

## Golfer's Christmas Tree

The family, one and all, will soon begin to question  
me  
About the gifts I'd like to find upon our Christmas  
Tree.

They ask me, till at last I tell, in honest man's despair,  
The things I dream in depths of night that I see hang-  
ing there.

I see upon each trim green limb, a golf ball, white  
and new,  
A plaid cap dangles jauntily, and there are new  
shoes, too;

While in the corner near the tree, a lovely bag I  
spy,  
The shining clubs within it send bright sparkles to  
my eye.

I see a sporting new pipe to smoke the while I play,  
And a corking warm grey sweater to keep the chills  
away;

While lay upon the topmost branch a brilliant star  
I see—  
It brings the light of hope and faith all shining home  
to me.

For in its beauty I can read promise of sunny days—  
The glory of a golf links with its jolly, winding ways.  
When, then my family giggles, the great truth comes  
to me,  
That I have planned as usual, a Golfer's Christmas  
Tree.

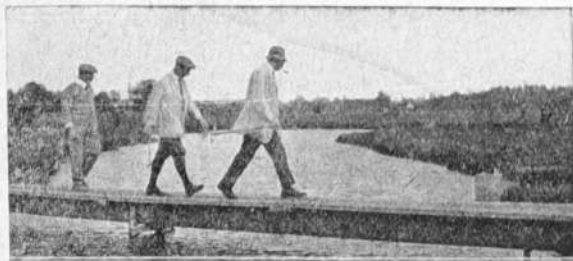
—Margaret Yandes Bryan.



#### A BRILLIANT, BUT ERRATIC GOLFER—GEORGE DUNCAN

This season in Great Britain, as a result of weak putting, George Duncan has twice been defeated by Abe Mitchell in major events. In the upper picture are Duncan and old Ben Sayers, playing in the championship at St. Andrews, the big event of the season. Duncan's caddie served in the war with the Black Watch and has three wound stripes and the Mons Star. Duncan at this time had every prospect of winning the Championship, and the strain can be seen on his face. In the lower picture Duncan is crossing the Swilcan Burn going to the last hole. He had four to win, a very easy thing, but after a long drive he pitched wide of the hole and then took three putts—the five only giving him a tie with Abe Mitchell, who won out on the play-off.

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### A Season of Remarkable Golfing Activities

Nineteen hundred and nineteen will go down in the golfing annals of the Dominion as the most remarkable year of activities yet recorded in the history of the Ancient and Honourable game. These activities have not been confined to any one province. They have been general from the Atlantic to the Pacific. To

mention only a few of them:

A new 18-hole course started at Senneville in the Montreal district; new clubs successfully launched at Weyburn and Melfort, Saskatchewan; exceptionally complete 9-hole course laid out at Georgetown, Ont.; another golf course at Ottawa at the Mator and Hunt Club; Nelson, B.C., lays out a fine new course; Penticton, B.C., also takes up the game; Windsor, Ont., launches its second golf club, the St. Clair; Glendale, Hamilton, institutes in record time another 18-hole course and attractive club house in that city; Riverside Golf Club is projected in Montreal district; Summit, Toronto, opens up the ninth course in that city; Winnipeg also projects another 18-hole course, the "Southwood"; Chatham, the only city in Canada without a links "gets into the game;" Sault Ste. Marie also lays out an attractive new course and builds an up-to-date club house; Seaforth, Ont., successfully starts a club; the Country Club at Saskatoon is revived; The Toronto Hunt Club inaugurates a greatly improved 9-hole course; Laval-sur-le-Lac, Montreal, opens up a fine new club house, as also the Lingan Golf Club, Sydney, N.S., and the Whitlock Golf Club at Hudson Heights, near Montreal;

The Vancouver Golf and Country Club has added an addition to its club house, whilst the Victoria Golf Club, British Columbia, is building handsome new quarters for its members; The Royal Montreal too, has prepared plans for a most beautiful club house at historic Dixie; Mississauga, Toronto, and Rosedale, Toronto, start on an expenditure of some \$50,000 between them in improving their courses and club property; Lakeview, Toronto, adopts plans for a radical improvement to the 18-hole course; St. Charles, Winnipeg, Elmhurst, Winnipeg, Pine Ridge, Winnipeg, and the Winnipeg Golf Club all are engaged in extensive expenditures on their links; so is the Brightwood Club at Dartmouth, N.S.; The Royal Ottawa has made many improvements to its club house and course and Beaconsfield, Montreal, is completely re-vamping its links in order to have them right up to concert pitch for the Amateur Championships next July. Rivermead, Ottawa, too, has lengthened and greatly improved its course.

Mount Bruno, Montreal, opened up part of its wonderful course for play; The Catarqui Club, Kingston, is rounding an 18-hole course into shape and The Essex Golf and Country Club, Windsor, has now its full 18 holes in play.

The Dominion Government has taken over the links at Banff and will convert them into one of the finest 18-hole courses on the continent; the Edmonton Golf and Country Club has been re-organized and has again 18 holes in play on its magnificent property; several Muskoka courses have been greatly improved; Cobourg Golf Club has undergone re-organization and already there is talk there of extending to the regulation full course of eighteen; Midland, Ontario, formally opened its very sporting links, and to wind up a particularly busy season, last month both Brantford and Galt decided to place their clubs in the 18-hole course column.

This resume does not pretend by any means to even fairly represent the golfing activities from Coast to Coast; it has been merely compiled from rather a hurried survey of the last few issues of the "Canadian Golfer." But it will give an idea, perhaps a very imperfect one at that, of the really remarkable strides the Royal and Ancient is making from one end of the Dominion to the other.

And nineteen hundred and twenty will easily outplay its predecessor in all departments of the game—both in regard to new courses and club houses and the extension and improvements of links generally.

**A "Broth  
of a Bishop"  
is This  
Australian  
Ecclesiastic**

The stirring news comes from South Africa vide the "Evening Mail" that His Lordship the Bishop of Clermont has issued a challenge to all other Bishops, bar none, for a five-round boxing bout for the benefit of a fund for disabled soldiers. The Bishop is 68 years old, but he imposes no age limit upon aspirants for the pan-Anglican championship belt. He will take on any comer, whatever his weight, and whatever his stand on the controversy between Low Church and High Church, provided only that he be a bonafide Bishop and not a ringer.

To some good folk the Bishop's challenge through the columns of the "All-Sports Weekly," published in London, may come as a shock. We confess ourselves, quite on the contrary, moved to admiration by his Lordship's militancy in the cause of charity.

Bishop McLaglen—there is ground for surmise that some ancestor of his, if not his Lordship himself, was born on the Emerald Isle—believes in boxing. Somebody made a slurring reference to the Bishop's son, Capt. Victor McLaglen, a veteran of the Great War, who is training for the Lonsdale heavyweight championship belt. Bishop McLaglen's bid for the Anglican Church belt is his virile reply to all who think ill of his son.

He sees no particle of sense in any supposition that a Bishop's son should not be handy with his mitts, and that he should keep out of the ring out of regard for his father's cloth. As to the general proposition that boxing is un-Christian, says this boxing Churchman of South Africa:

'Neither is there anything contrary to Christianity in boxing. This is solely the nonsense of clergy who have forgotten that they are men, living in a world of men, and not of Victorian old ladies.'

This may be strong talk, but his Lordship of Cleremont is ready to back it with his two fists, incased in gloves of any weight that may be mutually agreed upon. We greet this broth of a Bishop, and wish him supremely well in his efforts to prove that nambypanbyism and mollycoddling are not part of religion.

The article does not state what other athletic fields are exploited by his Lordship besides boxing, but it is even money that he includes golf among his other diversions.

### The "Long Driver," After All, is Rather Overrated

There has recently been held at Woodcote Park and Sandy Lodge in England two tests of driving with the small, heavy rubber-cored ball, which clearly demonstrates that after all the experts are not averaging the phenomenally long ball generally allocated to them, and which must be some consolation to the various links architects who were commencing to think that in future a 500-yard hole or more would be required for even a decent two-shot hole. Braid, as Mr. Harold Hilton points out, must be considered as a driver of more than average power and precision, even among first-class golfers, whereas Taylor and Vardon may be regarded as representing the average length driver in first-class company. In the present period of their career neither of these two great exponents of the game can be considered a very long hitter, but on the other hand there are probably not many who on the average (in a full round) could claim a distinct advantage over them in the matter of length.

The experiences of Woodcote Park and Sandy Lodge emphasizes the fact that James Braid is still a very long driver, and that, in spite of his increasing years, there are few, if any, who can hit the ball farther than he can. Braid struck thirty-six tee shots in these two games without actually missing one. From one tee, it is true, he drove a comparatively short ball of 186 yards, and as the shot was off the line of the hole, it must be considered an indifferent one, but it counted in his average, an average which amounted to no less than 232 yards, the longest shot of which finished 272 yards from the tee. There has been much talk of drives of over 300 yards accomplished in recent tournaments, and critics have inferred that men like Mitchell and Ray would probably average something like 260 yards from the tee. The recent tests have rather knocked the bottom out of these theories, for it cannot be argued that even Ray or Mitchell is very much longer than Braid, and an average of 240 yards is about as much as these men are capable of, even on their best days. These figures tend to show that a hole of 400 to 440 yards in length is still a good two-shot hole.

In this country, during such an abnormally hot, dry season as the one just brought to a close, when many of the courses were as hard almost as asphalt, there were undoubtedly drives by the score recorded of over 300 yards, as witness the Open Championship and International match at Hamilton, when tee shots of this description were as thick almost as blackberries, but under ordinary conditions it is pretty safe to say that drives of 230 yards or so still represent the average performance of even the longest "swatters."





# SHORT PUTTS

The new course of the Royal Automobile Club in the London district must be a paradise for the putter. There are  $5\frac{1}{2}$  acres of putting greens! The cost of upkeep must come to a pretty penny.

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The New Year will soon be stepping on the first tee for his diurnal round. May he have all kinds of good fortune and happiness in store for "Canadian Golfer" readers, both on and off the links.

