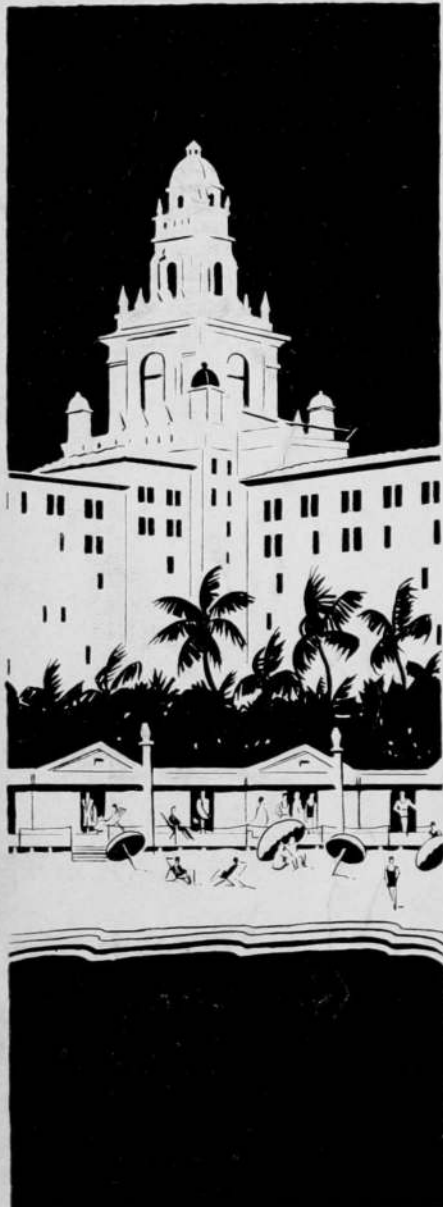


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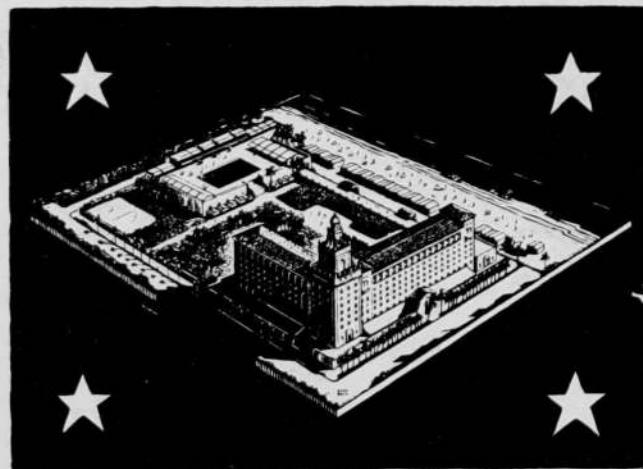
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- Jan. 27-31—San Francisco Open Championship, San Francisco, Cal.
- Jan. 29-31—San Francisco \$5000 Open Tournament.
- Jan. 30—Best Ball-Four Sea Island, Ga.
- Jan. 30—Ladies' Inter city Ski Meet. Seignior Club.
- Jan. 30—(tenta.) All States Golf Tournament. Amateurs Only. Handicap Play. Players from different states will be registered and teamed and winners will be recognized as American Winter Handicap Champions. Elimination matches for each state will be held weekly during January and February; final matches in March.

FEBRUARY

- Feb. 2-5—Annual St. Valentine Tournament for Women; Pinehurst, N. C.
- Feb. 2-6—Miami Biltmore Women's Golf Tourney.
- Feb. 5-6-7—Rankin Bonspiel, Seignior Club.
- Feb. 5-7—Catalina Island Open Championship, Catalina Island, Cal.
- Feb. 9—Belmont Manor,—Hiram-Walker-Gooderham and Worts, 36-holes Team Championship.
- Feb. 9-12—Annual February Tournament; Pinehurst, N. C.
- Feb. 9-14—Dixie Amateur Golf Tournament (Miami Country Club).
- Feb. 11—Coral Island Golf Club—(Four Man Team Tournament). Bermuda.
- Feb. 15-24—Mid-Ocean Golf Club—4th Annual Invitation Mid-Ocean-Castle Harbour Tournament. (Headquarters Bermudiana Hotel).

- Feb. 18-21—Sewell Trophy Women's Curling Bonspiel.
- Feb. 20—Scotch Foursome, Sea Island Golf Club, Sea Island, Ga.
- Feb. 22-27—Riddell's Bay Golf Country Club—3rd Annual Mixed Foursomes Tournament.
- Feb. 23—Annual Tin Whistle Anniversary Tournament; Pinehurst, N. C.
- Feb. 25-28—Miami Biltmore Four-Ball Golf Tourney.
- Feb. 25-27—Annual Mid-Winter, Sea Island Golf Club, Sea Island, Ga.
- February 25-28—Coral Island Golf Club—Amateur Championship.

MARCH

- March 1-6—Riddell's Bay Golf and Country Club—Annual Bermuda Ladies' Championship.
- March 2-5—Annual Spring Tournament; Pinehurst, N. C.
- March 4—Coral Island Golf Club—Bermuda—Harlequin Cup—Handicap Tournament.
- March 5-6—Annual Seniors, Sea Island Golf Club, Sea Island, Ga. (For men 50 years or over).
- (March 6, Sat.)—Miami Biltmore Kids Golf Championship.
- March 6-7—Mixed Curling Bonspiel Seignior Club.
- March 9-12—Annual Seniors' Tournament; Pinehurst, N. C.
- March 9-13—Belmont Manor Golf Club—Belmont Manor Ladies' Championship. Qualifying and Match Play.
- March 9-13—Riddell's Bay Golf and Country Club—Warwick Vase Tournament. Quality and Match play.
- March 14—Coral Island Golf Club—Mixed Foursomes Tournament.
- March 16-20—Belmont Manor Golf Club—Belmont Manor Men's Championship. Qualifying and Match Play.
- March 17-20—Annual Club Championship Tournament; Sea Island Golf Club, Sea Island, Ga.
- March 19-24—Florida Year-Round Golf Clubs, Men's Golf Championship Miami.
- March 22-25—Augusta Masters Tournament Augusta, Ga.

- March 22-27—Annual Ladies' Spring Tournament; Sea Island Golf Club, Sea Island, Ga.
- March 23-25—Annual United North and South Open Championship; Pinehurst, N. C.
- March 23-27—Riddell's Bay Golf and Country Club—Annual Bermuda Amateur Championship.
- March 29-April 2—Annual North and South Invitation Tournament for Women; Pinehurst, N. C.
- March 29—April 3—Florida Year-Round Clubs Women's Championship.

APRIL

- April 1-4—Bobby Jones' Masters Tournament Augusta, Ga.
- April 3—Annual Team Match; Pinehurst, N. C.
- April 3—Best Ball—Four Ball Matches; Sea Island Golf Club, Sea Island, Ga.
- April 4—Coral Island Golf Club—Bermuda Invitation Tournament.
- April 5-10—Annual North and South Invitation Amateur Championship; Pinehurst, N. C.
- April 6—Belmont Manor Golf Club—International Men's Tournament for Ellis Brothers' Trophy—Team Championship.
- April 6-9—Annual April Tournament; Pinehurst, N. C.
- April 20-23—Four Ball Championship; Pinehurst, N. C.
- April 24—Match Play vs. Par Match; Sea Island Golf Club, Sea Island, N. C.

MAY

- May 1—Team Match—Savannah vs. Sea Island; Sea Island Golf Club, Sea Island, Ga.

JUNE

- June 10-12—United States Open; Oakland Hills Golf Club, Birmingham, Mich.

AUGUST

- Aug. 9-21—The Public Links; San Francisco.
- Aug. 23-28—United States Amateur; Alderwood Country Club, Portland, Ore.
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IN OUR OPINION

A Common Sense Stand Toward Change in Golf

APPARENTLY it is to be an endless conflict amongst players and rulers alike, in golf as to how much of the original pastime is to be left intact! For years the stymie has been assailed by irate golfers; for a time the center of attention was the golf ball. In the latter instance one group wanted less distance from golf balls because the game was becoming "too easy." Then the trend changed and golf courses were the focal points of the restless element in the game. Indeed, a championship course must be 7000 yards or more! So courses began to spread out. Throughout the United States the out of bounds "stroke and distance" rule in all save national events has "gone by the boards." Rib-faced or "punched" clubs were barred, and for a time steel shafts were frowned upon. The size of the hole was challenged, theories for reducing the importance of putting are still being advanced, and this has gone on until, when considered as a whole, the changes in the past decade,

had they all been accomplished, would have rendered golf quite a different game than it is today.

AT present the pet agitation is against over-equipment.

THE position taken by the editorial department of CANADIAN GOLFER is based on a compromise between common sense and a pride in the traditional fundamentals of the game. We feel that there must naturally be change and government in golf. No one will disagree on that point! But the general tendency of the times is to soften the game—that is take the sternness out of the rules. To accompany this rule-makers are now infringing on the wide limitations of the personal privileges originally afforded any individual who plays. In the rules of 1754—the Oldest Surviving Code of golf rules there is no chance for mistaking or for breaking! There are just Thirteen of them and they are strong, definite, masculine, conceptions. Would that this simplicity were still to be found!

