingham firm reports having recently shipped 20,000 steel shafts to

the United States. A fair exchange is no robbery, but it seems strange that each country would not be satisfied with using the article which they naturally excell in producing. George Duncan takes the view that sooner or later the use of steel shafts in Great Britain will be inevitable, owing to the increasing shortage of suitable hickory. In that case there will have to be a change of front on the part of the R. and A., who until now have set their faces against the introduction of steel as infringing the official decree regarding the "accepted form and make" of clubs. The evidence, so far as one gathers, about the steel-shafted club, is that it confers no advantage in skill, and should be considered only as an alternative, and a more durable one, for wood. The ruling authorities are always jealous, however, about conserving the game and its traditions, and though the question of steel in club manufacture has been talked of more than once, they have never countenanced the change. Some people wonder why cane should not be used, as it at any rate comes closely to the permissible material.

OLD "BLUE LAW" STATUTE INVOKED

A DESPATCH from Columbia, S. C., February 27th:

"Century old 'blue laws' invoked in South Carolina for a 'tight' Sunday to-day resulted in the arrest of golfers in Greenville, as they went to the links in the face of Governor Richard's orders to the police to be on the alert for such violations."

It was the State's second 'blue' Sabbath and was more general in its effect than the first. Drug stores in principal cities were closed or catered solely to those purchasing medicines, while no gasoline filling stations were reported operating.

Four men were arrested on Greenville Golf Links. They were former solicitor Proctor A. Bonham, W. G. Perry, Jr., John Cushman and David Ferguson. They were released on their

own recognizances, but when they started to resume play they were warned that it would result in their being locked up. Mr. Bonham, a former State Senator, and his companions then motored to Biltmore, N. C., near Asheville, where they finished their game. All said they would fight the case in court.

At Aiken, a resort town, police refused to allow newsboys to sell papers on the streets, but golf and polo were played with no arrests made. The usual number of players were on the Palmetto Club's links for the afternoon rounds, while a foursome played on the Highland Park Hotel course. Pupils of a preparatory school engaged in a polo game there, but all the amusements were held outside the city limits of Aiken."

ANNUAL MEETING OF REGINA GOLF CLUB

Prominent Western Organization Soon to Have a Fine, New Course—Mr. Gordon W. Forbes Elected President

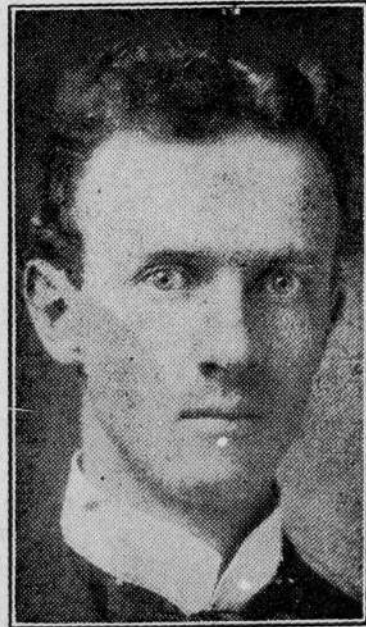
MR. GORDON W. FORBES was elected President of the Regina Golf Club at the annual meeting last month. The vote was unanimous. For the five vacancies of the Board of Governors there were eleven nominations. As a result of the subsequent vote, the following were elected: G. C. Holden, G. A. Mantle, J. R. Smith, P. S. Stewart and Alex. Reid. Chas. Willoughby was elected Honorary President.

For the office of Captain, R. R. Goodale was chosen.

G. H. Barr, K. C., the retiring President, in his address, laid emphasis on the work that had been accomplished during the past year towards the construction of a new course. He acknowledged in this connection the courtesy and consideration of the city council in its treatment of the club when a request had been preferred for a lease on land adjacent to the course for the purpose of carrying out the plans of the architect, Stanley Thompson, of Toronto. He gave the assurance that play would proceed in the current year with a minimum of interruption by the operations on the new course. He referred feelingly to the loss the club had sustained in the death of its Honorary President, the late J. W. Smith, and paid his personal tribute to the qualities of sportsmanship and good citizenship for which the late member had been noted.

F. J. Wilson, Chairman of the finance Committee, commented on the statement of accounts, showing a net surplus of assets of \$10,640, pointing out that the result had been arrived at after taking into account depreciation

of the club's fixed assets and without carrying into the accounts as assets the amount spent on course construction.



Mr. Gordon W. Forbes, Prominent Golfer and Executive, is Elected President of the Regina Golf Club.

Various other reports were presented by the chairmen of committees, the work of construction being dealt with in detail in a report prepared by W. G. Laird, and the club year being reviewed by the Secretary, S. Cookson.

Mr. Gordon Forbes, in taking the chair, referred to the problems confronting the club in the current year. He mentioned the question of the venue of the Western Canada Tournament, stating that the likelihood appeared to be the Wascana Club would undertake

the responsibility of looking after that meeting. In view of the somewhat limited accommodation which would prevail, in that case, owing to the non-completion of the Regina Club course he suggested that members might exercise a spirit of self-denial in connection with the meeting. They should not only co-operate to the fullest extent but some of the higher handicap men might forego entry in order that the best facilities might be available to those who desired to enter from outside points during the week of the event.

The usual votes of thanks closed the meeting after discussion had taken place on the accounts and the question of a professional.

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death of J. W. Smith and its sympathy with his family.

