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H. Alexander MacLennan, Manager of the Royal Connaught Hotel, Hamilton, Ontario, has long been noted for his achievements in the hotel industry, but in Canada's Royal Family of Hotels he has always been obliged to take a back seat in golfing prowess to Vernon G. Cordy whose par cracking activities are well known. However this summer at Annon G. Cordy whose par cracking activities are well known. However this summer at Annon G. Cordy whose par cracking activities are well known. However this summer at the little cup. The ball was mounted by the International Silver Company for Mr. MacLennan by Mr. W. T. Walton, President and General Manager."

for their masters, D. J. Gregson and Fred Housser.

Four of the dogs are springers and one a Chesapeake. Mr. Gregson says he and his partner once grossed \$60. a week and over a period of five or six years have lived comfortably through the findings of the canines.

The two men make a full-time job of scouring the course for the lost balls, Mr. Gregson working the anght trick, Mr. Housser taking the night trick, which begins at 6 o'clock.

Four of the dogs, Belle, Lady, Duke and Flossie, are veterans while the fifth, two-year-old Laddie, is a rookie just getting the hang of things. Duke, the Chesapeake, is shortly to go on the retired list after hunting out thousands of lost balls.

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Harlow Cutting, promising young golfer of Peterboro, who won the Ontario Junior Open this year, added to his laurels by taking the Peterborough Golt and Country Club championship this fall. He defeated Bob Abbott, veteran of the club and holder of the title for several years. Cutting is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Cutting, and his father and Mrs. R. E. Cutting, and his father and Mrs. R. E. Cutting, and his father plant in that city.

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Billy Thomson, scion of St. John's famous golfing family, is believed to be the youngest competitive golfer in the Maritimes if not in Canada.

At nine years of age he recently competed in the special 18-hole match in connection with the N.B.P.E.I. annual tournament over the links of the Riverside Golf and Country Club and won it with a gross of 154 defeating Joe Church by three strokes.

He is following in the footsteps of his dad, Eric D. Thomson, and his grandfather, Percy W. Thomson, both of whom have won honors in former meets and who, today, can hold their own with the best in their classes.

#### Ball-Hounds Bred

It's been every golfer's dream to train the household's pet dog to retrieve the balls he hooks and slices

Most golfers just dream about it. It's a lot easier than trying to hammer into Fido's head that he's supposed to root out a little white ball and bring it back to his master's feet.

However two Vancouver men, who make the West Point Golf Club their head-quarters, have trained five dogs to hunt golf balls for them. Not only do the dogs nose out and retrieve the lost pills but their retrieving provides a living



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#### DOWNHILL LIES By Snead

Sam Snead states that the down-hill lie for most golfers is definitely more difficult than the up-hill lie. On a downhill lie you make the shot in just the reverse way you would an up-hill lie. In down-hill lies you had better take a more lofted club than you would ordinarily use for the distance you have in mind. Play the ball a little farther back toward your right foot than you would in a normal shot. Then hit down at the ball making sure you keep the club-head following through close to the ground. The lift of the club will get the ball up into a normal flight. In a down-hill lie you should bend your right knee a little to compensate for the uneven level of the ground. And keep your weight slightly more on the right foot to help you hold your balance throughout the swing. After taking your stance and positioning the ball as above indicated, make the shot with confidence.

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WELL what did you golfers think of the 1941 season? Did you feel that the activity of golfers across the continent fulfilled a worthy purpose? From this vantage point we must say, "Well done" to those who have plotted the course of the year under wartime conditions. For the most part activity has continued sectionally and although

the Canadian Amateur championship and Interprovincial matches were missing as well as the counterpart events in the women's section—still players have found the organization of the game sufficiently maintained to give meaning to a little earnest practice and very valuable play. Here's hoping that the R.C.G.A. again sees fit to suggest that the provinces keep things alive within the bounds of good taste when that body meets this spring.

**L** OOKING over the season from the viewpoint of golf contributing to the causes we understand that many clubs have made splendid efforts this past year. We have mentioned several of these outstanding sums raised through combined club promotion but here is still another. Marlborough in Montreal raised over \$1,500 with its Evacuee Trophy and other special matches. Now \$1,500 won't win the war, but if Canada's 500 clubs each raised such a total the sport would provide \$825,000 for war causes. However, it is recognized that such an amount is out of the question for the smaller clubs. Still there are larger clubs than Marlborough which might well have made some direct appeal of their own in this direction.

Best effort of the year was Mrs. Edwin Crockett's (Toronto) organization of the ladies and many of the clubs, both men and women, contributed toward making the C.L.G.U. drive a success. When last heard from the total had reached \$35,000 which is on the way to representing two Spitfire planes.

**O** NE of the outstanding features of the fall golf season in world circles was the play of Bobby Jones on his team which challenged the Ryder Cup team, captained by Walter Hagen. The event was a rip-snorting battle all the way with Jones going down to defeat in the foursomes. However with the score tied at the end of the second day, Bobby came up the finishing stretch with the great Henry Picard "on the run". Bobby beat Henry and won the match for the challengers by a narrow margin. The matches held in Detroit drew 18,000 and more than \$13,000 was raised for the United Services



A FRIENDLY CHAT WITH THE Editor AWAY?

Organizations. Complete records will follow in the next issue showing how the challengers stopped the vaunted might of Hagen's picked squad of stars. Incidently Walter Hagen has graduated to the post of Honourary Captain of the Ryder Cup team for 1942 while 1941 U. S. champion, Craig Wood will captain the team.