WE FEEL certain that the essence of golf rests in the idea "Here, Man, is the course—the rules are simple and irrevocable and hard—use your own devices maintaining the principles of sportsmanship. Do your best 'gainst nature, wind, and rain. Post your score without equivocation—hence you are a GOLFER!" Those who agree with this conception will not see the purpose or gain through changes in rules—nor the petty matters of limiting equipment! This is a mere phase of thinking through which some are going at present—and fundamentally there is very little in it which smacks of the original ideal of golf. This is true despite a vaunted humanitarian gesture towards caddies — something which is, without doubt, the most over-emphasized quirk recently conceived in minds of that body of people who in golf as in every phase of life must constantly have change!

WE FEEL that golf has been a grand game for several hundred years and that little these change-seekers can do will enhance it . . . on the contrary they may even imperil some of its grandeur with constant tampering!

Who are Canada's Ranking Golfers

Canadian Golfer Presents Annual Amateur List For 1937 Season

By H. R. PICKENS Jr.

HONOR ROLL	
1. KENNETH M. BLACK	Vancouver
2. ROBERT J. REITH	Winnipeg
3. STAN LEONARD	Vancouver
4. PHIL. FARLEY	Montreal
5. FRANK CORRIGAN	Ottawa
6. C. ROSS SOMERVILLE	London
7. DANIEL J. DONOVAN	Winnipeg
8. J. G. "SONNY" ADAMS	Toronto
9. JOE THOMPSON	Hamilton
10. HENRY MARTELL	Edmonton
11. RUSS CASE	Vancouver
12. FRED HOBLITZEL	Toronto
13. ERNIE PALMER	Winnipeg
14. JACK NASH	London
15. GUY ROLLAND	Montreal

THE TIME comes once more to make a listing of the ranking amateurs of the Dominion and accompanying is the usual certainty that here challenges a real job! As ever care and consideration of achievements during the past season has been meticulous. Beyond the hard facts, judgment and observation on the part of your Editor has been called into play. For this reason the possibility of error may be considerable, nevertheless, as intimated above only in a very few instances has past performance and

reputation had much bearing—and then only when it would have been sheer folly to overlook certain players. In the last analysis this list represents a fair knowledge of these golfers' abilities along with their factual achievements during the season of 1936.

KEN BLACK OF COURSE the most spectacular rise in the list is that of the new first ranking player, Ken Black of Vancouver. From tenth position in 1936 he came to head the

ranking, chiefly as the result of his remarkable achievements in the Vancouver \$5000.00 Jubilee tournament. This he won from a field of the greatest American professionals by virtue of a 63 in the final round at Shaughnessey Heights in July. He also won the British Columbia amateur crown and was but a single stroke from the leader, Stan Leonard, in the Willingdon Cup matches. He went three rounds in the Canadian amateur and played fine golf even though the event caught the chunky West Coaster in a lull of staleness inevitable following so soon after the Jubilee tournament. Certainly he won the honor of Number one ranking by a goodly margin for he is the first Canadian, amateur or professional, to win a seventy-two hole medal tournament from a full field of the American pros for a full decade.

BOB REITH IN SECOND place, also showing a goodly rise over his eighth position of the past season, we find Bobby Reith of Winnipeg. Reith was the last Canadian remaining in the Canadian Amateur championship this year at St. Charles in Winnipeg. He went to the finals bowing there to Freddie Haas of New Orleans. Reith is the holder of the Manitoba amateur Championship again this year and over the past five years has held seven of ten major titles available in his province. He is a brilliant medalist and match player who requires only immunity to all influences outside his own judgment to take him to the very top!

STAN LEONARD IN third position, showing a steady climb from last year when he was fifth in the country, is another Vancouver player. This is relaxed Stan Leonard—the boy of the booming tee shots and the keen putting touch! He gained this high posi-

tion by producing really the finest golf demonstrated at the Canadian Amateur Championship this year. Leonard played par or better all the way to the semi-finals when the strain told and he finally collapsed against Reith who was striding along at that point like a "lighthorse." Prior to this Leonard had paced all entries in the Willingdon Cup matches with a thirty-six hole total of 148. Added to this he was finalist to Ken Black in his own provincial amateur event. His scores in the B.C. Open were 75-69-68-66-278 which would have normally given him victory except for the sensational play of the victor Russ Case who came in one stroke better. It is not hard to see therefore that Leonard is most assuredly entitled to his ranking.

former, also gained nine rungs in the ladder barely finding a berth last year when he placed fourteenth. He got off to a poor start this season and for that reason did not impress greatly until the year was well along. He was a non-playing member of the Quebec Willingdon team, but from that point on he was one of the most dangerous players in the east. In Ottawa he was in a class by himself winning the

PHIL FARLEY
No. 4

IN FOURTH position after a leap of nine places is diminutive Phil Farley who seems to have found his new home in Montreal much to his liking. The jaunty ex-Ontario champion won the Quebec amateur crown this year, led the players of the province with the lowest average for the year, and was the low amateur in the Quebec Open event. At the same time he was runner-up in this tournament only one stroke back of the winner, Bobby Alston of Ottawa. Though defeated in the second round of the Canadian Amateur championship by his par-shattering team-mate, Frank Corrigan of Ottawa, Farley was only three strokes more than the leader in the Willingdon Cup matches with a steady 151 total. He was fourth amateur among the Canadian Open entries four strokes behind the two players who tied for this honor! Farley throughout the year impressed greatly as a real artist among the amateurs of the east and is the first player to have ever held both the Ontario and Quebec amateur crowns. There are none who know their golfers who will find room for contention to Farley's ranking.

- 4. Phil Farley
Montreal
- 5. F. Corrigan
Ottawa
- 6. Ross Somerville
London



FRANK CORRIGAN
No. 5

FIFTH place is awarded to another Quebec player in the person of Frank Corrigan of Ottawa. This golfer, a powerful hitter and dogged match per-



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- 1. Ken Black
Vancouver
- 2. Bob Reith
Vancouver
- 3. Stan Leonard
Vancouver

three P.Q.G.A. events in that city. His scoring in these events was 69-74-72. He was runner-up and medalist in the Quebec amateur championship and was tied with Bud Donovan of Winnipeg as low amateur in the Canadian Open championship in Toronto. Three down at the ninth in his Canadian Amateur championship battle with Phil Farley, Corrigan played the last nine (par 37) in 32 strokes to eliminate his friend on the last green. He is really one of Canada's coming golfers!

C. ROSS SOMERVILLE
No. 6

EXPLAINING the position of C. Ross Somerville is a paradox for it is at once both simple and yet rather difficult. Admittedly the most famous and most revered amateur which Canada has developed in the history of the game, his two sole achievements of note during the past season were, first reaching the semi-final of the Canadian Amateur championship, second winning the London Hunt Club Invitation tournament. Without detracting from the former achievement, the calibre of the great Londoner's play was no better than it had to be at the time and that was not particularly good! Sandy was not himself and was far below weight at the time! When he met his first real test, Freddie Haas in the semi-finals, Sandy simply could not put on the pressure as he was expected to do. He played fine golf at the London tournament sticking close to par to turn back a strong field, but this was not really a provincial title nor a national field. In the American amateur championship which might have given Somerville a chance to vindicate his otherwise rather disastrous

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season, Sandy met a weird streak in his game in the first round and was eliminated after having been installed as one of the real threats to take Lawson Little's abdicated title. All in all, Sandy experienced a very disappointing year but it may be that the memory of his reverses will give him the necessary keenness for another great season in 1937. He is still really a grand player!

BUD DONOVAN No. 7

CONSIDERING his late start this year and the number of opportunities to gain recognition which Daniel James Donovan of Winnipeg passed up, last year's number two ranking player did very well. With a last minute rush from nowhere he earns number seven position. Donovan did not compete in the Manitoba amateur or Open events. He was working outside of Winnipeg and for that reason missed them. Then he passed up the Canadian Amateur championship which was also played in his home city. It was thought then that Donovan had sacrificed all opportunity of being rated anywhere this season. However, starting a late campaign the tall lanky young golfer came East and began to play some fine golf! He showed well in the stylish Syracuse Invitation event and from there went on to win the equally smart Invitation tournament at Burlington just outside of Hamilton. He produced a thirty-six hole total of 140 to turn back his old friend and rival Jack Nash of London. Then as if to top off the comeback with one major achievement he flashed to the front in the last round of the Canadian Open championship with a brilliant 69 to tie with Frank Corrigan of Ottawa for the low amateur honors! Incidentally after returning to college at Notre Dame where he is now a junior, Donovan gave the boys of that institution something to think about when he won the college title by breaking the previous 72-hole record by several strokes. We may very likely see a Canadian holding the U.S. Intercollegiate title during the next two seasons!

SONNY ADAMS No. 8

A NEWCOMER to the select group and taking the very respectable position of number eight on the list is J. G. "Sonny" Adams of Toronto. From out of nowhere on the Canadian golfing horizon he came as he impressed first with a startling victory in the Ontario amateur championship and later with some excellent match play at Winnipeg. He was cool under fire all the way and went through to the "eights" collecting the scalp of Ken Black on the way. He bowed in the quarter-finals to Stan Leonard and then only on the last green after a great match! Always quiet and effective as a competitor, it appears that here is a young man who in 1936 learned his strokes and as a result will stay in the van for some time!