Annual fees at the Regina Club last year amounted to \$7,806 in respect to men's memberships and to \$1,940 in respect to ladies. Locker rentals realized \$378 and green fees netted \$966.50. A profit of \$109.65 was made on the catering during the season—all very satisfactory figures.

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THE passing of Mr. R. M. Gray, which has regretfully to be recorded this month, removes from banking, social and sporting life an outstanding Torontonians.

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He entered the service of the Dominion Bank and for 52 years was in its service. He was manager of the Queen and Sherbourne Street Branch of that bank for a number of years prior to the war. He retired during the war, being superannuated.

He was one of the original members of the Rosedale Golf and always an ardent golfer from his earliest days. The Royal and Ancient game in Toronto and District owes very much to him, as he was a keen and excellent player. Mr. R. M. Gray, Jr., of Rosedale, ex-Amateur Golf Champion of

Ontario, and an outstanding golfer, the past few years, has worthily upheld the golfing traditions of the family.

As a curler Mr. Gray had an unusual reputation, and was one of the first members of the old Granite Club. In his younger days he won considerable repute as a lacrosse player. For some five years he was associated with the old Toronto Lacrosse Club.

The late Mr. Gray was an interested and active member of the York Pioneers and a member of St. James' Square United Church. Deceased was a widower, his wife, Mrs. Jessie Gray, having predeceased him a year ago. He is survived by one daughter, Miss Jessie Gray, living at home, and three sons, W. S. Gray, R. M. Gray, and A. G. Gray, all of Toronto. To them the sincere sympathy of friends throughout Ontario will go out, in which sentiment the Editor of the "Canadian Golfer" begs leave to be associated.

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ROSEDALE HAS RECORD YEAR

Financial and Other Statements for 1926 Most Encouraging—Mr. Thomas Reid, Prominent Torontonian, Elected President of the Club

THE 34th annual meeting of the Rosedale Golf Club was held at the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, and was largely attended. The members of this outstanding club as usual listened to most interesting and satisfactory reports. The President, Mr. C. D. Schurman, in the course of his report stated:

"Operating expenditure for the year has been kept within income and the cash position continues to be satisfactory.

Your Directors record with the deepest regret the passing during 1926 of the following members: H. C. Anderson, W. H. Grant, R. L. Johnstone, T. B. Romeyn, H. W. Tisdall."

Annual fees accounted for \$42,631 of the income, whilst the visitors' green fees amounted to the substantial sum of \$5,219. The sales of the Dining Room totalled \$19,726, showing a profit of \$401.

Rosedale is one of the best managed and best run clubs in Ontario, with a large and representative membership. Both course and club house and buildings are always kept right up "to concert pitch."

Col. A. G. Gooderham, E. B. Thompson and W. C. MacAgy were elected directors to fill the vacancies caused by the completion of terms of C. B. Schurman, the retiring President; R. M. Gray, Jr., and J. Sale, Jr. The other members of the Board are: Thomas Reid, who was later elected President; Dr. Adam Beatty, F. R. MacKelcan, Murray White, V. A. Withers and J. D. Fraser. C. W. Defoe was elected Captain, J. H. Proctor, Vice-Captain.

The new President of Rosedale is an exceedingly well known resident of Toronto. He is a leading barrister of the Queen City, head of the firm of



Mr. Thomas Reid, Prominent in Legal and Other Circles, in Toronto, who is Rosedale's New President.

Reid, Wright, McMillan & Co., and is also actively identified with many leading financial and commercial interests, including the Office Specialty and Manufacturing Co., of which he is Vice-President. He will be a worthy successor to many prominent and able men who have occupied in the past, the Presidential chair at Rosedale.

FORT FRANCES "GETS INTO THE GAME"

AND still the new clubs come. One of the latest to be established in Ontario is that of the Rainy Lake Golf and Country Club, Ltd., Fort Frances, Ont., which was only launched last Fall, but anticipates having its 9-hole course in play this season. The links are advantageously situated about a mile and a half east of Fort Frances, on the shore of Rainy Lake, and at the present time are under construction. "The clearing has been practically all done," writes the Secretary, Mr. A. J. Mathieu, of the J. A. Mathieu Co., Ltd., lumber manufacturers, Rainy Lake, "and we expect to have the course in fairly good shape by the middle of next August. We are also building a very nice log club house this year, and are equipping it up to date."



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Here's good luck to the Rainy Lake Golf and Country Club. It is ably officered and cannot help but be a success. The Royal and Ancient game is certainly spreading its tentacles throughout both Old and New Ontario.

NEWS OF THE MIDDLE WEST

Annual Meetings Occupy Western Golfers—Robert Jacob is Elmhurst President—G. E. Hunter Leads Winnipeg Club—E. H. Macklin Elected at Pine Ridge and T. J. Lytle at Assiniboine

RETIRING President C. E. Harvey occupied the chair at a very representative meeting of the members of Elmhurst held at the Royal Alexandra hotel at Winnipeg. The reports presented by Mr. Harvey and the various Chairmen were of a most satisfactory nature and sounded a strong note of optimism for 1927.

The membership at Elmhurst have been very active this year, and it was

decided at the annual meeting to limit membership of this club to two hundred and fifty members. The club occupies a sound position with the golfing fraternity as they at present hold the interclub championship, and the prospects point to a banner year in 1927. The six retiring governors were re-elected for another term of two years, and the following officers will direct the activities of the club: President,

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Gordon E. Hunter was re-elected President of the Winnipeg Golf Club at the inaugural meeting of the new Board of Governors. Other officers elected were: Hon. President, Manlius Bull; Vice-President, C. L. McLaughlin; Hon. Secretary-Treasurer, B. W. Thompson, and the following committee chairmen: Green, W. Reynolds; Grounds, Hon. Thos. Johnson; House, W. P. Over; Match, S. Trehitt; Finance, B. W. Thompson; Membership, Dr. Ainley; Roads, D. J. Wright.