I T is interesting to note that although all chance of re-opened play against Great Britain for Ryder Cup laurels is definitely off the books for some time to come, the Americans are continuing to pick a team every year on the basis of current showings and when the time comes for resumption of the games there will be a strong continuity to their efforts which may have some bearing on the outcomes of these international battles for some years to come. However on the other hand it can hardly be said that Cox, Padgham, Button and the other great British professionals are loosing touch altogether. Like the great Henry Cotton, most of these fellows though "pulling their weight or better" in war work in Britain, are playing exhibitions which have raised huge sums for war and have kept them pretty well in fettle. Yet it cannot be hoped that they have maintained anything like the pace of the Americans to whom life so far during the past two years has not changed much from one tournament after the other. And, rest assured, this intense competitive training over a period is quite unbeatable. That's where Britain's team will suffer in post war days.

HE death of Marion Miley, whom your writer had the pleasure of meeting on several notable occasions, came as one of the most shocking bits of news received on the golfing front for many a year. So vital, young, attractive and understanding in her pursuit of our great game, it was almost unbelievable that any thug with a gun could have the sheer rotten heart to turn it toward the great young Kentucky player. Practically everything about Miss Miley's golf has been said in daily papers. There is little used to repeat those meaningless facts about her competitive achievements. These things melt into very small import compared with the loss of such a fine example of young American womanhood who, by her sportsmanship and skill, had such a wide circles of friends in the golfing world everywhere. This column is not a bloodthirsty individual, but here's hoping the murderer who shot and killed Marion and wounded her mother so seriously will be found and that the full penalty of the law will be exacted as painfully as possible. To have shot two defenseless women is Continued on page 13

# M.P.G.A. WIND-UP 1941

THE SPOT held by Bobby Burns in Toronto) one-time professional at the Hampstead club, as the perennial ace performer of the Montreal Professional Golfers Association seems very definitely to have fallen upon the slender, but powerful shoulders of Ilsemere's Stanley Horne. Long rated as the foremost Canadian golfer as the result of winning three consecutive Canadian P.G.A. titles, Stan again in 1941 conquered his fellow Montreal professionals both in the summer-long medal meets and in the big wind-up event of the M.P.G.A. calendar, the match play championship for the J. Lloyd Freeman

The story was not much different this year than it has been for the past two. trophy.

Stan won "in a walk" and it can only be said of his opponents that they were courageous and occasionally brilliant rather than providing any protracted, serious threat to the "Mighty-Mite" from

Surprize performer of the Freeman the Back-River layout. trophy tournament was stocky Syd Fry of the LaSalle club. Syd beat some of the best talent around Montreal to earn

a shot at the defending champ in the finals and he was far from routed, bowing 4 and 3, in a battle which was not as one-sided as the score might indicate. For nine holes in the morning 18 Fry

fought his illustrious opponent "tooth and nail" and was all even up to that point. However Stan pulled away on the last nine to go three ahead at lunch. Starting out over the last 18 at Marlborough, Stanley birdied the first and seventh holes to take a five-up lead at the 27th. He was lucky however at that hole when Fry, having the hole apparently won, stymied himself and had be satisfied with a half. Fry won three of next six holes, but bowed out four and three as he dropped two in the meantime. In the medal play tournament throughout the season Horne piled up

a good margin, topping Jock Brown a good margin, topping Jula points. of Summerlea by 54 to 31<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> points. These two led Nelson Young, Royal Montreal and D. Gauthier, St. Jerome

The M.P.G.A. Closing dinner was in that order. again a feature of the 1941 golfing season in Montreal. Held as usual at the Mount Royal the event brought out most

of the active and important official members of the city's golfing fraternity. With President Emile Collette, Laval, in the chair over 100 prizes were given for play in connection with M.P.G.A. games

during the year. Highlighting the season of this body was the pro-amateur tournament held at the Seignory Club in which the professionals of the association invited their leading player to take part in a highly interesting competition played over the sporting course on the banks of the Ot-

Revenues for the season were on a tawa. par with other years within the association and it was felt that better and steadier attendance on the part of all the professionals was shown in the regular medal games throughout the year. The M.P.G.A. has grown steadily to a progressive and important body in Montreal golfing circles and it must be pointed out that the sterling leadership of its presidents over the years has been responsible for the excellent developments of the organization and its service to the

game.

President Emile Collette, popular and active M.P.G.A. president presents Stanley Horne, Ilsemere, Montreal with the J. Lloyd Freeman trophy, emblem of the Association match play championship for 1941 while ex-president Ar-nold Mitchell looks on at the recent closing dinner of the Montreal professional Association season.

# ALBERTA'S OPEN

HOW would our best professional golfers make out if they were given more opportunity of matching strokes with the best American pros. The final answer has not yet been given to that question. So far we have not been very successful from a winning standpoint. Why? Not enough continuous competition and the break caused by the winter months, are the common reasons advanced. Personally I dont believe the explanations are sufficient. The success of our hockey, lacrosse and badminton champions who have won world honors in their fields completely disproves the theory that an athlete must play all year around or find competition outside his own country, in order to defeat the world's best. It is a far more likely surmise that we have up to the last few years simply failed to produce a player with the type of game and temperament capable of scaling the dizzy heights required of a modern golfing argonaut.

Our best players have been efficient within their limitations but their limitations have not been broad enough. Nothing but a daring, all-out style of play will defeat the super American players. The owner of such a game can possess no elements of conservatism in his system. He must be able to obtain prodigious length with consistent ease, he must stroke all the orthodox shots with cold precision and he must have such a full repertoire of shots that he will be able to successfully negotiate those difficult unforseen situations which invariably arise. The owner of such a game must have nerves of steel; he must be able to produce his best according to the demands of the occasion; he must be "tournament tough."

Such a player is par-shattering C. P. G. A. champion Stan Leonard. His game answers most of the requirements. It is representative of Canada's newfound golfing greatness. Using every ounce of strength in his compact body, here is a terrific hitter who makes use of his power with reckless abandon. Even when the daring of his play occasionally carries him into trouble he is still capable of smashing par with amazing recoveries.