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Make no mistake about the vogue of this game of golf the coming year. Dozens of new courses will be laid out or enlarged to 18 holes, and thousands of recruits will join the ever widening ranks of players in the Dominion.

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The British Professional Golfers' Association recently adopted the following resolution, which might very well be copied elsewhere: "Where players tie in a competition, they must remain at the course until arrangements for the replay have been made, failing which they will be disqualified."

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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. And here is another thought for the coming year. No man should accept an office in a golf club who is not prepared to give both time and careful attention to the affairs of that club.

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A recent despatch from London states that the Earl of Bemersyde (Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig) intends to retire as Commander of the Home Forces after the abolition of British General Headquarters. The Field Marshal has lately been seen frequently on the Coombehill golf course, playing a great deal with Alex Herd, the celebrated professional. The Field Marshal is a most enthusiastic golfer and is reported as playing a very fair game indeed.

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To Mr. A. S. Mays Smith, a plus player at Surbiton, a well-known English course, must surely be accorded the palm as the champion "One-shotter." In three consecutive months he did the ninth at Surbiton in one, the ninth at Coombe Hill in one, and the ninth at Hunstanton in one. One might have to visit fifty courses before finding three short ninth holes. To do each of them in one when you do find them is a coincidence of the most uncanny character.

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With the death of Mr. Rufus Shorey Neville, K.C., which occurred at his apartment, 579 Jarvis Street, Toronto, Nov. 15th, the Ontario Bar lost one of its best-known members. In addition to being an authority on legal matters, he was known as a gifted writer on political subjects. Among his other activi-

ties he was a past President of the United Empire Loyalists' Association, a past President of Ward Two Conservative Association, a member of the National Club and of Scarboro' Golf Club.

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A correspondent points out the very extraordinary fact that Abe Mitchell, who has been playing the game of the year in Great Britain, when 13 years of age was rated at plus 6 at his local club. This is a fact not before made public and is evidence of the wonderful natural golfing ability of Mitchell. A plus 6 man in Great Britain is equal to about a scratch or handicap 2 man in Canada, or, in other words, Mitchell, when just entering his 'teens, would have been playing level with the best men here.

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The Prince of Wales, after leaving Washington, spent three days of "relaxation" at White Sulphur Springs, Virginia, where the Canadian Prime Minister, Sir Robert Borden, recently has been recuperating. And this is how he "relaxed": On his first day, walked ten miles; spent an hour in the swimming pool, doing fancy diving "stunts," golfed three hours, defeating his Private Secretary, Sir Godfrey Thomas, and then danced three more. His Royal Highness, athletically, certainly runs true to the best British Public School form.

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An Xmas-giving suggestion: When thinking of your golf friend or relative, nothing more acceptable than a golf bag, a good club or so, whilst a box of balls always brings joy to the heart of every player. Then, too, there is the yearly subscription to a golfing magazine of repute (not necessary to mention the name here), or a good golf book, such, for instance, as Barnes' "Picture Analysis of Golf Strokes." Oh, yes, your average golfer would sooner be remembered in this way ten times over than by some gee-gaw that is lost or forgotten a few days after its bestowal.

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It is quite on the cards that Harry Vardon will pay a farewell visit to Canada and the United States the coming season. He wrote the "Canadian Golfer" some months ago that he had all his plans made to cross the Atlantic once again in 1920, and the champion can always be depended upon to keep a promise. And when he comes, as come he undoubtedly will, he can rest assured of the heartiest kind of a welcome from golfers from one end of the continent to the other. He has unquestionably done more to improve the standard of the game than any man, either now or in generations gone by.

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The Royal Montreal Golf Club has solved to some extent the crowding evil which has been so noticeable on many prominent courses of late. The premier club of the continent has a five-day membership list. That is, a certain number of members are elected who are allowed all the privileges of the course and club house except on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. They can play every day of the week from Monday to Friday, inclusive. These five days the links of the big clubs are rarely congested. It is the week-ends and public holidays when the tees become so crowded. The idea has worked out admirably at Dixie and several other prominent clubs the coming season are seriously considering inaugurating a similar scheme.

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Mr. W. E. Hicks in the Brooklyn "Eagle" takes up the question of Mr. George S. Lyon being the greatest veteran golfer, which he does not altogether admit. He concludes his article:

"He is the fastest player among the seniors and it is doubtful whether players of the junior class cover a course in less time than he. As soon as the ball is off away goes Lyon

after it at a pace that suggests he is in a walking match. Those who saw the skill with which John M. Ward put out Sam Graham in the final of the recent Nassau tournament also may express their doubts as to the ability of Lyon to beat any American senior at match play. Medal play is one thing and match play quite another. It is in the latter department that Ward shines and would be able to give the eight-time champion of Canada a stirring match."

In reply to the above excerpt, we might inform the Brooklyn expert that it is at match play that Mr. Lyon particularly excels. Bring on your Mr. Ward!

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Mr. J. Walter Spalding who, with his brother, the late Mr. A. G. Spalding, forty-three years ago founded the firm of A. G. Spalding & Bros., with branches now in all the principal cities of the Anglo-Saxon world, including Montreal and Toronto, has resigned from the presidency of the company. He will, however, as Chairman of the Board, still retain an active participation in the management of the world-wide business which he has done so much to promote. Mr. Spalding is succeeded in the Presidency by Mr. Julian W. Curtiss, who has been associated with the Messrs. Spalding for thirty-five years. The new President has been a frequent visitor to Canada, where his firm has very extensive interests indeed. He was the logical successor to Mr. Spalding and will ably fill the onerous and important duties which he has been called upon to assume.

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The Royal Montreal and the Lambton Golf Club, Toronto, this month will hold their annual meetings, and both will show a balance sheet the best in their history. It is a very great pity that more golf clubs do not follow the example of these very representative organizations and hold their "annuals" at the end of the year. Many clubs wait until the spring to close up the previous year's business, and then there is a rush and a scurry to get ready for the opening of another season. The Royal Montreal and Lambton are two of the most successful clubs in Canada. If they find it is "good business" to hold their annual meetings in December and start another year in January, depend upon it, other clubs would be well advised to follow in their footsteps. Get into line. Don't wait until March or April to close up your 1919 golfing season.

## Our Xmas Card



To you dear friends,  
 "The Golfer" sends,  
 A true and kindly greeting,  
 And hopes that all  
 Who follow the ball,  
 May laurels of fame be reaping.  
 And thro' the year  
 May health and cheer  
 Be yours, and so we offer  
 To help you still  
 With right good will,  
 By mailing you on "The Golfer"

W. B. W.

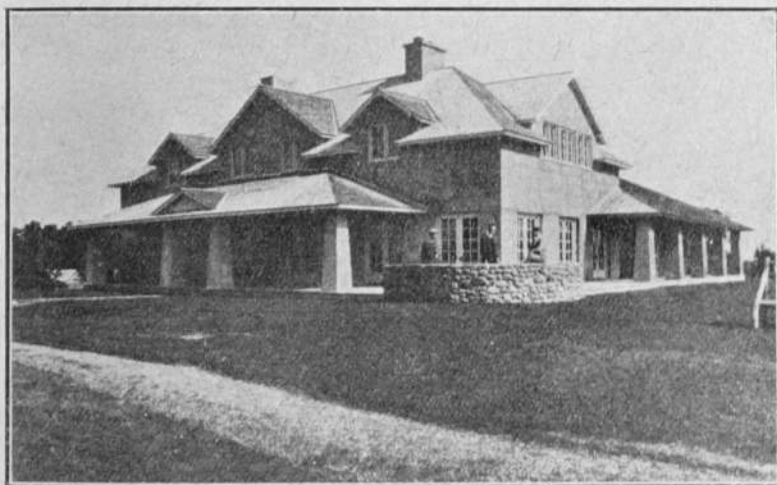


## THE WHITLOCK GOLF CLUB

**At Hudson Heights has a Most Successful Season—Handsome New Club House Provided for the Growing Membership—Additional Property Purchased to Extend to an 18-hole Course**

*By T. Yates Foster (Club Captain)*

**T**HE season just passed has been the most memorable one in the history of the Whitlock Golf Club, Hudson Heights. While the war was on the membership was very badly depleted, as nearly the entire eligible membership joined the colours, and this depletion of membership was very seriously felt. However, by careful and economical management the club was able to carry its overseas members and managed to keep the club in a fair state of efficiency,



Artistic new home of the Whitlock Golf Club, Hudson Heights, Que.

and this year with nearly all of its members back again and many new members, it was felt that the time was opportune to increase the club's activities.

The first necessity was that of a new club house and an active canvass among the members during last winter resulted in the obtaining of an amount almost sufficient to build and equip same.

The new building was started in the latter part of April and was completed sufficiently to allow of its being used partly, by Labor Day and on the 7th September the official opening took place. Unfortunately, the weather was very bad and interfered considerably with the success of the function.

The club house is now well equipped and up-to-date in every way, with splendid locker room accommodation, fine shower baths, and sleeping accommodation for at least 25 or 30 men. It is felt with this accommodation, that next year a very large influx of new members is sure to come.

In order to make a start on the last nine of the eighteen holes, a further portion of the Whitlock Estate has been purchased and added to the club property, making holdings of over two hundred acres of splendid golf land and work has already begun on the making of the new courses, which will be ready for play next season.

Mr. Willie Park, the noted golf architect, was brought up to the club, and after going over the property laid out the proposed eighteen holes, which it is felt will prove extremely satisfactory to the members.

The competitions in this club this season were all more than usually interesting, being held every Saturday, and its regular competitions were held during the season, taking up most of the week ends and finishing early in October. These competitions resulted as follows:

President's Prize, won by A. B. Darling.

Palmer Shield, won by R. L. Warden.

Cleghorn Prize, won by A. B. Darling.

Darling Cup, won by R. G. Hutchison.

Vice-President's Prize, won by Alex. Roy.