Dues for the coming year were fixed at \$65, with an entrance fee of \$50 on applications received after Feb. 1st, 1927. With a view to developing a still better club spirit, it was decided that membership in the club should carry

with it playing privileges for a member's wife and family, if the latter were of an age to qualify for junior membership.

"We believe that this will prove very popular not only with our present members but with a large number of golfers in Winnipeg," said President Hunter after the meeting. He pointed out that to-day with the increasing popularity of golf there were many cases where the entire family were ardent devotees of the ancient and honorable game. By this new ruling every member's wife will have playing privileges over the course, and as well his children, under 21 years of age.

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The Directors of the Portage Golf Club, of Portage La Prairie, reported a very satisfactory season in 1926, though playing conditions and revenue were somewhat impaired owing to continued periods of unfavourable weather. The following officers were elected: President, Dr. H. J. Hassard; Vice-President, Dr. N. S. Bailey; Treasurer, J. H. Chaseley; Secretary, D. Alexander; Directors, D. McKillop, J. H. Chaseley, Dr. Hassard, G. R. Dewar, S. Whitaker, D. Alexander, S. M. MacDonald and J. R. Colwill.

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E. H. Macklin was elected President of the Pine Ridge Golf Club, of Winnipeg, for the coming year at a meeting of the membership. George Galt was the choice for Honorary President, and James R. Murray for Vice-President. F. J. Boulton and Glen C. McDonald were returned to office as Treasurer and Secretary, respectively. In addition to the above, C. C. Fields, Dr. W. H. Reid, Frank O. Fowler, W. R. Bawlf, R. J. McBuckin and J. M. de C. O'Grady were appointed to the Board. Of these Messrs. Fowler, McGuckin and O'Grady were elected as new members.

A report from the committee working on the new water system for the fairways was submitted, and it was decided to proceed with the work in the spring. Provision for non-residents' association membership at reduced fees was made, and a vote of thanks to the

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Green Committee for its valuable services was passed. W. R. (Billy) Reith, a veteran "Old Country" pro has been appointed professional for the coming season and his experience and recognized ability should prove a decided acquisition to the Pine Ridge Club.

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A despatch from Portage La Prairie:

"At the annual meeting of the Ladies' Golf Club, the Treasurer's report showed a substantial bank balance. Last year the club became affiliated with the Canadian Ladies' Golf Union.

Mrs. C. A. West gave a report of the annual meeting of the Manitoba Branch of the C. L. G. U. held in Winnipeg.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. J. H. Chaseley; Vice-President, Mrs. W. R. Grieve; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Mutch; Match Committee, Mrs. Liddle, Miss Hills; Membership Committee, Miss Venard (convener), Mrs. Mutch, Mrs. Liddle; Social and Refreshment, Mrs. McKinnon (convener), Mrs. Lovelock, Mrs. F. L. Newman, Mrs. Colwill, Miss Vennard; delegate to the C. L. G. U., Mrs. Chaseley."

The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Assiniboine Golf Club, of Winnipeg, was held at the Marlborough Hotel when reports of the various committees were submitted and officers elected for the ensuing season. The reports show the club to be in a very thriving condition.

The following Directors and Officers were appointed: Directors, T. J. Lytle, G. R. Mackey, H. A. Mackey, W. B. Thompson, D. N. Arnott, W. T. Thomson, B. C. Galbraith, R. E. Ford and C. H. Shannon. President, T. J. Lytle; Vice-President, G. R. Mackey; Secretary-Treasurer, W. B. Thompson; Green Committee, G. R. Mackey, Chairman, with W. T. Thomson and D. N. Arnott; Finance Committee, B. C. Galbraith, Chairman, with R. E. Ford and W. B. Thomson; Sports Committee, C. H. Shannon, Chairman, with R. E. Ford and H. Arkle; House Committee, H. A. Mackey, Chairman, with B. C. Galbraith and D. N. Arnott.

"THE ORIENTAL MENANCE"

(By A. Lytle, Sporting Editor, Vancouver "Sun").

UNDERSTAND something akin to consternation was registered by the local golf professionals as they met for their weekly exchange of chatter on Hastings street yesterday. Understand this consternation is spreading around Troon, over Muirfield and along the shores of the Firth of Forth. To say nothing of gloom wherever Scottish golf professionals foregather.

Jimmy Huish it was, I believe, who attended with fire in his eye and a clipping in his hand:

"Wull ye speer at yon?" he cried to the Duthies, the Blacks, the Sheppards and the Aytons. "Yon" being a clipping from a newspaper recording the promotion of a Chinese youth in California from caddie to professional.

"Och aye," chorused the others mournfully, "yon's a terrible thing, forbye."

"This," proceeded Mr. Huish, waving the clipping about, "is takin' the verra scones from the mouths of the Scots bairnies."

"Gin ye look at the mornin's paper," interjected Davie Black softly, "ye'll see where a Japanese gowfer shot twa holes in yin. Talk aboot the Yellow Peril; it's invaded the gowf links the noo, I'm thinkin'."