Stans scores and records tell their own story. In 16 rounds of competitive play starting with the East-West matches against Jules Huot and Stan Horne and continuing through the Western Open, the C.P.-G.A. and the Alberta open, Stan has been 32 under par.

This means the Western walloper has shot 16 rounds of 70 or better on various courses under varying conditions throughout the country. This kind of scoring does not compare unfavorably with Ben Hogans 70.4 average on American championship layouts under heavy competitive pressure. *Continued on page* 12

## Mrs Soper Again Champ

#### (see front cover)

**M**RS. Harold Soper of Kanawaki, Montreal, is probably the perfect feminine example of the fact that golf is a game which repays its real students—its faithful followers. Mrs. Soper has for many seasons exhibited many of the qualities which might have made her a champion, but it must be admitted that hers was a premeditated approach to golf, "analytical" is the right word, possibly. Today Mrs. Soper is not so analytical. She hasn't been for several years, but over the seasons her keen interest in "how" has engrained a steady natural swing which has carried her to two successive Quebec provincial championships.

Probably no more ardent husband and wife golfing two some are to be found than Harold and Alice Soper. Their sixfoot son Warren is likewise an active player fast gaining experience during the past two years in Quebec tournaments. Both Mrs, and Mr. Soper are active in official capacities in the Eastern golfing world. Mr. Soper is Vice-president of the Montreal P.G.A. while the 1941 and 1942 Quebec ladies titlist is slated to succeed to the presidency of the Quebec Branch of the C.L.G.U. as she now serves as first vice-president.

But we are chiefly concerned with the way in which Mrs. Soper defended her championship laurels. The 1942 classic was played over the long, and for a woman particularly testing, Summerlea layout on the Montreal Lakeshore. Mrs. Soper who had not been too active in lesser tournaments during the season showed that she was in earnest in this title defense and despite rather inclement weather, she struck off an 88 to tie *Continued on page* 12

Seen at one of the closing tournaments of the 1941 season in Montreal were the four young French-Canadian golfers Charles de Bryne, professional of Laval Club, Montreal and Jacques Decharmes, Yvon Dion and Guy Lefaivre, all pupils of the former. Dion and Lefaivre are both promising young players.





Royal Colwood in Victoria is one of the courses over which the Empress Mid-Winter tournament is played each year. It is a perfect example of the "inland" layout characteristic of the finer courses in America. Colwood is often described as a great park so perfectly conditioned is this winter gathering-place.

# **Inland** GOLF THIS WI

A FEW years ago the late Johnny Dreher, beloved golf editor of the Seattle Times crossed Puget Sound for a look at the Empress golf tournament then in it's swaddling clothes stage

"This tournament is a wow" said Johnny, who knew his way about a golf course. "You could almost call it the Duffer's Delight".

And that's what Johnny called it in his Seattle Times golf column next day and that, unofficially, is what the Empress tournament is still called out on Canada's west coast.

Because it stresses the Sir Edward Beatty event, on handicap, the Empress tournament, to be played this year again March 9th to 14th inclusive over the Royal Colwood and Oak Bay courses, is the kind of an affair which appeals to Mr. and Mrs. Average Golfer. Result is, it's about as friendly and democratic a tournament as you can find anywhere.

Which is not to say, however, that only players with doublefigure handicaps take part in the happy Empress golf week. Scotty Campbell, Seattle, a Walker Cup star, came over a few season ago, while he was reigning city, state and Pacific Northwest champion, to lift the Chamber of Commerce cup for the "open" championship, and Lee Steill, an erstwhile Seattle city and Washington state champion, was a double winner of both the Beatty cup and Chamber of Commerce trophy a few years ago. About the only big names in Pacific Northwest golf who haven't been around the Empress tournament as yet are Bud Ward, of Spokane, the reigning U. S. amateur champ, and Kenny Black, of Vancouver, Canada's amateur fairway king.

Kenny usually manages to visit the Empress event, but so far hasn't found time to enter. "That's something I'm looking forward to a little later on" says the smiling Vancouver lad.

Oddly enough, when this winter golf tournament was "sprung" on an unsuspecting public back in February, 1929, some critics thought it was all in the nature of a joke. "Golf, in February, in Canada?" they queried, "Why? to qualify for the Greenland open ...?"

They were forgetting, of course, about the Japan current



# WINTER OR Seaside

which sweeps in around Vancouver Island, and the sun which shines down on the sunny tip of that Island where Victoria nestles amid its rolling hills.

Now, of course, people take the idea of winter golf on Canada's west coast in their stride, and the Empress Golf week has become one of those fixtures.

In fact the event has grown so steadily that two years ago they adopted the idea of using two course instead of one to handle the increasing field of Canadians and Americans. From the beginning, Royal Colwood, the beautiful park-like course eight miles from the city, and Oak Bay, the seaside and shorter course of the Victoria Golf Club alternated year by year in handling the tournament. Now one course handles the men for the week while the women play their first three days at the other, joining the men on the "home" course for Thursday, Friday and Saturday play.

This season Royal Colwood is the "home" course and will be in play all week of March 9-14, the women playing at Oak Bay and joining the men at Colwood Thursday for the balance Oak Bay, Victoria, is the exciting seaside type of course stretching along mossy-turfed fairways which overhang the dramatic landscape of the rocky coast. The Annual Empress Mid-Winter tournament is played partly here and part at Royal Colwood. Probably no Canadian golf course carries more scenic value with such clear-cut stroke-challenge as does Oak Bay.

of their matches and for the mixed foursomes, mixed par and other specialty events.

A Canadian winter tournament which can crowd out one course and become big enough for two is in little danger of losing popularity.