Perhaps the most important competition of the year was the open club championship, for which twenty-four members entered. The final of this event was played between Mr. John G. Kent, the Honorary-Secretary of the Club, and Mr. A. Balfour Darling, the young 17 year old member of the club. This match was a 36 hole affair and was won by Mr. Jack Kent.

In addition to the above competitions there were two mixed foursomes played during the season, which were very much enjoyed by the members of both sexes, and there were also several sweepstakes, for which entries were very numerous.

The Club also had club matches with Beaconsfield and the Country Club, our club winning the match against Country Club and being defeated by Beaconsfield.

These were extremely enjoyable events and we are very glad that these club competitions have been re-started. Next year it is hoped that the club will be able to have matches with two or three other clubs in the district.

Taking it all in all the past season has been an extremely successful one, and the club has been very fortunate in having at its head as President Mr. W. George Kent, one of Montreal's well known sportsmen, who has given freely of his time and energy in furthering the interests of the club.

This club admitted returned men to its membership this year without exacting an entrance fee, and several took advantage of this and the action of the club was very much appreciated by the men.

The coming season is being looked forward to eagerly and it is absolutely certain that there will be a large increase in membership.

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## RESULTS AT ROYAL MONTREAL

**T**HE following are the results of the principal competitions at The Royal Montreal Golf Club the past season:

Medal play, gross and net. Best gross, Mr. J. W. Yuile; best net, Mr. E. Liersch; Sidey medal, a tie between Messrs. A. F. Baillie, G. W. Grier, W. G. Ross and A. B. Evans. Aggregate best score, four ball, Messrs. A. F. Baillie and E. S. Merrett. Medal play, 36 holes, gross and net. Best Gross, Mr. Alex. Wilson; best net (tie) Messrs. T. N. Hutchison and G. P. G. Dunlop. McKim Memorial Cup, won by Dr. E. W. Archibald. Gunning Cup won by Dr. E. W. Archibald. Four ball, best ball competition, Dr. H. J. S. Nichol and Dr. W. H. P. Hill. Par competition, Mr. James Hill. Medal play competition, Mr. R. Hoerner. Dennistoun scratch medal, Mr. R. E. MacDougall.

The season just closed was the most successful in the long history—nearly half a century—of The Royal Montreal.

# IMPROVING THE GAME!

**Well Known Toronto Journalist Registers a Protest Against Freak \$50 Clubs and Freak \$5 Balls and Their Inventors in General—"Let Them," says he, "Start a New Game if Our's Doesn't Suit Them."**

*(By Joseph T. Clark)*

**W**HEN I began playing golf the old gutta ball was in general use. Those balls cost three dollars per dozen and sometimes less. The gutta ball cut easily, and while it is said that one of them hacked-up flew straighter from the tee than it did when new, yet on the greens an old "guttie" ribbed and ridged with gashes, did not putt well. And, while few ever learn the fact, it is on the greens that about one-half the strokes in golf are played.

One day I was in Harold Wilson's store with "Johnnie" Hall and he called my attention to a new kind of golf ball. It had a pebbled surface, was called a Haskell, and its price was 75 cents. We decided to have nothing to do with it, because it would be rank extravagance to pay that price for a golf ball. Even if it were possible to get longer drives with the new ball what benefit would there be in that if everybody used them?

One day I stood at the first tee awaiting my turn to play, as tail-ender, in my first inter-club match. One of our best players had just teed his ball when he paused, stepped over to his opponent and asked, "Are you playing the new ball?" The visitor said he was not. Our player picked his Haskell off the tee, put it away, teed up a "guttie" and away they went. He declined to take any advantage of his opponent.

As an old cricketer, that impressed me as "cricket." It was playing golf in the spirit in which the game ought to be played. The new ball is an old ball now and the "guttie" is as obsolete as the feather ball. I am wondering a little if the spirit evinced by the player that day is not tending towards becoming obsolete, too.

The Americans have taken up golf and feel within them a tremendous desire to improve it. They are an inventive people. They like to improve everything they put their hands on, and it is this spirit that explains the tremendous strides made by the great Republic. They believe in "delivering the goods." Their chief purpose in life is to get there. Get where? Well, wherever you want to get.

In a recent issue of the "Canadian Golfer" I was pleased to read the statement of a high official of the American Golf Association that the Rules of Golf would be adhered to—the American game kept in line with the ancient game as it is legislated for at St. Andrews. But I am unable to hope that this fine ideal can be adhered to.

In Canada, as well as in the United States, the foursome has been entirely superseded by the four-ball match. The Canadian, like the American, wants to play his own ball all the way round every time he goes over the course. Every time he stands at the first tee he feels that he is about to make the best score of his life. Or, if four men are cornered and must, for any reason play a foursome and not a four-ball match, they insist that all four shall drive from each tee, and the partners elect which drive they shall accept.

The fact is, I think, that if the Americans can improve golf they will do so without being long deterred by the history or traditions of the game. It is also probable that they will change the game to better suit their fancy whether they actually improve it or not. They will probably like the game a little better if they transform it into something a little more their own.

Our neighbors are an inventive, "get-there" people. When the American business man sees a golfer standing on a tee with a driver in his hand trying by might and main to drive a golf ball to a flag 350 yards away and not doing it, he sees clearly that here is something that needs looking into. He examines the driver and he examines the ball, and figures that if he could improve either the

one or the other so that the ball could be driven right up to the flag his fortune would be made. Already across the border they have a putter which is outlawed in Canada and in Great Britain. This week I was urged to buy a new kind of driver costing \$10 or \$12 which would add thirty or forty yards to the length of my drive. This year I have been using a new American ball, the flight of which is supposed to be nearly all carry and several of my friends have mashie-niblicks with specially criss-crossed faces which enables them—if they don't bungle the shot—to drop a ball dead on the green with a back-spin which causes the sphere to take but one hop, forward, sideways or backwards towards the hole, wherever it may happen to be. The club is a wonder, but somehow those who use it frequently miff the shot rather badly, or probably I should not have won a hole at all this year with the antiquated tools which I employ.

Next year, I believe, an American inventor will arm one of my friends with a new driver costing \$50. It is to have an adjustable gauge at the end of the handle, which the player can move up or down, according to the distance he has to play—it has a driving range from 175 yards up to 300 yards. The cylinder at the top of the handle is moved to the desired figure on the disc or dial, and the stroke is made with full force in every case, but the invention on which the club is based governs the trajectory of flight, so that there results a short, high ball to the green or a long, low ball to the green, whatever the distance may be.

When this club arrives next season, I ask you, what chance will I have against the one who uses it? He will be doing his driving by means of accurate scientific machinery. The distances marked on the holes on several of our courses will fool him at first, but he will soon detect errors of that kind with a range-finding round or two. But will it be golf that will be played after such inventions come into use? Why not adopt the trench-mortar idea and shoot the balls to the green and then hole them with croquet mallets?

Before matters go too far I want to enter a protest and declare myself a supporter of the idea of a standardized golf ball and standardized clubs. If they invent a \$5 ball that will fly 400 yards, or a \$50 club with an apparatus in the shaft that will regulate the distance of flight, these tools should be outlawed, except for circus performances. All our golf courses would have to be re-made to keep pace with these inventions, as one follows upon another.

Golf is all right if inventors will leave it alone. Let those inventors start a new game if ours doesn't suit them!

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## A GOLFING FAMILY

### Father and Sons Make an Envious Record for Themselves on the Peterborough Links

**D**URING the past season a member of the Hamilton family figured in every important golf final at the Peterborough Golf and Country Club. Mr. Miles Hamilton (a member of the Seniors' International team this year at Apawamis, N. Y.,) was in the finals for the Stratton Trophy, having to acknowledge defeat at the hands of Mr. Harold Patterson, but he had the very great satisfaction of seeing his two sons, Robert B. (who bravely did his bit at the Front) and "Sam." clean up the other important events, viz.: Club Championship and R. R. Hall Trophy, won by R. B. Hamilton and the Macdonald Trophy, won by "Sam." Hamilton, who is only 14 years of age. Another son, Bairnsford, also a golfer, only arrived home from overseas in October too late to enter the club competitions.

During the latter part of the season almost every day on the Peterborough links Mr. Hamilton could have been seen with his four boys "under his wing" giving them the benefit of his matured golfing experience. He is certainly to be congratulated on the record of his sons, both on and off the links.

# FROM BARN TO CLUB HOUSE

The Very Artistic Home of "Glendale," Hamilton's New and Successful Golf Organization

THE Glendale Golf and Country Club, Hamilton, which was only organized last Spring, has just finished up a most successful season. It already boasts a membership of 275, and the \$100 shares have been advanced to \$200. The 18-hole course, which is ideally situated back of Bartonville, the property running to the top of the "mountain," is being rapidly rounded into



The Ugly Farm-yard Barn

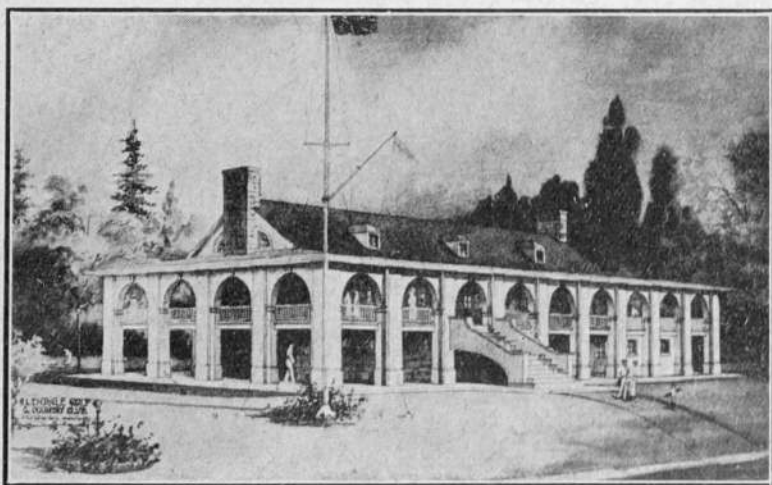
shape and by next season it is hoped to have all the greens opened for play. The membership is a most enthusiastic one, and under the tutelage of the professional, A. M. Anderson, who has been re-engaged for the coming year, much promising golfing material is being developed. The season just closed saw the running off of several competitions, and altogether "Glendale" has quite been making golfing history.

