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Why the U. S. is Supreme in Professional Golf In a very thoughtful article on conditions of golf in Great Britain, J. H. Taylor, the five times Open Champion, in his day one of the most brilliant exponents of the game and still a great golfer and keen student, admits that "there cannot be any doubt in the mind of the thinking observer, that all is not well with the British professional golfer. I do not wish to raise a great alarm and suggest, for instance, that the breed may become extinct. Physically speaking, they are in a most healthy state, and the recruits that are attracted each year increase in numbers and show no sign of deterioration. The danger that is threatening is not apparent, but is, nevertheless, insidious and deadly; and because it is not apparent the danger is likely to increase if a remedy is not prescribed for it.

"I am convinced that a slow fever of apathy is striking at the root and sapping his virility, and I am equally convinced that the professional is not entirely to blame for allowing it to poison his blood and lower his vitality. It has been a depressing blow to the professionals of this country that the apex of golfing prestige has shifted from here to America in recent years. The professional is a patriotic man, and he has felt the stigma severely. He is also keen to recapture the lost glory. I have often written that, compared with the American professional, 'he fights with one hand tied behind his back.' It is up to me to justify this assertion once more. Let me take the cases of the Americans, Hutchi-

son, Hagen and Barnes, who have won the British Open Championship in recent years. I cast no shadow of doubt on their respective skill as players—their performances have proved this—but it is a point of great importance that they have gained their deservedly high reputations because they have stuck to the job of being players—and players only. The point I wish to make is this, and in stating it I am aware that I enter upon a most contentious matter. If this country desires its golf professionals to regain the lost supremacy, it must be made easier for them to attain it. I go so far as to say that it is impossible for any professional to give of his best if, in addition to being a player, he must perform the duties of a club-maker, a teacher of the game, and often those of greenkeeper. He must undertake these if he be considered competent to act as a club professional and earn his living. Twenty years ago the advertisements for a professional invariably contained the proviso that he must be a good clubmaker and greenkeeper. His playing abilities were of secondary consideration, and, I fear, this attitude prevails in the minds of club committees to-day. I make no comment on the advisability of changing this state of affairs—the country must decide; but I am convinced that it should be greatly relaxed if we wish to regain our lost ground.”

There is no question that Taylor has diagnosed correctly America's present professional supremacy in golf. There is no question either, that his remarks apply equally to the situation in Canada. Our professional golfers, with their many duties cannot expect to measure clubs successfully with the “free lances” in the States, like Hagen, Diegel and others. That is why our Open Championship for years now has been carried across the Border. The Governing Bodies of golf may yet have to legislate against the competing in National Championships of men who play the game only for their own gain and not one iota for the benefit of clubs and their members.

The Importance of Annual Meetings The next two or three months will witness the Annual Meetings of the majority of the golf clubs in Canada. Too often these annual meetings are overlooked by the average member who is content to leave the conducting of the club to the few enthusiasts who can always be depended upon to be present. Such an indifferent attitude is neither fair to the Board of Directors, or to the individual members of the club as a whole.

The most successful golfing organizations in the Dominion are those where the annual meetings are well attended; where a keen interest is taken in electing capable men for the chief offices and where the programme for the coming season is thoroughly and intelligently discussed. Don't be an absentee at your Club's Annual this year. Make a point to be there and encourage the Directors by your presence and aid with your advice. Both are essential.

The annual meeting is the “first shot from the tee.” See to it that in 1926 your club gets off to a “good drive.” If you do it will mean a successful season both for you and your fellow-members.

Broadening Out the R. C. G. A. The annual meeting of The Royal Canadian Golf Association will be held in Toronto, on or about the 5th of February. In an open letter to the golfers of Canada which appears elsewhere in this issue, Mr. B. L. Anderson, Secretary of the Association, strongly urges that if the Constitution is to be revised, then prompt action must be taken by the Provincial authorities. The R. C. G. A. officials are very anxious, following along the lines of Confederation, that the Association be made a much more wide-spread and representative organization with all interests from Coast to Coast more fully conserved and recognized. Any suggested changes in the Constitution of the Parent Body should be sent into Mr. Anderson just as soon as possible. The R. C. G. A. will heartily welcome any and

all suggestions whether from the Pacific Coast, the Middle West or the Maritimes, as the Executive is particularly keen and rightly so too, to make the Association, not only "Canadian" in name, but "Canadian" in fact.



(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).

Here's hoping that the "Great Handicapper of All" will be gracious unto you and yours "both on and off the Links" the coming year.

The "greatest study of mankind" may be man, but one of the greatest studies of golf is the Rules. Put that down, as part of your New Year's curriculum.

No fewer than sixty new golf courses are under construction this season in Florida, showing the wonderful vogue of the game in the "Land of Sunshine and Flowers."

Lord Robert Cecil, who received the Wilson Award of \$25,000 this year in recognition of his services at Geneva, has very generously donated £1,000 of the amount to Golf and Tennis Associations in Great Britain—a fine sporting spirit.

Mr. W. O. Lewis, of The Empire Tobacco Company, Ltd., Granby, Que., in renewing his subscription:

"I wish to take this opportunity to tell you that I enjoy the 'Canadian Golfer' very much indeed, and look forward with a great deal of pleasure to receiving the same each month."

Right Honourable Arthur Meighen has been enjoying a well-earned holiday at Southern Pines, playing golf. On this trip he was accompanied by Mr. W. E. Matthews, of Ottawa, President of the R. C. G. A., Mr. J. B. Fraser of the Royal Ottawa, and Mr. R. C. Matthews, President of Rosedale.

A despatch from Kingston, Ont., November 24th:

"J. B. Walkem, K. C., dean of the legal profession in Kingston, to-day attained his eighty-third birthday anniversary. Although Mr. Walkem has reached an age when most men are content to retire from active life, he is going as strong as ever in his profession. He still plays golf, and is an enthusiastic gardener, and this morning appeared at the sittings of the Supreme Court."

Mr. J. J. Stewart, for several years Manager of the Merchants Bank, corner of King and Holton Avenue, Hamilton (now Bank of Montreal), has been promoted to the Managership of the important Dundas Street and Roncesvalles

Avenue Branch of the Bank of Montreal in Toronto. Mr. Stewart will be greatly missed in financial, golfing and social circles in the Ambitious City. He was for many years Hon. Secretary of the Glendale Golf and Country Club, Hamilton, and the Editor can personally testify to the splendid work he did for Glendale. Much of the success of that club must be credited to him. Mr. Stewart succeeds at Dundas Street Mr. N. A. Neville, an enthusiastic member of the Weston Golf Club. He goes to Owen Sound as Manager and will be a great addition to the golfing club of that city.

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In an article on "Style in Golf Courses," in "The Western Golfer," Mr. Harry C. Smith pertinently remarks:

"The type of golf course that was considered the proper caper a dozen years ago is now as much out of style as automobiles of the correspondingly ancient vintage, although links were never brought out on the yearly model plan. All of the old time layouts that have retained their hold, have been rebuilt, not like typewriters, all at the same time, but so gradually as to offend tradition and the old guard as little as possible. Beside, tearing up a course generally, is provocative of the same language inspired by dwellers on a street abandoned to water and gas pipe construction. A golf course must be brought up to date insidiously or even the advocates of a change begin to steam under the collar. It may be laid down as a principle that not more than two holes should be done over at once and that usually means in any one season."

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The "Financial Post" pays the following well deserved tribute to an ex-President of The Royal Canadian Golf Association and one of Canada's outstanding Executives:

"The success of the conference of Boards of Trade at Winnipeg, at which a new national organization was formed with the purpose of solving those national problems which are the result of geographical, physical and political divisions, was indicated by the appreciative statements of J. D. McKenna, a conference delegate from the Maritime Provinces, before the Toronto Canadian Club. Mr. McKenna gave all credit for the working out of the idea which culminated in the meeting at Winnipeg to S. B. Gundy, President of the Toronto Board of Trade, who was chiefly responsible. Mr. Gundy called the preliminary meetings of representatives of the Boards of Montreal, Vancouver, Halifax, Winnipeg and other important cities at which plans for the formation of a national body were laid. Mr. Gundy has been in the publishing business in Toronto for many years. He is director in Canada of the united interests of the Oxford University Press, England, and Doubleday, Page & Co., New York."

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The United States Golf Association has received an application from the Army Golf Association for allied membership. The Army Golf Association was organized at the direction of the U. S. Secretary of War for the encouragement and development of golf throughout the Army. The organization calls for a Central Committee which is the administrative head of the Association. The Army Golf Association is almost entirely Army, but as "Army" it includes the Regular Army and civilian components, the National Guard and Organized Reserves. The Association reached all parts of the United States, tournaments being held in each of the nine Corps Areas and the District of Columbia. Winners of these tournaments compete in the annual Army Championship Tournament, each Corps Area being permitted to send five contestants, two of whom represent the Corps Area team. The Association, since its beginning, has made vast strides, the membership now numbering 910 players. With the increased interest in golf among the Army, which numbers 12,000 Regular Army, 26,000 National Guard and 97,000 Officers' Reserve Corps, it will be readily seen that the membership has only started. The annual dues are \$2.00, of which one-half is retained by the Corps Area or District representative and the other half is used by the Central Committee.

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THE SASKATOON GOLF CLUB

Under the Presidency of Mr. A. H. Hanson, Leading Saskatchewan Golfing Organization has a Most Successful Year

THE annual meeting of the Saskatoon Golf Club took place Wednesday night, November 24th, in the Council Chambers. Before the usual business was started the President, A. H. Hanson, presented the club's trophies, cups, medals and prizes, to the winners of the competitions played last year.

The financial statement of the club was made and it was shown that although there were unpaid bills of approximately \$1,250, there had been paid the very substantial sum of \$3,750 on principal of the agreement covering the purchase of the golf course property. The sum of \$630 interest had also been paid, nevertheless it was felt that in order to take care of the club's commitments in connection with the land purchase it would be necessary to increase slightly the playing fees and membership dues. This matter was left to the incoming Executive.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Hon. Pres., A. H. Hanson; President, F. W. Borland; Vice-Pres., R. M. Pinder; Captain, F. W. Harris; Executive, J. Ash, J. R. Jackson, T. B. Gibson, A. Middleton, B. M. Wakeling, J. D. Millar.

Mr. A. H. Hanson, the retiring President, addressed the meeting and in a complete and comprehensive manner covered the work of the Executive during the past year. He was heartily congratulated on having as President of the Club conducted its affairs through the most critical year in its history to the present very satisfactory position in which it now finds itself. During his term of office the club has become owner of the largest part of the golf course and it has also been formed into a joint stock company to be known in future as the Saskatoon Golf Club, Limited.

In appreciation of his services, Mr. Hanson was unanimously elected Honorary President of the Club. The feeling of the meeting was that the members of the club could look forward to the future with every confidence of an unbounded success.

The Saskatoon Club is one of the most prominent in Saskatchewan, and has a very enthusiastic membership. It boasts, too, some of the very finest players in the West, both women and men. The members of the club owe



A Clever Western Executive, Mr. A. H. Hanson, who retires from Presidency of Saskatoon Golf Club after a most successful year.

a great deal the season just closed to Mr. Hanson and his Executive, who one and all have given prodigally of their time and attention in advancing the interests of the Royal and Ancient game in Saskatoon.

The following is the list of 1925 winners and runners-up in the principal competitions in this most interesting Western Club:

Club Championship—N. C. Byers, C. R. Ledingham.

Second Flight—W. B. Caswell, S. W. Rennie.

J. D. Millar—P. Morse, W. Ritchie.

Hopkins—J. P. Copp, W. Ritchie.

Great West—A. A. Weir, Dr. McEwen; Dr. Clark, Chal. Clark.

Juniors (Hansen)—P. Morse.

Monthly Medal—W. Ritchie, J. R. Jackson.

Spring Handicap—A. A. Weir, W. R. Adam.

Autumn Handicap—Chal. Clark, G. V. Johnson.

Mixed foursomes—Mrs. Morse, Phil Morse; Mrs. W. E. Smith, W. Hopkins.

NOTES FROM POWELL RIVER, B.C.

A VALUED Powell River (B. C.), correspondent writes:

"Course records have not remained unmolested during the past month. On October 24th the most brilliant round ever made for the nine holes was scored by J. A. Kyles, whose card showed 2, 4, 4, 5, 3, 3, 4, 3, 2=30. Starting and finishing with a pair of birdie 2's which are always very difficult to get, he negotiated every other hole in par except the third, on which he took one over. The score of one under par for the nine is an extremely creditable one, especially when one considers that two of the par 3's are long uphill holes in which it is virtually impossible to get on the green with the tee-shot. The difficulty of the par for our course is apparent from the fact that the drives get practically no run after the carry, and that a succession of par 3 holes leave little possibility of recovering from an error. Although it is dangerous to predict anything in golf, it would be almost safe to assume that this score will not be broken as long as our present arrangement of nine holes is in use. A very fine 18 hole score for the course was made on October 27th by the professional, S. McCulloch, a 68 made up of a 33 and 35. This is a creditable score, but it would be no great surprise if he were himself to get below this at any time.

The new 180-yard sixth hole has proved to be a very interesting one, calling for an iron or jigger, although some of the heavier hitters sometimes get home with a powerful mashie. When properly trapped later on the hole will be a very sporty one. The tee has recently been moved back 30 yards, making the total length of the course just over 2 000 yards, or about two-thirds that of a standard nine, and bringing it well out of the miniature class."

THE SECRET OF ABE MITCHELL'S LENGTH

Great English Player Still the Old Country's "Best Bet"—How Mitchell Gets His Long Balls with Wood and Iron

THOSE who did not see the great golf match between Abe Mitchell and Archie Compston must be envying the people who did, says C. B. M. in "Golf Illustrated," London. Mitchell once again proved that he is a fine golfer and, as the Americans say, "the best bet we have in this country." His power and length, combined with a truly wonderful accuracy from the tee, were a revelation, and whenever necessary he seemed to have a little more power up his sleeve at the long holes, and it was then that he left Compston standing. As an admirer and also a close student of the game, let me try to elucidate something of the mystery of the might of Abe Mitchell with all his clubs. Be it noted first of all that there is no better player of the short pitch than Mitchell; his delicacy rivals that wonderful velvet touch of Ted Ray's on the putting green. Mitchell is very strong in the shoulders and the back muscles, and he has told

how, in his early days, an old gardener used to keep him pumping water with an old-type pump until he thought he would drop. Then the gardener would also test Abe's strength by filling sacks and getting him to carry them. These sacks became heavier and heavier, but Abe never found one that he could not lift.

This means that, given the knack of hitting or swinging at the golf ball, the strong man is almost certain to propel the ball further than one who is not so gifted either in strength or knack. Yet Mitchell does not appear to exert his strength. Rather does he apply his speed which, at the moment of impact, is very fast indeed. Now, speed of the club head can be obtained only by a rotation of the arms, and this is well described by Dr. James Forest in his book, "The Basis of the Golf Swing," which was published the other day. The rotation brings the right hand well over the left as the club meets the ball,



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so that we see some slow-motion pictures showing the player who has a correct rotation of the arms with the left hand, if not behind the ball on impact, at least not far in advance of it. Thus we might almost imagine that the left hand, while it had turned its back towards the teeing-ground, had at the same moment ceased to go forward, and momentarily halted to allow of the right coming through.

Mitchell has this turn over of the hands in a most pronounced degree. All his efforts seem concentrated on doing this and nothing else, and it is the reason why on and after impact, he has such a perfect body balance. Never once does he give the impression, as so many of us do, that the body has been put into the blow. It is the club-head all the time. This rotation is an easy thing to do. It is like unlocking a door. The right hand, and, of course, with it

the left, are turned towards the left on, or immediately before impact, and I am going to suggest that this rotation of the arms is done far too late with ninety per cent. of golfers. Take Mitchell's flick with the iron. That also is done by a splendid rotation of the arms, the club face on impact appearing as though it would smother and drive the ball into the ground. I remember that my own small game of golf was much disturbed because of this lack of rotation. I could strike the ball quite nicely but there was no length, and it was watching the might of Mitchell one day which told me where I was wrong.

There is one other point in Mitchell's game which is, I think, a good one. His head in the back-swing goes back ever so little with the club-head, and that adds leverage to the body and also gives the shoulders room in which to

turn from the hips. A too steady head, and this so-called pressing against the back movement of the club by stiffening the right leg in the wrong fashion, cramps the swing. We need all the room back that we can get, and it will be remembered that Mitchell's back-swing is one of the widest and, at the same time one of the longest—the club-head dipping below the horizontal. As Abe says: "I like to wait for the 'tail' on the swing with all my clubs, even

with the putter." That is an important saying, and I might almost suggest that we are apt to under-swing rather than to over-swing. I hope to have shown to golfers, all of whom like to drive well, where the hidden secret of the strength of Abe Mitchell comes from. One thing is certain. He will eventually come into his own and win the Open Golf Championship, not by a stroke, but by a pocket full of them.

OPEN CHAMPION OF NEW ZEALAND MAY COME TO CANADA

MR. E. M. MACFARLANE, who recently won the New Zealand Open Championship, in an interesting letter to the Editor from Christchurch, New Zealand, states that he is quite seriously thinking of coming to Canada. He is a very fine golfer indeed—a plus 3 man in New Zealand, which is equal to about a handicap of 2 in Canada. In addition to winning the Open he also annexed the Jellicoe Cup for the best single round of the Championship, a 73. He has many golfing victories to his credit in New Zealand, among others the Provincial Amateur Championship in 1923 and 1924, whilst he won the Borthwick Vase three years in succession, in 1911, 1912 and 1913. He certainly would be a great addition to Canadian golf if he should come to this country. Only once before has an amateur won the New Zealand Open Championship.

OFF TO SUMMER CLIMES

A NUMBER of the more fortunate professionals of Canada left this month to spend the Winter in other countries, either holidaying or pursuing their avocations at well known resorts, where snow and ice do not interfere with the game. George Cumming, of the Toronto Club, as usual, is in Jamaica; Kern Marsh, of the London Hunt Club, who generally accompanies him, is not going this Winter; Nicol Thompson, of the Hamilton Club, once more has a Bermuda course under his care; C. R. Murray, of The Royal Montreal, left last month for a brief visit to Cuba, and from there goes to Florida, where he has an exceptionally fine Winter berth. He will be accompanied by one of his assistants, Jack Young. Two other of Murray's assistants, Nelson Young and Tom Cunningham, have secured good positions in Miami, Florida. Karl Keffer, of The Royal Ottawa Club, is another fortunate Canadian pro. who has a splendid job in in Florida during the Winter. Willie Lamb, of the Toronto Golf Club, is in Mexico City, where he has an excellent position for the next five months. A. J. Miles, of the Mississauga Golf Club, Toronto, is spending Xmas in England. So also are Arthur Keeling, of the Welland Club, and A. C. Binks, of the Sarnia Golf Club. Jimmie Anderson, of Grand'Mere, will eat his Xmas dinner at historic old St. Andrews with his father, who has just retired at the age of 78 from active business.

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GREAT BRITAIN AND OVERSEAS

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

As early as the middle of November snow fall interfered with golf and at Lagley Park near Beckenham, it prevented the completion of the Ladies' Pearson Trophy competition. The Pearson Trophy is open to clubs in Hertfordshire, Kent, Middlesex and Surrey. The final will be played off

shown by the demeanor of both players. Mitchell was driving in superb form and undoubtedly this was the foundation of success, though he excelled in every department of the game. Fine work in approaching and putting was somewhat marred on the first day at St. George's by the heavy hoar frost,



Compston, "The Manchester Giant," Driving from the Third Tee at Wentworth in His Match Against Abe Mitchell.

by teams from Foxgrove and Wimbledon.

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The outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease which earlier in the season resulted in a ban on fox hunting in certain counties has now caused the authorities to temporarily close the Sitwell Park golf course owing to the presence of the disease on adjoining farm property.

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Archie Compston failed to register his third victory over Abe Mitchell when they met over 72 holes last month at St. George's Hill and Wentworth. In fact the "Manchester Giant" who started confident of victory, bowed to a nine and eight defeat before Mitchell, who is now a private professional to Mr. Sam Ryder. It was a hard fought battle, with keen determination to win

which whitened the greens and made them unreliable. Wentworth, which is a comparatively new course, was in excellent condition and gave Mitchell an opportunity to hole many long putts.

Compston was unable to register a gain in any of the four rounds; at the end of the first eighteen he was one down; at the 36th the margin increased to four down. In the morning of the second day Mitchell was winning holes with the utmost freedom and by noon was seven up, ending the match in the afternoon when the 10th was halved on par fours, a nine and eight victory.

It was an important and decisive victory, with Mitchell playing the best golf he has played in years. He was using a new 14½ oz. driver by George Duncan's club maker, and he personally attributed much of his success to

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the extreme satisfaction secured from this new club. Whilst Compston attributed his defeat to his loss of putting touch, certainly in the 28 holes played on the second day he was strokes behind Mitchell on the greens, for the analysis of their cards gives Mitchell 49 putts to Compston's 54. And that tells the tale!

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It is being suggested that the holding of the Welsh Open Championship be discontinued, but definite action in this regard was withheld by the Welsh Executive at their recent meeting, held in Cardiff. It was decided, however, that the Welsh Native Championship should be considered of more importance and given precedence over the Open Event.

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Cardiff may be added to the list of towns who possess public courses, for at a meeting of the Parks Committee it was reported that a letter had been received from Sir Iltyd Thomas, on behalf of the owners of the ground at Culverhouse Cross, offering the land

for the purpose of a municipal course on a 21 years' lease at a rent of £350 a year for the first five years, and £550 for the remaining 16 years, with an option to purchase freehold for £11,000. The chairman stated that since the letter had been written, an offer of £10,000 had been made by a sub-committee for the freehold. Since the letter an Act of Parliament had also been passed which gave powers to local authorities to purchase land for public golf purposes, and, therefore, he did not think they were particularly interested in a lease. It was agreed to refer the whole matter again to the joint sub-committee representative of parks, finance and housing committees.

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The Oxford University Golf Club celebrated their fiftieth anniversary by a jubilee meet held on November 6th and 7th at their course at Southfield. Cyril Tolley was in perfect form, winning the 36-hole scratch competition with a score of 150. In the second

round he was driving like a demon and his score of 72 established a low record for the course, which is an unusually difficult one, having evidently been laid out with the intention of giving the young undergraduates some very stiff training. On the previous day Mr. Tolley, partnered with Mr. A. Cave, the present Oxford Captain, defeated Sir Ernest Holderness and Mr. Eustace Storey in an exhibition match.

Cyril Chard, the amateur champion of Devon, displayed wonderful form, when he beat Charles Whitcombe's professional record for the Tavistock course, by four strokes, with a magnificent round of 69.

The "Star" Trophy has once more been won by the ladies of the Addington Club. That their chances were excellent had been conceded owing to their formidable team, which was headed by Miss Cecil Leitch, with Miss Edith Leitch as number two and Mrs. Douglas Fish number three. In the final they met and defeated the ladies from St. George's Hill three matches to two. Both Miss Cecil and Miss Edith won their matches in splendid fashion, while Miss Leon, playing fourth, was responsible for the other point. The match was played at Sandy Lodge, which is particularly suited for ladies' play at this time of year, being an exceedingly dry course and excellently well kept.

In response to a query from a subscriber, "Golf Illustrated" has printed the following as a list of the twenty-five oldest golf clubs in the United Kingdom:

Royal Blackheath, 1608; Edinburgh Burgess Golfing Society, 1735; Hon. Company of Edinburgh Golfers, prior to 1744; R. and A., St. Andrews, 1754; Bruntsfield Links, 1761; Royal Musselburgh, 1774; Aberdeen, 1780; Craik Golfing Society, 1786; Glasgow, prior to 1787; Burntisland, 1797; Royal Albert (Montrose), 1810; Old Manchester, 1818; Scotsraig (Tayport), 1818; Innerleven, 1820; Royal Perth Golfing Society, 1824; Montrose Academy, 1832; North Berwick, 1832;



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Lord Lurgan, at the annual meeting of the Golf Club's Protection Association, said that he had had practical ex-

perience of the good that had come of the formation of artisans' golf organizations as branches of ordinary golf clubs. In clubs with which he was connected they were arranging spring and autumn meetings between the artisans and the ordinary members. They found that such gatherings helped immensely the relationships between the two sets of players.

COMPSTON, BRITISH STAR

Can Thank a Catholic Priest, it is Claimed, for Making Him the Most Talked-of British Golfer

ARCHIE COMPSTON, the British Professional Golf Champion, who it is announced from London, is planning to make a tour of the United States and Canada next summer, can thank a Catholic priest, says Mr. W. E. Hicks, Golf Editor of the Brooklyn "Times," for having turned from a club-throwing, quick-tempered golfer, to a restrained, patient and concentrating player. The calming down of Compston the last two years has been due to the interest taken in him by a priest at Manchester, where Compston has for some time been a professional. The clergyman it turns out, took a personal interest in the "Manchester giant" from the first time he saw him, and the influence of the man of the cloth, was so effective, though quiet, that Compston soon began to give over his fits of rage, when he missed a shot, and come to appreciate the advice of the priest, that "he that overcometh his anger, is mightier than he that taketh a city." Compston, who is nearly 6 ft. 4 in., uses a swing of the three-quarter type, powerful and self-contained. He lashes out with the minimum of footwork and holds the ball on the line with power. His putting is a study in concentrated effort. He has been called, and many think rightly, the "new British Golf Hope." If Hagen goes to Great Britain next year for another try for the chief British honours, and Barnes goes back to defend his title, they will find in Compston, a veritable lion across their path.