Associated with the tournament in its earlier days were Stanley Thompson, of Toronto, the eminent golf architect who laid out the Banff Springs Hotel and Royal York courses, among many others; Brad Heintzman and other such figures of the Ontario fairway world. In recent years, others have come from the east to try their luck on Victoria's winter fairways. Last year it was Wilfred MacEwan, of Toronto, who sunk a hole in one and went on to win the sixth flight. Winning the flight, perhaps, didn't thrill the Toronto man quite as much as that ace, a feat, incidentally duplicated on the same hole by a Victoria man, Harold Husband.

Easterners, like golfers from Vancouver, Seattle, Portland, Tacoma and other parts of the Pacific Northwest, and fairway devotees from Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba ,are tak-*Continued on page* 16



Alan Boes succeeds Bobby Reith and Kasmir Zabowski as Tsar of Manitoba competitive golf with a year replete in major triumphs. Boes had to beat his old nemisis, match play, to achieve his 1941 Grand Slam.

WHEN one man casts a dominating spell over every major championship in his province it is high time to look into his record to see what makes him click. This 1941 model of Alan Boes, Winnipeg, really has been clicking, rolling out sub-par rounds in assembly-line fashion, and brushing his opposition both amateur and professional aside, with mechanical ease.

A superficial appraisal of these victories might indicate that mastery of the golf ball has been an easy task for Allan Boes but such is not the case. The story of his success is an object lesson to every aspiring golfer.

Here is a player who has refused to accept his apparent limitations as a match player and who has raised his game by recognizing his weaknesses and overcoming them through determined effort.

The records show no indication of Boes weakness as a stroke player in medal competion. When playing against the field he won the Winnipeg city championship and finished third among all the amateurs in the 1940 Canadian Open.

# MANITOBA MAMOUTH

### ALAN BOES LOOMS AS "CLEAN SWEEP ARTIST" WINNING EVERY CROWN IN SIGHT

He has also been low man for Manitoba in the interprovincial team competitions for the Willingdon trophy. But as a match winner, Allan's marks had been all in the debit column. Often at critical moments in his struggle against the man; the well known pressure took control and self-made 'bad breaks' crept in, with annoying consistency. Often a runner-up but never a winner would have been the apt description accepted by most players under the same conditions but not Allan Boes.

In other years Allan concentrated too much on his opponent in match play, but in 1941 he was apparently concentrating upon his own shots and had analyzed himself well enough to continue the smart broking of which all knew him capable throughout the entire Manitoba amateur championship. It was more than a tournament triumph for Allan. It was a personal moral victory. Certainly no Canadian player has had more public attention drawn to his match play ineptitude. That sort of publicity never eases the load in a tight match. It gives the gallery and an opponent the feeling that at any moment you are going to crack. With all confidently awaiting such a "break up" it is hard to keeping playing sound strokes. One must assume that Boes brought his physical and mental self to a peak for the 1941 battle which took place at Southwood.

It might be said that when Boes finally crashed his bogey "match play" he did it with a gusto. His dream of winning this provincial amateur crown came true in a most emphatic fashion. With the chips down in the final Allan, a medium hitter but with sound balance in his shotmaking, produced a corking 71. That was hot golf and he followed this with a fine 35 and a 3-6-2 streak which blasted newcomer Bill Ezinicki of St. Boniface out of the picture, 8 and 6.

Boes was consistenly brilliant from tee to green and good luck played no part in the scores he compiled.

Boes fired three birdies to one for Ezinicki over the first nine holes to gain a three hole advantage at the turn. Ezinicki reduced the lead to two when Boes three putted the 17th, and the score ended that way at lunch. In the afternoon, Boes birdie and four pars were too good for the St. Boniface representative who suffered a lapse with his irons. Boes increased his margin to dormie eight but went out of bounds to give Ezinicki a short reprieve as the new champ played the most sensational shot of the day on the 225 yard 12th. Using an iron off the tee Boes landed his ball fifty odd feet from the pin. Calling for a number nine he coolly chipped into the hole for a birdie two. It was as fine an exhibition of shotmaking as has been put on by a winner of the amateur crown in many years. Boes was so tickled with his victory that he exclaimed one of his friends "It is not so much the winning of the amateur title that I get the kick out as the satisfaction of proving to myself and others that I can win at match play.'

With the Winnipeg City and the Manitoba Amateur trophies resting on his mantlepiece Allan Boes made his bid for the Western Manitoba Open at the Brandon Golf & Country Club. Neither the strange sand greens or the oversize entry, which made a bottle neck at every hole were able to dent the Boes imperturbability and he proceeded to give the par 74 layout a good drubbing. *Continued on page* 16



# Jhe Hitting Area

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### -WRISTCOCK-

"Wristcock" paid out from this point, without special effort to flick the club into the ball, provides club speed and extra distance. Keep from paying out this wrist bend too early in the swing or your stroke is "dead". Hit hard, if you wish, withold the wristcock, and don't attempt to insert the fling consciously. You'll lose the natural flow of rythm and power that way.







IMPACT

"Impact", or the moment of contact with the ball, is not the point to stop hitting. Hit hard for another foot or two after the ball. Hitting to the ball means unconscious stopping at the ball. Concentrate on presenting a "flat" clubface, for direction, and brace your swing against the left leg. Don't let the hip side out. Turn the left side and swing through.

### STAY BEHIND

"Stay Behind" the ball after the stroke. That means keeping the head in place; practice keeping the hips back as the club and extended arms carry out on a smooth, flat arc. The hands should be kept low and, while the weight does shift to the left foot, there is enough pressure on the right toe to keep balance fairly well in the middle.





### STAY DOWN

"Stay Down" is an expression used by teachers to keep pupils from rising up on the toes through the hitting area. Rising comes from jerky shifting of weight too early in swing and causes topping. Staying down may be assured by concentrating, in practice, on keeping shoulders in one plane throughout and getting through solidly on the left foot. A slight knee bend at address helps too.