As showing what can be done in evolving a thoroughly artistic club house from a very humble origin, herewith pictures of the barn which

originally "ornamented" the property and the building which now does such splendid service for the members of "Glendale." Mr. F. W. Warren, architect, of Hamilton, is responsible for the metamorphosis. The original barn was 34 feet 6 inches wide by 87 feet, with a wall through the centre. A verandah 18 feet wide by 111 feet long was built across the south elevation and 12 feet wide on the east and west elevations. At present one half of the interior is being used for club purposes, the balance is reserved for future extensions. The club room is 46 feet 6 inches by 23 feet, with secretary's office, card room and kitchen

along one side. The other side and one end open onto the verandah through double French doors. At one end of the club room is a large boulder fire-place, with a large oak shelf for displaying trophies.

Underneath the club room and at the ground level



From which was developed this artistic Club House of Glendale, Hamilton

is the locker room and the shower baths. There are 184 lockers and in the adjoining unused portion of the building room for about 150 additional lockers. The water for the shower baths comes by gravity from springs on the side of the mountain. This water is to be used later for the greens.

Altogether a most complete and charming golf club house and a most remarkable transformation from the old bank barn of pre-golf days.

# GOLF BALL STANDARDIZATION

Rules of Golf Committee of St. Andrews to "Hasten Slowly" in Connection with this very Vital Question

**M**ORE extended reports are now to hand in connection with the recent report of The Rules of Golf Committee, submitted to a crowded meeting of the Royal and Ancient at St. Andrews. Mr. John L. Low, as chairman of the committee, said they were not among those who deemed it necessary to have a great reconstruction program. They had no intention of making the hole bigger, or of removing the form and skill which the stymie provided. Although they had no definite proposal to make with regard to the limitation or standardization of the ball, they had passed among themselves the following resolution, which was at the present moment only an expression of their own:

"The Rules of Golf Committee is of the opinion that in order to preserve the balance between the power of the ball and the length of the holes, and in order to retain special features of the game, the power of the ball should be limited. Such investigation as the members of the committee had been able to make, led them to suggest in the present circumstances, this object would be obtained by fixing a minimum limit of size."

The London "Chronicle" is authority for the statement that the committee proposes to consult the United States Golf Association and other bodies interested, before submitting a definite proposal to the clubs.

If this statement is correct, and it probably is, the Royal Canadian Golf Association will most likely be asked, amongst the other governing bodies of golf, to give an opinion on this all-important question. It is certainly most satisfactory to learn that the Rules of Golf Committee has decided not to "play a lone hand" in so important a matter. Its recommendations, whilst not absolutely binding on golf clubs, are always accepted as final by the golfing world generally.

## A WONDERFUL SUCCESS

Is the New Golf Club at Weyburn, Saskatchewan—Only Started this Season, the Members are Already Talking of Extending to an 18-hole Course

(Special Correspondence, "Canadian Golfer")

**I**N the southern part of the fair province of Saskatchewan, there lies the city of Weyburn, situate in the heart of the best grain growing district of the famous Soo Line. This article, of course, will not dwell on the city from an agricultural point of view, but from the view of the game of golf, for the Royal and Ancient game has been played there this year, and boasts of the finest golf grounds in Saskatchewan.

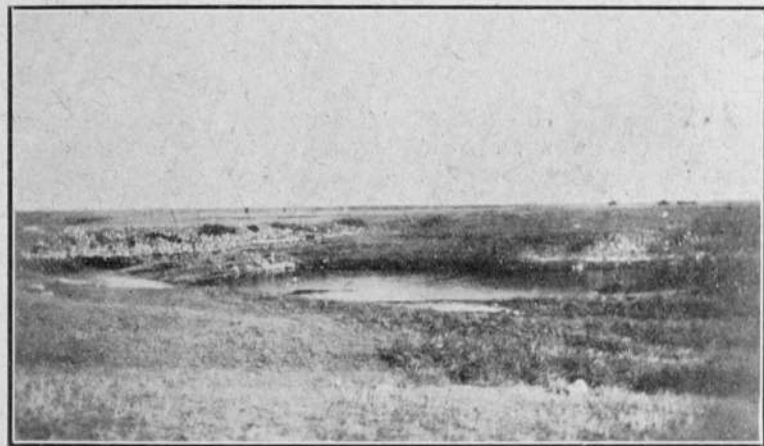
In the spring of 1919 a golf club was formed, with His Honour Judge Wood as President of the Club, Mr. F. W. Smith, Vice-President and Mr. L. Varley as Sec'y-Treas. Surrounded by these three gentlemen there is the energetic Golf Committee, composed of real live wires, with the best interests of the game at heart, Mr. J. N. Bray, late of the London Hunt Club, London, Ont., being chairman of the Grounds Committee.

The Club purchased a quarter section of land from the city fathers, and at once proceeded to get the game on a solid footing. J. A. Scott was engaged as professional, and has given satisfaction to his club officials; the work of laying out the course was then commenced, and with a lot of uphill hard work have succeeded in making a real first-class 9 holes, which will later be enlarged to 18 as soon as conditions will permit. Weyburn claims to have the most sporty and picturesque links in the West, due to the fact that practically all the present nine holes are

hilly, with deep ravines and large natural bunkers, which gets away from the flat prairie courses so prominent in the West. Running through the centre of the course there is a creek, which when bridged properly, will make some of the most difficult hazards yet to be seen in this part of Saskatchewan. The length of the course is 2,880 yards with grass and earth greens.

The membership of the club is 69 gentlemen and 41 ladies, which for the first year is certainly a record to be proud of. Can any other club in our Dominion compare with such a record?

The enthusiasm for the game is taking hold of the entire city, and it is not an uncommon sight to see forty players enter for one of the local competitions. Mr. A. A. Weir, the Saskatchewan Open Champion, has this fall taken up his residence



This view of the Weyburn Golf Course shows that there are hazards aplenty

in Weyburn, and claims he never saw such a fine bunch of good sportsmen in all his travels, and a more keen interest in the grand old game of golf taken in by one and all. As a matter of fact, Weyburn has the material and the right spirit to put in the field a team that will eventually compete with the best players in other clubs, and have in mind the next Provincial Tournament when they hope to make a showing for the Southern City.

Plans are being made for improvements on the present club house for next season, also additional work on the course, and everyone is looking forward to one of the finest season's sport in the game next year.

The Club can boast that it has come through the initial stages of the financial end of the matter in good shape; in fact, have a little surplus, and have paid a large payment on the ground; and the club house stands fully paid for. This is indeed a most encouraging state of matters for so young a club.



## AN 18 HOLE COURSE

**Brantford Golf and Country Club will spend many Thousands of Dollars on Extending its Links and Improving its Club House**

**T**HE most enthusiastic meeting of The Brantford Golf and Country Club in its long history of forty years was held in connection with a dinner at the Kerby House on Saturday evening, November 22nd, when it was unanimously decided to purchase an additional 60 acres of most desirable land adjoining the present property, which will permit of the course being extended to 18 holes. It was also decided to spend some \$15,000 to \$20,000 on extending and improving the present club house.

The Vice-President, Mr. Alfred Jones, K.C., was in the chair and speeches strongly recommending that one of the oldest golf clubs on the continent should have an up-to-date club house and course were made by Judge Hardy (Chairman of the Special Committee formed to complete financial and other arrangements), W. F. Cockshutt, M.P., W. S. Brewster, K.C., Rev. Mr. Fotheringham, rector of Grace Church, S. B. Chadsey, D. Gibson, E. C. Gould, Gordon Caudwell and Ralph H. Reville.

The special committee having the project of enlargement in hand suggested the club being re-organized on a share basis, capitalized at \$50,000, but so enthusiastic were the members present that this will probably be extended to \$75,000.

Mrs. John Kerr, who sold the new property to the club at a figure greatly below its market value, was unanimously elected an honorary life member. It is owing largely to her generosity that the club has been encouraged to go on with such an extensive programme of improvement and enlargement—a programme which will be started next season and energetically pushed to completion.

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## PROGRAMME AT PINEHURST

**P**INEHURST, that wonderful winter playground, much patronized by Canadian golfers, has just issued its programme for the coming season. The following is the schedule of the principal golfing events: December 29th, 30th, 31st, January 1st and 2nd, seventeenth annual mid-winter tournament, for gold and silver trophies. February 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th, sixteenth annual St. Valentine's Tournament for President and other trophies. February 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th, fifteenth annual St. Valentine's Tournament for women, with substantial prizes. March 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th, sixteenth annual Spring Tournament for gold and silver trophies. March 23rd, 24th, 25th and 26th, eighteenth annual United North and South Amateur Championship for women for many trophies. March 29th and 30th, eighteenth annual North and South Open Championship for cash prizes aggregating \$1,000. March 31st, April 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th, twentieth annual United North and South Amateur Championship for championship trophies. April 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th, tenth annual Mid-April Tournament, for President and Governor's trophies. Altogether a feast of high-class golf, possibly not exceeded in the world. Donald J. Ross, the celebrated golf architect, who has just now several Canadian courses under construction and change, is the Secretary-Treasurer of the Pinehurst Country Club, under whose auspices these many events are conducted. A quarter of a century ago, Pinehurst was nothing but a sand-heap. To-day it is the winter golfing Mecca of the continent. Mr. Leonard Tufts, a Boston millionaire, is the wizard who brought the miracle to pass, by a prodigal expenditure of money which to-day it is generally reported, is earning handsome dividends. Nowadays, it is pretty safe to back the golf game almost to any limit.