That Compston, who is 32 years of age, with "a face of relentless but pleasant pugnacity," is the outstanding British golfer of 1925 and the most consistently successful professional in any single season since the war is proved by a study of his achievements this year which loom up as follows:

Runner-up, Roehampton tournament; winner, Leeds Cup; winner in qualifying rounds of Northern Section of "Daily Mail" tournament; tied for second in British Open Championship; winner, Gleneagles \$5,000 tournament; winner in qualifying rounds of "Yorkshire News" tournament; winner in qualifying rounds of Northern Section of British Professional Championship; winner of Professional Championship; runner-up in French Open Championship; defeated Abe Mitchell in 36-hole Gleneagles final; defeated Ed Ray in 36-hole play-off of tie for second place in Open Championship. His only serious set-back the past season, was when he was so decisively defeated by Abe Mitchell a few weeks ago in a £200 72-hole match. His friends, however, account for this with the explanation that he has been "over-golfed"—an old, but many times valid excuse.

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NOVEL GOLF EXPERIMENT

New Grip of a Prominent Young British Professional, Which You Might Try Out During the Winter Months

WHILE the grips of most star golfers differ slightly, a majority are fundamentally the same. Few crack players care to experiment with freak styles of holding the club.

However, a young British golfer has come forth with something new and original. He is of the opinion that within five years it will be a much copied style of gripping the golf club.

The originator of the new grip is G. Humphries, assistant pro. at Hindhead, Surrey. Recently in competition over that course against some of the leading golfers of England, he broke the record for the course by going around in 73.

Humphries is a self-taught golfer. He places the right hand wholly on the back of the left hand, with the right thumb resting across the left thumb.

The right hand does not touch the club at all, being simply a support and guide for the left. He has worked out this principle of gripping after experimenting with every other style. He declares it is the only one that keeps the shots straight.

Humphries is 21 years of age. His "radical grip" has already called forth a storm of criticism from the experts, who are not at all inclined to think that it will work a revolution in the game. For that matter the "Vardon grip" many years ago provoked almost a similar outburst from the believers in the old "palm grip," which is to-day never used except by "old timers." There may after all be something in this novel grip of young Humphries. Time alone will tell.



A Close-up View of Humphries' Novel Grip.

"HOARY HEADED OLD BLACKHEATH"

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland, is generally thought by the majority of golfers to be the oldest golf club in the world, but this is not so. The Royal Blackheath, London, is nearly 150 years its senior, having been established as far back as 1608 with His Majesty King James, its Patron, whilst St. Andrews has to be content with 1754 as the date of its organization. The Annual Dinner of this hoary-headed old English Golf Club took place last month in London and was attended by 200 members, many of them prominent in the life of the Empire's Metropolis. There was something very impressive about the time-honoured ceremony of "swearing in the new Captain" preceded as it was by a march round the room of several of the ex-Captains in their red coats and headed by bearers of clubs decorated with seemingly innumerable past Captains' golf balls. The toast of "Golf and Golfing Societies" was proposed by Field-Marshal White in felicitous terms. It was responded to by Mr. Robert Harris, the British Amateur Champion, and his speech fairly bristled with witticisms. The oldest

golf club in America is The Royal Montreal, founded in 1873, but the "Gentleman Golfers of Blackheath" (there is a famous colored print so inscribed hanging on the walls of a few of the prominent Golf Clubs in Canada), were driving their feather balls over the far-famed Heath, just 265 years before the Montrealers took up with the game.

A \$10,000 TOURNAMENT

Golfers with Handicaps of 4 and under will be Eligible for this Big California Event

(Special Correspondence, "Canadian Golfer")

THE North Course of Los Angeles Country Club, one of the best tests of golf hereabouts, has been selected by the Southern California Professional Golfers' Association as the scene of the \$10,000 Los Angeles Open Championship, January 7, 8, 9 and 10. Par for the North Course is 72 and yardage 6,390. The selection of Los Angeles Country Club, twenty minutes from the heart of Los Angeles, by motor, is a practical one. Easy of accessibility, accommodations, and a modern course that is a real test of golf, are possessed by Los Angeles. The course is in better shap at this time than it has ever been, declared Joe Norwood, club pro.

Golfers with handicaps of 4 and under will be eligible for the Open. On January 8 and 9, qualifying rounds

will be held; the route will be 18 holes with medal style of play. On January 10, low 64s and ties will play 36-holes medal for the \$10,000 prize money.

Saturday, January 2, 18 holes qualifying play at the Virginia Country Club, in the Long Beach Open, will be held. On January 3, there will be 36-holes final play for leading 64 players. The purse of the Long Beach Open has been increased to \$2,500.

The amateur-professional tournament will be played over the North Course of Los Angeles Country Club on January 7. Amateurs with 10 handicaps and under are eligible for play. Play will be 18 holes, best ball on handicap. Special prizes for low gross and low net will be awarded. There will be a special prize for the winner and runner-up.



The Evolution of the Golf Ball—Mr. George S. Lyon as Conceived by the Celebrated Cartoonist, Mr. Ernest Le Messurier.

"HEARD ON THE LINKS"

(Contributions for this Column by Subscribers will be greatly appreciated).

How did you get on to-day, Bill?

I started off 7, 8, 6, 7, and then—
Oh! well I never could play that short
fifth hole!

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The writer of "Under the Clock" in
the "Daily News" suggests the follow-
ing clubs as suitable for a beginner:

1. A Caddie. For use off the tee.
2. A Stymie. For jumping over
bunkers.
3. A Spoon. For scooping out of
casual water.
4. A Slice. For dog-legs facing east.
5. A Hook. For dog-legs facing
west.
6. A Jigger. For use when you
can't think what to do.
7. A Dormy. For use when you're
right up against it.

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St. Briac, where I played several
rounds of golf last summer (says a
writer in the "Sunday Chronicle") is
a haunt of retired generals. There is
a story being told there to illustrate
this which is worth quoting. A man
walked up to a stranger there and asked
whether he would care to have a round
of golf.

"Do you know who I am?" retorted
the other pompously. "I am Major-
General—, K. C. B., C. M. G."

"Oh, that's all right," said the first
man laughing. "You must be a new-
comer. Everyone is at least a Brig-
adier here. Why, if it comes to that, I
am a Lieutenant-General myself."
And he was.

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VIEWPOINTS.

Mother—See how unassuming your
father is! He broke 90's to-day, and
has not bragged about it to a soul out-
side the family.

Son—Unassuming! Father shows
rare discretion! If that score should
become generally known, his little play-
mates would stop allowing him strokes
—Lida Wilson Turner.

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Joe Jigger had a sunstroke in the
sand trap at the fifth hole, and Sandy
Hook, the club professional, who was
playing against him, made him count it.

There was a young golfer of Rye,
Who said, "A fine player am I,
Braid, Vardon or Ray,
I can beat any day,"
His word was as good as his lie.



Jaded Golfer (to negligent caddie). "Take
a little more interest in your work, my
lad. It may be irksome, but remember
you can't hate this game more than I do.
—"Punch."

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Father—"And what business would
you like to go into?"

Sporting Son—"By all means one
where you play golf with the cus-
tomers."

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Caddie (to opulent golfer)—"Do
you 'ave a 'igh tee, sir?"

O. G. (tartly)—"Never you mind
whether I 'ave 'igh tea or late dinner.
You put the ball on the 'ump my lad,
and no more about it."

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It is a habit in one of the clubs near
London for members at lunch time to
carve for themselves at the sideboard.
In the course of the meal it is fre-



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quently observed that a generous slice is followed by a long pull.

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Two ladies were engaged in a tournament. One had a putt for a half on a green. After taking her stance she discovered that she still had her mashie in her hand instead of a putter. She straightened up again, got a putter from her caddie and holed out.

"My hole," said her competitor. "You had no right to change clubs after you had addressed the ball."

"I'm so sorry," said the victim, "I really didn't know I was breaking the rules. Of course it's your hole."

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A local celebrity, who had got on in the world, was invited to open a new golf course by driving off the first tee. Being a big man, he preferred to use a niblick. With a mighty swing he missed the ball, but dislodged about a

foot of earth, and remarked, "I declare this course now opened!"

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A well known doctor was playing golf with an equally widely known minister.

"What shall we play for?" asked the former.

"Why, it is rather out of my line to play for anything," the minister replied.

"Well, we ought to play for something, insisted the doctor, "so I'll put up a pill and you put up a prayer."

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DEARLY BELOVED BALL OF FLORENCE

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Here now I lie free from pain,
Poor Florrie's ball, unduly slain.
While in this world my life was hard,
My back was hit, my face was scarred.
Ten hundred times she swung at me,
And hacked me on from tee to tee.
And when my sorrow was too great,
I tried to drown me in the creek.
She scooped about and fished me out
And dropped me down for another clout.
The words she used, the style she had,
Were never anything but bad.
But when the club house hove in sight,
She soon forgot her sorry plight.
When slices, pulls and dubs galore,
Were coming fast to spoil her score,
She only told with beaming face
Of holes with not a shot misplaced;
Till I my face did hide for shame,
That I took part in such a game.
So now I'm dead and here I lie,
At peace at last—what joy to die!

Toronto, December 4th, 1925.

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A golf writer in Great Britain with a sarcastic turn of mind has suggested the following admission charges for the 1926 Open Championship, following the "slaughter" of Mac Smith this year, the huge galleries greatly interfering with his play and also several of the other stars:

Golfers—men and boys, 2s. 6d. per day.

Women—members of golf clubs, 2s. 6d. per day.

Flappers collecting autographs, 10s. 6d. per day.

Women—not members of golf clubs, 1 pound, 1s. per day.

Dogs, on condition they rope themselves to an owner, 100 pounds per day.



VOCABULARY OF VIGOR.

"Old Brassey keeps up his golf talk all the year round."

"Why! he plays only from April to November!"

"I know, but he runs a balky furnace from November to April."

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THE FUTURE STATE.

An therefore, in a future state,

When we shall all get down in two,
When drives are all hole-high and
straight,

And every yarn we'll tell is true;
When there is naught to grumble at,
Golf will be wearisome and flat.

DREAMS.

It must be jolly to punch like Tolley—

I do it myself in bed;

On a nightmare course, with incredible
force

I hit 'em like Wethered.

How fine my humour if I were
Boomer!

I should be a cheery lad;

If I sometimes played like Mitchell or
Braid,

Or Taylor or Barnes or Gadd.

My pencil quavers in praise of Havers;
That man is a King, no less;

And I often feel that I could easily
kneel

At the feet of His Holderness.

—"Punch."

DEL MONTE'S NEW HOTEL

Will Be One of the Finest on the Continent, with Many New and
Attractive Features

(Special Despatch, "Canadian Golfer")

HOTEL DEL MONTE, since 1880 California's best known resort, will complete its new million and a half dollar hotel early in April and at that time will inaugurate a season of sports and social activities unrivalled in the past on the Pacific Coast.

The new Del Monte will capitalize California's two most valuable points, its marvellous sunshine and its romantic past. The hotel proper is simply a network of huge windows and sunny promenades. The lounge with huge windows twenty-seven feet high, looking to East and West will give visitors to California what they have always desired—all the sunshine in the world coupled with

remarkable vistas of Monterey's heavily wooded hills.

Each floor will have its wide, sunny promenade. Potted plants and gay umbrellas will make the promenades attractive. On one side of the building the promenades get the morning sun and on the other they get the afternoon sun.

The building itself will be Spanish in character, with broad, sweeping lines and red tile roof. It is made of reinforced concrete and of course is fireproof throughout. The furnishings in lobby, lounge, writing rooms, sun rooms etc., will be Spanish. S. F. B. Morse and Carl Stanley, President and Manager, have just returned from New York, where

they went to purchase furniture, etc. They report a most satisfactory trip.

Lindgren and Swinnerton, of San Francisco, the builders, have promised to have the main portion of the new building ready for occupancy April 1. At the present time they are pouring the roof over the dining room and lounge. The tower is steadily going upward and it will be completed by Christmas Day.

The tower will prove one of the most attractive features of the hotel. It will be surrounded by a covered promenade from which a truly marvellous view may be had. From it

one may look out over Monterey Bay, the Monterey Hills, the Carmel Hills, the Del Monte Golf Course and off to the rugged heights of the Salinas Hills.

The Spanish bungalows, built in rambling fashion beneath the spreading oaks of the Del Monte grounds, are immensely popular and with two exceptions occupied at the present time. Many guests who spend the winter season at Del Monte have taken these bungalows for several months. They are exceptionally attractive.

GOLF ON THE EAST COAST OF FLORIDA

Miss Collett Will Defend Her Title—Many Interesting Tournaments and Championships

A DESPATCH from St. Augustine:

"Miss Glenna Collett, America's "Queen of the Links" will defend her Florida East Coast Golf Championship in the tournament to be held here March 2 to 6. Announcement of the receipt of her entry, and of the definite dates for the big tourney, was made here to-day.

Miss Collett, who last month won the United States National Women's title for the second time, following her victory in the French Championship, gained her first leg on the new Mrs. W. R. Kenan Trophy last March, defeating Miss Frances Hadfield, the Milwaukee 18-year-old sensation, in the final match by 3 and 2.

The St. Augustine tourney brought out the best game of Miss Collett, for she was opposed by a select field, and in the semi-finals she had to dispose of Mrs. D. H. Sterrett, the Kansas State Champion. The score of this match was two up. In the tussle with Mrs. Sterrett, Glenna was one down going to the sixteenth tee. Here she braced, and took the next three holes in succession.

It is expected that the East Coast title event next March will draw a stronger field than last season, inasmuch as some of the leading woman players of the country have already signified their intention of competing. Mrs. Dorothy Campbell-Hurd, 1924 National Champion, will winter at Augusta, and it is hoped to have her in the field of starters.

Another likely contender for the prize is Virginia Van Wie, the 16-year-old Chicago lass who created a sensation in the South last season by reaching the final in the South Atlantic Championship tournament at Ormond

Beach. She lost to Mrs. Sterrett after a bitter fight."

The many Canadian golfers who this Winter are going to the East Coast of Florida will be interested to know that several important golf tournaments and Championships are being staged there. Here is the official list:

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GOLF ORGANIZATIONS

(This is the third of a series of interesting articles on "Golf in Canada" by Mr. B. L. Anderson, Secretary of The Royal Canadian Golf Association, 18 Wellington Street East, Toronto.)

MY last letter dealt with Amateur Championships and suggested a plan whereby this fixture might be held in different centres from Victoria to Halifax, and the financial phase of this plan was discussed.

If, however, you have read my two previous letters you will realize that all future development in the direction indicated is dependent on the establishment of active Provincial organizations which would in turn co-operate with the R. C. G. A., in all matters involving the welfare of golf in Canada.

In my first letter I held up as a model the plan of Confederation. Confederation could not operate successfully if the various Provinces had not been organized under Provincial Parliaments to take care of local requirements. The position then is, with respect to golf, that there exists already a Dominion Parliament, if we may so designate the R. C. G. A. Executive, and in some Provinces a Provincial organization has been created, having charge of tournaments, etc., etc.

Could this idea not be extended to all the Provinces? If not, to the Provinces, at least to the larger districts, for instance, the Maritime Provinces, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia, each with an independent local organization qualified to conduct its own championships and work as a unit with the newly established Green Section. In every Province there are established technical men as an Advisory Committee for the Green Section work.

If such organizations can be created they would co-operate with the Officials of the R. C. G. A. as outlined in a previous letter for the staging of the Amateur Championships and while they would be free to make their own general rules for local play by means of conferences, it would be possible to issue through the R. C. G. A. fundamental rules which would be recognized as binding on all Canadian golfers just as St. Andrews rules are recognized and adopted by Great Britain.

There will be no thought of setting up a separate standard for golf. St. Andrews rules have the world wide recognition, but if any departure is made with the above machinery in operation, decision so reached would apply to the whole of Canada. So many encouraging messages have reached us that we imagine the two letters published have met with the endorsement of a large number of golfers.

The Annual Meeting of the R. C. G. A. takes place about the 5th of February next. If the Constitution is to be revised, prompt action must be taken on the part of the Provincial authorities. The R. C. G. A. is fully ready to do its share. It would seem to be up to the various Provinces or districts to call a meeting of those interested to see if a conference cannot be held previous to the Annual Meeting when views could be exchanged and definite action taken. Much more difficult things have been accomplished and we confidently look for suggestions which may lead to such a conference.

Address all communications to the Secretary of the Royal Canadian Golf Association, 18 Wellington Street East, Toronto.

BRITISH STARS INVITED

A DESPATCH from New York:

"The Professional Golfers' Association to-day voted to hold its 1926 Championship Tournament at the Salisbury Country Club, of Garden City, N. Y., and to increase the prize money for the event from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

A group of famous foreign players will make their first appearance in a P. G. A. tournament if invitations to European stars are accepted. The meeting voted to invite George Duncan, Abe Mitchell and Archie Compston, well-known Britishers, among others."

TED RAY AND THE U. S. INVASION

“**W**HY is it that Americans have beaten us so frequently since the war in Open Championships?” asks Ted Ray. “Is there a possibility of their continuing to beat us?” he next asks and asserts, “I cannot see the remotest reason why they should beat us at all.”

“But,” he continues, “for the moment we are faced with the stern fact that Jock Hutchison won the blue ribbon once, Walter Hagen took it twice since the war and Jim Barnes is the latest victor, which means that in the period under review our men have only won it twice. Not for a moment would I have it that I am a critic of American wins, but I think I am in a position to say that when the Transatlantic representatives come here they have a huge advantage over our men for climatic reasons.

“Obversely, our fellows are at a corresponding disadvantage when they go across to the United States. When the Americans arrive here they find our climate at once beneficial to them, and almost from the first moment they step on the tee they find themselves invigorated as between the atmospheric conditions in Britain and the States.

“Take the other side of the picture. Twice I have been across to the States, with Harry Vardon and each time we found the opening stages of the experience approaching the terrible. Granted we did get used to the climate in time, I cannot conscientiously say that from the beginning to end either of us felt as fit as we normally should feel.”

LEADING OTTAWA CITIZEN

Is Banqueted by Golfing and Other Friends—Mr. J. E. Macpherson, Previous to His Departure for Montreal, is made a Presentation of a Silver Cigarette Box

MR. J. E. MACPHERSON, Vice-president of the Bell Telephone Company of Canada, was the guest at a complimentary dinner the evening of November 17th tendered to him at the Royal Ottawa Golf Club by 100 of his golfing friends, previous to his taking up his residence in Montreal. The chair was occupied by Mr. G. G. Gale, President of the Royal Ottawa Golf Club, and included amongst those at the head table, in addition to the guest of the evening, the Rt. Hon. F. A. Anglin, Chief Justice of Canada; Hon. J. G. Foster, United States Consul-General; Hon. Martin Burrell, Mr. Thomas Ahearn, Sir George Perley, Hon. J. A. Robb, Minister of Finance; Hon. N. Matsunaga, Consul-General for Japan; Sir Henry Drayton, Sir George Burn, and Mr. Robert Gill.

Letters of regret were read from Rt. Hon. Mackenzie King, Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, Rt. Hon. George P. Graham, Rt. Hon. Lyman Duff, and Mr. J. B. Hunter, Deputy Minister of Public Works.

The dinner was conceded by all present as one of the most enjoyable ever held in Ottawa, a special feature of the function being the fine choruses and topical songs.

It fell to the Chief Justice of Canada to propose the toast of “Our Guest.” In a brilliant speech Chief Justice Anglin referred to the many activities in which Mr. Macpherson had participated in the City of Ottawa and expressed the kindest wishes of the entire company for his future success. The toast was seconded by the Hon. Martin Burrell in a characteristically witty address, and in closing the Parliamentary Librarian presented to Mr. Macpherson a sterling silver cigarette box, with the good wishes of his Ottawa friends.

Mr. Macpherson, in reply, said he did not feel that he could adequately acknowledge the kindness of the testimonial offered him, and then proceeded to demonstrate that he misjudged his capabilities. His speech was received with loud acclaim.

Before the company dispersed the volunteer choir sang the Bell Telephone

ode, specially composed for the occasion, and Mr. Macpherson was presented with an ornate blue bell. The National Anthem concluded the proceedings.

The Menu Card was a veritable work of art, with a fine photo of the guest of the evening in Highland costume (in colours). During the dinner many topical verses set to popular songs were rendered. Herewith a sample from "Good-bye, Macpherson" (air of "Good-bye, My Bluebell.")

"Sometimes when Central tries us
With all her varied tricks,
Wrong numbers oft supplies us
Leaving us in a fix;
We'll think of days departed,
Dear days of long ago,
When, with a smile good-hearted,
You ran the local show.

Chorus:

Good-bye, Macpherson; farewell to you,
Comrade and friend we always found you true;

Now you've gone higher, your fame we tell,
J. E. Macpherson of the old Blue Bell."

Mr. Macpherson has been District Superintendent of the Bell Telephone Company, with headquarters at Ottawa for some years. He has been promoted to Vice-President of the Company at Montreal.

In the course of a characteristically amusing letter, regretting that he would be unable to attend the Farewell

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Dinner, the Hon. Geo. P. Graham, Minister of Railways in Canada, said: "I believe Montreal is getting the best of this deal." And all Ottawa coincides with the Minister.



BERMUDA'S WINTER GOLF

IN ever increasing numbers prominent people from all parts of Canada are planning to spend a Winter holiday in "Bermuda the Beautiful."

The golfer will especially find every facility for playing his favourite game in this Island of Enchantment, as the Government and the Bermuda Trade Development Board, the past few years, have seen to it that courses have been built along most modern lines. In fact, experts state that there is nowhere in the world a more beautiful course than that of the Mid-Ocean Club. This is an 18-hole course of championship calibre and during the next few months will be the scene of several important Championships and events participated in by many of the leading players, both men and women, of the United States and Canada.

Another fine 18-hole course is Riddell's Bay, whilst there are also two sporting 9-hole courses over which visitors have playing privileges. The Green Fees are moderate and altogether Bermuda is now thoroughly equipped to cater to the requirements of the most exacting golfer.

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BRITAIN'S SIXTEEN BEST AMATEURS

Many New Names Appear on a List Submitted by an English Expert

(By "Scrutator," of "Golf Illustrated," London).

THE Editor has set me a task of some considerable difficulty in commissioning me to commit to paper an answer to the question: Who are the sixteen best British amateur golfers? Any answer to such a controversial subject must necessarily involve criticism on all sides, and I do not expect to avoid my own share of brickbats that will doubtless be hurled at me by those who hold other views. Anticipating such criticism, I would preface my remarks by stating that I am only venturing to express a personal opinion. Everybody is entitled to his own opinions, and everybody is justified in expressing them providing they are sincere and unprejudiced, which attributes I can certainly lay claim to in my present task. The year 1925, like its predecessor, has not witnessed the arrival of any new "stars" in British amateur golf. We have scanned the horizon in vain for the coming of a John Ball, a Freddy Tait, a Harold Hilton, or a Jack Graham. Not only has the search been fruitless, but, what is even worse, candour compels one to say that the reputation of many established players has declined. The cause of this decline has not been advancing

years—which is quite an honourable reason—but for subtler reasons that in a large measure defy analysis. Unfortunately for British amateur golf it has to be measured by a standard higher than itself; it has to be compared with that of our amateur friends across the Atlantic; and in the light of such a comparison British amateur golf does not emerge with many laurels.

It is quite true to say we have our giants—golfers who might be depended upon to shine in the best American company, but whereas our giants can be numbered on the fingers of two hands, America is fortunate enough to possess a much larger number of really great golfers. But the object of this article is not to discuss the relative values of British and American golf; it is merely to discuss the merits of our home players. And before going into details I should like to make it perfectly clear that the sixteen players who form my selection as the best amateurs are not tabulated in any order of merit; in order further to emphasize this fact the names are given in alphabetical order. On this basis my selection will be found as follows, arranged alphabetically, not in order of merit:

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Mr. J. B. Beck, Mr. J. I. Cruickshank, Mr. T. P. Dobson, Mr. T. F. Ellison, Mr. Robert Harris, Major C. O. Hezlet, Mr. W. L. Hope, Mr. W. L. Hartley, Sir Ernest Holderness, Mr. R. H. Hardman, Mr. W. A. Murray, Mr. S. Robinson, Hon. M. Scott, Mr. T. A. Torrance, Mr. C. J. H. Tolley, Mr. R. H. Wethered.

Compared with another writer's selection in "Golf Illustrated" some twelve months ago, six fresh names appear, Messrs. J. I. Cruickshank, R. H. Hardman, S. Robinson, T. P. Dobson, T. F. Ellison and J. B. Beck taking the places of Messrs. E. F. Storey, J. Wilson, J. Caven, C. Bretherton, W. W. Mackenzie and Dr. J. MacCormack.

Referring to my own selections on this page, a brief reference to each must suffice. Mr. John Beck is a choice about which few qualified critics will cavil. Unfortunately the claims of business prevent his full devotion to the game, but even so he is such a natural golfer and possesses such a

sound style that his form is always reliable, despite shortage of practice. Only last May he won the "Golf Illustrated" Gold Vase Tournament after a replayed tie with Sir Ernest Holderness—a performance of no mean order, considering the wealth of amateur talent which always competes in this important event. Mr. J. I. Cruickshank is a choice upon which opinion may be sharply divided, but the fact stands out that this young Buenos Aires bank clerk, of Scottish birth played fine golf during his visit to our shores this past summer. Not only did he reach the last eight at Westward Ho! in the Amateur Championship, but he was one of the few amateurs to qualify in the Open Championship, and subsequently he won an important amateur event at Cruden Bay.

Mr. T. P. Dobson, the young Muirfield greenkeeper, comes in on the strength of his success in winning the Scottish Amateur Championship. A man who can survive such a trying test

must obviously have strong claims to a place among the best sixteen players. It is satisfactory to think that a player of the artisan class is worthy of such an honour, and his career in the near future will be watched with considerable interest. Mr. T. F. Ellison is another player about whom opinions may possibly be divided. A representative of the Hoylake school of golf, he achieved a fine win in the English Close Championship last April. True, the event took place over his own course but he played such powerful golf throughout, and accounted for so many strong players, that his claim to a place can hardly be overlooked. Mr. Robert Harris, as the reigning Amateur Champion, comes into my list without question. He has had a wonderful year, and at forty-three years of age he has given the younger generation something to think about and emulate.