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Leonard retained his C.P.G.A. title again this summer but it was Leonard retained his C.F.G.A. title again this summer but it was in the Alberta open that he really proved his ability to leave old man par dazed and hanging on the ropes. His 272 beat perfection by twelve strokes and established an all time for the provincial championship. Successive rounds of 68, 68, 67, 69, tell the story of a display given with apparent ease. Leonard's ability to retain a hot streak was de-monstrated when he fired five birdies on the first six holes.

He was never really threatened, but the defending champion Fred He was never really threatened, but the detending champion Fred Wood of Vancouver hung on grimly hoping for the break that never came. Dropping two strokes to the new champion with a 70 on the first round, Wood then reeled off three 69's which gave him a 277 total, seven under par and five more than the winner. Henry Martell, Alberta's perennial amateur champion finished third easily leadings lead the amateurs with 285 but he failed to press the visiting professionals. He had to struggle to keep his score down as his nutter failed on several occasions

as his putter failed on several occasions. Pat Fletcher of Mayfair was a most dangerous competitor for two rounds with a pair of 69's but on his trip he soared up to 80, and out of the tournament.

At the dinner given in honor of the visiting players, Leonard and Wood suggested that the dates of all the Open Western tournaments be made concurrent, which would enable the Eastern pros to com-pete and promote the development of professional competition throughout the country.

out the country. Notable about Leonard's showing in the Alberta Open was the fact that following the Canadian P.G.A. in Montreal he was entered in the Quebec Open championship. However through an oversight he failed to get a plane reservation to Calgary which would have allowed him to stay for this latter tournament. Fred Wood, however, had his reservation and was able to play in the Quebec tournament, placing fourth. Leonard would not pass up the Albert about a laft the Outplec event to be on the Prairies Albert atournament and left the Quebec event to be on the Prairies for the big Mid-Western show. It was from this somewhat mixed arrangement that Stan's great

It was from this somewhat mixed arrangement that Stan's great scoring record evolved which, according to this writer's knowledge and all available data, constitutes a Canadian record. Certainly after his showing in placing second in the Western Open to Ken Black, who shot a hole-in-one to win; his constant leadership in the Red Cross Matches; his second consecutive Cana-dian pro title won on the great Stan Horne's home course in Mont-real, 3000 miles from native Vancouver; and finally setting this great scoring record in the Alberta Open — Leonard surely rates as Canada's top-ranking player for the 1941-42 season. *(For Results see page 16)* 

#### MRS. SOPER

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she struck off an 88 to tie with Miss Valma Chennell of Marlborough for the qualifying medal.

It is interesting to note that these two players later met in the final. Hightlight of the qualifying round was the snappy 2-4 finish by Miss Chennell to tie.

Probably the two hardest matches encountered by the two finalists occurred in the semi-finals. Miss Chennell, who had been called upon to trim a former Montreal City champion in Mrs. Pierre Belanger in the first round, was again confronted by a former tillist in Mrs. J. D. Pierce of Beaconfield. Mrs. Pearce, formerly Miss Bobby Tooke, held the Quebec crown four year ago. She battled the steady Miss Chennell all the way and was only one down at the turn, but the blond Velma grapsed several golfer opportunities on the early holes of the second nine and the issue was hardly again in doubt ending 3 and 2.

in doubt ending 3 and 2. Hardest game for the champion came in her rousing one up win over Mrs. John C. Whitelaw, Laval. Mrs. Whitelaw, 1939 champion, was in the game every step of the way and had Mrs. Soper often on the defensive, but the latter threw as much and more "hot putting" at the diminutive Laval entry to edge out a breath-taking victory. That brought Miss Chennell and Mrs. Soper face to face and there were some who thought the tall young Marlborough ace might do a bit of de-throning. But experience, coolness and mechanical qualities of swing kept the tide running only one way. It wasn't the best golf that either have displayed, but it must be said that Mrs. Soper always rallied for the necessary spark to continue adding holes to her quickly-established lead. Mrs. Soper was two up after the first two and though Miss

Mrs. Soper was two up after the first two and though Miss Chennel was the mach with longer clubs the lead was three-up at the turn. Miss Chennell lost the two more holes and was four behind and from there on it was just a matter of how high the count would be. At lunch Mrs. Soper led by five hole. When she won the 19th while Velma messed up a bad 8 it was all over.

It would be said that the loser was the longer driver and a veritable putting wizard, but she simply missed too many greens with her seconds. The following are the results of the various flights in connection with this championship:



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#### GOLF FOLLOWERS

Snapped at the re-cent Red Cross Ex-Exhibition played at La-val Sur-le-lac when a team from East met the strong western duo of Stan Leonard and Fred Wood, were the interested foursome of female spec-tators at right: They enclude Mrs. Van Austin, Mrs. Joseph Van A. Comeron, Mrs. Albert Blondeau and Mrs. Kenneth Dawes, all cheered staunchly for the Eastern pair of Jules Huot and Stan Horne who, with the benefit of their first Eastern course and a home-gallery won splendid one their their first and only match from their splendid opponents. All four of the above are faithful gallerites at important events in the East.



# **BRYDSON'S TECHNIQUE**

#### (See page 11)

Since publishing our article last issue about Gordon Brydson, popular professional of the Mississauga Golf Club in Toronto, when he won the Quebec Open championship at Laval, we have been questioned by many interested golfers about Gordon's game. He is one of the few top-notch Eastern pros with whom your editor has not had the pleasure of a game. This, of course, is by far the best way to note a golfer in true proportions, for then one sees all abilities exhibited rather than from judging by a few random shots. However, having watched Gordon play a good deal in fragments of various rounds, we observe that he is an all-round player with strength in each department.