## THE CALGARY GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

Interesting Notes from One of the Most Influential Golfing Organizations in the West—The Visit of the Prince of Wales

(Special Correspondence, "Canadian Golfer")

CALGARY is gradually becoming a centre of golfing enthusiasm. In this city of 75,000 people, there are four golf clubs, each of which has an 18-hole course. Of these the Calgary Golf and Country Club is the senior organization. The principal advantage which it has over its friendly rivals lies in the proximity of its grounds to the city. They lie just outside the city limits. The entrance gate is but a scant half mile from a street railway line, and a good sidewalk stretches between. Golfing enthusiasm runs very high amongst its mem-



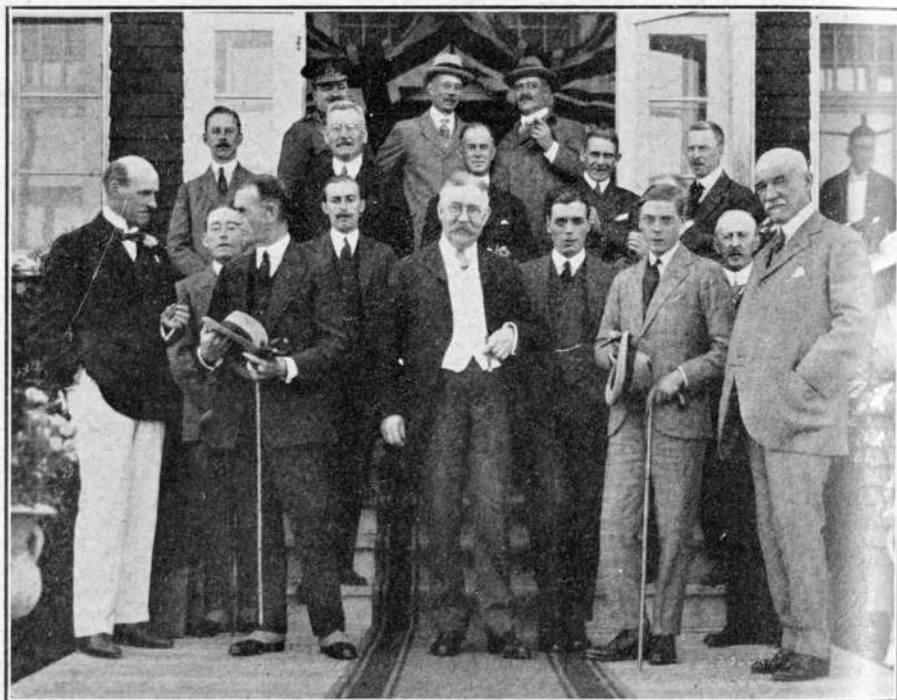
A Royal Welcome to the Prince of Wales at the Calgary Golf & Country Club  
The picture gives an excellent idea of the charming surroundings of this very prominent Western Club.

bers, the numerous club tournaments which are staged annually always having large lists of entries, and competitions with other clubs always being most keenly contested.

A unique feature of this course is a periscope at the 8th tee. This is a blind hole and a very short one, and the possibility of danger to those on or near the green has long been recognized. The periscope gives from the tee a splendid view of the green, and there is, therefore, no longer any excuse for a player driving in ignorance of the fact that other players are on it.

The annual City Championship event is generally very interesting. It is open to any member of the city clubs and is played in turn on the courses of the different clubs, this year's event being pulled off on the Municipal course. The Calgary Golf and Country Club has, in each of the three years in which this championship event has been held, been fortunate to produce the champion. Mr. F. F. Wilson was the first city champion in 1917. Mr. C. W. Hague succeeded him in 1918, while Mr. J. Walton is the present holder of the title. This year three of the four contestants who met in the semi-finals, were members of this club, namely, ex-champions Wilson and Hague, and the new champion, and the finals were fought out between two of its members, Walton and Wilson.

The Club engages in a series of four matches every year with the members of the Calgary St. Andrews Club, each club putting in the field two teams, namely, an A team composed of low handicap men, and a B team of men of higher handicaps. While one team is playing against the team of the same class on the course of one club, the other teams are fighting it out on the other course. Each club presented a cup for this competition, one to the A team, and the other to the B team. This year the Country Club was lucky enough to win both cups. These matches, while bringing out the best there is in the golfing line within the membership of



#### A Notable Group at the Calgary Golf & Country Club

Visit of His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, to the Calgary Golf & Country Club for Luncheon on September 14th, 1919.

Top Row, left to right—Brig.-Gen. Macdonald, Lt.-Col. Doughty, D.S.O.; Major Gen. Burstall.

Middle Row, left to right—Lord Claude Hamilton, Alan Cameron, Thoburn Allan, A. G. Plunkett, Lt.-Col. O. M. Biggar.

Front Row, left to right—C. G. K. Nourse, Commander North, Admiral Halsey, Capt. Legh, Lt.-Gov. Brett, Sir Godfrey Thomas, the Prince of Wales, Hon. Martin Burrell, Mr. Justice Walsh (President).

the two clubs, tend to strengthen materially the friendly feeling which has always existed between them.

This year brought a revival of the ante-war struggle for supremacy between the Golf and Country Clubs of Edmonton and Calgary, home and home games having been played. The Calgary men were returned victors in the series. The enjoyment derived from these golfing contests was certainly very keen. Each club when host did its best to excel the other in the generosity of the entertainment provided for its guests in the way of dinners, dances, etc., and the result, of course, was to deepen and strengthen the esteem in which each club holds the other.

The Club was not very successful in the 1919 Provincial Tournament which was revived this year and was held in Edmonton, not having brought home any

of the championships, though a very strong selection of players represented it in the various events. As Calgarians, however, it was gratifying to them to have two of the three principal events won by their fellow citizens of the St. Andrews team, they having won the club championship, and Mr. A. E. Cruttenden of the same club being returned open provincial champion, a win which was almost as popular with the Country Club members as if one of their own team had been the winner.

Sunday, the 14th of September, 1919, was a memorable day in the history of the club, as on that day it played the part of host to His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, at luncheon, that being his first social function during his three day's stay in the City. The Prince, who was accompanied by ten of his staff, was met by the President, Mr. Justice Walsh, and all of the members of the Executive, those who sat down to luncheon, in addition to the Royal party and the President and members of the Executive being His Honour Lieut.-Governor Brett, Sir James Lougheed, Brigadier-General McDonald and Mayor Marshall. About 200 members of the club were in and about the club house, at the conclusion of the luncheon, and amongst them His Royal Highness moved for nearly an hour, with that charming and unaffected geniality which has made him so beloved from one end of Canada to the other. He had a hearty handshake and a smile for every one of these members; he willingly gave his autograph to those who asked for it, and conversed freely with many of those in attendance.

As it was Sunday, he did not play golf, but in his conversation he betrayed a keen interest in the game. On his start for a five-mile walk, the officers of the club escorted him to the 11th tee, from which a view of unrivalled beauty is to be had. The snow clad Rockies to the west stood sharply defined as though chiselled out by the hand of a master sculptor. A hundred feet below, the clear and swift flowing waters of the Elbow river rippled over its stony bottom, whilst its tortuous windings could be seen up and down stream for over a mile. To the south a beautiful panorama of undulating prairie lands stretched almost to the horizon, whilst to the east and north lay the golf course looking exceedingly pretty in its garb of green. The Prince expressed great delight at the beauty of this scene, and after drinking it in for a long time he bade good-bye to his hosts and with their cheers ringing in his ears started off down a country trail with his staff for a good stiff walk.

## MAKE BUSINESS SUBSERVIENT TO GOLF

**Is the Slogan of the Pacific Northwest Golf Association—Vancouver Golf and Country Club is Spending \$15,000 to put its House and Course in Order**

**T**HE Sporting Editor of the Vancouver "Daily World" writes of the big "golf show" there next July:

"To all golfers embraced in the geographic scheme of the Pacific Northwest Golf Association, this word of warning: 'Make all business and pleasure subservient to the first week of July, 1920!'

On the links of the Vancouver Golf and Country Club there is going to be held the greatest golf show ever put on in the history of this section of country that first week of July.

This is said with all due respect to what splendid entertainments, in the shape of annual championships of the P. N. G. A. were put on, of more recent memory, at Spokane, Portland, Seattle and Tacoma.

Alex. R. McFarlane, president of the Vancouver Golf and Country Club, J. E. Hall and K. A. McLennan, recently visited Seattle in the interests of the 1920 championships. At a conference with the secretary of the P. N. G. A. there was outlined the programme for the championships and all the essential details for the meeting at the Burquitlam links.

Never did any club in the history of the P. N. G. A. ever make such a move so early in the game. But the Vancouverites have planned big for the 1920 meeting and they want all their details arranged early so as to realize the bigness of their movement to give the golfers of the Pacific Northwest the greatest golf show they have ever attended.

They have in mind such a publicity campaign as will bring entrants from all over the country including many from California, along with, of course, those in the association district, which embraces Oregon, Montana, Idaho, Washington and British Columbia.

Entertainment of the visitors, both at the links and in the city, is planned on a magnificent scale.

The fact that the championships will be held two weeks later than usual is due to the fact that the public schools of the district do not enter on their vacation period until that time. This will provide for the caddie question. The caddies will be taken to the links when the first golfers appear, and they will be cared for there in tent homes throughout the meeting. This is one of the details, for instance, that have already been worked out.

Enlargement of the club house for entertainment of the visitors at dinner, dancing and in locked conveniences, is now under way. The transportation feature will be handled—as trying as it will be—in a manner that will take splendid care of all who attend the championships.

This, in a measure, is only a rambling description of some of the details. There could be told how all official club connections will be severed that championship week, with the tournament committee taking over the entire management of affairs.

It would be remiss to overlook what the Vancouver Golf and Country Club is doing in respect to spending money to perfect playing conditions. The sum of \$15,000 is in the progress of being spent to make the links satisfactory and of championship character. Ten acres of land, adjoining the links, and paralleling the eighth and ninth fairways to the north, have been acquired. This protects the club's water rights.