Alex Duthie drew a horrible picture of a Chinese named Ah Sing or Sing Yip invading the Old Country and carrying off the British Open before the very eyes of the Scots.

After that, naturally the demand from American courses will be for Celestial professionals because none but the best need apply over there.

But this last invasion of the rights of the Scots will not be treated with the leniency characteristic of the race.

The fiery cross, it is understood, is even now being rushed the length and breadth of Scotland. The McTavishes, the McDougalls, the MacGregors and the NacNabs are rallying and recruits for the war in China will never again, be hard to secure.

"If yon continues," Mr. Huish warned finally, "whaur's the future for the Scottish bairn? All behint him. If someyin' will start a wee bit collection for the Chinese executioners so busy around Shanghai I hae na doot the Scots will gie many a bawbee.

"Yon's no a close race when the cause is worthy."

CLUB HOUSE DESTROYED BY FIRE

THE club house of the Beach Grove Country Club, six miles from Windsor, Riverside Drive, Riverside, and one of the most artistic club buildings in Ontario, was destroyed by fire on Saturday, February 26th. Efforts of Riverside and Tecumseh Fire Departments failed to check the flames, which originated from an overheated furnace pipe in the basement. The loss on club house, furniture and equipment was \$100,000, according to an estimate of J. H. Cobourn, Secretary, with insurance of only \$60,000. The club house was of frame construction, one story in height. Considerable furniture and personal belongings of the family of the manager, Major Blackburn, who resided on the premises,

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were saved. Secretary Coburn stated that immediate plans would be made to finance and build a new club house. The structure destroyed was erected in 1921, and was very complete in every detail. The Beach Grove Club has a large and influential membership of residents of Windsor, Walkerville, Ford and Detroit.

Major Blackburn, the Manager, writes the "Canadian Golfer":
 "Present reconstruction plans are progressing very favourably, and it is the intention to erect a much more extensive and improved club house on the same site."

MISS PAGET WINS BERMUDA CHAMPIONSHIP

MISS HELEN PAGET, the clever young player from The Royal Ottawa Golf Club, is the 1927 Lady Champion of Bermuda, defeating in the final, the finished Scottish player, Miss Aileen Pattison, who annexed the event last year. The Scottish girl was rather fancied "to repeat," but Miss Helen, playing superior golf, eventually won out after a gruelling 18 holes, in the morning, she establishing an early lead in the afternoon, and was subsequently never again headed.

Miss Paget is a credit to Canadian Womans' golfdom. For the last five years she has been very much in the spot-light. As a very young girl she reached in 1922 the final in the Canadian Ladies' Close Championship at Lambton, where she was eliminated rather decisively by the much older and more experienced and brilliant Hamiltonian, Mrs. Gordon Ferrie (then Mrs. Hope Gibson). After that she always figured well up in the major events and in 1925 came decisively into her own, when she won the Canadian Close Championship, accounting in the final for no less a renowned Champion than Miss Ada Mackenzie, of Toronto. Last year she won the Quebec Ladies' Championship and was also runner-up in both the close and Open Lady Championships, of Canada, Miss Mackenzie taking her revenge for 1925 by winning both these events. On her record the Ottawa representative must be ranked in second place amongst the lady golfers of the Dominion. She is

young, gets a long and sweet tee-shot, handles her irons with crispness and precision and should go far in all major events in 1927. The newly crowned Lady Champion of Bermuda "will want watching" this coming season. She has glorious youth on her side, and a well balanced game in her bag. Canadian lady players, by the way, seem to have a penchant for winning the Bermuda Championship. This is the fourth time that they have annexed chief honours. In 1923 Miss Willo Gage, of the Lambton Golf Club, won the event. In 1924 Miss Sybil Kennedy, of The Royal Montreal, and in 1925 Mrs. Ross, of The Royal Ottawa—quite an imposing showing for the Dominion.



Miss Helen Paget, Royal Ottawa Golf Club,
 Winner of the Bermuda Ladies' Cham-
 pionship.

IN AND ROUND THE CLUB HOUSE

Interesting Happenings on the Courses of Canada, Great Britain and the United States.

Hugh Logan, professional of the Cobourg Golf Club, has recently returned from a visit to Scotland. He has brought back with him some fine examples of his work in "irons" which will unquestionably meet with a ready sale this coming season.

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Mrs. Melvin Jones, of Chicago, won the annual Pebble Beach golf championship for women at Del Monte, Calif., defeating Miss Marion Hollins, of New York, four times title holder, in a spectacular match.

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Despatch from Augusta, Ga.:

Mr. H. D. Best won the Match Play Tournament at Forrest Hills, defeating Mr. Huter two and one. The winner and runner-up played consistent golf during the whole week and the finals were a hard match, Best winning on the seventeenth green. Mr. W. F. Cockshutt, ex-M. P., Brantford, Ontario, defeated Mr. W. F. Hight in the second sixteen. This was also a very interesting match and hard fought all the way through.

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Mrs. C. C. Ronalds, of Montreal, a well known member of the Mount Bruno Golf Club, qualified in the

South Atlantic Championship at Ormond Beach, Fla., last month. She was defeated at Match play by Mrs. F. M. Sloan, of Chicago, 3 and 2.