JOE THOMPSON No. 9

FIERY LITTLE Joe Thompson made headway this year with a gain of three places. The "Hamilton Gamecock," scion of the great Thompson golfing family, led the amateur entries at Fonthill in the \$4000.00 Open event held by the General Brock Hotel.

He qualified for the American Amateur championship at Garden City Long Island—a feat which is prestige-carrying indeed! He went three rounds in this event, playing very impressively in spots to do so. He went three rounds in the Canadian Amateur championship and was finally beaten by Somerville. A prolific tournament player, Thompson compiled quite a list of showings in minor events during the season which also accounts for his rise.

HENRY MARTELL No. 10

IN PLACING Henry Martell of Calgary in tenth place we wish readers to realize that this is also an intimation of the growing regard which must be given title-holders in the Prairie Provinces. Martell, a newcomer not only to National ranking but also to the top flight in his own province, exceeded any previous promise he might have given by winning everything available in his locality this year. He is Alberta amateur champion and likewise annexed the Open championship of that province. He went three rounds in the Canadian Amateur championship. Along with this he took the Edmonton City title and his own club crown. Although Martell bowed to Bob Proctor a fellow-townsmen in the Amateur Championship this year he showed the fundamentals of a sound game and potentialities as a low scorer. The calibre of opposition in Alberta may be understood when one realizes that five of the last sixteen players in the Canadian classics were from Alberta. That is a fair percentage and shows that these boys have schooled themselves in match play to the point where they must be seriously considered by the best throughout the land.

RUSS CASE No. 11

THERE IS but one reason for placing Russ Case of Vancouver in the list of top ranking golfers this year. That was his uncanny scoring spree in the British Columbia Open Championship. Case, a comparatively new golfer but himself no youngster, went wild in the 1936 championship and played four rounds of inspired golf. He put together scores of 70-67-70-70-277 to turn the trick. Previously he has never won anything of major significance but has remained just on the outskirts of recognition. The B.C. Open is considered as great a win as any provincial Open title in the country and no man who holds it can be disregarded in a national rating. Case will no doubt be at the next Canadian Amateur championship at which time he may be able to improve his place in the rating! Had he been able to add one other strong showing to this achievement his position might have been surprisingly high.

FRED HOBLITZEL No. 12

IN PLACING Fred Hoblitzel again in this circle of Canada's best golfers we make perhaps one departure from our otherwise factual rating. Certainly "Hobby" did not do anything of real major consideration this year. His best showing came in winning the Banff tournament and the Prince of Wales trophy. He also placed two strokes behind the two leaders for the low amateur honors in the Canadian Open championship. His 302 total was made despite a very bad score in one round. This was the result of a quite natural upset which the vet-

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Far-Flung Fairways Find Canada's Winter Golf-Seekers.



Top Left: Mr. Sydney Powell, Vancouver B. C. winner of the Christmas Tournament at the Belmont Manor in Bermuda. He was also medalist in the Jasper tournament last fall.

Top Right: Seen putting at the Forest Hills Hotel Putting green in Augusta Ga. several well-known America enthusiasts, Mr. G. C. Brown, Easton Pa., Dr. William Lyon Phelps, New Haven Conn., Mr. S. H. Harris of West Orange, N. J., and Mr. C. F. Owens, New York.

Lower Left: Mr. A. G. Acres of Niagara Falls on the 9th green at the Belmont Manor course, Bermuda.



Right centre: General Don. M. Hogarth and A. E. Gooderham of Toronto chat with Nic Thompson Jr., club professional, at the Belmont Manor Course, prior to playing off the tenth in the Christmas Tourney!

Right Bottom: Jules Huot, Quebec, well known Canadian professional, Mrs. R. H. Pickens, ranking Montreal player, Lloyd Shaw, son of George Shaw of True Temper Steel, Los Angeles, and Miss Peggy Graham, woman California State Champion, Los Angeles, snapped while playing a round at Griffith Park, one of Los Angeles' most beautiful courses.



What Do the Cold Figures Say

Averages Tell a Story which may Surprise a Few Players

HERE is a lot of talk and writing at the end of every golfing season as sportswriters go to the task of making listings of players in their localities. Although the players themselves profess nonchalance and disdain of these mundane things known as "rankings" still there is, in private, a good deal of pride and discussion about them. Now in making these lists there are many considerations to be taken into account other than cold facts such as might be found in mere yearly averages. Circumstances, late start in the season, business interferences, showings under pressure, titular achievements and a hundred other impressionistic conclusions that writers must consider to form the basis for most national ratings and even in smaller localities to some extent. In the former instances these impressions are vital for the national stars are brought into direct comparison or competition. We may say therefore that impressionism and titular achievement are the two main points upon which national ratings are made but in a single province averages tell a much more pertinent story for comparison.

For instance, in the province of Quebec every tournament brings together the same players as a rule. A late night or a bad cold may be responsible for the player's defeat at the hands of one to whom he is normally superior.

This defeat will stick in a writer's mind and perhaps effect the standing quite considerably. This is but a single instance where impressionism in local ratings may be faulty. There are many others! In short it is our contention that with a province yearly averages are extremely significant in reckoning a true standing.

The following are the low ten player's averages who have completed ten competitive rounds in events recognized in the files of the Province of Quebec Golf Association Offices. The actual averages may surprise many and the fact that 76.1 for 16 rounds leads the province may also be rather unexpected! Phil Farley who is the provincial champion more than proves his title right with this leading average. Below is the first ten chart in Quebec:

1936 Averages in Quebec

for
(10 competitive Rounds or more)

Player	Club	No. of Rounds	No of Strokes	Averages
1. Phil Farley,	Marlborough	16	1218	76.1
2. Guy Rolland,	Laval	20	1530	76.5
3. F. G. Taylor,	Beaconsfield	11	850	77.2
4. Frank Corrigan,	Chaudiere	12	931	77.5
5. Hugh B. Jaques,	Whitlock	17	1331	78.3
6. E. A. Innes,	Ilesmere	12	941	78.4
7. W. D. Taylor,	Summerlea	16	1261	78.7
7. Joe Poulin,	Marlborough	16	1261	78.7
9. Jack Archer,	Ilesmere	12	945	78.7
10. J. Watson Yuile,	Royal Montreal	12	969	80.9

In compiling a yearly average every round and every shot is a counter. There is no place for wasted strokes and disgust even when a player knows he is out of the running and playing rather badly in a particular event. In several instances players who might have been in this first ten circle obviously ruined the chance of this honor with a careless round or two. Moreover this is only a fair penalty—for after all a player's worth is judged also on his ability to keep on doing his best even when that isn't very good for the moment!

The surprise of the 1936 Quebec averages was supplied by F. G. "Big Gordie" Taylor of Beaconsfield. While he won no event and placed barely in tenth position in the provincial summary his 77.2 average takes undisputed third place in the averages.

Guy Rolland of Laval, competing in the most tournament rounds of any player, certainly gains prestige as he

averages just .4 of a stroke behind Farley. Rolland hit the ball 1530 times during the tournament year which represents a lot of swinging to say nothing of a hundred miles of walking. This was only in competitive rounds which number about one to every three ordinary rounds during the season. From this fact it might be ventured that the young French-Canadian player paced close to five hundred fairway miles last year!

Only nine players in the province averaged under the 80 mark for ten rounds or more, while several others of top rankers did not play in quite enough rounds to be included.

The St. Andrews East and Ilesmere courses proved the ruination of most of the averages and for that reason rank as the testing courses in Quebec—but this may be largely due to the fact that these exacting layouts were the scene

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Canadians Prominent on Bermuda Fairways

IT IS really remarkable how a rather tiny island some twenty-one miles long and scarcely more than half a mile in width, six hundred miles south of New York should attract so many Canadians yearly. Perhaps the only answer is that Bermuda is Bermuda and quite unlike any other place. The golfing fraternity across Canada is particularly in evidence when the winter fairway season beckons southward.

In the main, courses in Bermuda are well laid out—perhaps not quite so long and spacious as the average Ca-

nadian links, but such a course as the Mid-Ocean Castle Harbour layout compares favourably with the best. Other leading courses are The Belmont Manor, Riddle's Bay, and Elbow Beach. The turf in Bermuda is not sandy as might be expected but very full and grassy. The strong ocean breezes present "sea-side" problems to the golfer which add to the sport. Although the Bermuda amateur championship is the major title offered to golfers, it is generally understood that the most cosmopolitan representative

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BERMUDA

By H. R. PICKENS Jr.

IF it's golf that you want
In a real golfer's haunt,
There's a place that I know
Where no wintry winds blow;
'Tis an Isle twixt the blue Sea and Sky.

IF for joy you resort
To an en-tous-cas court,
You may drive and chop balls
Where no snow ever falls,
On this Isle twixt the blue Sea and Sky.

IF to loll in the sun
Is your idea of fun,
And you're that sort of man
Who delights in a tan;
Seek the Isle twixt the blue Sea and Sky.

WHEN your pleasure's to ride
On the fast-running tide,
And your pulse starts to race
When the foam's in your face;
Chart the Isle twixt the blue Sea and Sky.