An irrigation system is being installed that will mean continuous water supply for the fairways and the greens. It will be completed by early spring. Many bunkers will be constructed during the winter and spring. Fairways will be widened and the rough cleared so that lost balls will not be nearly so numerous as they have been on the second nine. A new eighteenth green has been built, not shortening the length of the hole a yard, a bit of reconstruction that will turn the present eighteenth over to purposes of practice putting during championship week.

From this it readily can be seen that the \$15,000 fund is being well spent. And by the time these sportsmen have finished entertaining their guests that first week of July, there will be spent another considerable sum. All of which dollar language is necessary, it seems, to convey in adequate manner just what Vancouverites are doing to make the 1920 championship of the P. N. G. A. go big."

## Oh! The Inconsistency of Man



## HOLES-IN-ONE

### A Record Score for the Season Just Closed—Forty-three Canadian Golfers Accomplish the 20,000 to 1 Shot

**T**HE season for making "Holes-in-One" on the golf courses of the Dominion, in order to qualify for the "Canadian Golfer's" prize of a year's subscription, ended October 31st, having lasted since May 24th, and the unprecedented total of 43 is the result. Since last reporting the following performances have been sent in by Club secretaries to the "Canadian Golfer":

Mr. W. G. Ross, the third hole-in-one, The Royal Montreal course at Dixie. Mr. Ross, who is Chairman of the Montreal Harbour Commission, is a member of the famous Ross family of golfers and curlers, and represented the Canadian Seniors at the International match at Apawamis, Rye, N.Y., last September. He is one of the most prominent exponents of the Royal and Ancient game in the Montreal district.

Mr. R. E. MacDougall, the 15th hole at The Royal Montreal. He was playing at the time with Messrs. C. B. Grier, G. H. Turpin and Charlie Murray, the pro. of The Royal Montreal. The par of the hole is 3 and Murray registered a 2, which was, however, not quite good enough to win from Mr. MacDougall, who is a very well known player indeed, not only on the courses of Montreal but Toronto and other leading golfing centres.

Mr. Henry Wright, President of the MacLaren Imperial Cheese Co., the second hole at Lambton, 180 yards. Mr. Wright was playing at the time with Mr. R. A. Baker and George Cumming, pro. of the Toronto Club and W. M. Freeman, pro of Lambton. Mr. Wright has a penchant for holes-in-one, having once before recorded the feat at Lambton. More power to his elbow.

Mr. Stuart H. Lees, the sporting 8th hole at the Hamilton Golf and Country Club course at Ancaster. He was playing with Mr. J. D. Ferguson when he turned the trick. Mr. Lees has the honour of being the only player this year to make a hole-in-one at Ancaster and the greatest experts of the continent have performed there this season, both amateur and professional.

Mr. Duncan S. Robertson, the 14th hole at the Toronto Golf Club, a tasty little shot of 180 yards. At the time he was playing with his brother, Mr. Beverley Robinson. The "Canadian Golfer" is especially pleased to welcome a member of such a prominent Ontario golfing family to the "one-shot" coterie elect.

Here is the complete list of those who in 1919 qualified for the select club of "One-ers":

Davidson Harman, Toronto Golf Club; M. G. Constable, St. Andrews Golf Club, Calgary; H. Gardiner, St. Andrews Golf Club, Calgary; C. H. Belton, Sarnia Golf Club; G. A. Ferguson, Regina Golf Club; Paul Trebilcock, Peterboro Golf Club; A. W. Clare, Waterloo Golf and Country Club, Galt; Wesley McCurdy, Winnipeg Golf Club (twice); H. A. McKillop, Lethbridge; B. S. McFarlane, Truro, N. S.; Harry Graham, Kanawaki, Montreal; Rev. R. Campbell Tibb, Rosedale, Toronto; C. S. Cullilan, Rivermead, Ottawa; Capt. Boddy, Brantford;



Mr. W. G. Ross, prominent member of The Royal Montreal, a 1919 "Hole-in-One-er"

John Baillie, The Royal Montreal; James Hill, The Royal Montreal; Herbert Driver, Outremont; Mr. Hodgson, Kanawaki, Montreal; Shirley Peters, Saint John, N.B.; Judge Crockett, Fredericton, N.B.; W. E. Underwood, Calgary Golf and Country Club; S. R. Saunders, Kanawaki, Montreal; E. F. Austin, Monteith Golf Club, Muskoka; Malcolm Martin, Lingan, N.S.; L. C. Owen, Toronto Hunt; J. L. Bell, Edmonton Golf and Country Club; Lt.-Col. F. B. Ware, The Royal Ottawa Golf Club; Dr. A. Scott, London Hunt; A. T. Goward, Victoria Golf Club, B.C.; W. Scott, Barrie Golf Club; Major Jones, Chester, N.S.; J. G. Kent, Whitlock Golf Club, Hudson Heights, Que; Captain Foy, The Royal Ottawa; C. B. Foster, Beaconsfield Golf Club, Montreal; A. Oatway, Halifax, N.S.; T. H. Birkett, Rivermead Golf Club, Ottawa; Mrs. Wainwright, Orillia; Lieut. Howard Heintzman, Lambton Golf Club, Toronto; Henry Wright, Lambton Golf Club, Toronto; W. G. Ross, The Royal Montreal; R. E. MacDougall, The Royal Montreal; Stuart H. Lees, Hamilton Golf and Country Club; Duncan S. Robertson, the Toronto Golf Club.

It will be noticed that every province in the Dominion, with the exception of Prince Edward Island, is represented in this list. Montreal golfers were especially prolific in making the 20,000 to 1 shot, 9 of them performing the feat, The Royal Montreal, the premier golf club of the continent, being responsible for four of this total. Toronto golf clubs have to be content with six representatives, whilst on the two courses at Ottawa four "one-ers" were recorded. Orillia in Mrs. Wainwright, provided the only lady "one-shotter." To Winnipeg belongs the unique honour of contributing a dual performer of the well-nigh impossible, Mr. Wesley McCurdy making the 16th hole on the Winnipeg course twice in one shot during the season.

The jump from 12 to 43 in two years in "Holes-in-One" testifies in a very eloquent manner to the wonderful increase in the number of golfers in the Dominion. Because, after all, it is the law of average which holds good in registering such a performance and it would seem, therefore, that there were nearly four times as many players during the season just closed on the links of the Dominion as in 1917.

Here's a jolly Xmas and a Happy New Year to the 43 "one-shotters," and may they all find time to enjoy "free of charge" the perusal of this "great family golfing magazine" for a year, earned as a result of their prowess in finding "the cup from the tee."

Not to be discouraged by the formidable total in 1919, the Editor will again inaugurate the competition in 1920, starting with May 24th.

## BEACONSFIELD, MONTREAL

### Has Made Substantial Progress in Course Re-construction—Winter Sports for the Members

**T**HANKS to unusually propitious weather conditions the past two months, a great deal of work has been completed this season at Beaconsfield, Montreal in carrying out the extensive programme of improvements to the course, as outlined by Willie Park, who has worked out a very comprehensive and complete championship course—one in every way worthy of the Canadian Amateur Tournament next summer. The finishing touches will be put on in the Spring.

Beaconsfield, by the way, is keeping open all winter, and with a first-class skating rink and a toboggan slide starting on the hill at No. 18 will provide lots of winter amusement for its large list of members.

## EX-LADY CHAMPION

**Miss Florence Harvey returns after pluckily doing her "bit" for Stricken Serbia Was at the Balkan Front for Many Months—Is Leaving in January to Reside in South Africa**

**A**S noted in last month's issue, Miss Florence Harvey, amateur lady champion of Canada, 1903 and 1904, and runner-up in 1911 and 1913, the well known golf writer and formerly editress of the "Canadian Golfer," returned to her home in Hamilton the latter part of October, after doing most valuable and unselfish war work in Serbia.

Miss Harvey left New York February 26th, 1918, and on arrival in Edinburgh was assigned a post by the Scottish Women's Hospitals Committee as ambulance driver in the unit under Miss Dillon, attached to the First Serbian Army. Their camp was at Yelak, on a spur of Mount Kaimatchilan, the highest mountain in the Balkans, which is on the boundary of Serbia and Greece. Their daily runs were to the front line dressing stations, from which they carried the sick and wounded Serbian soldiers down to the Serb. hospital at Skotchivir—descending four thousand feet in eighteen kilometers (about eleven miles). There were only twelve motor drivers, all women, and they had to do this perilous run two, three and sometimes four times a day. The road was an old cattle track widened and blasted out of the mountain side—wider places being cut out every few miles to permit passing another car.

When the offensive began in September, 1918, Miss Harvey's unit moved forward with the Serbian Army, of which they were a part, their ambulance being always the nearest to the front. The unit reached Belgrade two days before the armistice. Later it was up in Hungary, with the Serb army of occupation, and then for two months Miss Pope Ellis, of South Africa and Miss Harvey were lent by the Scottish Women's Hospitals to Belgrade, Miss Ellis driving for the Serbian Relief Fund and Miss Harvey for Dr. Kathleen Macphail's Children's Hospital.

This hospital is for children only, and Dr. Macphail was formerly attached to the Scottish Women's Hospitals. She is now directly under the Serbian Red Cross. Most of the children are orphans and tubercular from lack of food and privation during the three years the enemy occupied Serbia.

Miss Harvey cannot speak too highly of the Serbian soldiers—"they were wonderful," she says. "No other army in the world could have endured what they did. They fought without artillery, for it never caught up to them throughout the campaign. The Serb soldier is very like the English Tommy, with the same love of a joke, but with less mischievousness. Their care of us was touching—they were so afraid we were going to get hurt. Everyone loves one's own nation best, but I have returned from the Balkans loving the Serbian people after our own Anglo-Saxon race."

Miss Harvey, golfing friends throughout the Dominion will regret to hear, is leaving for South Africa in January to take up a chicken ranch there with Miss



**Miss Florence Harvey, ex-Lady Golf Champion of Canada**

Pope Ellis, one of the members of her unit, whom she met in Serbia and with whom she has formed a fast friendship. She will be sorely missed in golfing circles here both on and off the links, as in addition to her great ability as a player, she was the organizer and Honorary Secretary of The Canadian Ladies' Golf Union and foremost in every golfing project in the Dominion. In fact, she was for years the outstanding figure in Canadian Women's golf activities. She will be followed to her new home by the heartiest wishes for health and happiness from well wishers from Coast to Coast, to which will be added the hope that after all the lure and love of Canada may yet bring her back here once more.