He is neither as long as Gray or Leonard, but when right he hits up with Stan Horne. However he is a good mixture of control and power. His putter is a little whimsical, but then who's isn't? His long irons are particularly fine and his short pitching leaves little room for improvement. It has been said that he is not a good "Scrambler" which means he saves few shots after mistakes. Perhaps Gordon would be the best in Canada were his "chipper" just a little sharper and his head a little less prone to rise on these aggrevating short shots. Mind you that is a small fault in a game so replete with excellence, but it can make a third place out of a possible winner in modern golf. Brydson is one of our true Canadian golfing greats.

#### WHO'S AWAY?

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a crime which stands up with the most atrocious. Strange that no one has heard what the police have been doing about solving the crime.

T HIS is the time of year when too many golfers stack their clubs in the corner and "forget it" for six months. They think that for some reason their bodies will allow such a complete letdown as this without reacting either in fat or some other type of degeneration. This is a serious mistake. Many golfers throughout the dominion find the reaction of closing their golf season offset by taking up curing—a grand game which bears many of the characteristics of golf itself. This is alright for the older man, but the mid-aged and younger businessmen should get into something that will not only maintain their conditions through the winter, but find them ready to hit a longer ball than ever come the next spring. Badminton, indoor tennis, and squash particularly are good. Just plain walking is alright too and of course when the golf schools open the faithful will flock to the driving canvases in droves as usual. Fresh air, practice swinging, plenty of walking and skiing. These are the pastimes in winter for Canadian golfers. Enjoy them in the off season and your game will improve with better condition.

#### WINTER WEST

#### Continued from page 2

in Victoria practically every year, believe it or not. The twenty years that I have been with the Oak Bay links as professional I have seen very few cold winters. As a matter of fact in the last ten years the weatherman has been exceptionally good to the golfers, not only in Victoria, but also in Vancouver and other parts of British Columbia.

Just a few years ago the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation put on a special programme from the thirteenth tee at the course where I am professional on New Year's Day. It was a bright sunny day and the premier of British Columbia, T. D. Pattullo, was the guest speaker of the day. While the Prairies and the Eastern provinces shivered from below zero weather we were enjoying a round of golf without even the use of a sweater.

Every year the Canadian Pacific Railway stages what they call a mid-winter tournament at either the Oak Bay or Coldwood courses. They alternate each year and this event attracts golfers, low and high handicappers, from all parts of the Dominion, They come to Victoria from Montreal, Winnipeg, Toronto, Saskatoon, Calgary, Edmonton and other parts of Canada to not only play golf for a week but to enjoy the climate. Most of visitors are amazed at the weather they run into when they hit the coast of British Columbia. Many of them come to the coast to live after taking in one or two tournaments.

Only once since he C.P.R. golf events have been staged and they have been run off now for the last thirteen years has real bad weather welcomed the visitors.

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# CLOSE LIES AND EXPLOSION SHOTS CHATTER FROM THE GOLFERS

By T. HIGH

#### Are Steel Shafts Becoming Scarce

Material shortages created by the defence program in the United States show no discrimination in their effect on members of the average family. Golf-playing members of the household will have a new excuse for their occasional poor game.

Metal supplies and inventories for civilian use are shrinking every day and large amounts of metals, unfortunately, are used in the manufacturing of sports goods.

The golf player who prefers clubs of hickory shafts is fortunate, for there is a possibility of shortage in clubs made of sheet steel when present inventories run out. High grade steel-the special alloys-are extensively used in defence. In the case of golf balls, it is best to keep a weather eve on the Far East and also the government's stock of rubber, which still lags behind schedule. Restrictions on output of the rubber industry have started in a modest way, but if there is trouble in the Pacific, it's a safe bet that civilian use of rubber will be closely controlled. Yet some store buyers are reluctant to stock far ahead because of the limited life these items are assumed to have.

One Vancouver concern, so we found out during a recent visit there, picked up one thousand steel shafted clubs in Montreal. And one Calgary firm, so we have been informed made certain of having sufficient fishing equipment for next spring's trade. They say it is getting harder every day to secure fishing poles, flies, and lines from the Old Country. Many of the golf balls used by Calgarians the past summer were repaints from English and Scottish courses.

#### New All Time Gate Record

In the first 26 events of the 1941 United States P.G.A. season the tournaments featuring America's "big-time" pro players has outdrawn any other season by a considerable margin. During that space of time from the Miami Biltmore Open in December until the Tam Shanter \$11,000 Open at Chicago in August, over 400,000 fans have paid to watch the stars in action. Incidently this latter tournament was won by Byron Nelson and it is estimated that 23,-000 saw the final day's play. This is new record in American golfing history. It is expected that this event will be built up to a \$20,000 prize money tourney which will once again threaten the fabulous Auga Caliente tournaments of the late 20's.

In the 1941 Tam O'Shanter Open Nelson had to stage one of his famous stretch drives to top a brilliant field.

Two strokes back of Leonard Dodson of Kansas City after 54 holes, Nelson fired three birdies in a final round two under par 70 which brought him the championship and \$2,000 first money on a 72-hole total of 278 strokes, 10 under par.

Dodson, leader through the first three days had a final round 73 for a 279 aggregate. His figure was matched by Ben Hogan, leading money winner of the season, who finished with a 70. Nelson's previous rounds were 67-69-72, with Dodson starting with 65-68-73 and Hogan 73-66-70.

Hogan, sharing \$2,400 with Dodson, tightened the grip on his position as top money earner of the year, with \$14,933 to his credit. He also made it a 55th straight tournament in which he had placed among the money winners.

#### Steele Tops Maritimes

In September John Steele, youthful Riverside player who but last year was competing in junior tournaments, captured the Maritime Invitation Golf Championship at Riverside Golf and Country Club with a total of 161. This was one stroke less than that of G. C. (Pete) Campbell of Calais, Me., who completed the 36 holes with 162.