FOR the Sun and the Sea
Are for you and for me!
'Tis our birthright to play
Let the sands bake our Clay.
Life is man's to inherit
With the Gods he may share it—
On the Isle twixt the blue Sea and Sky.



● Top: Bermuda, the playground of North America, is cooled by bracing ocean breezes on all sides. You're never out of sight of the sea in these lovely islands. No. 3 Green at the famous Mid-Ocean Golf Course.

● Below: Fort Catherine's Bay, St. George's, Bermuda. This obsolete fort is built upon a bluff overlooking the entrance to the channel. Once considered of great strategic value in repelling hostile invasions, it also shelters this fine bathing beach, frequented by those friendly invaders—the visitors and tourists—of modern times.

Personalities

In the Golfing World

By

RALPH R. REVILLE

MR. FRANK A. Rolph of Toronto, after four years as President of the Imperial Bank of Canada, has resigned from that position but will continue to act as Chairman of the Board of Directors. During his occupancy of the Presidential chair the Imperial made marked progress and incidentally opened a handsome new Head Office on King Street in the financial centre of Toronto. Mr. Rolph was for five years President of the Royal Canadian Golf Association and for two years he was also President of the Canadian Seniors' Golf Association. He has done much, very much for golf in Canada. He is an outstanding business and financial Executive of the Dominion.

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GOLF is the right antidote for the hurry and strife of modern life." So Mr. T. D. Hall told the Science Congress at Johannesburg in describing the sports facilities provided for European workers in South African gold mines. "There are fourteen golf courses at the mines" he said making one for every 2,000 workers. Canada it is estimated has only one course to every 15,000 people.

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MR. J. B. Walkem, K. C., well known barrister and solicitor of Kingston, Ontario, in 1937 is entering on the 95th year of his distinguished career. He is known, and rightly so too, as "The Grand Old Man" of the Limestone City. Mr. Walkem who was born in England in 1842 came to Canada with his father in early boyhood, his father being a special envoy of the British Government to assist in settling the boundary between Canada

and the United States. Mr. Walkem was educated in Montreal High School under the famous Dr. Howe, winning the Alwyn scholarship and honours which took him to McGill University, in the days of Principal Dawson. After graduation, he embarked on a finan-



Mr. Frank A. Rolph, Toronto, outstanding in roles of President of The Imperial Bank of Canada, The Royal Canadian Golf Association, and The Canadian Senior's Golf Association.

cial career, subsequently taking up law and moving to Kingston in 1869 where he joined the law firm of Gildersleeve and Walkem as articled student to his brother and was called to the Ontario Bar in 1880 or 57 years ago. He is still in active practice. In his youth he was prominent in sports and won numerous trophies as an oarsman. It was not until over 70 years of age, that he took up golf but he soon acquired a really good game and many times has won prizes in competition at the Catarqui Golf & Country Club, Kingston. He is the oldest living exponent of the Royal & Ancient game in Canada and also the oldest practising barrister and solicitor.

"More power to his golfing and legal elbow."

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LORD Nuffield, who recently gave £2,000,000 to Oxford University, £2,000,000 to the distressed areas in Great Britain and £2,000,000 in stock to his employees, has just celebrated his 59th birthday. He lives very quietly in a small house at Cowley, near Oxford. He is reported to be worth £20,000,000 amassed in making motor cars. He is keen on all sports taking a special interest in golf. He started as a cycle repairer in Oxford when a boy in his teens. He generally rides on a bicycle to his golf course at Cowley.

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THE death is announced in Picton, Ontario of Mr. H. B. Bristol, the leading business man and resident of that town. For over 50 years he was head of the firm of A. Bristol & Son dry goods store. Mr. Bristol was one of the pioneers of golf in Ontario and it was

largely owing to his financial and other support that the Picton Golf & Country Club was established 30 years ago—one of the first clubs in Ontario. He always took the keenest interest in golf in addition to all the civic and other activities of Picton. He was a charter member of The Canadian Seniors' Golf Association. Mr. Bristol was always very proud of the fact that he was largely responsible for the career of the late Mr. W. J. Thompson of Toronto, former Canadian amateur champion and for many years Secretary of the Ontario Golf Association. He brought him to Picton many years ago as instructor to the members of the golf club there.

The passing of two other prominent pioneer golfers of Ontario, recently was recorded. Dr. J. O. Miller, noted educationalist and formerly Principal of Ridley College, St. Catharines, was a most enthusiastic devotee of the game and whilst at Ridley College maintained a 9-hole course on the College grounds. Dr. Ingersoll Olmstead, famous Hamilton surgeon was for many years a very prominent member of the Hamilton Golf & Country Club and did a great deal to make that club at Ancaster, one of the leading golf organizations of the Dominion.

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A gargantuan building programme of new golf courses is being planned for this and the next few years in the United States. Through an arrangement between the U. S. Government and the Professional Golfers' Association of America, close to 600 new public courses will be built within the next few years. George Jacobus, President of the P. G. A. announces the Government will furnish the funds, with the work to be done with the advice from the Association. Jacobus said construction would start in the Spring. Under the agreement the P. G. A. will be consulted as to the location of the new courses and only members of the P. G. A. will be hired to serve as professionals, which

will mean jobs for over 500 pros in the next few years. This is the biggest filip golf has ever experienced in the States or any other country.

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MR. G. A. Morrow, one of Toronto's leading financiers, after a period of twenty-two years, has resigned from the Presidency of the Imperial Life Assurance Company. He

continues as a member of the Company's board of directors and assumes the chairmanship of the Executive Committee. Mr. Morrow some years ago, was President of the Mississauga Golf & Country Club and during his occupancy of that office was largely responsible for putting this important Toronto club "on the golfing map."

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Mr. W. H. Plant, Toronto, one of the ablest Presidents ever to take the Royal Canadian Golf Association Post.

ANNOUNCEMENT comes from Montreal, of the promotion of Mr. W. H. ("Bert") Plant of Toronto from the position of General Auditor, Canadian Pacific Express, Company, which he has held since 1913, to Comptroller of the Company. Mr. Plant is one of the Dominion's outstanding Golf Executives. He is a Past President both of The Royal Canadian Golf Association and the Ontario Golf Association and was largely responsible for framing the new Constitution of the R. C. G. A. some six years ago, which has worked out so admirably. He also took a keen interest in promoting Inter-Provincial golf competitions which have been such a factor in broadening out the game from Coast to Coast, the past few years. Friends throughout Canada, will extend hearty congratulations to this brilliant Executive, on his well-earned and well-deserved promotion in the Company he has served so long and faithfully.

For Your 19th Hole Repertoire

● Jim, a stickler for etiquette, was playing behind a couple, one of whom was shifting divots and not replacing them. At the end of the round he took a slab of turf from some ground under repair, entered the clubhouse, asked the steward for a meat-dish, and with the divot on the dish entered the dining-room, where the culprit had taken his seat. "Excuse me, sir," said the genial Jim, "you left this at the 10th."

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● Here's an old yarn with new clothing. It had been a tight match, and the bad-tempered "major"—they always seem to be bad-tempered according to these yarns—had lost his game owing to his ball having been deflected from

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● This is a true story. Horace had met his Waterloo in the 4th round of a knock-out competition. Somewhat disconsolate, he was relating his experience to the members of his family, when grandma chimed in with: "Don't be down-hearted, Horace; after all, you were only beaten one hole: you did say seven and six, didn't you?"

its course on the last green by a wormcast. He came into the clubhouse fuming, hurried into the nineteenth to solace himself with a "quick one," and bumped into the chairman of the green committee.

"Demmit, sir, do you treat worms in this club?" he asked.

"Well," was the suave reply, "not as a rule, but what will you have to drink?"

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● "I've just completed a marvellous match. I played me against myself. One of me was dormie one, and we lay as alike on the last green, but then I went and stymied myself, so that both of us ended the round all square."

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● A golfer had lost his ball and, not unnaturally, was inclined to be annoyed with his caddie.

"Why the dickens didn't you watch where it went?" he asked the boy.

"Well, sir," replied the caddie, "it don't usually go anywhere, and so it took me unprepared like."

Skeet Keeps the Clubhouse Open

Interest Spreads Among Golfers in New Sport for the Off Season

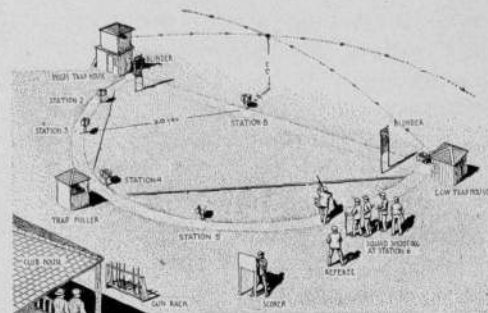
By W. H. STANLEY

UNLESS it be an unbroken expanse of North Atlantic rollers on a grey winter's day there is no sight more lonely than a deserted golf course when the leafless trees are bending before a north wind and the first snow flurries are swirling about the shuttered club house and sweeping across the browned fairways. Yet a week or so ago there was no other spot so pleasant in the eyes of members as that same club house.