Before going "overseas" again, Miss Harvey is devoting all her time and attention to raising funds for Dr. Macphail's tubercular hospital for children in Belgrade. The "Canadian Golfer" cannot too strongly urge its readers both in the States and Canada to aid in this notable work. Subscriptions can be sent to Mr. C. W. Cartwright, Landed Banking and Loan Company, corner Main and James Street, Hamilton. This cause is very much in the heart of the ex-lady champion and golfers surely cannot show their appreciation of her unselfish work in the interest of the game here for many years than by contributing to the Belgrade Fund and contributing liberally.

## MANY IMPROVEMENTS AT RIVERMEAD

**A**N Ottawa subscriber, a member of The Rivermead Golf Club, writes:

"I am sure it will be a pleasant surprise when you visit us next season at Rivermead, as we have carried out a lot of improvements during the year just closing. The course has been lengthened to over 6,000 yards. A number of new bunkers have been put in, and more will be added in the spring. New tees have been built at nearly all the holes, and in some instances, three tees have been built which will enable the Committee to change the length of the holes, as they devise. A new green has been made for No. 1, which will make the hole a distance of 405 yards, instead of 360 yards. Altogether the changes which have been made will make the Rivermead course one of the finest in the Dominion."

Rivermead has thoroughly interesting links, with wonderful turf and an environment which leaves nothing to be desired. With the improvements mentioned by our correspondent, the course will rank with the very best in Ontario.

## ENCOURAGE THE YOUNGER ELEMENT

**I**T is up to every golfer with the best interests of the game at heart to encourage the younger element, according to the belief of Charles Evans, former national champion. His own personal debt to encouraging older men is a large one, and the nearest he can come to repaying it is by asking that like opportunities be presented to the present generation.

"In the days when I was learning my golf there were many local events in which we boys could play," said Evans, "and the junior championships were hospitable affairs where we practised the playing of match games and measured skill. It is a wise golf community that recognizes the fact that these junior players are our future champions and upon their proper training depends the future of the game.

Nothing develops a boy's game faster and better than tournament competition and it also brings about a wholesome acquaintance among the sons of members. The final work of the youngsters at Pittsburg shows us what they can do when given the opportunity and it ought to stimulate all golf clubs to a careful provision of ways and means for the boys' tournaments. Chicago clubs have been generous this year."

One warning Evans gives the younger golfers and it is this: "More promising golf careers have been ruined by conceit than anything else. Therefore cultivate a certain humility of spirit with your golf. Remember that your elders, who are sustaining the courses and providing the means to play, deserve some consideration."



## "CANADIAN GOLFER'S" CELEBRITIES

**Mr. C. A. Bogert, President of the Canadian Bankers' Association,  
General Manager of the Dominion Bank, and Governor of  
The Canadian Seniors' Golf Association**

**A**T the annual meeting of the Canadian Bankers' Association, held at Montreal on November the 13th, Mr. Clarence A. Bogert, General Manager of the Dominion Bank, was elected to the Presidency of the Association, the highest banking honour in Canada.

Mr. Bogert, although still in manhood's prime, has had a protracted and distinguished career in his chosen profession.

Born in Napanee in 1864, a son of the Ven. Archdeacon Bogert, in his day one of the best known ecclesiastics in the Anglican Communion, he was educated at Trinity College School, Port Hope, and then in 1881 entered the employ of the Dominion Bank. His promotions here were of a most rapid character. He was an Assistant Inspector, 1893-1895; Assistant Manager, Toronto, 1895-1898; Manager, Montreal, 1898-1906; General Manager since 1906.

Mr. Bogert has always been a great advocate of, and participator in clean, amateur sport. As a boy he played cricket at Trinity College School, but was forced to give up the game owing to lack of time, shortly after entering the Dominion Bank. For several years, however, he was an active member of the Argonaut Rowing Club, and then in 1897 he joined the Toronto Golf Club and played his initial game of golf.

Early in 1898 he went to Montreal to open the first branch of the Dominion Bank in that city, and identifying himself with The Royal Montreal Golf Club, commenced to take up seriously the Royal and Ancient game. He lived every summer at Dixie and played much golf whilst there, notably with Messrs. Anson McKim, Fayette Brown and Kenneth McPherson, all three of whom, alas, have "played their last game," but who are still held in affectionate remembrance by many former golfing friends.

Mr. Bogert, who in addition to many Ontario golf clubs, is still a member of Dixie and never misses an opportunity to play over the course, is a very good golfer indeed, and only this September was chosen from the three hundred mem-



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Canadian Bankers' Association**

bers of The Canadian Seniors' Golf Association, of which he is a Governor, to form one of the team of fifteen to represent Canada in the International encounter at Apawamis, Rye, N.Y. And Mr. Bogert was one of the few Canadians to win his match, defeating Mr. C. G. Waldo, a prominent U. S. Senior. He has a particularly good all-round game in his bag, and can always be depended upon to put up a really first-class argument on any course.

The President of the Canadian Bankers' Association has not confined his activities by any means to the banking profession. He has always taken a very keen interest in the mercantile and manufacturing life of the Dominion and is extremely popular with all classes of the business community. Only last year he completed a term as President of the Toronto Board of Trade and his tenure of office was marked by the introduction of many important and far-reaching measures.

Mr. Bogert is an outstanding figure alike in the financial and business world of Canada, whilst in golfing circles he occupies a very prominent place indeed. The Royal and Ancient has no more distinguished devotee in the Dominion than the recently elected President of the Canadian Bankers' Association, who by the way, succeeds another well known golfer, Mr. E. L. Pease, President of the newly formed and very prominent club of Mount Bruno, near Montreal.

### ***"The Limit Men Among"***



When all the world is young, lad,  
And all the links are green,  
And all our drives are long, lad,  
And all our shots are clean,  
Then hey! for whin and gorse lad,  
And round the world away,  
Young blood must have its course, lad,  
And every dog his day.  
When all the world is old, lad,  
And all the trees are brown,  
When chips are never holed, lad,  
And putts will not go down.  
Then go and take your place, there,  
The limit men among,  
God send you find one face there,  
You knew when all were young!

—Charles Kingsley

# INTERESTING CANADIAN COURSES

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(By the Editor of "The Canadian Golfer")

THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY can claim the longest golf course in the world, for throughout its eighteen thousand odd mile system, are to be found links on the right hand and on the left. From the Atlantic to the Pacific, clean across a continent, a travelling devotee of the Royal and Ancient, on "The World's Greatest Highway," can have his golf—and good golf, too—on a hundred and more sea-side and inland courses.

It would be impossible in this place to describe, even briefly the charms of all the golf greens reached by the Canadian Pacific. Through the exigencies of space, only a few of the more prominent courses can be mentioned; and the tale of many outstanding links must necessarily be left over—for which apologies to them are hereby tendered.

No one who knows his Canadian golf courses would think of making a golfing tour without including in his itinerary ST. ANDREWS, that delightful New Brunswick resort, where the famous C.P.R. Algonquin Hotel has as its guests every season hundreds of prominent visitors from the United States and the Dominion, and where the picturesquely situated links nearby are noted for their greens and fairgreens. Many an International battle royal has been fought out on the well-balanced 18-hole course at St. Andrews, worthy prototype of the Mecca of golfers in the old grey Scottish town. Some of the best golfers in Canada and the States have entered the tournaments staged here every summer, and scratch and handicap players alike bear willing testimony to the sporting possibilities of the links. Sea-courses in Canada are rare. St. Andrews is possessed of one that would do credit to the "Land o' Cakes" herself.

The 18-hole course has the excellent length of 6,100 yards and an admirable feature is that the first tee and the

"home" hole are at the club house. The outstanding feature, perhaps, of the St. Andrews course, is the excellent springy turf which prevails throughout the fairway. No cuppy lies here from start to finish, but the ball fairly inviting a "swatting" through the green, even with a driver.

There are many feature holes on these superb sea-side links. One of the best is No. 2 'Cedar Lane,' 420 yards. It is a slightly elbowed hole, laid out for a nice pull. The fairway is some forty yards in width, with an out-of-bordy road on the left, and 'rough' and trees for a sliced ball, and the ground naturally breaking away in this direction. It requires a carefully placed cleek or brassie shot to get on the green in two, as the terrain narrows towards the hole, with the ground breaking away sharply to the left, and 'rough' about ten to fifteen yards beyond the green.

The tee to the 8th hole, "Joe's Point," is situated on the water's edge. The view from the ninth tee, situated on "Joe's Point," is sweepingly superb, taking, in the full view of Passamaquoddy Bay, the town of St. Andrew, Navy Island, and far East also, Robinson's Cove in Maine. The 9th, "The Grove," is an excellent hole of some 400 yards, requiring a carefully placed second to get the green. The par going out is 36, and everything must break right to get it. The incoming nine are also, many of them, holes of outstanding merit, notably the 10th, 15th and 16th—the latter especially a good 'un.

The putting greens at St. Andrews are a pure delight. The majority are of generous proportions and a player who can putt at all, has no excuse if he does not negotiate the regulation "two down" on every green, whilst many a "oneer" will reward the expert with the putter.

In addition to the 18-hole course of really championship calibre, there is a

very interesting 9-hole course of 2,500 yards, which, too, provides an excellent test of good golf.

The important city of Saint John, N. B., numbers many enthusiastic golfers amongst its inhabitants, and in the RIVERSIDE GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB has a very successful organization. The present links are situated on the banks of the historic Ken-

vironment, but best of all, possessing a membership of charming women and genial, generous men, Riverside is worthily upholding the best traditions of the Royal and Ancient in one of the most interesting districts of the Dominion.