A three-foot put on the 18th green gave Steel the final 80 needed to win with his 81 of Monday. Playing under pressure all the way he completed the first nine holes with a four over par 39 and came into the 18 with a 77 score. Steele chipped onto the green on his second shot and then sank the titlewinning putt.

Pete Kelly of Amherst, and R. C. Storey of Riverside, who were tied for second place at the end of the first day's play with a pair of 165's finished tied for third as Steele was the only player to break 170.

Walter Reed, the Maine youth who won the New Brunswick-Prince Edward Island title at the Algonquin Club, St. Stephen, this year, carded an 87 which with his open 84 gave him a 171 gross and earned him a fifth place tie.

The tri-province professional crown went to Archie Skinner of the Algonquin Club, St. Andrews, who added an 82 and 83 to his 77 of Monday and finished two strokes ahead of Vernon Balch of Riverside, 242-244. The latter, who led Monday with a 76, shot an 85 and 83 yesterday.

Following are the scores of the pro competition for the two-day meet:



a group of Montreal's leading club players who competed in Group No. 1 of the Annual Intersectional matches. These matches Above were played this year for the first time on a handicap basis in view of numerous Wartime depletions in the lower handicap brackets among many of the clubs. Quebec's Intersectional matches comprise of six sections of three or four teams. In peacetime the winning team of each section replaces the losing team in the section above, but this year all sections were "frozen". Stroke allotments were based upon provincial handicaps. Opinion was divided about even for and against the new method of play. Alterations did, however, serve the im-portant purpose of maintaining the matches which might have ceased to exist as several clubs would have been utterly unable to raise teams at all capable of competing on a scratch basis. At the above matches played at Kanawaki, Summerlea Golf Club emerged vic-torious topping players from Marlborough, Royal, Montreal and Kanawaki. Among the above (L. to R. standing)—Jim Anglin, Ken Muer, William S. West, Ray Shaughnessy, C. C. Happy Fraser, E. M. Cowling, Jack Fuller, Arthur Wright, Ernie Elton, C. D. Cowie, and Alex Howatson. (Sitting) — Warren Soper, Spencer Clark, Miller Hyde, James

Patterson, Kanawaki Professional, and Harvey Martin.

	First	Second	Third	Total	
	18	18	18		
A. Skinner, Algonquin	77	82	83	242	
V. A. Balch, Riverside	76	85	83	244	
J. McLean, Sydney	83	80	84	247	
E. Blower, Pines, Digby	68	88	76	247	
E. Jamieson, Ridgewood	84	85	8.6	255	
S. Stewart, Ridgewood	80	92	86	258	
TWO-DAY SCOR	RES FO	R LEA	DING		

#### AMATEURS

First	Second	Gross	Net	
18	18			
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#### Innes Duo Top Fathers and Sons

J. R. Innes and his son J. R. jr., showed the way to a field of over 60 contestants in the annual Province of Quebec father and son tournament at Rosemere. They combined in the twoball foursome affair to post an 83 gross score and carry the Fuller Trophy back

to Drummondville with them for a vear.

A four-way tie for second place resulted for second place, H. W. and Warren Y. Soper of Royal Montreal, H. R. Pickens and H. R. Pickens jr., Marlborough, H. W. and Jim Seeney, Hampstead, and W. L. and L. K. Shaw of the same club all coming in with 84's. The Shaw's 43 score for their second nine eliminated them from second place consideration as the Sopers and Pickens had 42's. The Seeneys withdrew after gaining top net honors with a 691/2, thus leaving only the Pickens and Sopers for a playoff. The Royal Montreal combination won out in the sudden-death match play affair, outing their Marlborough opponents on the third hole.

The first two holes of the play-off were halved, both teams shooting par figures, but the Sopers marked up regulation figures on the third against a bogey four for the opposition.

Second low net prize went to E. G. Montgomery, Marlborough, and his offspring, Ross, who plays at Hampstead with their 711/2. Third net went to R. C. Ronalds and his son Leigh, both from Beaconsfield. They had an even 72.

LEADING SCORES FOLLOW

LEADING SCORES EVERANT					
J. R. Innes Sr., and J. R.					
H. W. Soper and Warren Y.	41	42	88	753/2	
Soper, Royal Montreal	42	42	8.4	751/2	
H. R. Pickens and H. R.	733		200		
Pickens, Jr., Marlborough W. L. Shaw and L. K. Shaw,	42	42	84	74	
H'stead	41	4.3	84	75	
H. W. Seency and Jim Seency,	41			0011	
Hampstead Andrew Morris, Beaconsfield,	41	43	84	0.03%	
and Alex Morris, Hampstead	4.3	4.3	84	76	
J. A. Fuller, Royal Mtl, and J. A. Fuller, Jr., Ste. Agate	4.8	44	87	7436	
E. G. Montgomery, Marbbgh,	3.0		01	1 . 72	
and R. Montgomery, Hp	4.8	4.4	87	711/2	
Ernest Gohier and Ed. Gohier Laval	4.4	44	88	80	
J. C. Riddell and T. Riddell,					
R. Roberts and L. M. Roberts,	46	4.3	8.9	7.6	
Senneville	45	14	90	7614	
Senneville R. C. Ronalds and Leigh Ro-	1.		-	-	
nalds, Beaconsfield Gilbert Layton and Philip	4.6	44	90	72	
Layton, Knowlton	4.9	41	90	743/2	
E. M. Putnam and H. L. Putnam, Whitlock	47	47	0.4	7.9	
N. Nicholson and Ross Ni-	- 22				
cholson, Hampstead	50	44	94	81	
A. R. Dewar and Don Dewar, Rawdon	47	47	94	77	
T. E. Darling and D. Darling,					
W'lock	48	47	95	801/2	
J. G. Fitzpatrick, Kana., and J. G. Fitzpatrick Jr., Val					
Morin	47	48	9.5	80	