With golf giving way to curling, badminton, skating, skiing and other winter sports, club committees have considered closing down to be as inevitable as complaints to the greens committee. During the past two seasons, however, a number of clubs in Eastern Canada have found it possible to keep a section of the club house open and at the same time provide a winter pastime for their members. The answer to how they did it is Skeet, a fascinating form of clay bird shooting that has become astonishingly popular in recent years.

There is only one essential difference between Skeet shooting and real bird shooting. Skeet birds have no feathers. Otherwise they supply the same thrills and exhilarations. Their flight is swift, varied and unexpected, in other words, true to natural conditions. Skeet is a modern development of the old trapshooting game, but what an improvement. There is no limit to the variety of shots offered, for the angle at which the target is thrown and the speed at which it travels may both be altered to suit the shooters who are waiting to blaze away. "Straight aways," slowly climbing up for the novices, can be changed in a moment to whizzing outdroppers that dive and dip and tax the skill of the most experienced hunter. "In-comers" may be sent to the guns with a speed that rivals that of the teal duck in full flight.

But Skeet is not only a hunter's sport in which he may practise the most diversified shots that may be encountered while hunting game birds; hundreds of men, and women too, are



A competitor shooting from station 6. Designed for shooting during the entire closed season for golf, the layout on the LaSalle Golf Course includes the heated stand from which spectators can view the shooting on either of the two fields through the double windows.

finding it is a pleasant sport that is sufficient in itself. It is also a social pastime giving an opportunity for kindred spirits to meet and enjoy a few brief hours in smashing the elusive clay targets. This later attribute of the sport and the fact that layouts can be erected on odd corners of ground at a very low cost makes it an ideal added attraction for golf clubs. So far most of the golf and country clubs that have adopted Skeet have done so primarily to furnish a winter pastime for members but at scores of Canadian gun clubs it is a year-round sport.

The idea of using Skeet as a second attraction at a golf club is not new. Throughout the Mid-South and particularly in the Carolinas, Skeet layouts have for years been a common sight in the neighbourhood of club houses. Pinehurst, Aiken, Camden, Charleston and other famous resorts all feature Skeet. Here neither golf nor Skeet have to suffer because of winter and both are naturally year round pastimes.

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A view of the skeet layout at the Toronto Hunt Club in east Toronto. This club has offered this added attraction to its members for some time and during the off-season members continue their quest for "birdies."

Why Personal Limitation in Golf

Fourteen Club Rule not in Keeping with Original Concept of the Game

By H. R. PICKENS Jr.

BEING of the belief that the game of golf and the rules, were invented by golfers we must ask the old question, "Who are the people who are now trying to change these things?" Henry Cotton showed recently that in addition to being a great exponent of golf, he has also found the spirit of the game. Many others, however, are demonstrating that they have not yet experienced the same reverent understanding of golf. Cotton says, "WE HAVE A GRAND GAME. WE ALL LOVE IT. WHY TRY TO CHANGE IT?"

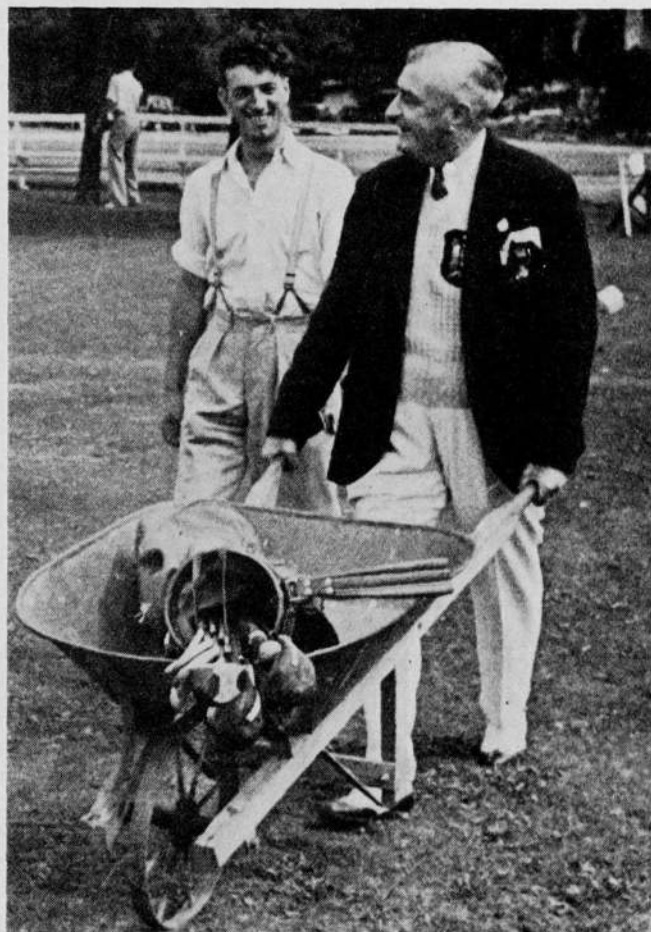
We are with Mr. Cotton all the way in this remark! We speak now particularly of the "new fourteen club rule" which has been brought up in Britain and in United States. In the former country the final decree has not been passed. In United States the act will go into force Jan. 1st, 1938.

Let us consider this in a logical point by point analysis. Complaints have been made against over-equipment of golfers on the following scores:

1. Bags become too heavy for caddies.
2. Through numerous matched clubs golf now only requires mechanical swing—hence we are getting away from technique in the game.
3. Selection of clubs is taking extra time and slowing up the game.

If there are other reasons for limiting the implements of the tournament golfer they have not been advanced so we may deal merely with these.

It seems fairly obvious that these conceptions are not the ideas of golfers, but merely those who are close to the game, perhaps in some judicial capacities! We say this because apparently the men who have instigated the fourteen club rule have never really observed regular tournament caddies nor the attitudes of these young fellows towards completely stocked bags. In the many tournaments that these eyes have seen—never once has the old "Simon Legree" picture of a player overloading some tiny youngster actually come before me. Golfers won't have "kids" caddying for them, for even if they had no humanitarian instincts (which they most certainly have) they would object on the score that a child is not strong enough to carry the bag therefore he is a poor caddy—always dragging behind, too tired to watch balls, and generally a nuisance instead of a help. The real caddies themselves are as much interested in the game as the players. They want the biggest bags, strange as it may seem! They take a pride in "packing" for a "big shot" who has the best and fullest set of clubs also the most complete equipment for which they can care. This is reflected grandeur—and the tournament boy thrives on it! As said before, the weight of twenty clubs in a big leather bag means little to these big



The Heavy Bag Problem Solved! Robert Jacob, of Winnipeg, President of the R.C.G.A. seen wheeling B. L. Anderson's huge bag down the fairway at St. Charles in Winnipeg last summer. Mr. Anderson has quite an assortment of clubs, but the officials were merely playing a little joke on the R.C.G.A. secretary in this gesture of procuring a wheel-barrow.

Notice the size of the caddy in the background and the wide strap on the bag! No cruelty to a child caddy here!

healthy fellows. We have in mind, of course, the men who caddy for the professionals and leading amateurs in major or semi-major events.

In club tournaments most club players do not have fourteen clubs anyway and if they have there is nothing to prevent them from using as many clubs as they wish in practice. It is noticeable that caddy masters seldom give the heavy bags of club players to small boys. And this more or less disposes of the hoax about the brutality of heavy bags. Perhaps the men who sit in the clubhouse with a cool drink in their hands have gotten very sensitive on

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That Old St. Andrews Rule

A Suggestion from the Old School of Golfers as Golf Continues to Change

By BERTIE PAXTON

RULES, and the interpretation of them, seem to have a great fascination for the present day golfer. You can scarcely open the golf page of any sport magazine without finding a number of inquiries about the rules of the game. How to escape the penalty for breaking one of these enumerable rules seem to be of far more importance than it used to be fifty or sixty years ago when golf was confined to Scotland.

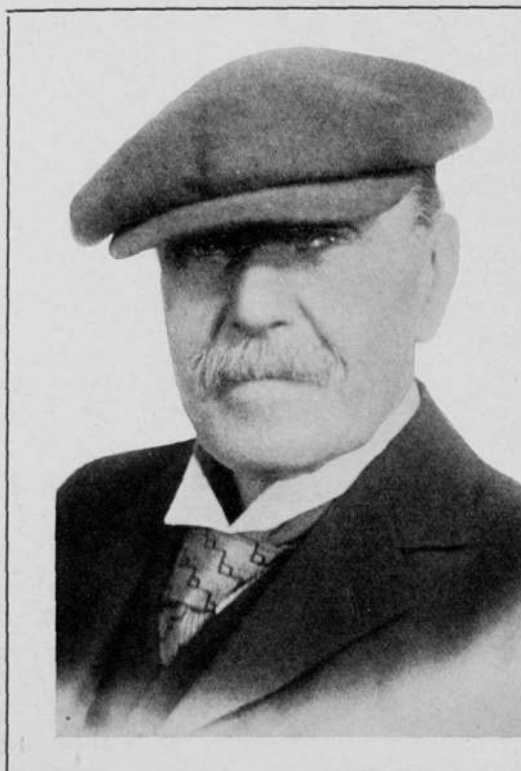
One explanation of the matter seems to be that in the old days there was no loop-hole of escape from the penalty attached to a breach of the rules. "Play your ball or give up the hole," was the old rule and it has never been improved upon. That was not the wording of the rule but that was how it worked out. If your ball was lost or unplayable, or if for any other reason under the sun you could not finish the hole, the penalty was exacted and the hole was given up. That old rule covered practically everything—even stymies. It is simplicity itself—a little severe perhaps; but being the same for all concerned it was perfectly fair.