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The St. Mungo Manufacturing Co., Ltd., of Glasgow, Scotland, famous manufacturers for many years of golf balls, announce this season a wonderful new ball which they have appropriately named "The Birdie." The firm guarantees the durability of the cover of this ball to last for five rounds but good for ten, and no golfer could ask for a better guarantee than this. The wholesale Canadian distributing agents for this great golf ball, which really does help golfers to do holes in "birdies" or one under par, are: H. G. Spurgeon, 204 Travellers' Bldg., Winnipeg; Norman Jessiman & Co., Suite 221, 509 Richards Street, Vancouver; Potter & Co., 11 Wellington Street East, Toronto.; W. Claire Shaw & Co., 137 McGill Street, Montreal, and W. H. Thorne & Co., St. John, N. B. "The Birdie"—the ideal ball to have in your bag this coming season, is made in a new marking "Hexagon Mesh," and in the "Concave Mesh Marking." Off iron clubs the "Birdie" is particularly fascinating and is "par" excellence for putting.

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It is expected that the new 18-hole course of the Sherbrooke Golf and Country Club, Sherbrooke, Que., will be opened for play this season. Much money has been spent on course construction. The newly seeded greens and fairways have wintered exceedingly well.

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"Bobby" Cruickshank, the wee Scot who has had such a brilliant winter record in tournaments, is greatly fancied by the experts to win the U. S. Open this year. They point out, says, "The American Golfer," that before Jock Hutchison went over and won the British Open in 1921 he had swept the



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southern winter schedule, and also that Gene Sarazen had a similarly brilliant winter record before he won the Open title at Skokie. Who knows?

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The Percy Barrett Fund for the widow and children now amounts to nearly the \$3,000 mark. The money will be handled for investment by a strong committee of Toronto golfers. The Committee will be pleased to secure further contributions.

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Major Wilson, President of the Hamilton Golf and Country Club; Mr. H. M. Patterson and two or three other prominent Hamiltonians, left this month for Honolulu. They intend whilst there, to play the interesting golf courses on the Island.

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Tom Fernie was presented by the Turnberry Club with a wristlet watch and a handsome cheque in recognition of sixteen years' valuable service. Fernie has been appointed the new professional to the Royal Lytham and St. Anne's Club. James McDowall, of Prestwick, succeeds Fernie at Turnberry.

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Mrs. Mulqueen, of Toronto (the former Miss Sydney Pepler), has added the Belleair Women's Championship to her many other titles. She defeated in the final Mrs. Caleb F. Fox, of Philadelphia, who at sixty-six years of age is still capable of playing championship golf. Mrs. Fox had a three-hole lead at the end of 3 holes, but then the strain started to tell. Mrs. Mulqueen won the next three holes in succession to square the match and put the decision up to the outcome at the home hole. Here Mrs. Fox had two putts from fifteen feet for the half, looked up, was short and so lost the match.

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A \$10,000 Southern Open at Atlanta, Georgia, is being planned for the week of April 18th. The tournament will be held at the East Lake Country Club, Druid Hills and Brookhaven; the prize money to be distributed as

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A correspondent writes, asking how the golf courses are managed at St. Andrews, Scotland, where the British Open Championship is to be held next July. The courses maintained at the sole expense of the Royal and Ancient Club are the Old Course (over which the Open will be played), and the New Course. The Old Course has been in use from time immemorial, and the New Course was laid out in 1894. The

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The death is announced in London of the celebrated advocate, Sir Edward Marshall-Hall. Sir Edward was a very keen and a very good golfer. He was Captain of the Bar Golfing Society in 1913. At Deal in 1903 he was runner-up in the Bar Tournament to Mr. G. M. T. Hildgard, K. C., and in 1904 and 1909 he won the Bar's bronze medal.

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There is a decided trend to Graduated Irons. Players have learned that perfectly Graduated Irons will help their game and the mediocre and less advanced players also find they have a distinct advantage over ordinary irons. In fact, the golfing world is going to

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The annual meeting of the Oakville Golf Club terminated the most successful year in the history of the club, and as a result of the very gratifying financial report the Directors have decided that there will be no change in the playing fees for 1927. Features of the meeting were the election of two of the members of the club to honorary life membership, Mrs. E. W. Whittington, for winning the Ontario Ladies' Championship, and Mr. R. E. Young, in appreciation of his services as honorary secretary for the past six years. The election of directors resulted as follows: E. T. Lightbourn, A. H. Lightbourn, W. R. Ostrom, R. E. Young, S. H. Brown, G. N. Molesworth, E. S. Glasseo, H. L. Read, J. A. Gairdner, A. B. Taylor, G. S. Furness, W. M. Cox, C. S. Taylor and W. B. Puckett. At a subsequent meeting of the directors the following officers and committees were elected:

President—E. T. Lightbourn (re-elected). Vice-President, W. R. Ostrom. Honorary Treasurer, H. L. Read. Honorary Secretary, R. E. Young.

The following were the prize winners in 1926:

President's Trophy, club championship, unfinished. Final between B. E. T. Ellis, present holder, and Chris.

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Armstrong, will be decided early next season. W. M. Cox Trophy, handicap, won by E. S. Glasco. C. S. Furness Trophy, flag competition, won by Banfield Taylor. Ladies' Championship, won by Mrs. J. A. Gairdner; runner-up Mrs. Chas. Cox. Second Flight, won by Miss Daisy Molesworth. Consolation, won by Miss S. M. Cameron. E. S. Glasco Trophy, won by Mrs. J. S. Williams. W. C. Bell's prize, won by Miss Agnes Robertson.

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The Aga Khan, says "Golf Illustrated" has taken up golf seriously. He motors over from Nice to Cagnes two or three times a week and plays with Gassiat, the professional from Chantilly, who has been specially employed by His Highness to teach him the game.