Major C. O. Hezlet and Mr. W. L. Hope gain their places on general form, although it must not be forgotten that the former achieved a strong performance in reaching the final of the Irish Amateur Championship. Mr. W. L. Hartley is given a place in my list because he is improving and has great possibilities. Sir Ernest Holderness is one of the pillars of British golf, and is assuredly a unanimous choice. He did not happen to shine at Westward Ho! either in the international match or in the championship itself, but he makes fewer shots than any other player I have seen during recent years. Mr. H. H. Hardman wins a place because of his excellent form both in the English Close Championship and the Amateur Championship—and he, too, is improving. Mr. W. A. Murray is the soul of steadiness and persistent accuracy; accordingly he is real value for a place. Mr. S. Robinson's claims

cannot be overlooked. He has played consistently well throughout the year in all the big tests; furthermore, he was a finalist in the English Close Championship at Hoylake.

The Hon. Michael Scott finds a place in my list on general form. He is still one of the finest iron players in the amateur ranks, and he has a valuable knack of rising to the big occasion. The selection of Mr. T. A. Torrance is obvious, for he is one of the most improved players of the year, having at last solved the elusive problem of consistency. In both match and medal play events he did excellently, his chief performance in the former being the winning of the Irish Open Amateur Championship. Of Mr. C. J. H. Tolley, little need be said. He is a giant both in stature and ability as a player of the Royal and Ancient game. He has developed remarkably during the past twelve months as a medal player, many of his performances with card and pencil being little short of extraordinary. Mr. Roger Wethered in an alphabetical sense comes last, but he would be given a high place in my team despite the fact that he has played comparatively little golf during the past summer and scarcely any of a serious competitive nature. But Mr. Wethered remains a great exponent of the game, and only requires a little serious practice in order to regain his place among the leaders.

[Note.—Of this selected list of sixteen, C. J. H. Tolley, Major Hezlet, Hon. M. Scott and W. L. Hope were seen in Canada October, 1925, with the Walker Team. F. S. Storey, the popular young Cambridge player, who was also here with the Team, is not included in the list.—Editor, "Canadian Golfer."]

YORK DOWNS FALL HANDICAP

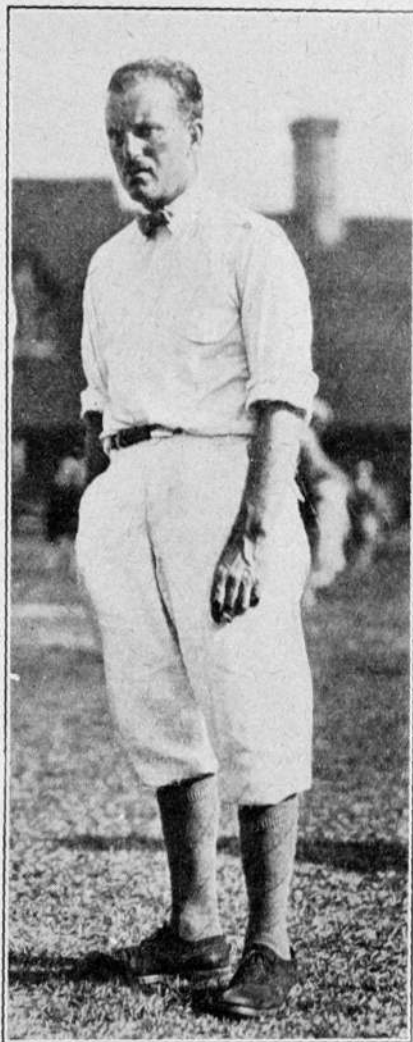
A first-year player won the Fall Handicap of the York Downs Club, which was finished last month. Ronald MacKenzie, a pupil of Willie Freeman, defeating J. W. MacKenzie. The Ringer Competition, which was also

concluded in November, was won by Sidney Fellowes, whose score was 55. Gordon Taylor, Jr., who was a finalist with Fellowes in the Club Championship, was runner-up, with a score of 56.

KAY WILL PARTICIPATE IN BIG U.S. EVENTS

ANDREW KAY, the crack Lambton professional who made such a great showing in the Canadian Open last August, tying with Hagen for third place, has decided "to throw his hat in the ring" and take a tilt at all the big Championships and Tournaments, in the South this Winter. It has been estimated that all told the money prizes to be competed for in these stellar events the next few months, will reach the staggering total of \$150,000. And Kay should have a very good chance of annexing some of this money, as he has a very finely balanced game indeed, in his bag. In any event the experience he will gain by crossing clubs with all the top notchers of America, week after week, will be of incalculable benefit to him. It is only by participating in high-class competitive play that the Hagens and Diegels and Barnes and MacFarlanes are evolved. Kay is well equipped to carry the Canadian Golfing Flag into "the enemy's country." His pilgrimage across the Border will be watched with the keenest interest by followers of the game throughout the Dominion. Here's good luck to him.

Kay after coming to Canada from Scotland in June, 1923, at Lakeview won the first Open Championship of Ontario with a score of 153, or six strokes ahead of Mr. W. J. Thompson and Captain C. H. Perkins, who tied for second place with 159. In the Canadian Open the same year he was the leading Canadian pro, landing in sixth place in a particularly strong field. In the Canadian Open at Mount Bruno in August, 1924, he also was the leading Canadian professional, getting seventh place with a 297. It will thus be seen in all the three Canadian Opens in which he has participated he has been in front of all the players entered from Canada—a no mean performance.



"Off on the Great Adventure." Andrew Kay, of Lambton, who will enter all the Leading U. S. Tournaments this Winter.

AGAIN, "THE STANDARD GOLF BALL"

A DESPATCH from New York:

"Agreement between British and United States golf officials on the size and weight of a new standard ball may finally be reached at an international conference next June in England, plans for which are now receiving consideration.

Wm. C. Fownes, Jr., of Pittsburgh, Chairman of the Committee on Implements and the Ball, as well as nominee for the 1926 Presidency of the United States Golf Association, is expected by officials here to convey American ideas to the Royal and Ancient Club, Britain's ruling body. He has been active in attempting to solve the problem of a new ball for American courses, but thus far England has been unable to accept the recommendation of the Fownes Committee for a bigger, lighter sphere, owing to atmospheric conditions on courses abroad."

PACIFIC NORTHWEST ASSOCIATION

Several Prominent B. C. Golfers on Board of Directors

HARLAN I. PEYTON, of the Spokane Country and Golf Club, will head the Pacific Northwest Golf Association for the coming year, delegates to the annual meeting held in Tacoma recently having unanimously accepted the recommendations of the nominating committee. J. H. Sayward, of the Colwood Country and Golf Club, Victoria, was named vice-president; E. J. Lindsey, Spokane Country Club, secretary, and C. C. Daniels, Manitou Golf Club, treasurer. John Hart, Jericho Country Club, Vancouver, B. C., and C. B. Ford, Inglewood Country & Golf Club, Seattle, were named to the directorate for three year terms, while A. T. Goward, Victoria Golf Club, were elected to a two year term, vice Mr. Peyton, who by reason of his election as president, automatically becomes a member of the board.

The election of Mr. Peyton carried out the policy of the Association, adopted a year ago, of selecting the association head from the city in which the annual tournaments of the Association are to be held. The 1926 open and amateur tournaments were awarded last year to the Spokane Country Club, while the Class B, which runs concurrently with the amateur, was given to the Manitou Country Club, also of Spokane.

The policy of awarding the Association tournaments two years in advance were confirmed at this year's meeting, a slight change in the by-laws being ratified to this end. The Colwood Country and Golf Club, one of the finest tests of golf on the coast, was awarded the 1927 open and amateur meets with the Victoria Golf Club assisting by handling the Class B event.

The Portland Golf Club made a strong fight for the 1927 meet, but lost out in the vote, Colwood advancing the strong argument that it had practically been promised the 1927 meet when it withdrew from the race for the 1926 event in favour of Spokane.

Delegates at the meeting refused to take any action binding member clubs of the Association to any set green fees to visiting players of member clubs, taking the stand that this was purely a club proposition to be controlled by the financial status of the member club.

Two new members were admitted, the Quilcene Golf Club, of Vancouver, B. C., and the Glendale Golf Club, of Seattle, bring the total membership of the Association to 38. The Missoula Country Club was dropped and it was voted to drop the entire state of Utah from the jurisdiction of the Association.

Work is already in progress at the two Spokane clubs, where the tournaments will be held next year, and Mr. Peyton stated these courses would be in fine condition when tournament time arrives.

The exact dates will be chosen at the first meeting of the directors, which probably will occur early in February. It is certain, however, that the tournaments will be played early in June, at which time the Spokane courses are in the best condition.

The treasurer's report read at the annual meeting disclosed that for the first time in the Association's history receipts had been sufficient to cover the entire expenses of handling the annual tournaments and leave a small balance in the treasury.

COMPSTON CONTEMPLATES TWO TOURS

FROM advices received from England, it would appear that Archibald Compston, the sensation of the season just closed in Great Britain, is contemplating two tours of America in 1926. The first will be shortly after the New Year and will of course be confined to the Southern Championships and Tournaments. Then he will return to England for the British Open and will then again return to the Land of the Almighty Dollar. This is a very ambitious programme on the part of the "Manchester Giant"—altogether too ambitious, most people will think.

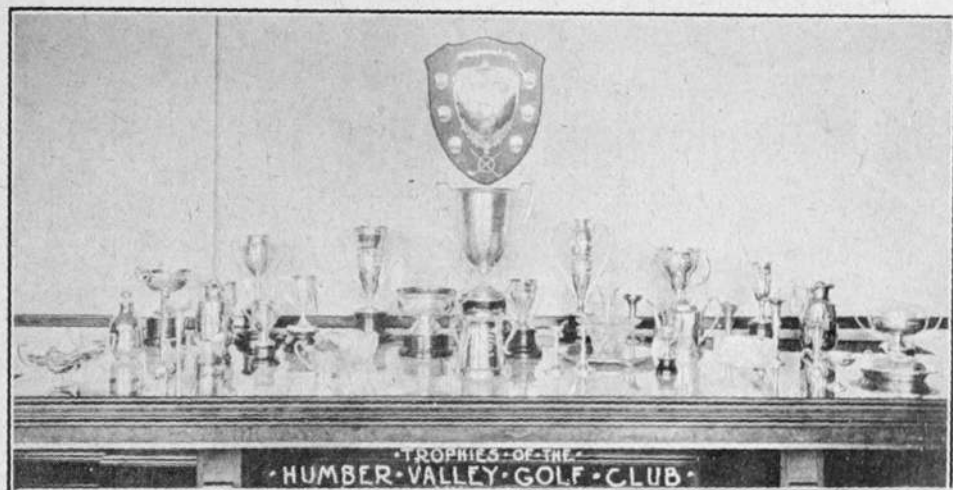
PLAYS HOST TO OVER TWO THOUSAND

Mr. Ralph Connable's Annual Meeting and Dance to the Members of the Humber Valley Golf Club Exceeds all Previous Efforts both from the Standpoint of Attendance and Enthusiasm

At the annual meeting and dance of the members of the Humber Valley and Glen Stewart Golf Courses at the King Edward Hotel in Toronto last month, Mr. Ralph Connable, "the Father of Public Golf in Ontario," played host to no fewer than two thousand and one hundred guests. And that easily constitutes a golfing

Club, presented his annual report, which covered every phase of the many activities of the past season. Herewith some extracts, well worth while reading and studying, showing what can be accomplished along Community Golfing lines:

"The fifth year of the operation of our Club has been in many respects our most suc-



A Few of the Many Beautiful Trophies won by the Members of Humber Valley During the 1925 Season.

record not only for Canada, but for the whole world. There is no such golfing event staged anywhere to equal these annual meetings of the members of Humber Valley. The King Edward Hotel was literally given over the night of November 20th to Mr. Connable's guests and for several hours they enjoyed themselves to their heart's content. It was a most inspiring gathering, which will long remain a fragrant memory with all those fortunate enough to participate.

At a wonderful private dinner given by Mr. Connable previous to the presentation of some three dozen magnificent silver cups and trophies in the Crystal Ball Room of the King Edward, to the Honorary Directors and several of the leading men of Toronto, Mr. C. E. Cowling, the very energetic and capable Secretary of the

successful year. The course was in constant use throughout the year and we probably hold the record for Canada as to the number of players over our course. We have had 600 players on the links on a single day during the summer season, 200 of whom played over the practice course, this indicating the need of additional playing space.

We had representatives in the following tournaments: Canadian Amateur Championship, Canadian Open, Ontario Open, Ontario Amateur, and the United States Public Golf Links Tournament held at Garden City, L. I.

The Humber Valley Golf Club conducted an invitation Public Links Tournament held at the club on June 4th and 5th, 1925. We had representatives from the Humber Valley Golf Club and Glen Stewart, the Chedoke Golf Club, of Hamilton, and the Thames Valley Golf Club, of London. The match was won by J. Fullerton, of the Chedoke Golf Club, of Hamilton; runner-up R. Bronsdon, of the Humber Valley Golf Club, and the third place was taken by S. Barrett, of the Thames Valley Golf Club, of London. This tournament was the first inter-club Public Links tournament ever held in Canada. The Humber Valley

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Golf Club in order to successfully inaugurate this Tournament, paid the expenses of the various out-of-town competitors. We also had strong teams in the Men's 'Mail and Empire' Trophy Competition and the Ladies' 'Mail and Empire' Trophy Competition.

In connection with the United States Public Links Competition, I might say that Mr. C. R. Blackburn, one of the older members of the Humber Valley Golf Club, had the third lowest qualifying score at the Public Links Tournament at Long Island, and on the second qualifying round, led the entire field of 126 players, drawn from all parts of the United States. Winner's score, 149; Blackburn, 151; Blackburn's score, second day, 73, par.

Our program of improvements for 1925 has been the most extensive that the club has put on any single year, since the first year of operation.

In the Fall of 1924 our President obtained leases on an additional 25 acres for the purpose of constructing the new practice course of nine holes. The undergrowth on this practice course was cleared out to a large extent in the Fall of 1924 and in March we proceeded to construct the new nine holes. This ground was in a very rough condition when we took it over and it is hardly creditable to see the splendid practice course of nine holes which exists on it to-day. We constructed nine holes average length 150 yards,

at a cost of \$1,000.00. In view of the fact that in other clubs the cost of construction of this class is at least \$500.00 per hole, we feel that we have reason to be proud of our work in this respect. This short course is of a very sporty character and will be by the middle of next season in as good shape as our Glen Stewart course for play.

The Humber Tennis Club was formed this year and has been most successfully inaugurated. We constructed two concrete Tennis Courts which are the last word in Tennis Court Construction. The Courts are constructed with a five inch concrete base and a four and one-half inch steel reinforced concrete top. These Courts are surrounded by a 20 foot screen and one inch mesh wire, and are lighted for night play; the Humber Tennis Club being the only Tennis Club in Canada with this style of night lighting, which permits play at any time of the night or day.

In this connection we might say that the lights were given free every evening and the privilege was certainly made use of. The Tennis Courts were constructed, graded, sodded, fenced and lighted and three weeks from the time that construction was started the Courts were officially opened for play.

The Tennis Club has a membership of 85 members and the members appear to be entirely satisfied with the accommodation afforded, as they suggest the construction of another Court and an increase in the fees from \$10.00 to \$15.00, guaranteeing an increase in their membership of 50 members.

In pursuance of the helpful policy of the Club the President decided that something should be done for the children of our neighbours. By the construction of our course we naturally took up a certain amount of vacant land that was formerly used to quite an extent by the neighborhood children. Our relations with our neighbours has at all times been most satisfactory and in order to express our appreciation of this and to do something for them, the President inaugurated two Playgrounds, one for the children of our neighbours and the other for the children of our members.

The Playground for the neighbourhood children was established north-west of the Tennis Courts and consists of a Chute, Slide, an eight unit See-saw, two swings and a large sand pile. The children have taken a great deal of pleasure out of the use of these Playgrounds, and it has been run with a minimum of supervision without the slightest friction whatever; the friendly effort of our neighbours has been most marked. We have at times as many as 60 children using the Playgrounds at one time.

The Playgrounds for our Members' children consists of sand pile, an eight-unit See-saw and two Swings. This has encouraged the members to bring their families to the Club and take their pleasure together. The Humber Valley Golf Club is a family Club and as such fills a wider function than the ordin-



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ary Club, at which the children of members are absolutely prohibited from coming.

The President's ideal for our Club House is to give our members equal accommodation and comfort with that of the members of clubs costing from \$75.00 to \$100.00 per year membership fees. We are rapidly approaching this ideal.

We constructed an addition to the Lounge Room at the restaurant and increasing the floor space of this room by 40 per cent, giving us increased Lounge Room space and increased space for the Luncheon Tables. This also affords us direct communication from the Lounge Room to the Men's Locker Room.

We purchased a new soft drink counter of the self serve type. The Restaurant did a splendid business in 1925, doing a gross business of some \$14,500.00, an increase of 50 per cent. over last year.

In this connection I might say that we made approximately 71,000 sales and in the busiest season of the summer we made an average of 600 sales per day. This means that on the peak day we probably made 1,200 sales. In one day we served 750 people with meals. With our modest equipment and small staff this represents a good deal of work.

The President has laid down a policy to give a meal not to cost over 35 cents and with the class of food that we serve this is quite a problem; however, we succeeded in doing it and making a good profit on our operation. We serve for 35 cents food that at any other golf club would cost all the way from 75 cents to \$1.50. The President's angriest moment at our Secretary was one day during the season, when he discovered that your Secretary had the temerity to put on a special luncheon at a price of 40 cents.

Mr. Ames having kindly consented to continue the use of his private course for the play of the members of the Glen Stewart Golf Club, we open on his grounds for our fifth season. The season has been most successful at Glen Stewart and our membership has increased over last year. As the Glen Stewart

Course is not available on Sundays, the President thought that it would be well to allow the play on the Humber Valley Golf Club of Glen Stewart members on all Saturday afternoon, Sundays and Holidays. This move was heartily appreciated by the members of Glen Stewart and the privilege of playing on the Humber Valley Course particularly on Sunday was taken advantage of to a very large degree."

Mr. J. C. Zoern presented the Financial Report, which was equally as interesting and satisfactory as the Secretary's. Both reports were heard with great satisfaction and unanimously adopted.

Of course Mr. Ralph Connable was re-elected as President and on motion of Mr. George S. Lyon was given a rousing vote of thanks for his wonderful work and generous financial support extended at all times. The old Board of Directors was also re-elected. Then came an adjournment to the Crystal Ball Room, where a large audience had gathered and where the presentation of prizes took place, as follows:

President's Cup, inter-club championship—Roy Bronsdon.

R. J. Copeland Cup, women's inter-club championship—Mrs. C. R. Blackburn.

R. Home Smith Cup, Humber Valley Championship—Roy Bronsdon.

George S. Lyon Trophy, Humber Valley women's championship—Mrs. R. Murdoch.

J. M. Godfrey Cup, Humber Valley men's handicap—D. W. Palmer.

Gen. J. A. Gunn Trophy, Humber Valley women's handicap—Mrs. W. F. Cumming.

J. C. Zoern Cup, century handicap—J. B. Andrews.

Haig Trophy, runner-up inter-club championship—A. Perkins.

Norman Tovell Prize, runner-up women's inter-club championship—Mrs. R. Murdoch.

United Typewriter Cup, runner-up Humber Valley Championship—Fred. Japp.

J. A. Harrison Trophy, runner-up Humber Valley women's championship—Mrs. C. R. Blackburn.

George Ross Trophy, runner-up Humber Valley Women's handicap—Mrs. W. J. Collins.

Ralph Reville Prize, runner-up, Humber Valley handicap—Roy Bronsdon.

Morris Cup, runner-up, Humber Valley century handicap—N. W. Blackstone.

Bowman Trophy, Humber Valley beginners—Mrs. Oliver.

R. Y. Eaton Shield—J. N. Boulter.

Two-ball foursome—James Hamilton, Jr. and J. N. Boulter.

Ames Cup, Glen Stewart Championship—N. L. Grant.

S. B. Gundy Trophy, runner-up Glen Stewart championship—G. Keeley.

J. J. Gibbons Cup, Glen Stewart handicap—W. E. Barnes.

N. L. Grant Cup, runner-up Glen Stewart handicap—A. W. Smith.

Fred. Ratcliff Trophy, Glen Stewart championship—Mrs. I. W. Booth.

James White Trophy, runner-up Glen Stewart championship—Miss Una Bell.

A. W. Smith Prize, Glen Stewart women's handicap—Miss B. Ferguson.

Runner-up Glen Stewart women's handicap—Miss M. B. Crawford.

Glen Stewart women's handicap, low gross score—Miss G. Durant.

Dobbs Trophy—George Keely.

C. H. Mitchell Consolation Prize—E. W. Wright.

P. F. Harman Cup—Glen Stewart ringer competition—Mr. Pollard.

Ryrie-Birks Trophy, medal competition—Dr. R. E. Davidson.

Glen Stewart Ladies' Consolation prize (donated by Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Booth)—Mrs. Failon; runner-up, Miss Chestnut.

Tennis Club—

Etobieoke Trophy, women's singles—Miss Estelle Milne.

Sunnyside Trophy, men's singles—A. T. Maher.

Mixed Doubles—Miss Estelle Milne and A. A. Hanham.

The following assisted in the presentation of the prizes: John S. Godfrey, K.C., R. J. Copeland, David Haig, J. C. Zoern, Chief Constable Samuel Dickson, Ralph H. Reville, J. H. Morris, Norman Grant, George H. Ross, Bert Applegath, A. G. Donaldson and C. E. Cowling. The guests of the evening included Controller W. D. Robbins and Alderman Luxton.

A short and snappy programme was brought to a conclusion by a typically bright address by Mr. Connable, who briefly reviewed the activities of the 1925 season. The President at the conclusion of his speech was cheered again and again, the whole assemblage rising to their feet and heartily singing, for "He's a Jolly Good Fellow"—which he is plus, and "then some."

During the evening the members nominated the various Committees for both Humber Valley and Glen Stewart for 1926. There was a very large number nominated for all the Committees.

A ballot also given to members, asked them to vote upon improvements for 1926, of which the construction of a well lighted cinder walk from the first green to the club house and the enlargement of the lounge room in the club house were deemed the most important. They were requested also to decide by vote if an unskilled player should be compelled to qualify on the nine hole practice course before being allowed to play on the eighteen-hole course on holidays and week ends.

The dance which followed, to the strains of Romanelli's Orchestra, was enjoyed until the early hours of the morning. So great was the throng that the Pompeian Room also had to be put into commission. Then the card rooms were also crowded to capacity. It was a "braw nicht" and it is doubtful if even the "King Edward" has previously witnessed its equal.

In his brief address at the presentation of prizes, Mr. Copnoble was able to announce that in the years to come the clubs will be easily self-supporting. He is retiring this month from the General Managership of Woolworth's Limited of Canada, and it is good news that he does not intend to return to the country of his birth, but will remain in Canada, having become a naturalized British subject. Canada could ill afford to lose great big-hearted and big-spirited men of the calibre of Mr. Connable, either in golfing, Rotarian or the other numerous circles of his un wonted activities.

CANADIAN LADIES' GOLF UNION

Mrs. Murray, President, and Mrs. M. K. Rowe Address Annual Meeting of the Women's Golf Association of Western New York

THE position that the Canadian Ladies' Golf Union occupies in the golfing world was indicated this month when Mrs. Leonard Murray and Mrs. M. K. Rowe, President and member of the Pars Committee of the C. L. G. U. respectively, attended the annual meeting of the Women's Golf Association of Western New York, which was held at the Buffalo Golf and Country Club. The Association is one of the largest in the United States, there being over 125 delegates present at the meeting, and the two local ladies gave addresses in which the work of the C. L. G. U. was outlined. Mrs. Murray spoke of the advantages of the ladies running their own competitions and the organization of the C. L. G. U., which is composed of various provincial

associations. Mrs. Rowe outlined the system of handicapping prevalent in Canada and also gave in detail the work of the Pars Committee.

The success that has been achieved in Canada made a great impression on the meeting, which was decidedly in favour of the ladies of the United States running their own Championships, and it is very probable that the next National Championship, which will be held at the Merion Cricket Club, Philadelphia, will be conducted by the ladies without any assistance. Mrs. A. R. Stern, of Rochester, was elected President; Mrs. M. L. R. Spaulding, of Buffalo, retiring after a two years' term of office. During their visit Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Rowe were the guests of Mrs. Spaulding.

OUR "HOLE-IN-ONE CLUB"

The Season of 1925 Witnesses 149 Players Finding "the Tin from the Tee"—
Eight Members of the Fair Sex Figure in the Roll of Honour,
and Ten Professionals

AND here are a few more "last minute Hole-in-Oners" who performed the stunt just in time to get in the 1925 awards.

Mr. R. E. Laidlaw, of the Canadian National Railways Legal Department, accomplished "the dream of all golfers" when he negotiated the 8th hole at Mississauga in one. Congratulations.

Mr. W. H. McLeod, of Swift Current, Sask., is another "immortal." Playing with Mr. Arthur Hall, the popular Secretary-Treasurer of the Elmwood Golf Club of that town, he holed out his tee shot at Elmwood's sporting second green, thereby earning enduring fame.

Mr. C. S. Battle is one of the best known golfers and golf executives in British Columbia. Playing with Messrs. G. Moore, J. R. Waghorn and W. B. Ferrie over the Shaughnessy Course, at Vancouver, he notched a one at the 120 yard 10th hole and received the hearty congratulations of his golfing friends.