It is strange how such a mass of grey legislation has arisen round that simple old rule! It is so simple that it cannot be misunderstood; so comprehensive that there is no way to get round it; so severe that even the most light-hearted golfer will think twice before taking unwarranted chances of incurring such a penalty; so practical and easily applied that one wonders why it was ever changed.

That lost hole penalty applied also to every breach of the rules. If, for instance, any one played out of turn or tramped down or pulled up anything that was growing, the hole was lost. If you were caught trying to improve the lie of your ball, there was no escape for you. It was no use trying to make out that the ground was under repair; because in the "good old days" the ground was never repaired. It was left to look after itself.

There was one exception, however, to this stolid old rule. Water, either casual water on the course or a recognized hazard like the burn at St. Andrews was treated differently. The lost hole penalty was not exacted there.

Before leaving the subject it should be said that the Royal and Ancient club never set out to legislate for the



Introducing

Bertie Paxton

● *It is rather out of place to attempt to introduce to golfers a man who has for so long been an active factor in the chronicling and playing the game of golf. Such a one is Bertie Paxton. His memory carries him back to his first tournament, played at the age of ten in the year 1872 at the Old North Berwick course in Scotland. He was formerly an active contributor to "Golf Monthly" in Edinburgh as well as numerous other golfing publications. Mr. Paxton, an ardent student and lover of the game, has contributed to "Canadian Golfer" from time to time in the past and we will be privileged to present his further comment in the future. His work is unique in that he can recall with clarity, events, of a hundred fairways which occurred before most of today's active golfers were born. He is now living in Hollyburn, West Vancouver, B. C.*

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whole golfing fraternity. A copy of the old rules reveals the fact that they were framed for the guidance of the club members. The rest of the world was ignored. Moreover, the said club is by no means the oldest in existence. The Edinburgh Burgess Club and the Honorable Company of Golfers, to mention but two of them, have a longer record. But there is a well-known saying in Scotland that "though Glasgow made the Clyde it was the Clyde that made Glasgow;" and the same applies to the Royal and Ancient Golf Club. It was St. Andrews that contributed to the making of the game. Many years ago, when the Honorable Company were muddling away on their pitiful six hole course on Leith common and the Burgess Club had to be content with a similar state of affairs on the Bruntisfield links in Edinburgh, the St. Andrews club was enjoying a full length course over the finest golfing country in the world. What wonder, then, that the Edinburgh players who could afford the time and the money found their way to St. Andrews? The popularity of the place increased as the time went on until gradually that old cathedral town became the centre of the golfing world. From that position it has never been moved. Its supremacy has never been challenged.

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The Useful Art of Chipping

How Canada's New Professional Champion Plays This Vital Shot

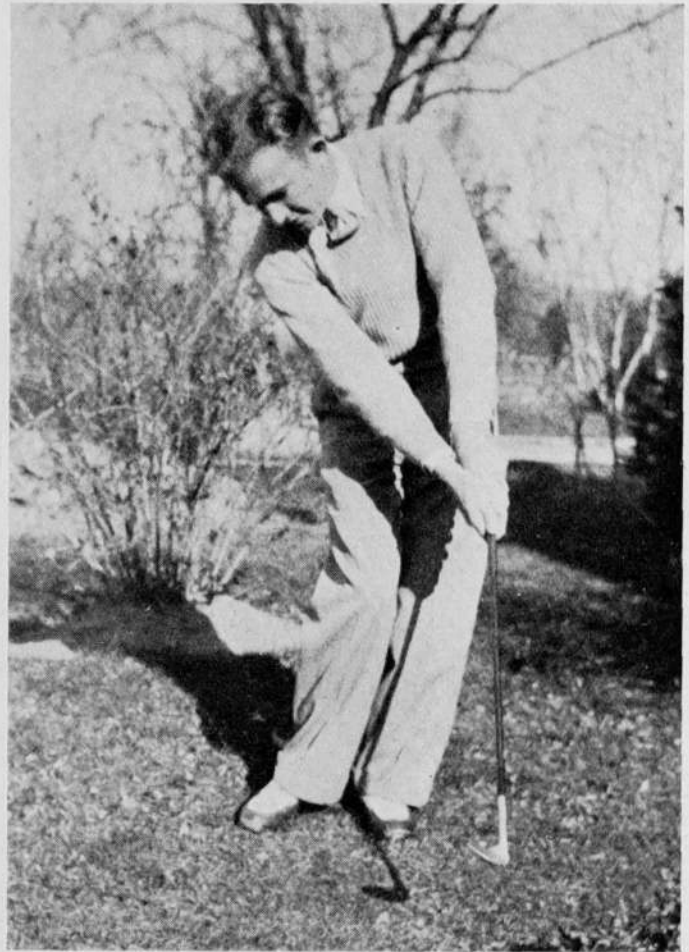
By STANLEY HORNE

THERE is little doubt that the chip-shot suffers the unjust fate of being over-shadowed in the field of golf study by much more numerous articles on the longer range clubs. Yet there is never a season when at some time or another every player realizes the true importance of chipping. Any top-ranking golfer will admit that mastery of this stroke is essential to good play. The term chipping is applied to any shot within a short distance of the green, the number five iron may be used if the approach to the hole is comparatively level, but the actual choice of club to be used varies as to the required height to which the shot must rise in order to clear trouble ahead. The chip-shot may be played with a No. 8 or a No. 9 iron at times.

The fundamentals of the stroke may be well explained if we take the number 5 iron for example. It is generally considered a good plan to suggest to one's self the spot on which the ball should land, preferably upon the green, because its surface is more level and much less likely to produce a bad "kick." With a moderately fast green the shot may be planned to land about 2/3 of the way to the hole. Once the spot is chosen the stance should be taken with the feet close together, the right foot a few inches more forward than the left which is turned slightly out towards the line of flight. In the position the body is already slightly turned towards the hole and enables one to follow straight through with the stroke. In playing all chip-shots the ball should be located in front of the right toe. This is to prevent a natural tendency to hit behind, and at the same time it keeps the trajectory of the shot from being too high. The latter fault is a common one and generally results with the ball considerably short of its objective.

Perhaps there is no shot where the grip is a more important factor. The chip-shot requires a definite feel which can only be imparted to the club-head by the hands. It is well therefore, to grip firmly with the thumb and forefinger of each hand. The right hand to be well on top of the grip while the rest of the fingers should be natural and relaxed. More control in the short swing required for the chip is obtained by this grip. This control is most necessary in maintaining direction.

With the stance and grip mastered one should have the sensation of taking the club back with the left hand with the club face opening slightly on the way back. The left hand rolls over slightly to accomplish this. Here I must stress the importance of keeping the swing as short as possible—bearing, of course, the length of the shot. This important step in the golf swing makes it much easier to concentrate on and master direction. The hands and the club move together while the player should remember al-



Stan Horne, C.P.G.A. Champion, demonstrates the position just after the ball has been hit in a well executed chip. Note the closeness of the feet and the turn of the body to the hole.

ways to keep the club *inside the line of flight*. A hint on how to accomplish this is to practice holding the right elbow close to the body.

The down swing is begun with hands and club-head moving together. The firm grip of the thumb and forefinger of the right hand is most important as the club changes direction. The right hand does the actual hitting, but this does not imply a wrist shot for both hands must *follow through* after the ball. The player's concern should be to allow the club to travel straight out along the line of flight with the right arm extended and the right shoulder turned down towards the original position of the ball. Perhaps it is not out of place to repeat that here as in any good golf shots, the head must be held still throughout.

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Why Personal Limitation In Golf

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behalf of the "boys" whose job of carrying a heavy bag four miles does seem like an impossible task. In reality the young fellows don't do the complaining and are very pleased to have the dollar in pocket after the round. Much better than standing perhaps in the breadline! One stipulation should be made, however, upon all golf-bag manufacturers—that is that there should be at least a two inch shoulder strap on all bags. Every caddy would cheer this move!!

The second point which is equally unbased on fact is that of the so-called "mechanical swing" which is supposedly all that is necessary with twenty-five clubs in the bag from which to choose.

Every golfer should sense the absurdity of this theoretical and weird concept! There is not one top-ranking "machine" golfer in the world today! There are no two swings made by any one player which are exactly identical—and if there were he would be entitled to first ranking among all golfers for he would have the greatest physical control ever known! We may safely say that the more clubs a player can use and use properly the better golfer he is. What technique might have been lost with graded irons in contrast with "facing the original four irons" around to do the work of ten has been more than made up in the matter of judgment in selection and the perfect control required to duplicate the swing for which one has practiced to get a certain result. Anyone who says that to go 180 yards with a shot it is only necessary to select a number on the back of a club and then swing is drifting into the *mystical world of make-believe!* Every golf shot has to be played with precision and definition or it just doesn't go—and that is true no matter how perfectly any club may have been made for a particular shot!