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George J. Voight, Washington, D.C., added the Palm Beach Golf Championship to his string of recent successes in defeating Harvey Shaffer, New York, 11 and 10, over the Palm Beach Country Club course, Palm Beach, Fla.

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Sensational putting, including nine one-putt greens on the morning round, well-placed irons and wood shots won for William Burke, Clearwater caddiemaster, the 72-hole Central Florida Open Golf Championship, played over the Sanford Country Club course, Sanford, Fla. Burke had a total of 290.

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"Don" Carrick, Ontario Amateur Golf Champion, and ex-Canadian Amateur Champion, this month added another sporting trophy to his belt when representing Toronto University in the heavyweight boxing class he defeated the representative of the famous United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md. This is Carrick's third win against the pick of the U. S. Naval and Military Colleges heavyweight boxers. In its report of the bout "The Washington Post" stated:

"Webb, Navy mentor, made a last-minute change for the heavyweight mill. Coleman originally was booked to go against Carrick, Intercollegiate heavyweight champion of Canada. Webb used King, a somewhat heavier middy, instead. King found Carrick entirely too clever in handling the mitts and driving

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the punches home. Carrick also displayed faster footwork, as a result of which the middy lost much ground in wild swinging. The Canadian had him in a pretty bad way in the second round, but the tar was game, and came back fighting mad for the final round, only to take another hard lacing. Carrick got the decision by a good margin."

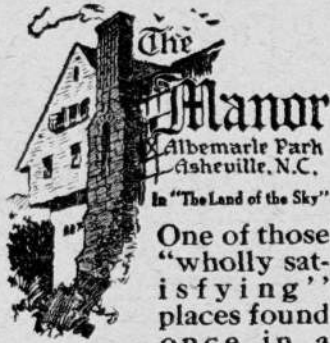
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A. J. Miles, of the Merton Park Club, London, S. W., writing to the "Canadian Golfer," renewing his advertisement in the Magazine for the coming season, writes:

"We are having a lot of rain just now and most of the courses round London are heavy. So far I haven't seen a steel-shaft club in any player's bag, but I know a lot of golfers would like to use them and I think before very long they will be permitted here the same as in Canada and the States. Kind regards to you and all my kind Canadian friends."

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Encouraging reports were submitted at the fifth annual meeting of the Burlington Golf and Country Club, held in the Chamber of Commerce rooms, Hamilton, March 7th. Assets were announced at \$209,497. including



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\$125,000 in real estate and \$55,000 in construction and equipment of the course. There are 214 members and fees amounted to \$32,102.56. The balance on the year's operations totalled \$6,296.53. Officers were elected as follows: W. J. Southam, President; W. J. Westaway, Vice-President; R. C. Ripley, Second Vice-President; Directors, L. M. Appleford, N. S. Braden, R. H. Foster, Col. B. O. Hooper, Col. L. H. Millen, J. J. MacKay, Dr. J. W. McNichol, F. W. Paulin, M. C. Smith, S. W. Somerville, C. C. Thomson, F. W. Watson, M. D. Warner, Captain; J. A. W. Brown, Vice-Captain. The Burlington Golf and Country Club has one of the most beautiful courses in Ontario. It has few, if any, equals. During the annual meeting, the presentation of prizes was made by Dr. R. A. Robertson, the Captain of the Club last

year. They were won as follows: E. W. Bruce handicap won by Ross Tarlton; Johnson Century Club, won by Gordon Hutton; Dr. Robertson Cups for the best scores made by juniors for gross and handicap, won by Harvey Somerville and Fred Howe, Jr.; Johnson Cup, won by A. Dorman; the Watson Father and Son Cup, won by Sam and Harry Sommerville, the runners-up being Robert and Robson Hunter.

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The Director's meeting of the Big Bay Point Golf and Country Club was held at the home of F. H. Gooch, 120 Crescent Road, Toronto, this month. The President, Mr. Justice Lennox, was in the chair and the following Directors were present: Mr. F. H. Gooch (Vice-President), Mr. W. Peppall, Mr. Ernest Legge, Mr. Ross Sheppard, Mr. James Moir and Mr. A. H. Baillie (Secretary). Activities for the Summer season were considered, and the members were unanimous in deciding to have the course fit for play by May 24. Tenders for looking after the greens were read and discussed, and it was decided to take these up at another meeting to be held shortly, in order that work might be started at the earliest possible date. It was announced that much work had been done last Fall on the new greens and that seeding and sodding would be done as soon as weather permits. The directors decided to launch a new drive for members among the cottage owners and tenants. The excellent financial condition of the club came in for much praise, and credit was given to the Secretary, Mr. Baillie, for his careful supervision of expenditures.

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The Ladies' Section of the Toronto Golf Club held their thirty-second annual meeting March 7th, when the reports of the officers and committees were received, these indicating that the 1926 season was a most successful one. The following members of the commit-

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tee retired: Mrs. R. C. H. Cassels, Mrs. Victor Sifton and Mrs. Larrett Smith, and Miss Elizabeth Laidlaw, Mrs. Campbell Reaves and Mrs. M. K. Rowe were elected to fill the vacancies. The remainder of the committee includes Mrs. George Cassels, Miss Miriam Emsley, Mrs. George Evans, Mrs. Kaspar Fraser, Miss Margaret Laird and Miss Blair Burrows.