Two previously unreported stunts from Lakeview, Toronto, were performed by Messrs. D. Coffey and J. McKenzie. They both chose the difficult little 17th hole at Lakeview to turn the trick. Rather an extraordinary incident was that playing with Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Coffey first performed the feat and then a few days later, Mr. McKenzie, who was going round with George Radmore, one of Arthur Russell's young professional assistants, emulated the example of his friend and also found the "tin from the tee" at the same hole.

This concludes the sad, sad story of another "one-shot season." A careful checking up of the performances in 1925 show that 149 Canadian golfers gained fame enduring. The total of "one shotters" by Provinces is as follows: Alberta, 13; British Columbia, 36; Manitoba, 20; New Brunswick, 3; Ontario, 53; Quebec, 13; Saskatchewan, 8, whilst three Canadian players chose courses outside of the Dominion to register the feat.

As befitting the "golffiest Province in the Dominion," Ontario once again leads the pack it will be seen, although British Columbia is again "knocking at the door" with but 13 performances behind her big golfing sister. The only Provinces not to report "Oneers" are Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia. Rather odd, but last year Nova Scotia had seven candidates. P. E. I. has never had a representative, but then there are only two courses on the Island and the law of average holds as true in golf as in everything else.

Eight ladies figure in the list this season, which is exactly the same number as in 1924. Here is the list of the fair performers:

Miss Edna Mooney, Edmonton Golf and Country Club; Miss Kate Devercaux, Victoria Golf Club; Mrs. R. Gelletly, Jericho Country Club, Vancouver; Mrs. Stephen Gray, Souris Golf Club, Manitoba; Mrs. Alex Rodger, Lambton Golf and Country Club, Toronto; Mrs. Gibb, Lambton Golf and Country Club, Toronto; Mrs. J. Ross Strang, Quebec Golf Club; Mrs. G. S. Lytle, Wilkie Golf Club, Saskatchewan.

For the first time the professionals loom quite large in the lists. Ten of them "turned the trick," viz.:

James Rimmer, Jasper Park Lodge Golf Links, Alberta; Phil Taylor, Victoria Golf Club; A. E. Macpherson, Brockville Golf and Country Club, Ontario; J. Roberts, Oshawa Golf Club; A. W. Lawrence, St. Francis Golf Club, Sherbrooke, Que.; Alf. Pilon, Thunder Bay Country Club, Port Arthur; Thos. Blair, Poonahmalee Golf Club, Smiths Falls, Ontario; Arthur Lindfield, Weston, Toronto; Willie Lamb, Toronto Golf Club; W. T. Brazier, Sault Ste. Marie Country Club.

To Brazier also belongs the honour of recording the longest "one shot" of the season, he having a Hole-in-One to his credit on the Sault Ste. Marie course, No. 3, which measures 305 yards.

The Victoria Golf Club, Victoria, B. C., produced more "one-shotters" than any Club in Canada. Seven members on the famous Oak Bay course pulled off the stunt. Tied for second place with five candidates are Shaughnessy Heights, Vancouver, and Point Grey, Vancouver. Then come Mississauga, Toronto, and Marine Drive, Vancouver, each with four performances.

On all the Toronto courses, there was a total of 25 "one-shotters." The Vancouver courses (with only one-fourth the number of clubs), produced 18, and

the Victoria courses 10. In 1924 the totals were: Toronto courses, 22; Vancouver 17 and Victoria 12.

The following is the complete 1925 list of Canadian "one-shotters" arranged by Provinces:

Alberta—Miss Edna Mooney, Edmonton Golf and Country Club; C. M. Macleod, Hanna Golf Club; W. J. Botterhill, Red Deer Golf Club; John Young, Calgary Municipal Club; L. Hutton, Calgary Golf and Country Club; W. S. Ball, Lethbridge Golf Club; R. Mottishaw, Regal Golf Club, Calgary; G. W. Foster (Bassano), Regal Golf Club, Calgary; James Rimmer, Jasper Park Lodge Links, Alexander Clifton (Wayne), Drumheller Golf Club; Dr. W. G. Paterson, Detroit, Banff Golf Club; J. W. McMartin, Calgary Golf and Country Club; J. Van Tighen, Strathmore Golf Club. Total, Province of Alberta, 13.

British Columbia—S. Rainford, Shaughnessy Heights, Vancouver; G. F. Donaldson, Shaughnessy Heights, Vancouver; G. V. J. Greenhill, Victoria Golf Club; Phil. Taylor, Victoria Golf Club; Miss Kate Devercaux, Victoria Golf Club; H. K. Balcombe, Point Grey Golf and Country Club, Vancouver; D. W. Grimmer, Point Grey, Vancouver; J. G. Somerville, (Nanaimo), Duncan Golf Club; A. W. Donaghy, Marine Drive Golf and Country Club, Vancouver; James Heuderson, Marine Drive Golf and Country Club, Vancouver; James Ralston, Marine Drive, Vancouver; J. W. Morris, Victoria Golf Club; N. H. Bain, Point Grey, Vancouver; Fred. A. Richardson, Marine Drive, Vancouver; George S. Dawson, Kamloops Golf Club; John Galt, Victoria Golf Club; Dr. J. S. Bricker, Vancouver Golf and Country Club; Dr. J. E. Gray, Vancouver Golf and Country Club; Charles Quinn, Kelowna Golf Club; Greville Seon, Jr., Kelowna Golf Club; H. P. Hodges (Victoria), Kamloops Golf Club; J. R. Kingham, Colwood Golf Club, Victoria; Tom Cunningham, Nanaimo Golf Club; J. D. Fraser, Shaughnessy Heights, Vancouver; R. B. Parkes, Shaughnessy Heights, Vancouver. Louis York, Victoria Golf Club; B. Townsend (Nelson), Rossland Trail Country Club; Dr. J. McNichol, Point Grey, Vancouver; Iden Champion (Brantford), Jericho Country Club, Vancouver; W. M. Bone, Point Grey, Vancouver; L. W. Slade, Colwood Golf Club, Victoria; H. J. Crane, Victoria Golf Club; R. C. Playfair, Uplands Golf Club, Victoria; H. T. Reed, Cowichan Golf Club, Duncan; Mrs. R. Gelletly, Jericho Country Club, Vancouver; C. S. Battle, Shaughnessy Heights, Vancouver. Total, Province of British Columbia, 36.

Manitoba—F. J. Dixon, Kildonan Municipal Course, Winnipeg; A. D. Davies, Brandon Golf Club; R. Dobell, Pine Ridge, Winnipeg; Mrs. Stephen Gray, Souris Golf Club; B. C. Tennant, Brandon City Golf Course; H. A. McMahon, Assiniboine Golf Club, Winnipeg; A. J. Stevenson, Winnipeg Golf Club; O.



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New Brunswick—J. W. Fraser, Riverdale Golf Club, Moncton; G. Y. Jones, Woodstock; W. M. Ferguson, Restigouche Country Club, Campbellton. Total, Province of New Brunswick, 3.

Ontario—C. M. Humphrey, Thornhill Golf Club, Toronto; Ralph C. Ripley, Hamilton Golf and Country Club; Alex. Smith, Thornhill Golf Club, Toronto; D. G. Smith, Scarborough Golf Club, Toronto; John F. Moran, Ottawa Hunt and Golf Club; Dr. A. E. Wesels, Weston, Toronto; A. F. Macpherson, Brockville Golf and Country Club; Angus Dunbar, Guelph Country Club; C. H. Peaker, Bayview Golf and Country Club, Toronto; D. McLennan, Brantford Golf and Country Club; H. Duncan, Oshawa Golf Club; Dr. Adams,

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son's Point; K. C. Freeman (Toronto), The Briars, Jackson's Point; Errol Kerr (New York), The Briars, Jackson's Point; Alex. Fraser, Essex County Golf and Country Club, Windsor; Wm. Devine, Chaudiere Golf Club, Ottawa; E. H. Hartney, Brockville Country Club; W. T. Brazier, Sault Ste. Marie Country Club; F. S. Coate, Rosseau; Stuart Brown (Oakville), Summit Golf Club, Toronto; Judge O'Reilly, Cornwall Golf Club; John H. Meilke, Ottawa Hunt and Golf Club; R. E. Laidlaw, Mississauga Golf Club, Toronto; D. Coffey, Lakeview Golf Club, Toronto; J. McKenzie, Lakeview, Toronto. Total, Province of Ontario, 53.

Quebec—Harrison B. Young, Beaconsfield, Montreal; J. S. MacNeish, Country Club, Montreal; A. W. Lawrence, St. Francis Golf Club, Sherbrooke; Grant Hall, Mount Bruno Country Club, Montreal; W. D. Fowler, Beaconsfield Golf Club, Montreal; R. J. Healey, Windsor Mills Golf Club; W. H. Wilson (Montreal), Murray Bay Golf Club; C. E. Dalziel, Grand'Mere Golf Club; Mrs. J. Ross Strang, Quebec Golf Club; P. M. Poaps, Staustead Golf Club; Conrad E. Lamontagne (Rosemount), Royal Montreal Golf Club; K. C. Berwick, Beaconsfield, Montreal; B. C. Gardner (St. John, Newfoundland), Royal Montreal Golf Club. Total, Province of Quebec, 13.

Saskatchewan—W. R. Mitchell, Elmwood Golf Club, Swift Current; James Kennedy, Moose Jaw Golf Club; Mrs. G. S. Lytle, Wilkie Golf Club; W. J. Garland, Regina Golf Club; Frank T. Parker, Regina Golf

Club; N. A. North (Dauphin, Man.), Saskatoon Golf Club; R. Dill, Saskatoon Golf Club; W. H. McLeod, Swift Current Golf Club. Total, Province of Saskatchewan, 8.

By Canadian golfers on courses outside of Canada—C. O. Clark, of Montreal, at Belmont Manor, Bermuda; D. W. Partridge, of Montreal, at Lake Placid; Alfred C. Bethune, Ottawa, at Lake Placid. Total outside of Canada, 3.

Grand total, 149.

To these one hundred and forty-nine players who have beaten "par" and "birdies" and "eagles" and attained the greatest ambition of all golfers—to find "the tin from the tee," the Editor extends personal congratulations, accompanied by all good wishes for a Jolly Xmas and a Happy, Bright New Year. But please, oh please, don't "repeat" in 1926.

Although this total of "one-shots" in Canada is rather a formidable one, it pales into insignificance with similar performances in the States. The Burke Golf Co., of Newark, Ohio, following the example of the "Canadian Golfer" instituted a couple of years ago, a "Hole-in-One Club," and the Manager writes the "C. G." that he expects to enroll 2,500 members this year!



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Identifying Turf Grasses

CAN you recognize all the common grasses that may be found in golf turf? No doubt you are familiar with those growing on your own course. Still if one or two new species appear, how will you know them?

There are some thousand of species of grass found in all parts of the world, each varying from the others by differences in structure, habits of growth and so on. The work of cataloguing these and recording their characteristics goes by the name of systematic botany and as a result of the findings of generations of men of science, we have today an impressive mass of information. Be it noted, however, that the great percentage of these species are of interest only to collectors and that really only a comparative few have what we might call economic importance. The work of observing the characteristics of plants with regard to their adaptability to the uses of man is economic botany. Now every golf turf enthusiast should be an economic botanist, in part, anyway, in order that he might be familiar with the adaptability of species to conditions of location, climate, soil type, management, and so on.

Getting back to the subject of identification of species, we find that botanists base their findings chiefly upon the flower characteristics. To follow the technical descriptions given in the various flora manuals requires considerable knowledge of botanical terms and of the structure of flowers. In greenkeeping practice this does not help since material under consideration seldom, if ever, reaches the flowering stage. So that fact saves the would-be greenkeeper botanist the trouble of learning a great many abstruse technical terms and of applying them to plant structures. On the other hand, if the consideration of the flower is discarded, there are still a number of distinctive features about the leaves, stems and roots that can be used as factors of identification, not so exact or as systematic, but sufficient, for recognizing the species in turf use and can be used with-

out much difficulty if one becomes familiar with a few terms, acquires a small lens and learns to read the following key. The key is a modified form, including the common north-occurring grasses taken from Lyman Carrier's work in U. S. Bulletin No. 461.

First, it is necessary to learn the correct names of the different parts of the plant structure. Beginning at the base we find in the ground commonly two kinds of roots, the usual fibrous systems, and in some cases creeping or running roots, spoken of as root stocks. In the correct sense, the latter are underground stems and are used to produce new shoots and not to feed the plant. Above ground is the stem or culm, rising upright in most species, but in others reclining or flat upon the earth. If these prostrate stems produce roots at their joints they are known as "stolons." The stem bears the leaves and flowers, even the underground stems, root stocks, have rudimentary ones—"scales." Leaves borne above ground have two principal parts, the blade which is the easily distinguished portion and the sheath or lower portion, which is wrapped around the stem. The leaf originate from a joint or node in the stem, but the sheath may be so long that it appears to be attached much farther up. The juncture of the blade and sheath is termed the collar and is a widely differing feature in the various grasses. Within the collar may be found a thin membrane or fringe of hairs. If present, this is called the "ligule." If long and pointed, the ligule is acute; when cut off, it is truncate. In some cases the collar has appendages or continuations at either margin; these are auricles. If ligule, auricle or any other organism is absent, it is botanically spoken of as wanting. The prominent lines usually seen on the blade of a leaf are nerves, the centre one being the midnerve and the others laterals. The edge of the leaf is known as the margin. With these few explanations and a little study, one can soon master the key. It is well first to take a grass that is familiar and work it out and so

get acquainted with the method of following through the successive stages. As before mentioned, the vegetative characters are not as definite a means to identify as a study of the

flower, but they have been found of great use in turf work where examination of the flower is not possible.

Analytical Key to Grass Seedlings

Group 1. Leaves folded in the bud; shoot apparently flattened.

A. Auricles narrow and clawlike, clasping the stem more or less, Perennial Rye Grass (*Lolium perenne* L.)

AA. Auricles wanting, or at least not narrow and clawlike; B. Collar hairy; C. Leaves less than one-fourth inch wide, Poverty Grass (*Dantonina spicata* (L.) Beauv.).

CC. Leaves one-fourth inch wide; D. Collar divided by midnerve, Broom Sedge (*Andropogon virginicus* L.)

DD. Collar not divided by midnerve, Yard Grass (*Sleusine indica* Gaertn.)

BB. Collar not hairy; C. Sheaths below ground, bright yellow, Crested Dogstail Grass (*Cynosurus cristatus* L.)

CC. Sheaths below ground not yellow; D. blades narrow and bristle-like, but with prominent veins on upper surface; E. Rootstalks wanting, plant growing in dense turf, Sheep's Fescue (*Festuca ovina* L.)

EE. Rootstalks present, plant creeping, forming even turf, Red Fescue (*Festuca rubra* L.)

DD. Blades flat, nerves not prominent; E. Blades broad, without white lines along midnerve by transmitted light; tip taper pointed, Orchard Grass (*Dactylis glomerata* L.)

EE. Blades narrow with a white line on each side of midnerve, the leaf being held up to the light and examined with a lens; tip of blade abrupt, boat-shaped; F. Rootstalks usually wanting; G. Nodes and sheath deep purple, Wood Meadow Grass (*Poa nemoralis* L.)

GG. Nodes and sheath not colored, leaves very soft, Annual Blue Grass (*Poa annua* L.)

FF. Rootstalks present; G. Herbage pale, bluish green, Canada Blue Grass (*Poa compressa* L.)

GG. Herbage dark green; H. Ligule short truncate, stems smooth, Kentucky Blue Grass (*Poa pratensis* L.)

HH. Ligule long acute, sheaths rough, Rough-stalked Meadow Grass (*Poa trivialis* L.)

Group 2. Leaves rolled in the bud, shoot apparently cylindrical.

A. Auricles narrow and clawlike; B. sheaths reddish below ground, blades shining beneath; C. Leaf margin smooth, Italian Rye Grass (*Lolium multiflorum* Lam.)

CC. Leaf margins rough, Meadow Fescue (*Festuca elatior* L.)

BB. Sheaths not reddish; C. Rootstalks present, Couch Grass (*Agropyron repens* (L.) Beauv.)

CC. Rootstalks wanting; D. Hairs on sheaths pointing downward, Virginia Wild Rye (*Elymus virginicus* L.)

DD. Hairs on sheaths pointing upwards, Slender Wild Rye (*Elymus striatus* Willd.)

AA. Auricles wanting or at least not clawlike; B. Sheaths not laterally compressed;

C. Collar or sheath hairy; D. Sheaths not hairy, Sweet Vernal Grass (*Anthoxanthum odoratum* L.)

DD. Sheaths hairy; E. Collar not hairy, Soft Chess (*Bromus hordeaceus* L.)

EE. Collar hairy; F. Rootstalks present, Switch Grass (*Panicum virgatum* L.)

FF. Rootstalks not present, Downy Brome Grass (*Bromus tectorum* L.)

CC. Collar and sheath not hairy; D. Rootstalks or stolons present; E. Sheaths dark violet below ground, Meadow Foxtail (*Alopecurus pratensis* L.)

EE. Sheaths pale below ground; F. Rootstalks more than one-eighth inch in diameter, Reed Canary Grass (*Phalaris arundinacea* L.)

FF. Rootstalks less than one-eighth inch in diameter; G. Leaves one-fourth inch wide, Redtop (*Agrostis stolonifera* L. Var. Major).

GG. Leaves one-eighth inch wide, Creeping Bent (*Agrostis stolonifera* L. Var. Compactes.)

DD. Rootstalks and stolons not present; E. Sheaths white with pink nerves, Chess (*Bromus secatinus* L.)

EE. Sheaths without pink nerves; F. Margins or blades rough, Timothy (*Phleum pratense* L.)

FF. Margins of blades smooth, Tall Oat Grass, Arrhenatherum elatius L. Beauv.)

BB. Sheaths laterally compressed; C. Collar and sheath not hairy; rootstalks or stolons not present; D. Ligule wanting, Barnyard Grass (*Echinochloa crusgallia* L. Beauv.)

DD. Ligule present; E. Ligule membranous, Sudan Grass (*Sorghum sudanensis* L.)

EE. Ligule fringe of hairs; F. Blades hairy above, Yellow Foxtail (*Setaria glauca* (L.) Beauv.)

FF. Blades not hairy, Spreading Witch Grass (*Panicum dichotomeflorum* Michx.)

CC. Collar or sheath hairy, either or both. D. Ligule membranous; E. Sheaths white with pink nerves, ligule toothed on margin, Velvet Grass (*Holcus lanatus* L.)

EE. Sheaths pale without pink nerves, stolons present, Crab Grass (*Digitaria sanguinalis* L. Scop.)

DD. Ligule a fringe of hairs, sheath hairy; E. Collar hairy on the back, False Redtop (*Tridens flavus* L. Hitchc.)

EE. Collar not hairy on the back, Green Foxtail (*Setaria viridis* L. Beauv.)

Ant Destroyers

Ants have sometimes the habit of making themselves decidedly obnoxious through their activities on the Putting Green. In sandy sections they can play havoc on an otherwise perfectly satisfactory Green by throwing up little cones of sand that not only injure the grass but make a larger obstacle to putt over or around than the average wormcast. To treat with carbon bisulphide has long been advocated and if the nests are not too numerous, is quite satisfactory. The treatment consists of placing a few drops of the liquid in the opening and the chemical will quickly turn into a gas and flow down through the galleries. It is applied through a funnel or by an oil can so that none will be spilt on the surrounding grass, it being decidedly poisonous to vegetation. This is a very slow business and where the Greens are badly infested and the neighboring soil also, there is the continual possibility of migrations and the work must be gone over again.

As a result of some experimental work in poisoning ants this past summer, the following formula suggested by Professor Caesar, have been fairly successful.

Formula 1. Sugar, 1 lb.; water, 1 qt.; Arsenate of Soda, 125 grams; Honey, 1 table-spoonful.

Boil the first three until the arsenate of soda is thoroughly dissolved and then add the honey. This syrup is placed on small pieces of sponge or excelsior and put in tin cans, with holes in one end large enough to admit ants. This is a precaution against injury to children, cats, dogs, etc. These cans are left lying around where the ants are numerous and may be moved from place to place without much trouble. This remedy killed quantities of ants, but since the tin cans, in most cases, had holes all around, a great deal of poison was washed away during the rainy season. Having the openings in one end only will offset this.

Formula 2. Tartar emetic, $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon; honey, 1 table-spoonful.

A couple of drops (not more), of this mixture may be placed on the ground near the ant colonies. This remedy can be used only when there are plenty of flowers in bloom, otherwise it may attract and injure the bees.

Poisoning Weeds

H. J. Walker, Greenkeeper, Beachgrove Country Club, states: "I have had splendid results in treating dandelions and plantain with sulphuric acid. By using this method, which is quicker, easier and more effective than spudding, the surface of the green is not injured the way it would be when the weed is pulled out, leaving not only a bare space, but a likely spot for more weeds to appear."

The sulphuric acid treatment is simple and easy to apply. Equipment required, a glass dish or tumbler with a wide base so that it will not easily tip, a wide board on which to place it, a sharp pointed stick and commercial strength sulphuric acid. The acid will kill all vegetation so the glass jar is placed on the board to prevent any slopping over and reaching the grass.

Method of application—Dip the stick into the acid and then pierce the crown of the

weed. The small amount of acid adhering to the prod will be sufficient to kill the plant. In a short while, the leaves will turn color and the weed will die without leaving a gaping wound in the turf. Gasoline and kerosene will do the same damage and for such applications there are on the market devices with a hypodermic needle attachment that will pierce the crown and leave just a drop of oil. The result is similar.

For the wholesale destruction of these weeds it is advisable to spray with iron sulphate $1\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. to each gallon of water. This is applied in a fine mist by means of a high pressure sprayer, giving two or three treatments two weeks apart. One unfavourable result is that it turns the turf black and it will take a good part of the season to bring it back, but it is quite effective as a weed killer.

Winter Work

Where labour is employed between seasons, the work is principally going over the machinery and equipment, repairing and painting, in order that everything is ready for the opening of the course in the Spring. This is good economy on a full sized course where the membership is large and considerable equipment is maintained.

Another important bit of work that fits in to this time of the year is the heavy carting and hauling that of necessity must cross fairways. Replenishing the sand in bunkers,

bringing timber out of the bush or any like work can be done with impunity when the ground is frozen without fear of marring the turf. It is a common practise among those who systematically topdress fairways to leave this operation until the freezeup, when the loaded manure spreaders can do no damage and since the course is clear, the coarser compost can be used.

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MacFarlane in First Place, Hagen is Relegated to Fourth Position and Diegel Canadian Open Champion, is Placed Fifth

(W. Everett Hicks, Golf Editor, "Brooklyn Times").

Player	District	Chief Feat.	Rank					
			1925	1924	1923	1922	1921	1920
W. MacFarlane	Met.	U. S. Open	1	..	..	..	..	7
Mac Smith	Met.	Western Open	2	6	10	..	..	..
J. Barnes	Met.	Brit. Open	3	4	3	3	2	3
W. Hagen	Fla.	U. S. Pro.	4	1	2	1	3	2
L. Diegel	Met.	Can. Open	5	3	..	8	..	8
W. Mehlhorn	Chicago	Pro. run-up	6	5	..	..	..	..
G. Sarazen	Met.	Met. Open	7	..	1	2	..	..
J. Turnesa	Met.	Pa. Open	8	..	..	..	..	..
M. Brady	Met.	Westch'ter Op.	9	7	..	1	..	..
C. Hackney	N. J.	N. J. Open	10	..	4	..	..	5

IN no year has it been harder than in this to select the United States golf professional best entitled to premier ranking on the play of the season. This is owing to the fact that two have captured foreign titles while another, Macdonald Smith, led the field in the British Open at the end of 54 holes by a large margin and has claimed that he was defeated because of the unruliness of the crowd. No year in the entire history of American golf has shown five players with such strong claims to being No. 1 among the season's best 10 pros. These five candidates for the honour of leading the list and their season's triumphs are as follows:

Willie MacFarlane, U. S. Open and Shawnee Open; Macdonald Smith, California Open, North and South Open, Western Open, Long Island Open and third low in British Open; J. M. Barnes, British Open; Walter Hagen, U. S. professional; Leo Diegel, Canadian Open (second consecutive time), Middle Atlantic Open.

We have always had a weakness for the chap who travels thousands of miles across the sea and battles against the cream of the invaded country, and when such a struggle involves the championship of the British Isles where the game had its origin and where most of the great names in the sport have been developed, it is hard to pass over the winner and place him lower than No. 1.

But in general competitions that was the only achievement to Barnes' credit, whereas MacFarlane won the Shawnee

open tournament in which many of the leading pros of the country were entered. It is true that in a special 72-hole match late in the season Barnes defeated MacFarlane by the large margin of 12 and 11, but speak of that to any big pro as affecting the season's values and he will reply: "That doesn't count, for it was an outside affair." We recall also that in 1921 after Barnes had won the U. S. open and Jock Hutchison the British open, they met in a 36-hole match at Sound View, Great Neck, in the first of what have been called the unofficial world championship. In this Barnes won by the comfortable margin of 5 and 4. Still at the close of the season we gave first place to Hutch and second to Barnes.

Going on that basis now the defeat of MacFarlane by Barnes would not affect his rating as No. 1, especially since to win the U. S. open Willie had to beat Bobby Jones, one of the world's greatest players. It isn't as if Jones had suddenly come to the front like Cruickshank in 1923 and Cyril Walker in 1924. Jones had the second low in the 1922 open, was the winner in 1923, was second low again in 1924, and in addition had won the national amateur championship last year, repeating this season. Such a string of achievements in the U. S. open has not been registered by any other player, amateur or pro., in the last twenty years, or since the late Willie Anderson won his third consecutive open title at Myopia. To defeat such a player after a double tie showed MacFarlane's nerve as well as skill.