RESULTS OF WESTERN MANITOBA AND OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Allan Boes, Winnipeg	-71 - 72 - 143
Bob Osborne, Portage	73-71-144
Alex Perpelyci, Brandon	71-77-148
Tom Grace, Brandon	77-71-148
Charlie Reith, Winnipeg	
Tommy Coe, Winnipeg	70-80-150
Dr. Bud McDiarmid, Brandon	
Bud Prior, Winnipeg	79-77-156
Dick Garrett, Winnipeg	79-78-157
Jim Inglis, Portage	80-78-158
Bob Alexandra, Brandon	78-81-159
A. Josephson, Glenboro	
Bert Fraser, Brandon	
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#### RESULTS OF MANITOBA OPEN

CHAMPIONSHIP.	
Allan Boes, Southwood	70-76-146
Bill Ezinicki, St. Boniface	72-75-147
Larry Johnson, Kenora	72-76-148
Bob Osborne, Portage la Prairie	71-77-148
Mike Pidlaski, Kildonan	76-74-150
Bud Foster, Canoe Club	75-76-151
Cece Coville, Vancouver	77-75-152
Tom Coe, Royaumont	77-75-152
N. Jacob, Kildonan	76-77-153
Harold Eidsvig, Niakwa	75-78-153
Bob Kennedy, St. Charles	74-78-152
PROFESSIONAL SCORES	
Joe Land Unattached	74-76-150
Art Baker Canoe Club	77-75-152
Roy Hart Southwood	78-79-132
Wilf Greenwood Regina	75-78-153
Charlie Reith Unattached	78-77-155
John Lawerance Wasagaming	77-82-159
Niak Zahamala Dina Bidao	
Nick Zabowski Pine Ridge	77-82-159
Eric Bannister St. Charles	80 - 83 - 163
Cece Chester St, Boniface	81 - 85 - 166

#### **RESULTS OF THE ALBERTA OPEN FOLLOW:**

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134	1 314	453	-34	-68
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434	\$ 344	454-	-85	-68
3rd round 33-	1 234	544-	-32	
- 43	1 354	453-	-35-	-67
4th round 453	344	111	-35	
584	\$ 343	458-	-34-	-69-272
WOOI	)			
1st round 434	3.45	454	-36	
11.11		453-	-34-	-70
2nd round 444	344	448-	-34	
434	444	543-	-35-	-69
3rd round 336	344	445-	-36	
334		453-		-69
4th round 344	443	145-	-35	
434	1 344	453-	-34-	-69-277
MARTEL	L			
1st round 334	345	435-	-34	
	344	553-	-35-	-69
2nd round 445	444	414	-37	
434	344	553-	-35-	-72
ard round 335	845	545-	-37	
424	454	558-	-36-	-73
4th round 444		524-	-38	
434	344	542-	-33-	-71 - 285
Pat Fletcher		69	80	70-288
S. Vickers		69	78	73-291
W. Hu son		75	78	68-296
J. Aitken	70	75	77	75-297
B. Martell		72	76	70-297
D. Barr	75	78	72	74-299
E. W. Tait	76	75	78	72-300
T. Vickers	77	76	75	74-302
A. Olynk	74	76	78	74-302
J. Cuthbert		75	78	77-303
P. Olynk		77	81	77-307
M. Boucher		74	79	77-308
D. Kilburn	73	76	78	81-308
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With just an average start for the first early morning round Boes posted a 37 which gave him no margin over the rest of the field but as his game warmed up to the task he became more brilliant and finished off the mornings play with a three under par 71.

In the afternoon Boes played mechanically perfect golf. Never allowing par the upper hand the Winnipegger sharpshooter col-lected a 36 on both nines and posted a total of 143 which was barely good enough to win even though it did beat perfect figures by five strokes.

Bob Osborne the sensational sixteen year old comer from Portage La Prairie almost broke the Boes winning streak with a steady 73 and a superb 71. These two golfers were the class of the competition as the rest of the field failed to match their consistency.

In winning the Manitoba Open championship Boes completed his grand slam and established his superiority over the best amateurs and professionals of the province.

It was a case of the Southwood ace taking the steep and very dif-ficult Pine Ridge course to pieces for twenty-seven holes, suddenly lapsing into a streak of inexplicable wildness and then making a desperate recovery which barely cut off the closing rush of his youthful rival Bill Ezinicki.

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WHYTEK WEST Cont. from page 13. Every golf course in the two main coast cities, Vancouver and Victoria, hold competitions practically each week end. Par, medal, tombstone, inter-club matches and exhibitions are staged all the time, the whole fifty-two weeks on the calendar. Sure, we have our rain out here on the coast but that doesn't stop the golfers from having there daily eighteen as the case maybe. So if you want to really to enjoy winter golf in summer clothes come to the coast courses of either Victoria or Vancouver. As one Prairie visitor told me last winter after finishing a round on my home links: "No wonder you have such good golfers in British Columbia. They can play all the year round and practice, while we have to give up the game for several months as the courses are covered with ice and snow. We can practice our driving at an indoor golfing school but that's doesn't help the rest of our game".

that's doesn't help the rest of our game". So remember, you can enjoy a round of golf in Canada's most westernly province in the middle of winter in your shirt sleeves, believe it or not.

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ing kindly to the notion of a winter golfing vacation on Vancouver Island. They are expected in greater numbers this season from regions east of the Great Lakes and who knows but what some player from Toronto, Galt, Windsor, Hamilton, Quebec or Montreal may have his name carved on the Sir Edward Beatty trophy next March.

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