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Lex Robson, the Weston Club's professional is conducting a very successful Winter School at Hart House, Toronto. The classes are held every Monday and Thursday, between 7 and 9 o'clock, with an average attendance of some forty collegians.

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The A. B. Scott Co., of Fairmont, W. V., are placing on sale this spring a very desirable Putting Box device which should prove a great help to every golfer desirous of improving his game.

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Mr. W. J. Appleyard, Secretary of the Dunnville Golf and Country Club, which has a very interesting course at Dunnville, Ontario, writes:

"You might be interested to know that on February 12th, our Pro., Wm. Gunn, and Mr. B. L. Edgecombe, played a round of golf, and on Sunday, February 13th, Mr. J. A. Burns, Mr. J. M. Bennett, Mr. N. W. Bennett and Mr. B. L. Edgecombe, played a foursome on our course here. I think this is very remarkable for the month of February here."

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Mr. H. H. Ramsay, Secretary of the United States Golf Association, announces that the Women's Committee for 1927 will be as follows: Chairman, Mrs. Adams C. Sumner, Women's Metropolitan Golf Association; Mrs. Edward H. Baker, Jr., Women's Golf Association, of Boston; Miss Florence McNeely, Philadelphia Women's Golf Association; Mrs. Howard F. Whitney, Women's Eastern Golf Association; Miss Eleanor Allen, Women's Eastern Golf Association; Mrs. Alfred B. Swinerton, Women's California Golf Association; Mrs. Robert Cutting, Women's Western Golf Association; Mrs. Stewart Hanley, Women's Western Golf



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Reg. J. Batley, son of James B. Batley, the celebrated golf club manufacturer and English International golfer, and a nephew of Alfred Miles, formerly professional of the Mississauga Golf Club, Toronto, sailed for Canada on the S. S. Melita on March 17th. He is an outstanding young professional, and will be a decided addition to golf in Canada.

T. Ross, of the Wascana Country Club, Regina, who spent a couple of months in Toronto last Fall, has returned to Regina. He writes from there under recent date:

"Things are looking bright here for an early start this year, as the snow is going away nicely and from what I can see and hear, there is going to be more golf played in Regina this year than ever. With the Regina Club re-conditioned and quite a few

changes at the Wascana Country Club and a nine-hole course, the "Gyro," opened last Fall, Regina, as a golf city, is going right ahead. Have been running a school in the T. Eaton's store here for two months now and have some very promising pupils."

Jack Vernon, the popular professional of the Kenora Golf and Country Club, Kenora, Ontario, is spending the winter months in California. He writes from Pasadena:

"This is a wonderful golfing country. The courses are fine and the new Bent they are using certainly makes for wonderful putting greens."

The death occurred recently in Toronto of Mr. C. C. Baker, a valued member of the Mississauga Golf Club. His passing is greatly mourned by a large circle of golfing and other friends.

That very representative firm, The Office Specialty Mfg. Co., Ltd., of Newmarket, Ontario, with branches in all the principal cities of the Dominion, is manufacturing a fine line of "New-Steel Lockers, which will be found particularly appropriate for golf club locker rooms. Clubs requiring lockers this season cannot possibly do better than get quotations from The Office Specialty Mfg. Co., Ltd., at the factory, Newmarket, or the branches at Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, Hamilton, Winnipeg, Regina, Calgary and Vancouver.

The decision of the Golfing Union of Ireland to inaugurate this year an Irish Open Championship with a prize fund of £750 adds a first-class contest to the long list of great events in Great Britain. The Professional Golfers' Association has promised substantial support and an entry of one hundred players from England has been assured. The courage and enterprise of Irish golfers are to be commended; the new championship will stir international interest, it will vivify the game amongst Irishmen, who can distinguish

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themselves in every field of sport, whether it is one of danger or of skill, and the Professional Golfers' Association are rendering service to the development of the game by arranging for a representative entry of their members to the championship, which is to be inaugurated at Portmarnock.

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Fifteen students competed to fill the five vacancies on the University of Toronto Directorate this month. Among those chosen was Mr. "Don" Carrick the famous young golfer, boxer and football player.

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Despatch from London, March 15th: "Miss Joyce Wethered, former British woman golf champion, made a successful return to the competitive game to-day at Addington in the London ladies' foursome tournament.

With Mrs. Kennedy as her partner, Miss Wethered won a hard-fought match against Miss Purling and Mrs. Glen by one hole."

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A despatch from London, March 15, says:

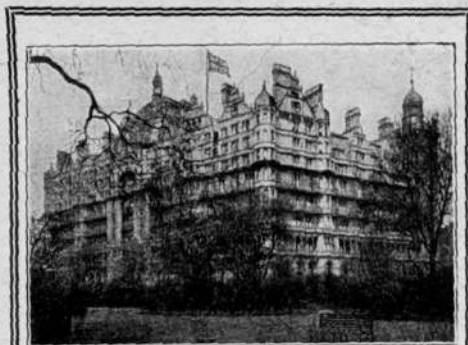
"Abe Mitchell will captain the team of nine British professional golfers which will sail for the United States May 21 to play in the Open Championship tournament and also defend the Ryder Cup. G. A. Philpot, of "Golf Illustrated," will manage the team."