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Giving to MacFarlane precedence over Barnes for first place by no means assures second rank for Jim, as it is difficult to see how he can wrest that honour from Macdonald Smith, despite the fact that the latter won no national title during the summer, his nearest approach to that distinction being his North and South victory at Pinehurst the first week in April. It is true that Smith was in the wake of Barnes in the British open, but only by three strokes, his failure to win bringing out accusations from prominent British pros. that the crowd had made it almost impossible for Smith to play his best golf.

Smith and Barnes did not play at Shawnee, or in the Metropolitan open, and Barnes did not compete in the Western Open. But the two did play in the North and South, the U. S. and the British open championship. Their totals in those events may furnish a clue for rating them. They scored thus:

	Smith	Barnes
North and South	281	306
American	299	306
British	303	300
Total	883	913

Average	294.3	304.3
Average per round	73.57	76.07

The fact that Smith led Barnes in the totals of these three events has made a number of pros. feel he ought to rank ahead of Jim, since the winning of the British open is not so great a thing as it used to be, even the English and Scotch admitting that since the war the scepter of supremacy has passed to America. Smith's great steadiness of play also is to be noted. He won the North and South, Western and Long Island open titles with the identical score, 281, or an average per round of 70.25, rather speedy going even in these days of the fast ball.

In the Western open Smith led the field by six strokes. Stepping from that into the Long Island championship at Salisbury the next week, Smith ran away with that also, the second man, Sarazen, being 10 strokes back. Diegel did not enter. In view of such a season's record, we confess an inability to see why he should be outranked by Barnes and feel that such a string of performances should be rewarded

with second place, with Barnes at No. 3.

Now comes the delicate task of choosing between Diegel and Hagen for fourth position. Walter annexed the national professional title at Olympia Fields, Chicago, but the field there lacked three stars of the first magnitude—Barnes, MacFarlane and Smith.

Hagen there defeated Diegel, but he had to go to the 40th hole to do it, so that the victory is not so much to boast of after all.

Against this defeat Diegel can put his victory in the Canadian open, where he led Hagen by six strokes and where one of the greatest fields of the year competed. Leo's triumph at Toronto being in a sense in a foreign country, he would seem to be entitled to more credit than if the title play had been at home. In addition his victory was the second consecutive one in the Dominion and the fact must have weight in estimating its value.

Diegel in October won also the Middle Atlantic open championship, defeating such players as Cyril Walker (1924 U. S. open champion), W. J. Klein and Joe Turnesa, with the margin of 11 strokes over the second man.

But with all these concessions to

Diegel's fine work, however, there is no gainsaying the fact that golfers of prominence, both amateur and pro., will say that the grind of a week's match play like that of Hagen in the P. G. A. championship is a far harder test than 72 holes of medal play which is over in two days, especially when in the final one's opponent is even par in the morning round and is one under par going out in the afternoon. In the morning round Hagen was 67, but Mehlhorn was 70. Diegel and Hagen competed in four big medal play events, extending from April to August, and singularly enough they tied in totals as follows:

	Winner's		
	Hagen.	Diegel.	Score
North and South	289	292	281
U. S. Open	293	296	291
Western Open	287	287	281
Canadian Open	301	295	295
Totals.....	1,170	1,170	1,148

Their equality in medal play thus being shown, one may be pardoned for falling back on match play as the decisive factor and by that deciding that Hagen is entitled to fourth place with Diegel ensconced at No. 5. Even that rating is the worst Walter has had since 1919.

"CANADIAN GOLFER" BOOK REVIEWS

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"Locker Room Ballads," (S. B. Gundy, Publisher, Toronto), is a charming collection of golf poems by Mr. W. Hastings Webbing. Both pathos and humour abound in this sparkling compilation, which makes for an ideal Xmas present to a golfer. The price of this artistically bound volume is \$1.00.

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"The Power and the Glory" (The Copp Co., Limited, Toronto, Publishers \$2.00), is a remarkably fine romantic production from the master pen of Sir Gilbert Parker, foremost of modern day authors. There is no more picturesque figure in the early settlement of the Americas than Robert Cavalier, Sieur de La Salle, and he provides the central figure for Sir Gilbert to weave a fascinating romance around the early days of Old Quebec and the Court of Louis Quatorze. Gallant La Salle lives again in the Power and the Glory—lives and breathes throughout a series of masterly and historic sketches. Sir Gilbert Parker is at his best in this fascinating, romantic and historic novel.

"Brains, Limited" (Thomas Allen, Publisher, Toronto, \$1.75), is the rather extraordinary title of quite an extraordinary story by Archie P. McKishmie. The whole book fairly teems with excitement and thrilling situation is piled upon thrilling situa-

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Royal and Ancient is Circularizing Clubs in Great Britain in Reference to Forming a Green Section

DETAILS of a notable scheme in connection with golf course upkeep—one of the most difficult and costly phases of the pastime—are better circulated among golf clubs by the governing body of the game, the Royal and Ancient Club of St. Andrews.

The body has secured the services, given in an honorary capacity, of a scientific advisory green committee, consisting of six of the best known experts in the country, to help golf clubs in matters relating to grasses, manures, the eradication of weeds and pests, and course maintenance in general.

In its first report, dealing with experimental and research work, the Committee recommends the making of a botanical survey of certain groups of courses—Scottish seaside, English seaside, and inland. For this purpose it will be necessary to employ a specialist in grass and herbage problems for at least two months.

Permanent experimental grounds on two courses—St. Andrews and a Lon-

don course—are proposed, and it is considered that a permanent wholetime official, of full scientific training, will be necessary to supervise and control the experiments. The salary suggested is £300 a year, and it is estimated that the total cost of carrying out the scheme will be £1,250 a year.

The honorary Advisory Committee consists of Sir Robert B. Creig, Chairman, Board of Agriculture for Scotland; Sir Daniel Hall, chief scientific adviser, Ministry of Agriculture; Sir John Russell, director, Rothamsted Experimental Station; Professor R. A. Berry, professor of agricultural chemistry, West of Scotland Agricultural College; Professor R. G. Stapledon, professor of agricultural botany, University College of Wales, and A. D. Imms, chief entomologist, Rothamsted Experimental Station.

Henry Gullen, Secretary of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, has been appointed Secretary of the Committee.

CORRECTING COMMON FAULTS

From One of the Interesting Chapters by "Jim" Barnes, in His Great Book, "A Guide to Good Golf"

OF all the troubles in golf, slicing or causing the ball to curve off the line to the right is by far the most common. Few are the players who have not at some time or other experienced the sickly feeling of seeing the ball sail out straight for the objective only to develop a wild curve to the right and come down in the rough, or possibly out of bounds. Yet it is rare indeed that the good player slices a shot, unless he does so intentionally to meet the peculiar conditions required by the shot.

To get at the trouble of slicing, let it first be said that the immediate cause is drawing the face of the club inward across the ball just as the impact takes place. This drawing causes the ball to take a side spin toward the right, the same as a baseball pitcher imparts to a

ball in throwing a curve, and the ball curves off the line.

There are numerous things that the player may do wrongly to cause him to draw the face of the club across the ball. He may even be guilty of doing more than one of these on the same shot. Common faults on the backswing are starting with a wrong grip, swaying the body, lifting the club too much with the right hand, throwing the arms away from the body and so on. On the downswing he may be guilty of drawing the left arm across the body, allowing it to bend at the elbow, falling back on the right foot, turning the body around toward the left too fast for the arms, and so on.

Taking up the backswing first, a faulty grip may mean placing hands on the club wrongly, too much over



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toward the left, for example, and again it may be due to the tensivity with which the grip is applied. If the trouble comes from swaying the body, he is moving his head, due in most cases to not pivoting correctly. Lifting the club up too abruptly from the ball is the result of allowing the right hand to take too big a part in getting the club to the top position instead of making the left hand and arm guide it back and up. Getting the arms too far out from the body comes from carrying the hands too straight back, and failing to bring them enough around the body, and is a common result from failure to pivot properly.

As was pointed out in the discussion of grips, the player can gauge the position for his hands by making certain that the "V" between the thumb and forefinger of his left hand points to the right shoulder. The position of the right should be regulated on this. If trouble is resulting from improper

tensivity in the grip, more than likely the club is being held too tightly with the right hand. To grip too tightly with this hand, means destroying the flexibility in the wrist needed to snap or throw the clubhead forward as it nears the ball. Loosening up the grip here will frequently help to cure a slice.

Lack of proper pivoting, which is liable to mean swaying and bad balance at the top of the swing is one of the commonest causes for slicing. The player fails to turn his body enough at the hips, and then to get the club back he leans toward the right, thus throwing the swing out of poise, and leaving himself out of balance at the top of the swing. Such faulty movements as these often lead to taking the arms back too far from the body, as remarked above. Of course, the remedy is to check up the pivot. I can not do better than to recommend that the reader go back and study closely the discussion of this sub-

ject in the chapter on Balance and the Pivot.

The body must turn around to where the arms can be started down smoothly and steadily with the body, shoulders and arms working easily together. There must be an easy freedom in the movement of the arms, and the shoulders must be free from any tenseness. As the arms are brought down and through, the body must turn readily with it, free from any tendency to push around behind the arms, and yet not allowed to lag or retard the movement of the arms.

This matter of failure to pivot properly is also the direct cause of the trouble where the body starts turning to the left on the downswing too fast for the arms. The body is not turned enough to the right, so that it is ahead of the arms, one might say, as the club reaches the top of the backswing. Since it starts to move as the hands and arms do, it stays ahead of them on the way down. So, being ahead of its proper position with reference to the arms, the turning around toward the left causes the hands to be drawn inward across the ball.

When, as a result of not pivoting correctly, the player sways to the right, it very frequently happens in the downstroke he keeps the weight too much on the right foot instead of allowing it to follow around with the sweep of the arms. This is the situation where a player is seen pulling his left leg back from the ball as he hits through, and of course it causes him to pull his hands in and thus draw the face of the club across the ball. The weight must be allowed to follow with the swing. I have known players troubled in this way to be benefited by the simple advice to keep more weight on the left foot at the top of the swing. Correct pivoting will cause this to take place, of course, but that may be an easier way to convey the idea to some.

Possibly the reader, if he has been troubled with slicing, has been told that taking the clubhead back outside the line of flight may probably be causing his trouble. This is what I had reference to in speaking of getting the

arms too far out from the body, by carrying the hands too straight back on the backswing. The remedy for this fault is to swing the club more around the body. See to it that the right arm remains rather close to the side, with the elbow pointing obliquely down to the ground, no more than six or seven inches out. Where this is done there will be no trouble from taking the clubhead back outside the line of flight.

One other little suggestion with reference to the location of the ball may prove helpful. Slicing is sometimes partly due to the player's standing so that the ball is too far forward toward the left foot. Try playing it back two, three or four inches. Likewise a square stance may help, especially if the player has been pulling the left foot back.

It must be plain from the foregoing that it is quite difficult to suggest off-hand just what may be causing a player to slice without an opportunity to watch him hit a few shots. I have tried to go over pretty well the causes most commonly encountered, and to explain how they can be removed. About the best the player can do from written instruction and advice is to study carefully the several cases outlined, and to then determine which one or more is at fault in his case.

I might add that after all that has been said about the mechanical faults is given due consideration, it will be well to remember that very frequently a lot can be done to correct most of the troubles of the game by following the old standbys of keeping the head down, taking the club back slowly and hitting through after the ball. See that the muscles are relaxed in starting the swing, and try to keep them that way right along through the swing. Anxiety to hit the ball too hard, and a consequent tightening up of the muscles, lurching and throwing the body off balance account for lots of golf troubles.

HOOING.

Hooking, or causing the ball to curve off the line to the left is caused by the right hand being used too strongly in proportion to the left, with the result

that the face of the club is being turned in as the ball is struck, and the head of the club is prevented from following out in the line after the ball. The flat swing, where the club is taken around the body too low has a tendency to cause a hook. Also getting the right hand too much under the shaft of the club is a common cause. Both of these leave the hands in such position at the top of the backswing that it is next to impossible to swing the club head through without turning it over too much. In each case they mean that the right hand is quite dominating the stroke.

A looser grip of the right hand, the hand more on top of the shaft and a somewhat more upright swing are the remedies to be applied. Use the right hand only lightly, and try to acquire a feeling of making the swing almost entirely with the left hand and arm, especially on the downswing and follow through. At the same time make sure of a secure grip with the left hand, and in taking the club back, try to cultivate a feeling of a kind of bearing down effort with the left hand and arm.

Also guard against letting the right arm get too far out from the side at the top of the backswing. Where the elbow is allowed to get out to where the arm is almost horizontal at the top of the swing, there is too strong a chance to whip the right arm through with a lot of power so that it takes full control of the stroke.

Shifts in stance and the location of the ball may also prove helpful. Moving the ball further forward toward the left foot is the proper thing as to changing location, and opening the stance, or drawing the left foot further from the line of play is a move in the right direction in placing the feet.

TOPPING.

Topping, or hitting the ball too far up so that it does not rise properly in flight is, next to slicing, one of the most common faults. It is especially prevalent among players of the poorer class. As a general rule it comes from lifting the head, lifting the left shoulder or straightening the left leg on the backswing or from raising the head too



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soon, lifting the right shoulder or straightening the right leg on the down stroke.

If the player who is troubled with topping will check up or have someone else watch his play, he will soon discover which of the foregoing is causing his trouble. Or he may even find that he is doing one of the things mentioned on the backswing and also another on the downswing. The most important thing in overcoming trouble from topping is to keep the head stationary throughout the stroke. A very common cause for failure to do this lies in failing to turn the left shoulder around toward the right enough, and also to allow the left knee to bend as it should. This, of course, is really another way to say that he is not pivoting properly. Again it may be pointed out that keeping the left arm straight until the ball has been hit will help to remedy the trouble.

Also players sometimes hit the ball too high because of aiming rather too

high. In such cases they fail to hit down to the ball, although no particular fault except that of faulty aim. Incidentally, this sometimes comes from a kind of instinctive dread of striking the ground with the club, especially with iron clubs. It should be borne in mind that the club must be made to cut under the ball. Looking at the back side of the ball near the ground instead of the top side of it will frequently help players who are troubled in this respect.

Topping short approach shots very often comes from looking up too soon,

and also from using the wrists too much in trying to scoop the ball up. The clubhead is made to start up too quickly from the lowest point on the swing, and so strikes the ball too high up. One sometimes finds players who are guilty of this fault playing the ball further forward toward the left foot. This is a mistake. If anything, it should be played further back toward the right. Also all effort to scoop or lift the ball should be avoided. Hit to send the clubhead straight on through, and the loft of the club will lift the ball all right.

EIGHTEEN HOLES FOR P. E. I.

Charlottetown Golf Club is Contemplating Adding Another Nine Holes to its Picturesque Course

THE Editor has to thank Mr. H. E. Miller, Secretary of the Charlottetown Golf Club, for a blue print showing how it is planned to enlarge the Links of this popular Prince Edward Island Club to 18 holes. A careful inspection of the plans shows that much ingenuity and thought has been expended in providing in the future for a particularly well balanced 18-hole course, with a variety of one-shot, two-shot and three-shot holes. The terrain, it would appear, is particularly well adapted to most interesting links. A pond, a creek and spruce and fir trees are to be found on the property and add greatly to the sportiness of the course. Two particularly fine dog-leg holes are provided for, whilst there is a corking fine long hole of 565 yards.

P. E. I. golfers will be well advised, commencing next season, to make a start on enlarging their links, and it is hard to imagine how better plans could be worked up than those submitted by Mr. Miller.

R. C. G. A. EXECUTIVE MEETING

The Executive Meeting of the Royal Canadian Golf Association was held in Ottawa on Friday, December 11th, with President W. E. Matthews, of Ottawa, in the Chair.

A RECOMMENDATION that the Amateur Championship tournament for 1926 be held on the course of the Toronto Golf Club, early in July, 1926, and that the Open Championship be held at the Royal Montreal Club, early next August, was the main feature; February 5th was also chosen as the date of the annual meeting, which will be held in Toronto.

Eight new clubs were officially admitted to membership, they being the Bancroft Golf Club, Bancroft, Ont.; Yarmouth Golf Club, Yarmouth, N. S.; St. Clair Golf Club, St. Clair Shores; Ladies' Golf and Tennis Club, Thornhill, Ont.; Bayfield Golf Club, Bayfield, Ont.; Charlottetown Golf Club, Charlottetown, P. E. I.; Uplands Golf Club, Toronto, Ont., and Digby Golf Club, Digby, N. S.

The report of the Green Section Committee, embracing a resume of the work done all over the Dominion, showed that this most useful organization, had done much to assist in the development of the greens all through the country.



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The reports received from all over the Dominion on the work accomplished through the technical officers of the Committee were very satisfactory, showing that the lectures held at Toronto and Montreal had been a distinct success and of great advantage to greenkeepers, and will likely be continued next year. The manager of the Green Section, Mr. C. A. Tregillus, reported visiting over 150 clubs during the season giving general advice. The general work of the Green Committee consists of a study of the grass, soil and fertilizers and in general all questions which arise in connection with golf course maintenance, including giving practical advice on soil, fertilizer, drainage, etc., as well as making a gen-

eral study of grasses. The committee also gave attention to commercial supplies. It was felt that one of the great advantages of the meetings of the Greenkeepers' Associations was for the exchange of ideas.

It was announced at the meeting that the winner of the Dominion prize in the Greenkeepers' Tournament held on June 13 last, was John Berg, of the Weston Golf and Country Club, Weston, and he will be presented with a suitable cup by the Royal Canadian Golf Association at its annual meeting on February 5th.

The Executive Committee approved of a general plan looking to a closer co-operation between the Dominion and the Provincial Golf Associations, and some plan along this line will be presented to the annual meeting. Those in attendance at the meeting were President W. E. Matthews, Ottawa; W. W. Walker, E. A. McNutt, R. J. R. Stokes, Montreal; G. H. Clark and J. A. Jackson Ottawa; General C. H. Mitchell, H. L. Kerr and Secretary B. L. Anderson, Toronto.

TIPS FOR THE ROUND

Don't Let the Chips Fall Where They Will—Practice Them!

(By Stewart Maiden, instructor of "Bobbie" Jones and Miss Alexa Stirling, in "Outdoors South").

THE last time you went out to practice golf shots which did you practice—driving or full irons or pitches? I am reasonably sure it was one of the shots named, because I have been teaching golf a long time and watching golf even longer. The big shots are the ones people practice, to the exclusion of the little ones—except a few, a very few people. But you may discover some time that the few who devote much time to the practice of the little shots are rated good players. Some of them are among the best. I do not mean putting, particularly, for you will see nearly all kinds of golfers out tapping the ball about the practice green while waiting to start. That is not exactly practice, which is a more solitary and thoughtful affair, and I might as well go on record here as denying my belief in any benefit from tapping a ball thoughtlessly about a practice green from one cup to another. Ted Ray, the big English walloper, and one of the finest putters I ever saw, even goes so far as to maintain that practice in putting does not help the player, unless some method is arranged to put him under a strain, as in actual play, holding that the nerve tension in a match or in a round of competition

makes putting under such circumstances essentially a different thing from putting just to be putting, no matter how hard you may think you are trying. I would not go quite that far. Putting is a stroke, just as any other shot is a stroke, and you may improve your putting stroke by repeating it many times, and thus improve your chances for the stroke to operate smoothly under tension, though I am free to admit that tension seems to display its effects most promptly on the green.

But the putting stroke, when all is said, remains rather to itself in golf; the grip is not the same—at least it should not be—as for other strokes; and it is a sort of game within a game, that you play on the green. The stroke most frequently neglected to practice, which I wish to recommend for that practice here, is the chip-shot, which has been called the greatest economist of golf, from the fact that it is the shot that takes up the slack more than any other, and saves more scores.

Whether you are an expert, an average player or a plain duffer, the chip-shot well played will save you more strokes, round in and round out, than any other. Take first the expert. On

the long holes with a good bang for his second, he is quite likely to be just off the green. Unless he is in that rare condition known as top form, he will find himself just off the green on four or five holes during the round, with the problem of getting down from there in two strokes or yielding a stroke to par. If he is the happy master of a good, reliable chip-shot, he is nearly as well off as the player who has reached the green with the proper shot and has his two putts left for par. Indeed, many excellent golfers would rather play a chip from just off the edge of a big green than a long approach putt from just on it. The long two-shot holes are used as an example here, because they usually offer large greens not too closely trapped, owing to the nature of the second shot, and the player very often is given the opportunity of a chip from a good lie to get close for his par 4. But the situation may happen on almost any hole, when the shot for the green is not quite adequate.

You may have noticed that the professionals usually have more of an edge on the crack amateurs in this department than in any other, and there is a good reason, especially in the case of the professional who was brought up in the old way as an apprentice or helper to an older man in the business. As a boy, he had little opportunity to play the round; he could be away from the shop only for a spare half-hour or so at a time. His practice, therefore, consisted largely of taking a half-dozen old balls out to the nearest green and chipping them up toward the hole, and putting them out, and then doing it all over again. His practice was in that department known as "around the green," and that is where the average professional enjoys the edge to-day

over the average expert amateur who is quite his equal in the other departments.

There is no reason why the chip shot should not be rehearsed with as much satisfaction as any other shot in the game. It is one of the prettiest, as well as most useful, strokes, and intelligent cultivation will make it a most satisfactory asset.

Another thing—the chip-shot, making no demand of strength or pivoting, as in a full shot, can be studied more easily and played with more relative success by older and weaker players than any other stroke in the game, unless it be putting. Swing the hands well; do not make anything of a "wrist-stroke" of it; take the club-head back only so far as will get the ball to its destination with a firm, crisp blow—never take the club back farther than necessary and then spare the stroke; try to snip the grass (not the turf) just under the ball; and send the club-head on toward the hole with the right hand, and you will be amazed at the smoothness and reliability of this little shot. The wrists should be firm and should bend but little—I repeat, swing the hands. It is best for the right hand to supply the power, as in putting. The stance should be firm and well settled, with the bulk of the weight preferably on the left foot. Some teachers advise the same rigidity of knees and body as in putting, but I am not in agreement; the knees and body should not be slack or loose, but neither should they be like cast iron. A suspicion of play will permit greater smoothness of stroke. At the finish, the club should be pointing almost directly at the hole. The chip-shot usually is played with the mashie or mashie-niblick. "Bobbie" Jones uses a No. 3 iron mostly.

FRED. HUNT GETS BRANTFORD POSITION

ANOTHER important professional appointment has been announced for the 1926 season. In succession to Captain Perkins, who left last week to take up his new duties at Vancouver, B. C., the Directors of the Brantford Golf and Country Club, from a large number of applications from all over Canada, have appointed Fred. Hunt to succeed him. Hunt came out from England in the Spring to 1924 to act as assistant to Perkins. He proved himself not only

a first-class young player, but an instructor and club maker of great merit. He spent one year at the Brantford Club, where he was extremely popular with all the members, and then early this year left for the States, where he has been professional this season at the Shreveport Country Club, Shreveport, La. This is a very good berth indeed, but Hunt is anxious to return to Canada and hence put in an application for Brantford. He is a clean-cut, clever young professional, and Canadian Golfdom is to be congratulated on again having his under its ægis. He will report for duty April 1st, continuing throughout the Winter at Shreveport, which is more or less an all year round position.

HIGH PRAISE FOR SENNEVILLE GREENS

TO the Senneville Country Club (Montreal), belongs the very great credit of being the first club in Eastern Canada to recognize the advantage of Creeping Bent grass for greens. Now, of course, progressive clubs everywhere are introducing Creeping Bent, which unquestionably is the solution of a perfect putting surface.

C. R. Murray, The Royal Montreal Golf Club expert, and himself a golf course architect of recognized ability, last month visited Senneville and the following is a copy of a most complimentary letter which he forwarded to the President of Senneville, Mr. T. O. Lyall:

"I feel that I must drop you a line to congratulate you on the wonderful results you have obtained with Creeping Bent at Senneville.

Woodward very kindly took me around the Greens you had planted in Bent and to my mind you have by far the best strain that I have seen in Canada, and your Greens are second to none in Canada. You should be very proud of the wonderful results you have obtained at Senneville and your course is now one to be very proud of."

A CAPE BRETON STORY

(By Stuart McCawley, the well known Nova Scotia golfer).

A POLITICAL meeting in a village school house away back of Loch Neil, in the good old days when Commercial Union and the Cape Breton Railway were the great matters of discussion, was always a memorial feature in the country's life.

Everybody stayed up after dark that night to hear the members talk. And they mostly could talk. Some of the big guns in political life got their early training in oratory in the village schoolhouse meeting.

One occasion I remember well. The roads were bad (they are good now). We had a thirty-four mile drive in a drizzling cold November rain storm. There were just the three of us, the two candidates and a member of the party. And we were all so cold, and so mad, with the weather and with ourselves that we were hardly sociable.

When we reached the schoolhouse it was ten minutes to eight, and the place

was packed to the doors. They were waiting for us. We had no time to get a bite to eat or have a wash-up, or even dry our wet clothes. All this made us madder still, so you can imagine the humour we were in.

There was a beehive stove in the centre of the hall, and it was red hot. As all the audience had walked, or driven in open wagons, to the meeting, their garments were wet, and the beehive was getting in its work evaporating the rain, and creating a fog of fragrant odors of dye and wood smoke and perspiration. Two of the oil lamps were smoking. It was indeed a lovely atmosphere.

But politically the audience was friendly, and even enthusiastic. The speeches were good, and about ten o'clock we decided to push on to the next village, where we were to spend the night with congenial friends.

The storm had increased to a down-pour, and the chairman of the meeting, a dour and sour-visaged elder, insisted on us stopping over night with him. We didn't want to; but we did.