All the new specialty clubs have not just evolved from guess-work! Mostly they are the products of the minds of men who have studied the game and the shots very thoroughly.

Professional golfers carry many strange and seemingly useless clubs because they know that they are to play under many changing conditions and that certain clubs are not effective under certain conditions. They carry a set of light and heavy wooden clubs. Probably a set of ten irons and several of these "specialty" or "trouble" clubs. *Most of them don't carry nearly that many.* The "trouble" clubs are perhaps the most interesting to the layman for they are specially constructed and must be played just as specially! Each is a technique in itself. I would like to challenge one of the "old masters," so-called, to step out and play one of the new light pitching dynamiters from deep rough to a fast green with the pin on the close edge! That shot may be mechanical when it is learned—but what practice it requires and what technique to execute! Perhaps that drives home the point! These clubs may be forced into the discard and with them the attendant technique! Extra putters—also the themes of considerable interest in the game—will probably go too! Certainly there was never anything mechanical about putting with

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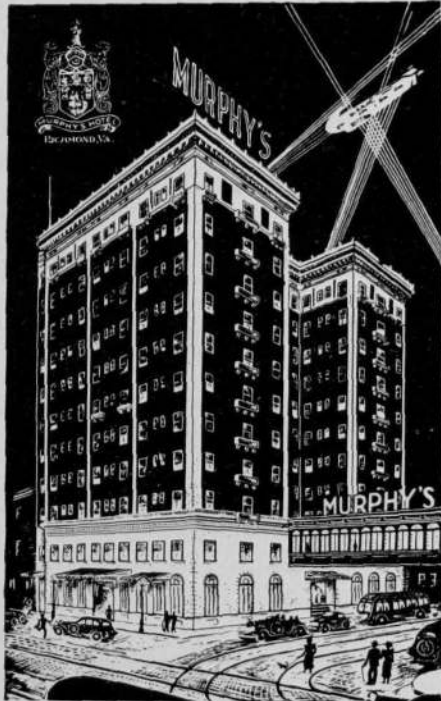
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any implement! What will probably happen is that professionals will cut down to just two wooden clubs—eliminating the driver and the baffle (four wood). They will then keep twelve irons which is what they have today. So here, in fact, is no real limitations against the so-called "mechanical irons!" What then has the new rule availed in the department! Really very little!

Finally, in the matter of time it seems that with the right club not in the bag for a "problem shot" there will be more club changing and switching than ever before. How many golfers will be saying to themselves as they switch from a No. 9 to the No. 8 and back again, "If I only had my No. 19 in the bag!" So here again is a lost effort. Time on the playing of the round of tournament golf is lost primarily by poor design of the course in some cases, and in others by poor starting schedule. The officials might study these points and similar ones to the advantage of the game if that is their real intent.

In closing it should be well to point out that in the original rules of golf no limitations were put upon the equipment of the player. Trick devices were never tolerated and never have been, but the number or amount of a player's personal devices were considered part of the *precious little* which he might muster to his own cause in his battle against the course, his opponent, and the elements!

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Canada's Ranking Golfers

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eran Toronto golfer experienced when he was subjected to one of those most unfortunate deplays on the part of a famous but temperamental professional partner. In truth over a period of years Fred Hoblitzel has been Canada's leading medalist among the amateurs. He was shorn of his Ontario amateur crown this year, but won considerable recognition in the field days held by the Ontario Golf Association throughout the year.

ERNIE PALMER No. 13

PERHAPS thirteenth place is not a lucky number, but it marks the first that is official recognition gained by Ernie Palmer of Winnipeg in the listing of Canada's outstanding amateurs. Palmer would never be classified as a showman on the links—in fact the quiet nature of this plodding Middle Westerner has caused critics to fail to recognize some of his fine showings during the past few seasons. Palmer is the wiry fellow with the sandy moustache who went to the semi-finals of the Canadian Amateur championship in 1934 at Laval in Montreal. That was his first outstanding showing, but since then he has been a constant source of trouble in all tournaments which he has entered. This season Ernie went through to the "eights" of the Canadian Championship and he had to win real matches all the way. He beat the brilliant Dan Ken-

The Useful Art of Chipping

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Now to consider the chip-shot over a rugged, rolling terrain, or to an elevated green. Here the number 8 and 9 irons come into play. The No. 9 should be the choice when the flag is only a short distance from the edge of the green nearest to you. In the event that the pin is 15 or 20 yards from the edge of the green then the 8 iron should receive the call. This is natural, for less loft and slightly more roll will be required. The No. 8 and No. 9 shots are played similarly to the stroke described with the No. 5 iron. One should open the club-head only slightly when addressing the ball. Many golfers have the tendency to open the club-face too much in order to get the ball up. This mistake is made because they do not realize that the natural loft of the club is for that purpose.

In conclusion, may I point out that one simple fact which should always be in every golfer's mind while playing chip-shots. This is to always be up or past the flag—a putt from a few feet past the hole is just as easy as one from a few feet short, and there is the chance when you are up to the hole that *you may not have to putt at all!*

● Brown: "My wife thinks of nothing but motoring and golf. I'm getting tired of it."

Jones: "Well, at least she's in the fashion."

Brown: "Yes, but she's such a failure at it. In golf she hits nothing, and when motoring she hits everything."

neddy of Winnipeg in the first round. In the second he "knocked out" Jack Nash of London, number three ranking player last year. Then he whipped the stubborn Herb Pickhard, Willingdon Cup team-mate and the man who led the Manitoba trails for that team. Palmer bowed in the next round to Fred Haas, the eventual winner, by a very respectable score. His other achievement of note this year was his bid for the Open title of Manitoba which fell short by three strokes in the face of Kasmir Gabrowski's 69-73-142 total. The latter, professional at Pine Ridge in Winnipeg, alone led Palmer who returned scores of 72-73-145. This made him leading amateur as well as runner-up. He is an apt match player as well as a dependable medalist.

JACK NASH No. 14

IN AWARDING the fourteenth place there are several players whose names deserve consideration, but of them the honor goes to Jack Nash of London. Nash like his club-mate Sandy Somerville experienced a bad year in the golfing wars and has slipped from number three to this spot. Although he qualified for the American amateur championship this year he did not compete in the actual play at Garden City. He was the second amateur at the General Brock Open at Fonthill.

He made a splendid bid for the Ontario Open title, faltering only in the last round. It was this showing which

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Fairway Factualities

About Huot—Little—The R.C.G.A. Jack Matson—Tournament Dates

By T. HIGH

JULES HUOT, popular French-Canadian professional from Quebec was accorded a great hand recently in California by everyone in general as he ran off a fine 66 to tie for the 36-hole lead in the \$8000.00 Los Angeles Open. He got an official introduction to the crowd, and Canadian golf got some fine publicity. Jules didn't do quite as well in the last two rounds and only got \$25.00 to accompany the praise. Nice work anyway Jules!

LAWSON LITTLE says we're headed for a great golf year. That's hardly being a seer, however, as this game just seems to grow and grow. The man who enumerated the accomplishments necessary to the well-rounded education for his son certainly missed a beat when he left out being able to crack ninety on the "glorified pasture-lands."

LITTLE also tells us that a team from Japan, Argentine, or Australia may visit America this year. If these visitors don't get a better reception than did the Australians last summer they won't really enjoy themselves particularly. The Aussies had a fair team but they looked very ordinary playing the "Year-Arounders" of the U.S. pro brigade last summer! Their tour was cut very short for some reason and they never considered coming to Canada which is after all part of the Empire and might have been expected to show them a warm reception. Little adds that there will be a stronger invasion of Americans for the British Open crown this year. This is because the American Ryder Cup team will be in there "tooth and nail!" Seems as if the Cottons, Perrys, and Padghams, will have something to think about this year that has been missing the past three seasons, namely *numbers* of foreign sharp-shooters. Their presence will again make the British event the most important in the world!

TORONTO seems to be in line for a monopoly of the Canadian Open Championship . . . at least the likelihood for that metropolis holding forth again this year seems bright. Lambton, Toronto Golf Club, or St. Andrews again—thus runs the rumor!

THE Royal Canadian Golf Association will hold their annual meeting Feb. 13. This will take place in the Royal York Hotel in Toronto at 3 P.M. The Official Report will be presented at that time along with the election of officers and committee men. There will be no real election however held as the only nominations received were from the nominating committee. It is a mere formality which keeps us from extending congratulation and making introductions at this time. The following have been nominated to serve Golf in Canada for the coming year.

President, John I. Rankin, Montreal; vice-president, to be elected by the new executive committee; secretary-treasurer, to be appointed by the new committee executive committee: British Columbia, W. S. Charlton; Alberta, A. W. Matthews; Saskatchewan, Major J. H. Warren, K.C.; Manitoba, Justice J. E. Adamson; Ontario, Col. Claude Brown, F. G. Hoblitzel, G. L. Robinson; Quebec, B. N. Holtham, Dr. A. S. Lamb, Ernest Savard; New Brunswick, J. Royden Thomson; Nova Scotia, Col. A. N. Jones.