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At the annual meeting of the Little River Golf Club, Ltd., one of the progressive clubs of the Windsor District, the following officers were elected: President, A. Barran; Vice-President, Wm. Crawford; Manager-Secretary, S. W. Thorn; Captain, D. Teskey; Vice-Captain, F. J. Kilpatrick; Green Committee, M. E. Pritchard, Chairman; A. D. Harris, A. J. McLean, H. J. Lamphier, F. Batters. The excellent annual financial report shows a satisfactory surplus. Tom Tonks will again be the efficient professional for the 1927 season, and E. Poynter will be head greenkeeper. He comes highly recommended from the Beach Grove Club.

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The ratings for the Metropolitan Golf Association for 1927, have been issued. Jess W. Sweetser, British Amateur Champion, is placed at scratch. W. M. Reekie, the holder of



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the title, is the only player given one stroke. On the two mark are John G. Anderson, the French Amateur Champion, and Richard A. Jones, Jr. Lauren Upson, the former Collegiate star, who has twice taken part in Canadian Amateur Championships, is rated with two others at three. There are a large number of handicap four and five players.

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The total gate receipts in the recent Hagen-Sarazen 72-hole match won so decisively by Hagen, amounted to the tidy little sum of \$6,000, which is pretty good picking for two days' "work." The gate money was split fifty-fifty, so each player picked up the tidy sum of \$3,000 apiece. Sarazen, says the "Metropolitan Golfer," whilst not advancing it as an alibi, spoke bitterly after the match about the article in a National Magazine which he claimed falsely quoting him as saying that Hagen won his matches by "goat-getting" and that he could

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beat Hagen any day every time. He said that in the gallery from time to time he heard sarcastic remarks about his being able to beat Hagen. Gene has brought suit for \$200,000 damages against this magazine on the ground that it put him in the position of being a swaggerer and "blow-hard."

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The annual meeting of the Ladies' Section of the Lakeview Golf and Country Club, was held on Monday, March 14th, at the Diet Kitchen Tea Rooms, Mrs. H. C. Lower presiding. The Honorary Secretary's report, read by Mrs. D. J. McCarthy, and the report of the Handicap Committee, read by Mrs. J. N. Lang, showed the Ladies' Club had a successful and active season. The following officers were elected for 1927: President, Mrs. H. C. Lower, was returned to office by acclamation; Hon. Secretary, Mrs. F. C. Armitage. Handicap Committee, Mrs. H. T. Roesler, Convenor; Mrs. Charles Bulley, Mrs. W. L. Wallace. A tribute was paid to the retiring officers for their efforts, which made the season of 1926 a success. The result of the First flight principal competitions for 1926 were won by the following; Club Championship, Mrs. F. C. Armitage; runner-up, Mrs. C. R. Blackburn. Club Trophy, Mrs. J. N. Lang; runner-up, Mrs. F. Tremble; American Competition, Mrs. F. C. Armitage. Ringer Competition, Silver Division, Mrs. F. C. Armitage; Bronze

Division, Mrs. W. L. Wallace. C. L. G. U. Spoons, Silver Division, Mrs. F. C. Armitage; Bronze Division, Mrs. H. C. Lower. Reduction of Handicap Prize, Miss M. Fitzgerald. The Fourteen Hole Championship was won by Mrs. M. R. Lee; the runner-up was Mrs. W. A. Price.

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With 216 active members, the Brantford Women's Golf Club has re-organized for the year, with the following officers: Honorary President, Mrs. S. A. Jones; President, Mrs. W. T. Mair; First Vice-President, Mrs. N. D. Neill; Second Vice-President, Mrs. A. D. Hardy; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. N. D. Neill; Golf Captain, Miss G. Wilkes; Tennis Captain, Miss M. Cockshutt. Executive Committee, Mrs. E. A. Mott, Mrs. L. F. Bishop, Mrs. D. S. Large, Mrs. G. P. Buck, Mrs. A. M. Overholt, Mrs. E. P. Watson, Mrs. A. M. Harley; Mrs. C. O. Hodgkins, Mrs. E. J. Mabon, Mrs. R. H. Short; Match Committee, Mrs. A. A. Werlich, Mrs. C. Sheppard, Mrs. G. Hanna, Mrs. J. Lewis, Mrs. D. Waterous, Mrs. G. Watt, Miss E. Ruddy, Miss M. Cockshutt, Miss E. Bunnell, Miss K. Bishop. Mrs. A. A. Werlich was appointed representative from Brantford to the Ontario Women's Golf Union. The club heartily endorsed the suggestions from the C. W. G. U. that each member of the club give 50 cents or \$1 toward a Provincially controlled fund to help defray expenses of teams playing in Championship tournaments.

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April 4-9—North and South Amateur Championship, Pinehurst C. C.

April 17—36 hole medal play golf tournament, Del Monte.

April 18-22—Mid-April Tournament, Pinehurst C. C.

April 25—English Amateur Close Championship at Little Aston.

May 23—British Amateur Championship, Royal Liverpool Club, Hoylake.

June 2—French Amateur Golf Championship, at Wimereaux.

June 6-10.—Ontario Provincial Ladies' Championship, Burlington Golf and Country Club, Burlington, Ontario.

June 13—U. S. Open Championship at Oakmont, Pa.

June 20—British Open Championship, St. Andrews, Scotland.

June 20—French Women's Championship, at Le Touquet.

June 20—Trans-Mississippi Championship, Broadmoor Golf Club, Colorado Springs.

June 20-21.—Shawnee Invitation Tournament, Shawnee Country Club, Shawnee-on-Delaware, Pa.

June 20-25—Seventh Women's Invitation Tournament at the Buffalo Country Club, Buffalo, N. Y.

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