We had a wash and some supper and hymns and edifying conversation until well after eleven o'clock, when the women of the house said good-night. I had a cold, and a bottle in my grip, and I was cracking for a drink, so I bearded the lion in his den by telling the old man how I felt, and asked him for a glass and a pitcher of water. He cheerfully brought four glasses, a pitcher of water and a corkscrew. He discovered that he had a cold himself, and to make a long story tasty, he helped finish my bottle, and produced one of his own, and got real loose in tongue and hospitality. What threatened a gloomy visit turned out very successful, and we hid the bottles behind the sofa in the dining room, and all went to bed happy.

In the morning very early we assembled for breakfast, and a dear old lady, about eighty-eight years old, and totally blind, the grandmother of the house, was introduced, and in beautiful Gaelic welcomed us. Family prayers were announced, and it fell to my lot to kneel beside grandmother, near the foot of the sofa. I noticed that she was taking short sniffs, and moving away from near me, so I had a squint from between my fingers, and saw her reach behind the sofa, and pull out one of the empty bottles. She put it to her



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nose and smelled long and strong with a full-unged intake; and secreted the bottle under her apron.

Breakfast over, we bade goodbye to our host and the family. Granny didn't leave the table, and I never heard if she was disappointed when she discovered that the bottle was empty.

THE REJECTION OF PROPOSED NEW BALL

There Was No Question about the Unpopularity of the Proposed Change

IN last month's issue we referred to the fact that at a meeting of the Royal and Ancient at St. Andrews the proposal to institute a new and lighter ball was decisively rejected. A Glasgow correspondent writes more fully about this epoch-making meeting. He says:

"At the business meeting of the Royal and Ancient Club held this afternoon it was decided by a large majority to reject the proposal of the Rules of Golf Committee that in the Amateur and Open Championships of

1926 only balls measuring not less than 1.68 inches in diameter and weighing not more than 1.55 ounces should be played. The majority of members present, so ran the official communication at the end of the meeting, found themselves unable to accept the proposal on the ground that the Championship competitions are held in order to select the champions of the game as ordinarily played, and that they should not be used for the purposes of experiment. The finding of the meeting does not come as a surprise, as it was generally understood before the meeting that the proposal would not meet with approval. When the feeling of the meeting

was taken by a show of hands there was no dubiety about the attitude of the large majority in regard to the innovation. There will be general agreement that the Championships are not the proper fields for important experiments, and none will be more grateful for the decision than the ball manufacturers, who had made tentative arrangements to supply the new experimental ball.

The intention of the United States authority was to introduce a larger and lighter ball at the beginning of next year, but subsequently they were prepared to postpone such legislation till after next year's championships. If we are satisfied with the present specification, it seems unlikely that the United States will introduce a ball that curtails distance and demands greater skill in control. America will not readily prejudice itself in that way, and our decision to withhold an experiment which might lead to legislation should have its effect on what America proposes to do. There is, of course, the feeling

that there ought to be an international agreement in regard to ball specification, but, leaving aside these international considerations, there is undoubtedly some difference of opinion among prominent golfers in regard to the proposed change. A prodigious hitter, such as Mr. C. J. H. Tolley, rather favoured the new ball, but another ex-champion, Mr. R. H. Wethered, had little to say in its favour. In a test the other day over the Old Course, Tolley's driving seemed to be little affected by the new ball, and F. Roosevelt Scovel rather set aside preconceived opinions of its capabilities by returning an excellent score of 67. The matter may be allowed to rest there meantime.

The Golf Balls Sub-committee, on whose suggestion the matter was brought forward, was thanked for its work, and the hope was expressed that it would continue its investigations in conjunction with the Implements Committee of the United States Association."

GOLF IN "VICTORIA, THE FAIR"

MR. J. CAVEN, Secretary of the Uplands Golf Club, Victoria, B. C., during the course of an interesting letter:

"We have had a long, dry season here and our fairways, for the want of water, became very dry and hard. The Directors decided that it was imperative that this state of affairs should be remedied. After going thoroughly into all the details of the requirements of installing water on the fairways an extraordinary general meeting was called and the Directors were given unanimous support in their endeavour to install water mains on all the fairways.

The water pipe has been ordered and will be put in and in working order before our dry season next year. We will then have a golf course second to none in this district.

The course has just lately been lengthened and is now 5,942 yards. Although under the 6,000 yards mark there are hazards, natural and otherwise, sufficient to make it look like that length. The bogey is 77 and par 71."

A FEW DON'TS FOR GOLFERS IN 1926

AND here, on the threshold of 1926 and another golf season, are a few "Don'ts for Golfers," culled from a recent interesting little book by "Sandy" Green, an expert writer on the game:

"Don't be niggardly as regards the price of a club. Pay a good, but fair price; it will be more economical in the long run."

"Don't buy iron clubs that are dissimilar as regards "lie," the putter, of course, being excepted."

"Don't neglect the shafts of your clubs. Many players expend much labor in keeping their irons dazzlingly polished, and entirely overlook the fact that a little oil on the shafts will do much to preserve their clubs."

"Don't use coarse emery paper for cleaning your clubs. If you are uncertain of your caddie, let him clean your clubs only with natural sand or the very finest of fine emery paper."

"Don't turn up your nose at the man who has a bag of unpolished clubs. More than one first-class player refuses to play with bright clubs. There is, after all, probably quite a lot in the theory that the roughened surface gives more control in contact with the ball, and there is also the glitter of the polished steel to distract the eye, especially on a sunshiny day, from where it should be focussed."

"Don't rattle your clubs in the golf bag more than you can possibly help. If you do, the varnish on the shafts of the longer clubs will be destroyed by coming in contact with the heads of the shorter ones."

"Don't throw your golf bag down violently. Your clubs are not to blame for your bad play. They have done you no injury; why should you injure them?"

"Don't play with a dirty ball. A sponge in a rubber case is not a costly acquisition and will probably save you many aggravating minutes of search, not to mention lost balls."

"Don't play with old balls. Even though it is still quite white and very nearly new, a rubber-cored ball is often a dead 'un."

"Don't blame your clubs for faults of your own that may be easily corrected if you analyse your methods of using your implements. If, after careful testing, a club continues to disappoint you, try using a different one. It is no use struggling on with a club in which you have no confidence."

THE ROYAL AND ANCIENT

(By James Warner Bellah, "Golfers' Magazine," Chicago)

THIS club, because it is the governing power in golf and because it is the most famous club of all time, should have its history graven in bronze and set up in every other club as a sort of lares and penates of The Game.

It is not known definitely when golf was first played at St. Andrews—probably it was played long before people started to write about it—but it is definitely known that golf was the most popular game of the surrounding country when St. Andrews University was founded in 1413.

The rights to the links were conferred upon the town by the Archbishop of St. Andrews in 1614 and by King James the Sixth in 1620. It is not, however until May 14th, 1754, that we have an actual minute-book record of the St. Andrews club's existence. It may be that prior to that date, the links were considered as common property and open to all the townsmen who cared to use them.

The St. Andrews club has had since 1754, which date is generally taken as the date of its institution, a long and distinguished history.

In 1834 it came under the royal patronage of King William the Fourth and it was then that the name was changed to The Royal and Ancient Club of St. Andrews.

The next royal sponsor to the Royal and Ancient was a patroness—the

Duchess of St. Andrews, Queen Dowager, who presented the Royal Adelaide medal to the club.

There seems to have been a sad lack of golfing proclivities on the part of the next English sovereign, Queen Victoria, for between the tenure of grace of the Duchess and the patronage of Edward the Seventh, there are no records of any special, warm-hearted favors being bestowed upon the club. It was quite evidently a case of "We are not amused."

He who was to be Edward the Peacemaker, however, seems to have been at least mildly if not rabidly interested in the game. In September, 1863, while he was still Prince of Wales, he was elected Captain of the Royal and Ancient, although it is said that he never acted personally in that capacity. His brother, the Duke of Albany, became Captain of the Club in 1876, and twice visited the city to perform the duties of that office.

It was the St. Andrews Club that laid down the first universal rules of the game and the first principles of game etiquette—the famous Ten Commandments of golf.

They are given herewith in what is believed to be their original phrasing:

1. No player, caddie or onlooker should move or talk during a stroke.
2. No player should play from the tee until the party in front have played their second strokes and are out

of range, nor play to the putting green till the party in front have holed out and moved away.

3. The player who leads from the tee should be allowed to play before his opponent tees his ball.

4. Players who have holed out should not try their putts over again when other players are following them.

5. Players looking for a lost ball must allow any other match coming up to pass them.

6. A party playing three or more balls must allow a two-ball match to pass them.

7. A party playing a shorter round must allow a two-ball match playing the whole round to pass them.

8. A player should not putt at the hole when the flag is in it.

9. The reckoning of the strokes is kept by the terms, "the odd," "two more," "three more," etc., and "one off three," "one off two," "the like." The reckoning of the holes is kept by the terms—so many "holes up" or "all even" and so many "to play."

10. Turf cut or displaced by a stroke in playing should be at once replaced.

To-day St. Andrews governs the Open and Amateur Championships, determines weight of balls, qualifications of clubs, adaptability of rules and points of etiquette. In fact, it is the final Court of Appeals of the entire game.

It is a quaint place. High up in the emerald setting of Highland Scotland, it nestles against the smooth velvet of the land on one side and breathes the clear salt tang of the sea from the other. Don't look for opulence and splendour when you go, for you won't find them. You'll find a proud, burry little town with ancient chimneys and crazy gables and a fine, comfortable old club with ceilings blackened from generations of pipe smoke and cushions worn thin from generations of golfing tweeds. A club house, through the rooms of which Allan Robertson's voice has rung—superb links on tees of which Tom Morris' clubs have swung—St. Andrews.

A PLEA FOR THE GOOD OLD FOURSOME

DURING an article in the "Golf-er's Magazine," Judge R. Stanley Weir, of Montreal, tritely writes:

"It is much to be regretted that the four-some—not the four-ball game, but the two-ball Scotch foursome—is passing, if it has not already wholly gone into the limbo of forgotten or discarded things. For the Scotch foursome not only called upon each player to play his prettiest and best with a certain self-restraint, but (only two balls, one for each side of two players each being in play), called for mutual helpfulness and partnership in a way quite foreign to the four-ball game where every man thinks chiefly of himself and his score; save possibly when by some device such as "aggregate scores," he

flatters himself that he is somebody's partner forming one of a "side."

I am satisfied that much is missed, lost or sacrificed by ignoring, as modernists do, the fine old foursome; with its insistence upon the rigour of the game; four pairs of eyes sharply watching every movement; with its all-round emulation; the stronger player coming to the support or rescue of his weaker partner; the comparative celerity with which the play proceeds; the tactics of strategy by which a short driver has been known to deliberately miss his tee shot, leaving the morass or other hazard to be carried by his long-driving partner; very much is lost, missed or sacrificed, I say, by the too general preference of the four-ball pastime, which although it gives every shot to every player, knows little or nothing of the finer camaraderie of the best of games."

THE VOGUE OF THE INDOOR SCHOOL

GOLFERS throughout Canada, who are not numbered among the favoured few, who are going South and to Europe this winter to further pursue the game, will have an opportunity of keeping their eye and hand in, at the Indoor Schools which will be very numerous this season. In Toronto, Montreal and Winnipeg, there will be several such schools. Many of the smaller cities,

too, will provide facilities for teaching the game and permitting devotees to keep in practice. The professionals in Regina, Calgary, Hamilton, Stratford, Huntsville and other places, are arranging, or have arranged for Winter Schools which unquestionably are of very great benefit indeed, both from the standpoint of the novice and more experienced player. The Indoor Winter Golf School is no longer an experiment. It is a recognized and reputable institution.



"Babe Ruth Hits a High-one in California" From a photo taken by Mr. D. Scott Chisholm, of Los Angeles, and kindly sent the "Canadian Golfer." "The Swatter of Swat," plays a very fair game of golf indeed.

GOLF EIGHTY YEARS AGO

Innerleven Club Veteran's Reminiscences—Uniform on the Links

TO be the oldest golfer in Scotland, and perhaps the oldest member of any golf club in the country, is the remarkable claim made in favour of Mr. John Adamson, of Airlie Lodge, Leven.

Mr. Adamson is 91 years of age, and so recently as two years ago participated in a game on Leven Links. He is a member of the Innerleven Golf Club, and signalized his 91st birthday by playing two rounds on the putting green just opened on the fringes of the Forth, near the mouth of Scoonie Burn.

With the exception of a slight deafness, Mr. Adamson possesses all his faculties, and his reminiscences of the

days when he was admitted a member of Innerleven Golf Club are not only full of interest, but reveal vast changes and improvements made in the general conditions of play.

"I joined the Innerleven Club in 1851," remarked Mr. Adamson, "and have been a member ever since. I had been playing the game for seven years before that, so that I was only 12 years of age when I started.

"Innerleven Club in those days was 'very select.' There was a Masonic element about it in so far that one had to be duly initiated in a certain amount of ceremony before the privilege of competing in a tie was extended."

Mr. Adamson recalled the days with evergreen freshness when several of the members of the Club, who came from all over Scotland, wore the "tile" hat and the red coat when playing over the course.

The clamour of the Jacobite Rebellion of 1745 seemed to have lingered about the old Dubbieside course of Innerleven as far on as 1820, for in that year the following regulation was adopted:

"The uniform of the Club shall be the King Charles tartan, and no member shall be allowed to play for the medal or any other prize except in the uniform of the Club."

"Three years after I joined," stated Mr. Adamson, "the question of discarding the showy tartan jacket came up for discussion, and on a show of hands the majority of the members cast their votes for a red jacket with blue collar and brass buttons bearing the name of the Society.

"Members were proud of the red jacket, and a minute was made that no competitor should be allowed to play for medals or prize balls unless he donned the uniform."

Mr. Adamson was one of those who wore the red coat, and up till within recent years he was a conspicuous figure among the players by the "Shepherd's Knowe" and Scoonie burn who cling to the tweed jacket of modern golfing fraternity. He was Captain of the Innerleven Club in 1905, when he was 73 years of age, and at that time played a round of Leven Links almost daily.

"The putting greens and the general conditions of play are much improved as compared with my early days," Mr. Adamson stated. "The greens then were like some of the well kept fairways one plays over to-day. A scythe was the only means of keeping the grass

down to a playing level on greens, and very often it was tantalizing the number of putts required to hole out when on the greens. However, we took it all as part of the game.

"Innerleven course was a nine-hole one, and later changed over to Leven course. The 'tile' hat was often worn by some of the members, while the feather ball—a combination of leather and feathers—was in general use.

"I rather liked the feather ball," he asserted. "Good distance was got with it, and with practice, excellent control could be secured.

"My last game! I played that with the late Joe Shepherd just over two years ago. We only played over four holes, and it was an excellent game."

Mr. Adamson still takes a keen interest in all that pertains to the game. He is a life member of Innerleven Club, and several of the golf clubs he used over 60 years ago have a place of honour in the club room. These clubs were made in Edinburgh, and while there is a difference in the face of some of them, they have a close resemblance to those used to-day.

Mr. Adamson was born in Edinburgh in 1832, and is hopeful of attaining his 100th birthday.

He has been widely travelled, having been for a number of years in Australia and later in America. He is the oldest elder in Scoonie Kirk, and a most regular attender.

The secret of his wonderful health is moderation in all things, with special emphasis on sobriety. He has his porridge each morning, and keeps himself fit by a daily walk around the vicinity of the course. That he is popular and well respected is evidenced by the presentation of a silver cigarette case recently made to him by the members of the Club, and the genial salutations accorded him in his daily pursuits.

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BRITAIN'S SIXTEEN LEADING PROS.

AND this is the way an English expert figures out the sixteen best professionals in Great Britain in 1925: A. Compston (Manchester); Abe Mitchell (unattached); E. Ray (Oxhey); G. Gadd (Roehampton); A. G. Havers (Coombe Hill); C. Johns (Purley Downs); A. Boomer (St. Cloud); E. R. Whitecombe (Meyrick Park); C. A. Whitcombe (Crews Hill); P. Allis (Wanstead); T. Fernie (Turnberry); F. Robson (Cooden Beach); J. H. Taylor (Mid-Surrey);

A. Herd (Moor Park); J. W. Gaudin (Alwoodley) and W. H. Davies (Prenton).

Two outstanding absentees from the above list are George Duncan and Harry Vardon; Duncan has had a poor year to his credit in 1925, but at that it would seem that the brilliant Scot should have been included in Great Britain's "Sixteen Best." The "Old Brigade" is still well represented by "Ted" Ray, J. H. Taylor and "Sandy" Herd.

GOLF IN EGYPT

(By R. G. McNaughton).

GOLF in Egypt has its disadvantages. For example, there are the crows that swoop down and carry off your ball. Then there are the caddies who bet a day's wages that you will win your match, and who cry if you dub a shot. Then there is the Mohammedan caddie master who keeps you waiting for your clubs while he says his prayers. Then there are the fierce-looking Bedouins who, seated on camels and horses, line the desert fairways and watch you in amazement, wondering at the form of insanity that prompts a man to get out and whang a little white ball over the landscape. One cannot help wonder what would happen if one sliced a ball into the pit of one of these onlooker's stomach.

Perhaps the crows, in their capacity of practical jokers, are the most exasperating of all. They really are a terrible pest. I never did learn just why they wanted the balls. Apparently they make no use of them. I remember in one town where I played, every crow which committed this annoying larceny promptly flew to the roof of the leading hotel, and there deposited his prize. It happened that this roof was flat, and it is no exaggeration to say that it was literally covered with balls.

While a member of the Black Watch and Royal Flying Corps during the war, I was located at the flying school in the village of Aboukir, famous in history, and I was called upon to construct a nine-hole course there, on the

Sahara Desert. This course was all sand and owing to the softness of the sand and the lack of water, each shot was like playing from a bunker, so it was necessary to make a rule allowing one to tee up at each shot.

One of the principal troubles on this course was keeping the holes clear of tarantulas and scorpion spiders. It was a common thing for a player to lift his ball from the hole with a scorpion firmly attached to it.

Far advanced as the ancient Egyptians were in many things, we found no figures on the walls of ancient temples of Karnak or around the tombs of the Kings at Luxor, or at the famous pyramids, which might dispute the origin of the Royal and Ancient game with the claims of the Scotch and Dutch.

The climate of Egypt can be compared in many ways with that of Los Angeles, except that it is a good deal hotter both in summer and in winter. Alexandria is more like Los Angeles in the matter of climate than is Cairo. The last-named town, being inland, is subject to hot winds from the Sahara, but there are only about three days in the year in Cairo when the climate is unbearably hot. This is during the "Klam-sin" period, when a strong wind blows from the Equator, burning up all vegetation. The most disagreeable part of this period is the sand storm, which accompanies the wind, for three days and nights dust pene-

"A GUIDE TO GOOD GOLF"

BARNES' famous book certainly has "caught on." The first order for copies placed with the New York Publishers by the "Canadian Golfer" was sold out in a week. Orders were received literally from Victoria, B. C., to Halifax, N. S.

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"Canadian Golfer," Brantford, Ont.

trates into the most unexpected places, such as watches, clocks, safety razor blades and such like. During this spell most of the inhabitants spend the greater part of the day in soda fountains and cold baths.

Egypt is so often associated with the Pyramids, temples and tombs of the kings that many people still believe it to be far behind the times, but a few winters spent inspecting the modern hotels, street car systems and so on soon disillusion one. Assisting in this disillusionment are the country clubs, or sporting clubs, as they are called there.

At Alexandria the sporting club is located only about one block away from the Mediterranean, where wonderful bathing and surf boating can be enjoyed at a very delightful and picturesque spot known as Shanley Bay. The club boasts of a nine-hole golf course with sand greens and grass fairways. The course is rather flat, but is laid out and bunkered in such a way as to be quite sporty. The fairways are kept in excellent condition, although the system of irrigation is somewhat different from that employed on the Los Angeles courses. The course is surrounded and criss-crossed by ditches carrying water from the Nile, rich with the wonderful silt that is a God-send to the country. When play is over for the day the ditches are allowed to overflow and the course is flooded like a lake. A few hours of brilliant sunshine in the morning and it is dry and ready for play.

The caddies are Arab boys ranging in age from about 12 to 18. Nearly all of them are married, some having as many as two or three wives. They are paid one piastre, or five cents, a round of nine holes, so it is a good thing that the cost of rice, their chief foodstuff, is low. They are born gamblers and never go out in a match without betting something on the man they are caddying for. I have known the boys to cry when a shot is dubbed. As the caddie master is a Mohammedan it is a common sight to see a number of golfers lined up outside the caddie house waiting for their clubs while this individual prays to Allah, bowing toward the sun as he does so.

In this same sporting club all sorts of sports and games are held. There are about fifteen tennis courts, a polo field, a bowling green, football and cricket fields, and a beautiful race track that completely encircles the golf course. The races take place every Saturday and it is possible for a golfer to put his money on the horses at the pari mutual office and watch the races while enjoying a game of golf. A splendid brass band adds zest to the program. One of the best features of an Egyptian sporting club is the open-air restaurant, where the followers of all the different sporting activities meet in the shade of the trees and have afternoon tea and dinner.

Cairo possesses an 18-hole course with sand greens and the club there is conducted along the same lines as at Alexandria. A few miles from Cairo there is a beautiful undulating course

called Helsuan. There isn't a blade of grass on it, from start to finish, and yet it is almost as enjoyable playing there as it is on grass. The sand fairways are watered and rolled every day and the result is that playing a mashie or an iron shot is very similar to playing off turf.

Within a full brassie shot of the largest pyramid at Gizeh there is a nine-hole course, conducted by a hotel. At a certain period of the year, when the Nile overflows its banks, this course becomes completely submerged, so that it has to be entirely reconstructed each season.

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MR. A. W. HADDON, City Engineer, Edmonton, who takes such a keen interest in the Edmonton Public Golf Links, writes the "Canadian Golfer," Nov. 6th:

"For your information our Golf Business last year was as follows:

RECEIPTS.

9-hole tickets at 25c.....	20,020	\$5,005.00
20 Rd. (180 holes), at \$4.00	146	584.00
Seasons—		
Boys' at \$5.00	4	20.00
Ladies' at \$9.00	60	540.00
Gents' at \$15.00	46	690.00
Man and Wife at \$20.00...	17	340.00
Family, \$20.00 plus \$5.00		
each Child, at \$30.00....	2	60.00
Family, at \$25.00	3	75.00
Lockers at \$1.00	148	148.00
		\$7,462.00

Profit on Golf Balls, approximately	130.00
	\$7,592.00
Operating Costs not quite complete, but will be approximately	5,200.00
Surplus	\$2,392.00

From our Revenue we expended \$2,000.00 on extension and put an extra 5 holes into play during August, and the balance of the eighteen holes were completed this year, and should be ready for play about the beginning of next season. Our course is so laid out that it can be operated in two loops of nine holes each. The first and tenth Tee are located about the centre of the course with the proposed new club house within only a block or two of the Street Railway. It is on a Bench commanding a fine view of the course and should prove a very fine addition to the layout."

CARELESSNESS IN PUTTING

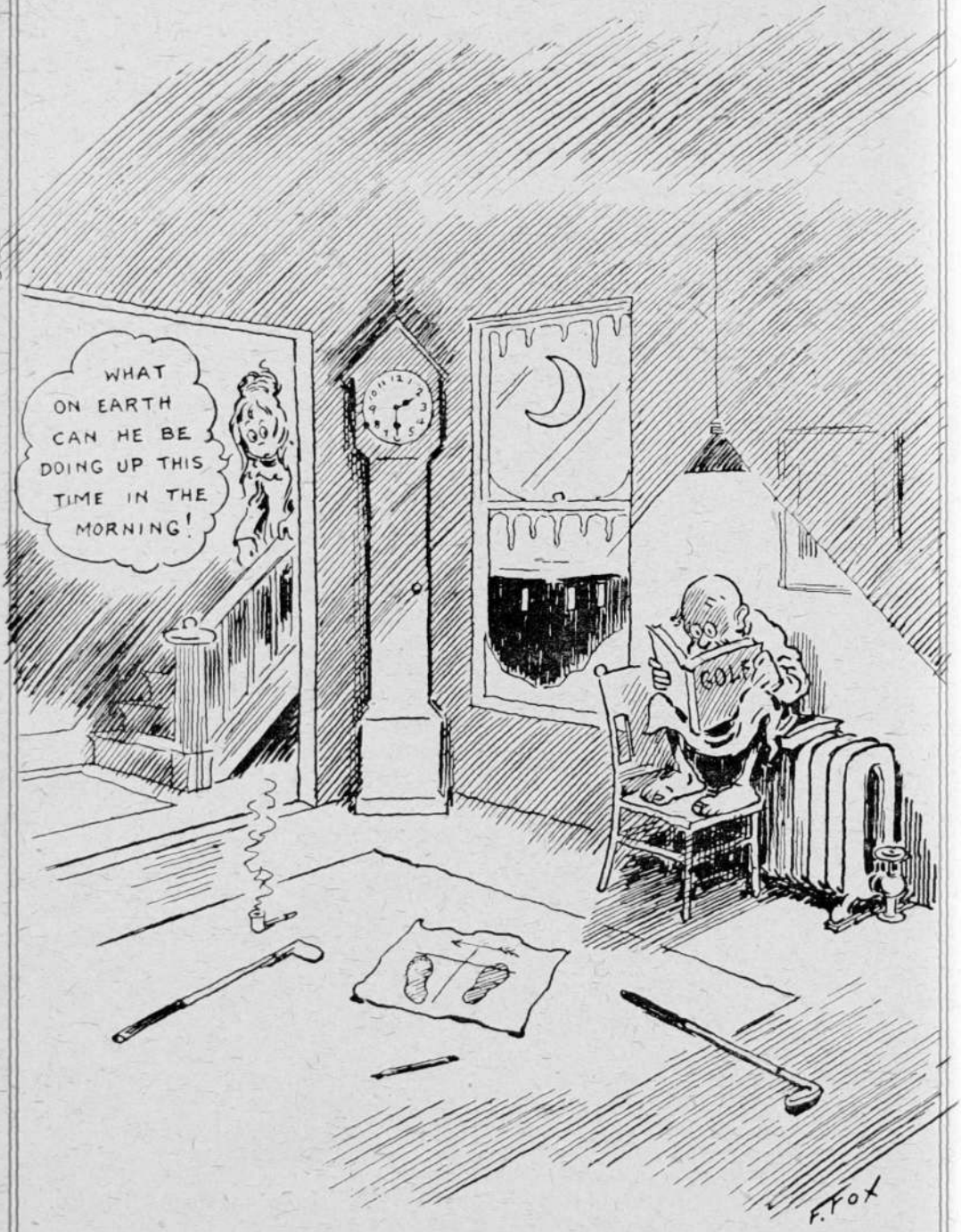
(*"The Kadi" in "Golfing," London*).