MOST of even the newest Interprovincial players will remember the late Jack Matson of Vancouver. Jack, but a young man when he passed on two years ago, was really one of the men who was responsible for first sponsoring the B. C. team in Willingdon cup team play. It was his participation and enthusiasm which stands out chiefly back at the time when the first team journeyed east to Royal Montreal and made such a notable impression. Jack was afterward captain of the team and a real leader was he, for those B. C. Boys always "pepped up" when the round-faced Jack met them at this or that hole to see "how things were" and to whisper a humorous word of encouragement. Now in connection with the Empress Mid-Winter tournament, a grand annual event which is held in Victoria March first, the 18-hole qualifying round will settle the district team title, and the winning squad will win the Jack Matson memorable trophy. Matson was a fine player himself being for some time just about "tops" in the realm of Canadian left-handed enthusiasts. He won the Jasper totem pole tournament the very year he played his "last round." Those competing for this cup may well remember that the trophy signifies a good deal more than a name, for Jack Matson was a golfer—and that friends means plenty in its fullest sense!

THE Gold Coast of Canada's West was not just a Jubilee affair after all for it has been decided to continue this money-enticing of the American professional again this summer. The prize money for the Vancouver event will be \$4000. Seattle is planning a money event and Victoria will be likely to follow suit! The Evergreen Trail is the name of the new circuit which is springing up—this name was decided at the last minute last season and never took general significance! Of course the "Par Panthers" will all be there again! W. S. Charlton, enthusiast par-excellence of Vancouver golf, is likely choice as the leader of the \$4000.00 joust!

EARL GREY, smart Calgary golf club, goes over the top this summer for complete watering system. Last year's Alberta drought can "come again" and ruin crops—but the mashie-weilders will have their grass regardless. Good move which will be followed pretty generally!

IT'S the Ottawa Hunt this year! That is, this Historic battle-ground of many a fairway fued will play host to the amateur aces of the Dominion when they settle who will make the move next summer to dislodge Freddie Haas, that popular foreign tyrant from New Orleans who now holds the title. This club also goes as the Willingdon Cup site as a natural proceeding! All this July 26th, tentatively!

UP IN Kincardine Ontario they are having just as novel a winter as elsewhere—played golf New Year's day—and that, let us add is something, for while Kincardine is quite a stone's throw from the Pole, still it has been known to get "sorta" cool on New Year's Day in "them there parts!" The following golfers "opened" the season: Burdette Magwood, D. A. Sutherland, Spence Mitchell, B. D. Henry and William Mitchell.

JANUARY 30th saw the Ontario Golf Association getting together again for their annual meeting! Bob Gray, Toronto, president of this body, did a fine job all around last year—won the senior title himself also!

What do the Cold Figures Say

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of the earliest tournaments held in the province last year. Farley took 87 at St. Andrews—eleven above his average!

Another remarkable feature was the perfect "dead heat" run by W. D. Taylor of Summerlea and Joe Poulin of Marlborough. Each played in 16 competitive rounds and each required 1261 strokes.

Perhaps, however, the only deduction which will meet with unanimous approval as a generalization is that any amateur golfer who averages below the eighty mark in competition for a whole season is a pretty proficient performer! It would seem so!

Skeet Keeps Open

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No insurmountable problem faces a golf club when it considers laying out a Skeet field. Any piece of rough, bigger than forty yards by thirty, will do as a site. On winter sites shots can carry out over unused fairway. The land should however face north or northeast and give a good clear background which is essential if the flying birds are to be seen distinctly. The general plan of a Skeet field is shown in accompanying diagram.

The sport of Skeet requires the services of two traps. The style best suited is the one that is familiar to almost every sportsman. It is the light powerful trap that is easy to carry yet when fastened in position will throw a strong going target with absolute regularity.

The traps should of course be housed. Apart from the weather protection that housing affords them, shelter must also be given to the two trap boys. Both houses may be exactly alike in construction except that the high trap house at Station 1. (see diagram) must be raised to bring the trap door ten feet from the ground, while the low trap at Station 7 has the door three feet up.

It is as well to keep the layout as simple as possible, the posts to mark each station and the board walk to join the stations are all that is needed to complete the lay-out. Gun racks should be provided in the locker room and somewhere near the field.

One of the most successful examples of a Skeet club operating in conjunction with a golf club is one at the LaSalle Golf Club in Montreal. Here the Skeet enthusiasts possess one of the finest layouts in the Dominion. It has been installed on a stretch of rough between the tenth and eighteenth fairways. The revised rules of Skeet which went into effect last September 1st, has enabled the club to install two layouts on its Skeet grounds which measure roughly eighty yards by thirty. Shot carryovers land out on the eighteenth fairway. A barrier separates the two layouts and board walks link up the stations on each layout. Great care has been taken to ensure a maximum amount of comfort for the marksmen during the winter. The board walks have been raised about eighteen inches off the ground to prevent flooding in the Spring and to facilitate snow clearing during the winter.

For the benefit of spectators a heated cabin has been built overlooking the twin layout from which the shooting can be viewed through double windows.

Another feature which promises to be very successful is the erection of steel nets at both limits of the No. 1 layout. A surprising number of lost birds can be landed safely once the angle of the nets has been correctly adjusted.

This Montreal club opened its second Skeet season with a special Armistice Day shoot at which about forty of the hundred Skeet members were present. Their new layout has been designed especially for winter shooting and during the summer months members use a single field which has been erected in another part of the grounds away from all possible danger to the golfers.

Other clubs which have found the attraction of Skeet valuable are the Toronto Hunt Club, the London Hunt Club; a picture of the layout at the former club accompanies this article. Plans have also been drawn up for the erection of a Skeet layout at the St. Francis Golf Club in Sherbrooke. The layout will be used this Fall.

The success which has attended the new pastime at the many clubs that have adopted it in the United States is sufficient evidence that Skeet is for golfers a pleasant pastime while the few enterprising clubs in Canada which have added it to their activities have found it an excellent means of increasing their revenue.

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Who are Canadas' Ranking Golfers

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placed him again with the Ontario Willingdon Cup forces which went to Winnipeg. He was second to Donovan at Burlington with 144 for the two rounds and second to Somerville in the London Invitation event. Nash is one of Canada's most experienced players, but must suffer this drop in the rating as result of some very disappointing showings.

GUY ROLLAND

No. 15

THIS Montreal player appears for the first time in the "select fifteen" chiefly because in the minds of those who know of his campaign this season, his average in itself is meritorious of notice. For twenty rounds of tough tournament play he struck a 76.5 clip. This recorded over the stiffest courses in Canada marks him at least as one of the fifteen best. He took the first five P.Q.G.A. events "at a breeze" and never became less than a threat. It was his first year in the front rank and much of his failure to produce in national events may be attributed to this. He won the Quebec Spring amateur championship which was one of the aforementioned tournaments. He is powerful and keen and should be a factor anywhere he plays next year! He is the first French-Canadian to ever become a member of a Willingdon cup team.

Meriting Honorable Mention

Gordon Taylor Jr., Toronto, qualified in American Amateur Championship and went three rounds. Won Ontario Field Day. Ranked number four last year.

Duane Barr, Calgary amateur and Open title-holder this year.

Stewart Vickers, Calgary, went four rounds in the Canadian amateur championship and was runner-up in Calgary and Alberta amateur championships. Ranked sixth last year.

Bob Proctor, Edmonton, Runner-up in Alberta Open to Henry Martell after a play-off. Went to the "eights" of the Canadian Amateur championship.

Herb Pickbard, Winnipeg, Led Manitoba team trials. Three rounds in the Canadian amateur. Good showing in Manitoba Open.

Bob Reid, Regina, Saskatchewan amateur champion and three rounds in the Canadian amateur championship.

Canadians on Bermuda Fairways

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field is found in the Mid-Ocean event which will be played in February of this year.

Despite strong American and native contention, two Canadians at present hold major Bermuda titles. Lewis Miller of Chester, N. S. is the Amateur title-holder and has been now for the past two seasons. Ted Fenwick of Montreal is a former amateur titlist and last year won the smart Belmont Manor tournament. In 1935 towering Jerry Wigle of Hamilton won the Warick Vase which is also an outstanding trophy event! Mr. J. W. Nicol of Montreal has done much to interest Canadian golfers in the annual Golfers' Vacation which is held in connection with the Mid-Ocean Castle Harbour tournament. Mr. S. Powell of Vancouver, a perennial threat in Bermuda tournaments, recently won the Belmont Manor Christmas event. Indeed Canadians are "to the fore" in Bermuda each season, and as an enthusiast said "Once the Bermuda trip is made it becomes a habit." 1937 will find more Canadians than ever before seeking Bermuda's warm sun and cooling ocean breezes during the slushy season of early spring in Eastern Canada.

That Old St. Andrew Rule

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Kings and caddies have played over its historic course. Princes and Peers have tee'd off at the first hole when playing themselves in as captain of its famous club. No real golfer ever visits Scotland without trying to have a round at St. Andrews; and the concensus of opinion seems to be that there is no place like it. Yet, after all, it is only a public course and, until recent years anyone who liked could play over it without paying any green fees.

Here the tradition sprung up which prevades golf through the four corners of the earth today—naturally St. Andrews gave us the basis of golf Rules. Perhaps the labyrinth of legislation which is constantly growing in golf is necessary with changing conditions of the present, however, one rule was enough to satisfy the sporting instinct of the golfers of "yesteryear." Is there not a lesson in this fact?

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