"TED RAY has lost the Championship of Hertfordshire which he had held for four successive seasons—lost it by a stroke to Altec Herd, whose total for the double round in the competition at West Herts, was 146—lost it moreover in a most idiotic and irritating fashion, for he actually missed a putt of an inch on the second green. The tragedy occurred in the usual way: the ball lay on the lip of the hole and Ray strode up to tap it in back-handed, struck the ground with the clubhead—and missed the ball altogether. I have seen the same sort of carelessness similarly punished before.

And Ray's performance by no means comes up to one of Charlie Mayo's which I have always regarded as the record for this kind of disaster. It occurred at the eighth hole at Burhill in 1910 in the second half of a £100 challenge match between Mayo and Peter

Rainford. Mayo, playing the like, left his ball on the lip of the hole—a dead stymie which Rainford made an unsuccessful effort to screw round, leaving his ball also on the lip of the hole. Mayo tried to tap his ball into the hole with a back-handed stroke of his putter—stuffed the ground—and missed the ball altogether! And then, to make matters worse, he was so disconcerted by his failure that he made another hasty jab at the ball, and holed it all right, but also struck his opponent's ball and so actually lost the hole after having been left with an inch putt for a win.

There is no end to the queer things that happen at golf. In the Mixed Foursomes Tournament at Worplesdon so fine a player as Mrs. Douglas Fish on the first tee missed the ball altogether, the club head striking the ground behind the ball and jumping clean over it."



"Dad" Gets the Ideal Xmas Present.

IN AND ROUND THE CLUB HOUSE

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

Hertfordshire amateur golfers undertook a heavy task at Bushey Hill in facing a team of professionals on level terms, and, as was expected, the task was too difficult, the professionals winning by $21\frac{1}{2}$ points to $8\frac{1}{2}$ points—14 to 6 on the singles and $7\frac{1}{2}$ to $2\frac{1}{2}$ on the foursomes. The sensation was the defeat of Ted Ray, the Oxhey professional, by H. Le Fleming Shepherd, of Moor Park, in the singles by 2 and 1. The game was level to the turn, where they were all square, but Ray, who had been playing his long shots weakly, appeared to have struck winning form when he won the tenth. It was only a flash in the pan, however, for he lost his advantage at the next, and became 2 down at the 14th. Ray rallied to win the 16th but was bunkered going to the next, and, losing it, he was beaten.

New life seems to have been infused into British professional golf as the result of the Mitchell-Compston duel. For instance, there is already talk of a challenge on behalf of A. G. Havers and Archie Compston to meet any two other professionals over 72 holes. Whether this will materialize remains to be seen, but it is understood that Abe Mitchell, Compston's recent conqueror, is a willing acceptor, and that he will probably be partnered by George Duncan. A

stake of £500 a side is also tentative. Duncan and Mitchell "team-up" together admirably, and the odds would certainly seem to be in their favour. The match will be staged early in 1926 if it comes to an issue.

"Watch the Experts"

I make this suggestion to all who are aiming to improve their game; any time you go out to watch a star in action, don't merely follow the flight of the ball. Watch how the star addresses the ball, how he grips the club, how he takes the club back and how he follows through. Note the manner in which he plays to the green and the way in which he hits all his shots.

You will find yourself assimilating knowledge of his game so rapidly you will have to discard most of that knowledge and use only that which can be fitted into your own game. That's what I have done and am doing constantly.

I began caddying when I wasn't more than nine years old. However, I never had a club of my own until I was thirteen. George Hughes was at that time caddie-master of the Apawamis Club, of Rye. He gave me a brassie one day, and for the rest of the season I put in many an hour hitting the ball with that club. Before I got possession of the brassie I used a shinny stick with which I struck at every object in sight."—Gene Sarazen.

Recently there have been rumours ad galore that Mr. R. T. Jones, Jr., the famous U. S. Amateur, would join the professional ranks in 1926. "Bobbie" in a recent letter, emphatically denies that he has ever considered or ever expects to consider turning professional.

Mr. John I. MacCracken, K.C., Ottawa, has left for Southern Pines, N. C., to spend the winter golfing there.

A few golfing "saws" by Mr. A. W. Tillinghast, the well known golf architect, of New York, who was busy this season in Canada on re-vamping the Scarborough Golf Course in Toronto and building new links in the Montreal District:

"Ignorance of the rules and ethics is a voluntary misfortune.

"All skill is but comparative.

"The angry golfer opens his mouth and shuts his eyes.

"In practice he's a bear; in competition a mouse.

"He that blows a short putt loses a long drive.

"Better go to heaven in rags than to hell in embroidery; and rather honest play than ill-gotten medals.

"Beatings from good players are better than always licking dubs.

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“It is not the crowd that makes the Fair nor a fancy pair of pants the golfer.”

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The Ladies' Section of the Thistle-down Golf Club held their annual presentation of prizes yesterday afternoon at the home of the Ladies' President, Mrs. C. J. Nichols, 181 Colbeck Street. The following prizes were presented:

Ladies' Club Championship—Miss P. B. Wilson; trophy presented by Mrs. Rennie; runner-up, Mrs. A. E. Wedd.

Prize donated by Mrs. C. J. Nicholls—Mrs. W. R. McCallum.

Prize donated by Frank Freeman—Mrs. A. E. Wedd.

Prize donated by Mrs. W. F. McCullough—Mrs. C. J. Nichols.

Prize donated by Mrs. W. R. McCallum—Mrs. R. V. Rittenhouse.

Prize donated by Mrs. F. W. Nichol—Mrs. W. F. McCullough.

Prize donated by Mrs. B. B. Mills—Mrs. C. W. Treleaven.

Prize donated by Mrs. Haynes—Mrs. A. V. Piddington.

Partington Trophy—Mrs. G. E. Cameron.

Directors' Field Day prize-winners—Miss A. Perrin and Mrs. C. J. Nichols.

Ladies' Committee prizes—Mrs. A. V. Piddington and Miss Perrin.

Prize donated by Mrs. Wedd—Mrs. B. B. Mills.

Ringer Competition—Miss Wilson and Mrs. Wedd.

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John Innes, the very capable professional of the Thames Valley Public Golf Course in London, writes:

“You will be interested to know that our course which was extended to 12 holes this Spring will be extended to 18 holes next Spring. The new holes have been made and seeded under my direction this Fall and should be in play by 24th May. Total length about 5,800 yards. Membership fees will remain at \$15, but green fees will be raised to \$1. I hope you can see this course some time next season, for it is much different now from the ‘hit and hunt’ proposition you played on eighteen months ago.”

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Frank Sinclair, a popular professional in the Montreal District, has returned this month to England and was given a well deserved, handsome farewell cheque by the Canadian Professional Golf Association. Like so many others, he has never fully recovered from the effects of the war and has recently been in very poor health. His many friends are trusting that a sojourn in his old homeland will be beneficial to him in every way.

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Work on the new course to be laid out by the Queen Victoria Park Commission near the Niagara Glen was commenced last month. A hundred and fifty acres are being devoted to the course, which will be in condition for play by early summer.

The course the first year will be a nine-hole one, but there is sufficient ground available to complete eighteen holes in the future. Stone houses on the land will be converted into a club house and caddy house.

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With praiseworthy enterprise the Chatham Golf and Country Club, Chat-

ham, Ontario, has already elected its officers for 1926. Here they are: Hon Presidents, P. S. Coate and Walter Watts; President, S. M. Glenn; Vice-President, S. A. Morse; Secretary-Treasurer, A. L. Hanna. Directors, Dr. Neil Smith, W. J. Taylor, Spencer Stone, A. D. Chaplin, J. G. Kerr, K.C., W. G. Richards, E. C. Brisco, P. G. Piggott, W. W. Turner, C. S. Hadley, A. C. Woodward, C. A. Glock and T. E. Cottier.

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The "Partridge Inn," Augusta, Ga., has for many years been a popular hostelry with many Canadian golfers and others who spend the Winter in the South. It is one of the pleasantest and most comfortable hotels in Georgia. Happy is the visitor who makes his headquarters at the "Partridge Inn," where comfort reigns supreme.

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Two very capable Western professionals, Fred. C. Fletcher, of Regina, and Tom Grace, of Qu'Appelle, have opened an Indoor Golf Club at 1825 Scarth Street, Regina, Sask. They already have a fine membership and are looking forward to a busy season. They have installed three large nets and a fine putting green and have also stocked up with a superior line of golf clubs and accessories. The location of the School is a particularly good one and it will be the Mecca of Regina golfers during the long winter months.

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A despatch from Niagara Falls, Ont.:

"William Wicks, 22 years of age, was instantly killed to-day on the new golf-course being made by the Queen Victoria Park Commission when a premature blast blew part of his head off. Wicks was working alone blasting stumps, and it is not known exactly how the accident occurred, but a premature blast is given as the reason. Wicks came to Canada with his parents, who reside in Stamford, a few years ago. He is survived by his parents and three sisters."

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On October 4th, or shortly after his return from taking part so successfully in the British Amateur, the young Scot, Mr. J. I. Cruickshank won the amateur championship of Argentina, in which

country he now resides. In the final he beat Mr. J. Morrison by 7 up and 6 to play. The semi-finalists were the Argentine amateur and former Champion, Senor E. Eltortondo, and Mr. H. G. Hickey.



Mr. J. J. Stewart, for several years Honorary Secretary of The Glendale Golf Club, Hamilton, who has been promoted to a Bank of Montreal Managership (see pages 653-4).

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Women of the Scarborough Club will arrange a schedule of events in 1926 for the entire season, instead of preparing a card which would terminate in July and be continued in September. The decision to play through the entire season was made at the annual meeting of the Women's Section which was held in the King Edward Hotel November 20th. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. A. J. Doherty; Vice-President, Mrs. J. P. MacRae; Secretary, Mrs. C. M. Jones; Captain, Mrs. J. V. Carrick. Committee—Mrs. W. E. Young, Mrs. L. F. Krueger, Mrs. C. K. Brenner.

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M. J. Mulvihill won the final match in the annual club match play handicap of the Pembroke Club, defeating

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A. L. Eastcott in the final. A record round was played on the course when H. A. Yorks made the nine-holes in 34 and the two rounds in 71. Yorks is the professional of the clubs of Perth, Arnprior, Carleton Place and Pembroke.

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J. Cook, the efficient professional of the Stratford Golf and Country Club, is again conducting this Winter an Indoor Golf School, which is one of the most up-to-date in Canada. Any golfer visiting Stratford will be given a hearty welcome to the school, which is located on the top floor of the Beacon-Herald Building.

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The Halton Golf and Country Club banquet held in the Arena at Georgetown, November 27th, was a most enjoyable affair. The year's prizes were presented during the evening, Mrs. Willoughby presenting the ladies' and Mr. Willoughby the Men's. They were as follows: Club Shield, Mrs. P. B. Coffin; runner-up, Mrs. L. R. Dale. Second Flight, Mrs. L. B. Shorey; runner-up, Mrs. O. T. MacKay. Third Flight, Miss M. Mathews; runner-up, Miss Campbell. Men's Club Championship, R. Y. Wemyss; Men's club shield, L. B. Shorey; father and son competition, R. Y. and Angus Wemyss; father and daughter competition (McKenzie Cup), D. L. and Freda Herbert.

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The St. Mungo Manufacturing Company, of Glasgow, Scotland, the manufacturers of the celebrated "Colonel" Balls of world-wide reputation, have

just completed extensive alterations to the machinery and buildings at their big works at Govan, with a view to placing a new ball on the market next Spring. On account of the new process which is being introduced this ball will have the toughest of tough covers in addition to phenomenal flight and accuracy in the short game and on the green. By the way, the St. Mungo Company, as will be seen by an advertisement in this issue, is looking for a couple of good representatives for Montreal and the Maritimes and Ottawa west to Fort William. With such a fine firm and fine balls to represent, anyone securing either of these positions is assured of a splendid business next season.

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Mr. W. R. Baker, C. V. O., President of The Canadian Seniors' Golf Association, left this month to spend the Winter in travelling in Europe.

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The Nominating Committee of the United States Golf Association has just announced its "slate" of officers for 1926 as follows:

President, William C. Fownes, Jr., Oakmont Country Club; Vice-Presidents, Charles O. Pfeil, Memphis Country Club; Findlay S. Douglas, The Apawamis Club. Secretary, Herbert H. Ramsay, The Creek Club; Treasurer, Charles H. Sabin, National Golf Links of America; Counsel, James Francis Burke, Allegheny Country Club; Executive Committee, Roger D. Lapham, San Francisco Golf and Country Club; William J. Foye, Omaha Country Club; Thomas B. Paine, Atlanta Athletic Club; Melvin A. Traylor, Glen View Club; James D. Standish, Jr., Country Club of Detroit; Cameron BB. Buxton, Brook Hol-

low Golf Club; Herbert Jaques, The Country Club (Brookline); Rodman E. Grisco, Merion Cricket Club. The Sectional Associations represented on this ticket are Pennsylvania Golf Association, Western Golf Association, California Golf Association, Trans-Mississippi Golf Association, Southern Golf Association, Michigan State Golf League, Philadelphia Golf Association.

The ladies of the Cedarbrook Golf Club, Toronto, held their final field day of the season Thanksgiving Day, the prize winners being:

Driving Competition—Mrs. M. E. Donaldson.

Nine hole medal round—1, Mrs. J. Hewitt, Jr.; 2, Mrs. Hugh Robertson; 3, Mrs. M. E. Donaldson.

Sealed score—Mrs. G. Leyland.

Approaching and Putting—1, Mrs. G. Leyland; 2, Mrs. T. Cairns.

The prizes for the events, which donated by various members of the club, and those for the different competitions during the season, were presented by Mrs. T. W. Learie.

In the final for the Duffort Trophy, J. Forbes defeated P. O. King.

The McDougall Trophy, President's Cup, was won by Dan Davis, the Captain, who defeated R. Dixon, the Vice-captain, in the final.

The club championship was won by J. Forbes.

A despatch from Chicago, November 21st:

"If reports are true, Laddie Ylazienski, 18, caddie of Robinson, Illus., was the golf sharpshooter of the universe yesterday. He was credited with two holes-in-one and with breaking the Lincoln Park course record. His tee shots at the 337-yard second hole and the 167-yard seventh were aces. His card was 32, against the former record of 35. Douglas Erel, Shreveport, La., and another partner of Laddie, in a threesome, confirmed the reports."

Frank Ball, the Langley Park Golf Club professional, and one of the best players in England, is, according to the "Evening Standard," thinking of leaving England next summer for America, where, he says, professionals are treated better than in England. According to Ball, the club committee of Langley Park have asked him to resign on the grounds of "insubordination,"

and, though he is at a loss to account for this action, he is giving up his position with the club early next year. Ball, however, hopes to remain in England until June, so that he may be able to compete in the British Open Championship.

The French are quite idolizing Arnaud Massy, who this season staged a great "come back" and won the



Arnaud Massy, the Idol of French Golfers.

French Open Golf Championship and the French Professional Championship. They have a golf magazine now in France, "Le Golf," and it quaintly observes in connection with Massy's victory:

"In the Open he not only proved that he was—by far—the best of our professionals, but that he was the best of the world's professionals. We should therefore bow before Arnaud Massy, who is a living example of integrity and good sportsmanship. Cycling has Gabriel Poulain; tennis, Decugis, and golf, Arnaud Massy. The French golf veteran has proved that the moral side of sport is not a utopia; for that, he merits our praises."

"Golf Illustrated," London:

"What are the qualities that make Miss Wethered supreme in ladies' golf? They are as hard to define as in the case of anybody—an artist, a sculptor, or a writer—who has inborn genius in a certain walk of life. They defy analysis. When Harry Vardon was at the height of his glory on the links, the fea-

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ture of his golf that created the greatest impression was that he made the game look sublimely easy. Probably nobody else possessed this characteristic in quite the same measure until Miss Wethered appeared in ladies' golf. To her, too, it looks extraordinarily easy, as though Nature never intended golf to be otherwise. She is the most consistently long driver among all the members of her sex, and yet she never appears to be forcing for distance. Indeed, there are learned students of style, including first-class professionals, who declare that she could drive considerably farther than she does if she had ambitions in that direction. That, however, is by no means a convincing statement, for, with all the ease and grace of her swing, the ball leaves the club-face with a crack and a velocity like the firing of a bullet from a rifle."

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The invading team from the Colwood Country Club, of Victoria, B. C., met defeat at the hands of golfers of the Inglewood Country and Golf Club, Seattle, the home team running up a 41 to 8 score in the singles and nearly as large a margin in afternoon four-somes.

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Mr. Robert Bone, of Vancouver, B. C., the well known Pacific Coast amateur, in renewing his subscription this month:

"The Canadian Golfer" contains each month much interesting information touching upon the game from coast to coast, and also many instructive articles of players of proved experience and of world-wide repute. I certainly enjoy the reading matter and look forward to each issue. Wishing your publication continued success and with kindest personal regards."

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Capt. C. H. Perkins and his family left Brantford last week for Vancouver, B. C., where on January 1st Perkins will take up his important duties as professional of the

Vancouver Golf and Country Club. During their residence of five years in Brantford Captain Perkins and his family made many friends and they will be followed to their new home on the Coast by all good wishes for their future happiness and prosperity, in which the Editor of the "Canadian Golfer" most cordially joins. Perkins will be greatly missed the coming year in all the important Championships and Tournaments in the East, in which he has been such a conspicuous figure since his arrival in Canada from England.

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A despatch from Edinburgh, December 7th:

"Scotland in 1926 will be the battleground for four of the more important golfing events this side of the Atlantic.

St. Andrew's historic course will be the Mecca of the amateurs for the Walker Trophy in June. On this course a few weeks earlier will be played the finals of the 'Daily Mail' £1,200 tournament.

At Muirfield, on the course of the Honorable Company of Edinburgh Golfers will be played the Amateur Championship, while at Gleneagles the big annual professional tournament will be held."

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At the annual meeting of the Grand River Country Club, held in the Kitchener and Waterloo Y. M. C. A., W. J. Fawcett was chosen President for the 1926 season in succession to T. A. Witzel. The other officers are: Vice-President, T. W. Seagram; Secretary-Treasurer, A. W. Augustine; Directors, W. J. Fawcett, T. W. Seagram, Dr. H. H. Huenegard, H. Lincoln, T. A. Witzel, George Bray, A. W. Augustine, E. E. Bowman; House Committee, W. J. Fawcett (Chairman), T. W. Seagram, T. A. Witzel and E. E. Bowman; Green Committee, H. Lincoln (Chairman), G. Bray and Dr. Huenegard. The Captain of the 1926 golf team will be George B. McKay, Vice-President of the O.H.A., while the Vice-Captain is Harold Vipond.

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Mr. A. M. Huistis, a well known member of the Canadian Seniors' Golf Association, left this month to spend the Winter in England and the Riviera.

Mr. Frederick Betts, barrister, who is associated with his father, F. P. Betts, K. C., one of the best known golfers in Western Ontario, in the practice of law, suffered a severe cut on his left wrist recently when in adjusting his windshield while driving, he plunged his hand through the glass. Mr. Betts staggered into the Middlesex Motors garage exhausted from loss of blood and was rushed to Victoria Hospital, where it was found that he had severed both arteries and tendons in the accident.

At one of the annual meetings of the Western Golf Association, W. A. Alexander, one of the pioneers in the Chicago District made the statement there was not enough land within 100 miles of Chicago to accommodate all the courses that would be built in the future. Now comes a man thoroughly posted on Cook County acreage who says: "Within five years there will not be a single course site left in Cook County at any price within reach of the ordinary golf club."

Two former Canadian Lady Champions figured prominently last month in the Middlesex Ladies' Annual Tournament, Miss Cecil Leitch for the second year winning the scratch aggregate prize. Close on her heels was Mrs. W. A. Gavin, who has been playing very fine golf recently.

Former Canadian friends will be

glad to hear that "Jimmie" Newman, formerly of the Catarauqui Golf Club, Kingston, Ontario, but for the past two or three years at the well known Cherry Hill Golf Club, Denver Colorado, is playing fine golf these days. A recent

issue of the Denver newspaper states:

"James Newman, professional at the Cherry Hills Golf Club, set a new course record yesterday when he made a 66 over his course. He played highly consistent golf, as is shown by his 33 on each nine. There were but two fives on his card, and these came on the final two holes, which are hard par five holes anyway. He went over par on but one hole and that the sixth. He turned in three birdies on the first nine and four on the second. This is a remarkable score over the difficult Cherry Hills layout. Newman has broken seventy on several previous occasions, but this is the best record he has ever turned in in one round. His card follows:
Out, 3,4,4,4,4,3,3,4=33
In 4,4,3,4,3,2,6,5,5=33
Total, 66."

Americans are now in the lead in membership in the Seniors Northwest Golf Association, the roster of which now totals 285, with 161 from the United States and 124 from Canada. Seattle leads with 71 members, followed by Victoria with 68 and Vancouver and Portland have 41 and 42 respectively. As the Association's membership is restricted to 300, its roster is expected to be completed very soon.

The furious driving of Mr. Cyril Tolley, says "Golfing," London, has so long been the admiration of golfing fans on both sides of the Atlantic that it is scarcely surprising that it

"Beginning Back Swing"

"Withdrawal of the club-head back from the ball on the extended line to the hole and the turning of the left forearm and wrist are the beginnings which are essential to a perfect and automatic swing. It is not too much to say that the rest of the stroke is easy by comparison. Don't try to overdo this drawing back of the club in the direct line from the ball. Equally good experts may vary the distance from four to twelve inches. If one's avoirdupois calls for a four-inch withdrawal, it is as good for that player as twelve inches for another. Do not let the right hand take command and pull up the club-head during its retreat back of the ball. The club-head must barely skim the ground and under no circumstances be raised higher than the ball.

The average golfer is very apt to lose control of the club if carried back too far. This overswing is the cause of many wild shots, as it is most difficult to keep command of the club when it is taken back so far that the wrist breaks at the top."—Chester Horton.

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should at last have come to the notice of the police. Unfortunately, Mr. Tolley was occupying the driver's seat of a motor car at the time, and the Oxford policeman cheerfully estimated his rate of progress along Iffley Road, Oxford, at 35 miles per hour, and added as a pleasing detail that Mr. Tolley continually sounded his electric horn, as though he wanted everyone to get out of the way. Mr. Tolley explained that he sounded his horn several times because a motorcyclist would keep in the centre of the road, and he wanted to pass to catch a train. Mr. John Ward, senior treasurer of the University Golf Club, who was in the car, said that Mr. Tolley was driving quite safely, but the Oxford City Court imposed a fine of forty shillings.

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Dave Brown, professional golfer, has been engaged to act as assistant pro. at

the Coral Gables Golf and Country Club, Coral Gables, Florida. He will work with Charley and Jim Thom, who are in charge of the course. Dave Brown, formerly of Carnoustie, Scotland, has been in this country only three years. During that time he has been pro. at the club at Spofford Lake, N. H. Carnoustie has been the home of some of the world's best golfers, such as Willie Ogg, pro. at the Worcester Country Club, where the National was held this summer; Mac and Aleck Smith, pros. at Westchester-Biltmore Club at Rye Beach, N. Y., who will take charge of the course at the Miami Biltmore Hotel this winter; and Pete and Dave Robinson, whose names are well known in the Middle-west, especially in Ohio, as state finalists. Dave has not participated in any tourneys in this country, but has an extensive collection of trophies which he won in Scotland.

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ST. ANDREWS AND THE SENIORS.

Come ye back to old St. Andrews,
Old St. Andrews-by-the-Sea;
Where a palace stands awaiting—
And a goodly company,
Oh, the air is rich and golden,
Like the shimmer of a dream,
Except when skies are weeping,—
Then things are not what they seem!

'Tis a place where life is pleasant,
'Tis a place where life is free;
Where the ocean, hills and rivers
Never seem to disagree.
But a cosmic force is present,
And the moon looks down with glee,
As the mighty tides keep surging,
At St. Andrews-by-the-Sea.

Here our Brethren of the South Land,
Come with crooked clubs and ball;
With a hearty grip we greet you—
Right good friends and golfers all;
To the very best you're welcome,
But remember this—that we
Are beaten—but not conquered—
At St. Andrews-by the Sea.

—J. E. CALDWELL.

Ottawa, 1925.

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A good deal of work has been done the past season in getting the 9-hole Municipal Golf Course in Brantford into shape. It is hoped early next season to open up the course for play. The prospects are for an unbounded success.

Mr. C. J. H. Tolley, ex-British Amateur Champion, has had a notable season in R. and A. competitions. He won the Silver Cross in the Spring with a round of 72, the King William IV. Medal with 74 after a tie at the same total, and the Glennie Medal for the lowest aggregate of the two meetings. In accomplishing this triple success he joins the very small band whose names are to be found in conjunction with all three medals in a single season. The Glennie Medal was presented to the Royal and Ancient Club by the Royal Blackheath in honour of one who was a well known member of both clubs and a personality of his day, and when it was first competed for in 1882 it was won by Alexander Stuart with the totals that had secured him the other two medals. Since then the feat has only been done by Freddie Tait in 1894 and 1899, Mr. John E. Laidley in 1895, and Mr. Robert Maxwell in 1901.

Arthur Keeling, who with Mrs. Keeling has signed a contract for another three years at Lookout Point Golf Club, Welland, writes from York, en route to spend the Winter in England and Ireland:

"Everything was looking fine at Lookout Point when I left, and the course is getting better all the time, quite a lot of top-dressing was done, and the turf nursery is in splendid shape. The course is getting better known all the time and is going to be heard from in more ways than one."

"Rythm's the Thing"

"Force, and force alone, can never take the place of rhythm and correct timing. I know any number of powerfully built men who can not drive a golf ball two hundred yards to save their necks. They have been naturally endowed with strength, but they have never learned the art of using it properly.

One man in particular, a friend of mine of long standing, has been particularly anxious to learn the game and to play in good form. I have given him lesson after lesson and, realizing that it was a hopeless task, turned him over to other pros thinking that they could discover weaknesses and help him, but after a short time they too have given up.

It is not that he is muscle bound. Some men are, I will admit, but this does not always prevent them from hitting a long ball if they will learn to hit it scientifically.

There are many little chaps who drive a very long ball and who apparently are using no great force at all. As a matter of fact, force is applied to the shot but it is so evenly and beautifully distributed that it is hardly discernible."—Walded Hagen.

George Cumming, of the Toronto Golf Club, the Dean of the Professional Corps in Canada, before leaving for Jamaica this month, stated that he considered 1925 as a particularly remarkable golfing year in Canada on

account of the number of young players who had come to the front. He felt that youth would reign supreme in 1926, which would be a year replete with surprises.

Cumming mentioned a number of players whose achievements have been written into the records of the Royal Canadian Golf Association and the Provincial Golf Associations, and who have dominated in the lesser matches of the year. Selecting the golfers of promise on the strength of the play in different tournaments and matches, Cumming gave Don Carriek, Canadian Amateur Champion, the position of honour. Others who found favour with him were Ross Somerville, the surprise of the 1924 Championship; Fred Lyon, son of George S. Lyon, who eliminated C. C. Fraser as the former Champion was making a bold bid for the title which is held by Carriek; Jack Cameron, formerly of Rivermead, but now in Toronto; Nicol Thompson, Jr., of Hamilton; Lorne Chamberlain, of Ottawa, and G. R. McCall, of Montreal. He recognized the ability of J. A. Sullivan and J. R. Curry, both of Toronto clubs.

Leo Diegel, twice Canadian Open

Champion, has resigned his position at Glen Oaks, N. Y., and will, in future, following the example of Hagen, devote his whole time to Tournament golf and exhibition golf.

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The "Canadian Golfer's" Business Department had to order this week a third shipment from the publishers in New York of Barnes' great book, "A Guide to Good Golf." Orders have come from all parts of Canada and from even as far afield as St. John's, Newfoundland, Great Britain's oldest Colony, and where golf as everywhere else now-a-days, is extremely popular.

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Mr. J. H. Taylor, junr., a son of the great "J. T." is up at Oxford just now reading Modern European History and Literature, and is appearing regularly in the Dark Blue golf team.

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With a return of 9 up on the thirty-six holes, South Herts (Mr. C. N. Brown and Harry Vardon) won the amateur-cum-professional scratch four-ball match at Old Fold.

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The Hon. Mr. Justice Masten and Mr. D. Walters, of the Toronto Golf Club, are spending the Xmas holidays golfing in the South.

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Norman Bell, the professional of the Islington Golf Club, has opened up a golf school at the Victoria Club, Toronto.

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Mr. Hugh Reid was the last golfer to win a club title this year. After many had put their clubs away for the winter, Messrs. Reid and George L. Robinson met in the final of the Lambton championship. It was played last month, when the course was heavy from rain.

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Several of the larger Toronto and Montreal clubs are holding their annual meetings the end of this month or the first week in January. Advance financial statements received by the "Canadian Golfer" show gratifying progress in every case. Revenues run all the way from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

Golfing friends throughout Canada and the States, will sincerely sympathize with Mrs. Woffindin, wife of Mr. R. V. Woffindin, Manager of the A. G. Spalding & Bros. of Canada, Ltd., in the death of her father, Mr. Wm. McArthur, a prominent resident of New York City, which sad event occurred last month, after a lingering illness, borne with much fortitude.

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A subscriber put it very well when he says:

"The game of golf is the rich man's life preserver; it says to powers that are fast waning: 'Wake up!' it instils new life into sluggish blood; it arouses new ambitions; it sets a goal and then says: 'Make it!' Abounding health and long lease of life are the ardent golfer's rewards."

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"THE HOLE-IN-ONE."

Two golf balls—one shone in the sun,
The other was scarred and gray,
Looked up at me beside the tee
On a lovely summer day.
"Just watch me fly, said the first, 'sky high,'
When my driver gives the word;
For I might explain, I'm as swift as a 'plane
And can distance any bird."
Like an arrow sent from a bow full-bent,
He flashed off into space,
And his quondam chum (looking like a
'bum')
Took up the vacant space.
But the boastful one, ere his course was run
Fell into a boaster's trap—
And short of his goal (which of course was
the hole),
In a bunker came "kerflap."

"That's not much good, watch me saw
wood,"

Said the veteran; "here I go.
Just keep your eye on the way I fly,
For I don't go much on show,
But I'm here to say, I can find my way
To the hole in yonder green;
I'm a tough old bum that has roughed it some,
But you'll find I'm no 'has been.'"
With a cheery song then he sped along
At his driver's stern command,
And I craned my neck as I watch'd the speck
On the distant green, where he crept unseen,
Swing low and safely land
In a sort of sinuous roll—
And I heard him shout as I turned about
"Send a whiskey down to this hole."
St. John, December, 1925.

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Many golfing friends of Mr. T. Yates Foster, one of the prominent golfing executives of the Montreal District, will be glad to hear that he is recover-

ing from a long illness and is again able to be in his office in Montreal.

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Mr. F. W. Field, of Montreal, His Majesty's Senior Trade Commissioner in Canada and Newfoundland, during the course of a letter to the Editor:

"I have had little golf at Montreal this year, but managed to secure games during a business trip in Canada and Newfoundland, at Winnipeg, Banff, Vancouver, Halifax, St. John, Moncton and in Newfoundland at St. John's, where I found most interesting courses. With kind regards."

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Mr. H. F. Skey, for many years one of the leading officials of the London Hunt and Golf Club, but recently in Winnipeg, has been promoted to Agent of the important Branch of the Bank of Montreal in New York.

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The Royal and Ancient Golf Club announces that the qualifying rounds for the British Open Golf Championship will be held on June 16 and 17. The North Section rounds will be contested over the courses of the Western Gaiels Golf Club, Ayrshire, and the Glasgow Gaiels Golf Club. The Southern Section over the Sunningdale old and the Sunningdale new course, and the Central Section over the St. Anne's old links and the Blackpool Golf Club. The number of players will be proportionate to the number of entrants and amateurs will compete in the section in which the club from which they enter is situated.

Entrants from overseas will be distributed by ballot equally between the Central and South Sections. The entries will close May 15. The Championship round will be played at Lytham and St. Anne's in the week beginning June 21.

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The ladies of the Thornhill Golf and Country Club, Toronto, held their annual meeting this month at Sherbourne House, when the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. J. P. Patterson; Vice-President, Mrs. G. C. Hurdman; Secretary, Mrs. A. Cox; Captain, Mrs. L. B. Black; Committee, Mrs. A. R. Greene, Mrs. J. M. Kerr and Miss G. Wood. Following the

meeting Mrs. J. P. Patterson and Mrs. W. Howard presided at the tea table.

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Mr. H. H. Champ, a particularly well known and popular member of the Hamilton Golf and Country Club, has been elected a Director of the Steel Company of Canada, in succession to the late Mr. Lloyd Harris.

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Cheerful novice, to scratch man who has been playing in the match behind him: "Well, how many birdies did you shoot this round?"

Irritable crack, who has been kept back at every hole since the ninth: "I don't know about birdies, but I'd have given a lot for a chance to shoot one rabbit."

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The latest suggestion regarding the derivation of the word "mashie" is that it comes from the Spanish *macheete*, meaning a short sword.

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There is a good deal of feeling (says the "Mirror," London), over the decision of certain banks to forbid members of their staffs wearing sporting clothes during business hours. Many of the bank clerks have been in the habit of coming to work on Saturday mornings dressed for the golf course, but the decree has now gone forth that this custom must cease.

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When Abe Mitchell relates that he putted from the edge of the green and "thanks to the fates of golf," the ball fell into the cup, he means that he made a damned good putt and is wholly aware of the fact.

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Chief Justice Taft's gabby caddie explains that the ex-President of the United States at his summer home in Murray Bay, Que., plays "consistent Golf." That is to say, he does not bring in a poor score one day and a better one the next, but brings in a poor one every day.

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The "Canadian Golfer" has been asked to give a list of the fifteen oldest golf clubs in Canada. Here they are:

1. Royal Montreal Golf Club, Dixie, P. Q., 1873; 2. Quebec Golf Club, Quebec, P. Q., 1874; 3. Toronto Golf Club, Toronto, Ont., 1876; 4. Niagara Golf Club, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont., 1876; 5. Brantford Golf Club, Brantford, Ont., 1879; 6. Rosedale Golf Club, Toronto, Ont., 1883; 7. Uplands Golf Club, Victoria, B. C., 1889; 8. Como Golf Club, Como, P. Q., 1892; 9. Victoria Golf Club, Victoria, B. C., 1893; 10. Norwood Golf Club, Winnipeg, Man., 1894; 11. Toronto Hunt & Golf Club, Toronto, Ont., 1894; 12. Hamilton Golf Club, Hamilton, Ont., 1894; 13. Norfolk Golf Club, Simcoe, Ont., 1895; 14. MacLeod Golf Club, MacLeod, Alta., 1895; Algonquin Hotel Golf Club, St. Andrews, N. B., 1895.

"THE LINGO OF THE LINKS"

"Well, how did you get on?" inquired a novice of a friend who had just finished an important golf match.

"Oh," said the old hand, who knew the language, "We got off all right. I was abit short at the long and then long at the short, but my opponent was never up all the way because he couldn't get down. He played better coming in than he had going out, so we were square on the round."

"THEY ARE HERE ALL RIGHT."

The melancholy days have come, as Bryant once remarked,

Where in a corner of the room the
mashie now is parked;
For snow is on the putting green, and
brassie shots are done,
Where April is a long way off beneath
another sun.

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QUITE SO.

In winter, when the links are white,
I'm at the office until night;
In summer, when the course is green,
I always catch the 12.15.

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RAIN.

"The rain is raining all around,
It falls on turf and tree;
But I don't care how wet I get—
I made that hole in three."

QUESTION FOR RULES COMMITTEE.

"A" drives. Before "A" reaches
his ball, "B" drives and his ball strikes
"A" in the back. "A" waits for an
apology. "B" comes up and says:
"Why didn't you duck, you idiot?
That would have been a peach of a
drive."

What should "A" do?

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"Tidal fury surges o'er us,
And we breathe a savage "Tut"!'
When, with all the green before us,
We don't hole a three foot putt."

HAGEN'S EASY GOLF MONEY

Celebrated U. S. Player has an Annual Income in the Tens of Thousands
of Dollars

(By Morrow Krum, Chicago)

TWO thousand spectators in a gallery at Olympia Fields Country Club a month or so ago saw Walter Hagen sink a twenty-foot putt to square a match with Al Watrous, Grand Rapids.

On another day of the same tournament another crowd saw Hagen sink a fifteen foot putt to square a match with Leo Diegel.

On the final day of the tournament still another gallery saw Hagen break a course record and defeat William E. Mehlhorn, one of the nation's best golfers, by a margin of 6 and 5. Hagen retained his title of National Professional Champion. He retained it by

being able to do the apparently impossible at the crucial moment.

The tournament that ended last month at Olympia Fields gave the world fair proof that Walter Hagen is perhaps the leading money golf player in the world. He seemingly always does the things that other golfers cannot do, and he capitalizes this ability with a dividend of some \$30,000 a year.

How would you like to make \$60,000 a year for playing golf? Can you conjure any more pleasant way of earning a comfortable income? Can you imagine any life of more milk and honey?

Well, this is what Walter Hagen does. And he does it without great effort, except when it comes to sinking twenty foot putts to win matches. He works during these moments and he works hard, but he almost always wins.

Hagen is thirty-four years old. A dozen years ago he was a caddy master. Before that he was a caddy. Ten or fifteen years ago Hagen didn't have a dime.

There are two reasons for his spectacular rise in the sporting world. The first reason is Hagen's portentous and ducal front. This front includes a nose that is held high. It includes a Ritz that would congeal the frostiest Bostonian dowager. It includes a regal wardrobe of golf togs. It includes a Locomobile, and a chauffeur, and a business manager, and a personal caddy. In short, Hagen is the smoothest golfer in the world.

The second reason is found in the courage that is back of Hagen's Ritz manner. Hagen puts on the front. He will tell you he can do a certain thing, then he does it. Here is an example.

Seven or eight years ago Hagen found himself on the thirty-sixth green of an American Open Championship with a putt of twenty-eight feet to tie the field. If Hagen sank that putt he would tie Mike Brady, who had finished earlier in the day. Brady was in the locker room of the club. Hagen looked at the putt he had before him. Then he spoke to his caddy.

"Go into the locker room and tell Mike Brady to come out here and watch me sink this putt," he said. The caddy obeyed. Brady appeared.

Hagen sank the putt.

So it is with Hagen. He has won a dozen championships. He has been Champion of England. He has been Champion of America. He has been Western Open Champion, and he has been Metropolitan Champion. He has been National Professional Champion three times. All because he has the courage to do the apparently impossible on golf courses.

Hagen receives \$30,000 a year for acting as President of the Pasadena (Florida) Country Club. This job and salary was given him because far-sighted business men in Florida thought him the best obtainable advertisement. Hagen brings thousands of people

to Pasadena each winter. They want to see him play golf. In addition to his salary he gets a commission on whatever real estate sales he promotes. It is impossible to estimate the income he derives from this source.

Hagen stays in Florida about three months of the year. The rest of the year he plays exhibition matches all over the country. He plays anywhere—that is, anywhere there is produced at least \$250 for each round of eighteen holes. To date he has played eighty matches this year. He will crowd in another twenty before he goes back to Pasadena. There you have an income of \$25,000. He makes another \$5,000 betting during the year. Perhaps he makes more, but that is a conservative estimate. Like all professional golfers, he wagers habitually—but usually wins.

The only time Hagen plays golf for nothing is when he enters the tournaments and then he plays to maintain the front—to keep himself advertised. Last week "The Tribune" golf editor approached Bob Harlow, Hagen's manager, and invited the title holder to participate in "The Tribune" driving contest.

"Sure, Hagen'll play," said Harlow, laughing. "He'll hit three balls for \$100 each."

Later Harlow said Hagen was scheduled for an exhibition match in a neighbouring city for Sunday or he would have played in the driving contest for nothing. The incident merely shows the businesslike manner in which Hagen operates.

So, now you golf fans who saw Hagen sink twenty foot putts last week know it was strictly business. He sank those putts because he had to keep his income up around the \$60,000 mark. He did it because he had to and because he nearly always can when it is absolutely necessary.

(Mr. Krum in his estimate of Hagen's income does not mention his syndicated golf articles nor the money he received for his autograph clubs, etc., so that \$75,000 per annum which Diegel and other of his brother pros. estimated his income at, when at the Canadian Open at Lambton last August, does not seem to be far astray—Ed. "Canadian Golfer.")

WINTER GOLF IN DIGBY

A SPECIAL despatch from Digby, N. S., Dec. 11th:

"While citizens in other parts of Canada were shivering from the extreme cold this week, several prominent men in this town enjoyed golf on the local links. The grounds were in excellent condition, and the weather ideal. Several interesting matches were played by local members.

A meeting of the Golf Club will be held in a few weeks, when arrangements will be made for further improvements to the links. Early this spring members spent more than \$1,000 in improvements, and a much larger expenditure is anticipated for next season."

The ideal Xmas Golfing Gift and just the Book to enjoy during the long Winter evenings. Barnes' "Guide to Good Golf," Price Postage and Duty Prepaid \$2.50. Send in your orders to "CANADIAN GOLFER," Brantford, Ontario.

SENIORS' TOURNAMENT DATES

THE dates for the Ninth Annual Tournament of The Canadian Seniors' Golf Association for 1926 have already been decided upon. The event will be held the first week in September at the Toronto Golf Club. The first two days will be devoted to medal play and the third day to Foursomes. The following week the International Team will leave for Apawamis, Rye, N. Y., to play the U. S. Seniors for the possession of the Devonshire Cup now held by the Americans. The Toronto Golf Club will provide an ideal setting for the 1926 Tournament.

JONES AND HAGEN

THERE has always been a feeling among Hagen's supporters that he could stop Bobby Jones at match play.

Their seventy-two hole test at Sarasota and Pasadena, Fla., the home battlegrounds of both men, will next month return part of the answer.

Jones hasn't lost a golf match in an amateur Championship for two years. He has won ten consecutive matches in his long march.

Hagen hasn't lost a P. G. A. match in the same period of play.

Their last meeting was in Atlanta, where Jones won by a big margin, but this was in a four-ball affair.

Here are the two best golfers of the game—between the days of Old Tom Morris and Watts Gunn.

The feature of the match will be their play around the green. There are no two putters now aiming for the tin cup in their class, day in and day out.

It will be a match worth looking at, since both carry that peculiar quality of personality which builds up drama.

A SIMPLE MATTER?

NON-golfers who have stood by and laughed at some devotee of the Royal and Ancient game swing at a ball and missed have no doubt wondered what there is to the game and why its difficulty. Golfers themselves frequently are none the less puzzled to know why the art of driving is so hard to acquire. The how and the why of the drive have been described and explained thousands of times and still but a few can hit a golf ball with regularity so that it will fly on a straight line for 200 yards.

And yet it is all a very simple matter. All that has to be done is clearly set forth in Arnold Haultain's book, "The Mystery of Golf." For the benefit of the non-golfers who sneer derisively and the golfers who are seeking knowledge we re-print here Mr. Haultain's careful explanation of what must be done if the drive is to be a good one:

"Not only is the stroke in golf an extremely difficult one, it is also an extremely complicated one, more especially the drive in which its principles are accentuated. It is in fact a subtle combination of a swing and a hit; the "hit" portion being deftly incorporated into the "swing" portion just as the head of the club reaches the ball, yet without disturbing the regular rhythm of the motion."

That seems an easy thing to do, and yet behold what the good driver must go through in order to achieve the hit and swing with rhythm:

"The whole body must turn on the pivot of the head of the right thigh bone working in the cotyloidal cavity of the os innominatum or pelvic bone, the head, the right knee and the right foot remaining fixed, with the eyes riveted on the ball. In the upward swing the vertebral column rotates upon the head of the right femur, the right knee being fixed; and as the club head nears the ball the fulcrum is rapidly changed from the right to the left hip, the spine now rotating on the left thigh bone, the left knee being fixed; and the velocity is accelerated by the arms and wrists in order to add the force of the muscles to the weight of the body, thus gaining the greatest impetus possible."

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YOUNG Scotch Professional open for 1926 engagement. Best of references. Good player and instructor. Apply care of Editor of "Canadian Golfer," Brantford, Ontario.

WANTED—Man with wide experience in club management requires position as club secretary, manager or steward. Excellent references can be supplied. Apply F. D., care "Canadian Golfer."

WELL known Scottish Amateur desires post as professional in Canada for season of 1926. Winner of Open Tournaments. British National Handicap 3. Good teacher and first-class player. Apply "Scot," care of Editor "Canadian Golfer," Brantford, Ontario.

WANTED—Position in Canada for season 1926. Expert experience as player and instructor in Great Britain, Canada and the States. Best of references from leading clubs. Runner-up Canadian Professional Championship, 1925. Please write David Spittal, care "Canadian Golfer," Brantford, Canada.

WANTED—Position as golf professional; just arrived from England; good player, coach and excellent club maker, fully understanding management and can take charge of course, with long experience, and son making of a fine player and wife capable of taking and managing full charge of club house, with excellent references. Apply W. E. E., "Canadian Golfer," Brantford, Ont.

PROFESSIONAL (Scotch), desires position. First-class player, teacher and club maker; also experienced Greenkeeper. Excellent references. Apply W. S., Care of Editor "Canadian Golfer," Brantford, Ontario.

WANTED—Leading young professional in the West is desirous of a good position in 1926, preferably in the East. Strongest recommendations both as player and instructor. Highest references. Apply R. R., "Canadian Golfer," Brantford, Ontario.

WANTED for season of 1926, a position as professional. Highest recommendation. Experience with Metropolitan Club and a first-class player and instructor. Please write care of Editor of "Canadian Golfer," Brantford, Ontario, stating salary offered and the perquisites going with the salary. Only an 18-hole course would be considered.

PROFESSIONAL (young Scotchman) is open for engagement; thoroughly qualified Clubmaker and Instructor, ten years' experience; formerly assistant Pollock and Cathcart Castle Clubs, Glasgow; record holder. Apply "G. E." "Canadian Golfer," Brantford, Canada.

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WANTED—Position for the season of 1926 by well known professional with several years' experience in two of the best Clubs in Canada. High-class player and teacher. The best of references. Apply care Business Department "Canadian Golfer," Brantford, Canada.

WANTED—By Pro., position for the 1926 season, teaching and club making a specialty; highest Canadian references; 18 years' experience. Apply P. H., care "Canadian Golfer," Brantford.

PROFESSIONAL with long experience, desires position with good club for season 1926. West preferred. First class player and club maker. Specially recommended as teacher. All Canadian and English references. Apply "Canadian Golfer," Box 760, Brantford, Ont.

POSITION WANTED—Well known Scotch professional is open for engagement. Unique knowledge of the game. Technique perfected in association with the great masters, amateur and professional, and possesses the ability to impart same. Apply "Scottish Pro." care "Canadian Golfer," Brantford, Ont.

PROFESSIONAL with fourteen years' experience in England and U. S. A., desires to locate with first-class Canadian Club. Very highly recommended. Box No. X, "Canadian Golfer," Brantford, Ontario.

FOR SALE—Complete Golf School Outfit, three courts, each 15 ft. x 9 ft., made of 8 oz. and 12 oz. canvas, four sheets of canvas to each court; made to clip onto wires; easily rigged up; tee mats, etc. Equal to new, \$150, freight paid. Jack Vernon, Kenora, Ont.

FORTHCOMING IMPORTANT FIXTURES

Dec. 25—Xmas Day Tournament, Del Monte, Cal.

December 26-31.—Pinehurst Midwinter Tournament, Pinehurst Country Club, Pinehurst, N. C.

Jan. 1-3—Annual New Year's Tournament, Del Monte Cal.

Jan. 12-23—Halifax Tournament, St. Augustine, Fla.

Jan. 19-23—Championship of St. Augustine, St. Augustine, Fla.

Jan. 20-24—Annual Midwinter Tournament, Miami Country Club, Fla.

Jan. 25-29—Lake Worth Tournament, Palm Beach Golf Club, Fla.

February 1-6.—Twenty-second Annual St. Valentine's Tournament, Pinehurst Country Club, Pinehurst, N. C.

Feb. 8-12—South Florida Championship, Palm Beach Golf Club, Fla.

Feb. 9-12—St. Valentine's Tournament for Women, Pinehurst, N. C.

Feb. 12-14—Annual Pebble Beach Gold Vase Tournament, Del Monte Cal.

February 15-20.—Ormond Beach Championship, Ormond Beach Golf Club, Ormond Beach, Fla.

Feb. 15-19—Fourth Annual Pebble Beach Women's Championship, Del Monte, Cal.

Feb. 15-19—Women's Championship of Florida, Palm Beach Country Club, Fla.

Feb. 16-20—Tenth Annual Spring Tournament, St. Augustine, Fla.

Feb. 17-21—Championship of Miami, Miami Country Club, Fla.

Feb. 20-22—Washington's Birthday Tournament, Del Monte, Cal.

Feb. 20-22—Annual California Intercollegiate Championship, Pebble Beach, Del Monte, Cal.

Feb. 23-26—Seniors' Tournament, Pinehurst, N. C.

Feb. 23-27—Fourteenth Annual Amateur Championship of Cuba, Country Club of Havana.

Feb. 24-27—Women's South Atlantic Championship, Ormond Beach, Fla.

Feb. 26-Mar 1st—Women's Championship of Miami, Miami Country Club, Fla.

Mar. 1-6—Annual Spring Tournament, Pinehurst, N. C.

Mar. 2-6.—Women's Florida East Coast Championship, St. Augustine, Fla.

Mar. 8-13—Championship of Volusia, Ormond Beach, Florida.

Mar. 17-21—Dixie Championship, Miami Country Club Fla.

Mar. 18-20—Winter Professional Championship of America, St. Augustine, Fla.

Mar. 23-27—Winter Championship of Florida, St. Augustine, Fla.

Mar. 25-30—North and South Amateur Championship for Women Pinehurst, N. C.

April 1-2—North and South Open Championship, Pinehurst, N. C.

April 5-10—North and South Amateur Championship, Pinehurst, N. C.

April 13-17—Mid-April Tournament, Pinehurst, N. C.

May 17-20.—Irish Amateur (Close) Championship at Portrush.

May 22.—International Match, England vs. Scotland, Muirfield.

May 24, etc.—British Open Amateur Championship, Muirfield.

June 2-3.—Irish Professional Championship at Malone, Belfast.

June 2-3.—Walker Cup Match, Great Britain vs. United States, St. Andrews.

June 21, etc.—British Open Championship, Lytham and St. Anne's.

Sept. 6 to 10.—Irish Amateur (Open) Championship at Portmarneck.

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