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Club House, Halifax Golf Club

nebaccasis River, about seven miles out, and are easily accessible both by train and motor. The temporary club house is situated a fair championship tee shot from the station. The course of nine holes is a very attractive one indeed. A round of Riverside demonstrates that it is a thoroughly interesting course throughout, calling for well-placed shots a-plenty. The views to be obtained from many points of vantage are fairly ravishing. Take, for instance, No. 6. Here the broad expanse of the Kennebecasis faces the player. At this point the river is three miles wide, narrowing far away to the right, towards its source among the distant hills. Fringed with maple, birch and ash, the panorama is entrancing. An interesting course with delightful en-

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the HALIFAX GOLF CLUB are probably more accessible than is the case with any metropolitan course in Canada. They lie in the southern part of the city, closely adjoining the residential districts. The course has been worked out to take full advantage of a limited area of ground. Nine holes exhaust the possibilities of the terrain. Of these, the longest is 375 yards, and there are three others of over 300 yards. All of these are two shot holes, but by reason of intervening hills it requires firm and accurate hitting to reach the green in two. Of the remaining holes, two are over 200 yards, and can be (but only occasionally are), successfully reached from the tee. Three short holes of 170, 147 and 137 yards complete the nine. The longest

and possibly most difficult hole is the eighth. Of the short holes, the seventh, 147 yards, is the best. The par of the course is 36, but scores of 33, and even 32, are occasionally made. The best amateur score for 18 holes is 69. Whilst the Halifax course is easy for sound golfers, there are plenty of difficulties for the reckless and unwary. It is rare that extreme heat vexes the soul of the local enthusiast, while cool

Royal Montreal came into being in November, 1873, Quebec in the summer of 1874. From the early seventies until 1914, Quebec golfers had the very great privilege, at a very nominal rental, of playing golf on the Cove Fields, where Wolfe and Montcalm contended for the possession of Canada in 1759. Here was staged the first inter-club golf match in America, when in 1876 Quebec vanquished Montreal

Hon. Martin Burrell at first tee, Rivermead, Ottawa



Fifth Green, Quebec Golf Club



The Duke of Devonshire's Cup, presented to the Seniors' Golf Associations of the United States and Canada as an International Trophy and won in 1918 by Canada and in 1919 by the U. S.

sea breezes delight the hearts of visitors from the heat baked cities of the West and South.

At DIGBY, the well known summer resort, a capital 9-hole course is being rapidly whipped into shape. Digby is very popular with Bostonians and leading residents of the New England States. It is also having a deservedly increasing vogue with Canadians generally.

And now Quebec beckons—the ancient and historical capital, steeped in century-old tradition and romance.

For many years the QUEBEC GOLF CLUB was generally given the credit for being the "Mother of Golf" on the continent of America, but in my "History of the Royal and Ancient in Canada," after careful investigation, I conceded the premier honours to The Royal Montreal Golf Club by the narrow margin of a few months. The

by 12 holes. The outbreak of the Great War made further play on the "Fields" impossible, as the property was required for the enlargement of the factory of the Ross Rifle Company and Government works generally. In this dilemma, active members of the club were fortunate in securing a long lease of land adjacent to the Kent House at Montmorency Falls, and here on almost equally historic ground the second oldest golf club on the continent has found a worthy abiding place.

The location of the present links, though possibly not so well-known as the Cove Fields, figures almost as prominently in the great struggle which decided the fate of this country. The easterly boundary of the new

course is formed by the Montmorency River. The links formed part of the ground occupied by the forces of Prudin and Herbert, while on the left bank were portions of the brigades of Townshend and Murray, solidly entrenched. History has left us the records of the gallant defence made by de Levis and his equally brilliant officer de Repentigny. While beauty of views does not make a golf course, it adds enchantment to the game. For members and visitors so inclined, there is no more delightful occupation than to rest quietly upon the club's comfortable verandahs and view the St. Lawrence River, immediately below, with the Isle of Orleans in the foreground and the Levis Heights towering in the distance, then some seven miles westward, the great rocky point upon which the City of Quebec has been built. The whole surroundings are redolent of romance.

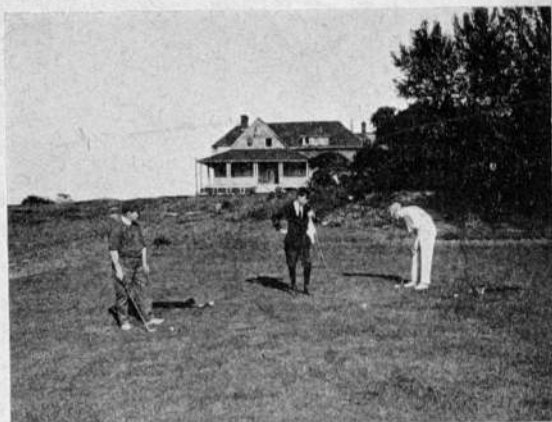
A notable feature of the present course is the variety of the greens. The flat, level uninteresting kind have been carefully avoided. Instead, angle greens and rolling greens are very much in evidence and afford a splendid opportunity for "heady" putting. There are four holes of over 400 yards, which after all is the ideal length for a good two shot hole. The tee of one of these 400 odd yarders (the second), affords a view of the brink of the celebrated Montmorency Falls below. Some of the short holes on the course are unrivalled, notably the 11th. The tee faces the Upper Falls of the Montmorency River. The green is about 100 yards away in an undulating hollow (some fifteen feet below the level of the fairway leading to it.) The green is trapped completely round, whilst a number of trees make a picturesque background. A pulled ball finds the rapidly running Montmorency, whilst a slice is penalised by trees and the 'rough.' Certainly a sporting little hole, one that well repays perfect play, and sadly punishes the indifferent player. A golfing pilgrimage to Quebec is unquestionably well worth while, alike from the standpoint of Links and historical association.

The leading residents of Montreal, as befitting the commercial centre of Canada, with its many and far reaching interests, have taken kindly to such a health-giving relaxation as golf.

The Royal Montreal Golf Club, established November, 1873, has the great honour of being the pioneer golf club on the continent. Its course at Dixie is recognized as one of the champion courses of the Dominion. It can't be called strenuous, but it can be called interesting in every sense of the word. The fair greens are good; the greens specially good, whilst many holes have character-plus, and after all it is the "character" holes that count.

The best hole at Dixie is probably No. 7, a grand two-shot hole for the long player and a snappy three-shotter for the short driver. Guarded by a roadway and a brook, with a particularly well placed green right on the boundary, it requires a bit of doing to negotiate a par 4. The next, No. 8, is a very sporting one-shot hole, with punishment for poor play from the tee to the last putt. Coming in there are several most interesting holes, notably No. 14, an exceptionally good 260 yarder; No. 16, with the famous old elm tree to the right of the fairway, and near the 7th green, and No. 17, a three-shot hole of 500 yards, which skirts the club house to the left. The "home" hole, too, provides an excellent wind-up to a round replete with infinite interest.

En passant. It was at Dixie, last May, that most appropriately, The Canadian Seniors' Golf Association was formed, with Mr. W. R. Baker, C.V.O., as Founder and first President. It was at Dixie, too, that the Seniors' held their first tournament last September. The Association has met with a most remarkable success and has a membership to-day of over 300 prominent golfers, representative of the professional, financial, and commercial life of the Dominion from Halifax to Victoria. The ladies' section of The Royal Montreal comprises a large number of enthusiastic players. They have most charming quarters of their



The celebrated old elm on The Royal Montreal Course  
 11th and 13th tee, Kanawaki Golf Club  
 Beaconsfield Golf Course

9th Green, Outremont Golf Club  
 Whitlock Golf Links, Hudson Heights, P.Q.  
 Country Club, St. Lambert, Montreal  
 on one of the tees

own, where the social side of the game holds delightful sway.

Beaconsfield is another of Montreal's representative golf clubs. It ranks as one of the most successful and prominent Royal and Ancient organizations in Canada; few clubs, in fact, are better equipped as regards club house and course. The Canadian Ladies' Championships will this year be held at Beaconsfield, and the fair golfers of Canada are to be congratulated on such a fortunate choice of venue made for them by the directors of The Royal Canadian Golf Association. The event took place in September.

An analysis of the well-balanced 6085-yard course shows two three-shot holes, four holes of the very desirable length of 400 yards odd—the backbone of any course—and three one-shot holes with a 240 and 250 yarder that also perhaps may be placed in that category.

The best one-shot hole on the course is No. 4. This requires a long and very straight shot with driver or brassie to reach the green. Of the other one-shot holes, Gibraltar (No. 6) and Pyramids (No. 11) are excellent holes. The former (180 yards in length) calls for an exceedingly straight iron shot across the pond, and is guarded by a bunker on the left of the green, the ditch beyond and a road on the right; the latter (125 yards) requires a very straight and well-played mashie shot, and is surrounded on all sides by bunkers and hazardous mounds.

The Beaconsfield course is fortunate in possessing some exceedingly good length two-shot holes; in fact, there are very few golf courses which have so many holes requiring two good shots to reach the green. Nos. 5, 9, 12, 16 and 18 are all exceptionally good holes in this respect. Of these, the fifth and the eighteenth are perhaps the most testing, and run each other close for premier place as the best hole in the round. Both are somewhat similar in character in that after a long straight drive a brassie or spoon must be used to carry on to a somewhat elevated

green. The fifth calls for the greater length, but the eighteenth makes up for this in requiring greater accuracy in direction. In neither case is there any chance of reaching the green, with the second, unless the first shot has been both straight and far.

[NOTE.—Since this article was written Beaconsfield is undergoing radical course improvements preparatory to the Canadian Championships in 1920.—Editor.]

If a poll were taken among the members of the Montreal Clubs, as to which club offers the best golf, it is safe to say that while the majority would naturally give first place to their own clubs, unanimous voices would give second place to Kanawaki. From this it may be readily surmised that in the opinion of not a few of the golfing cognoscenti Kanawaki is in point of fact the making of the premier golf course of the district. It is indeed a splendid links well over 6000 yards in length, presenting broad expanses, well diversified by rolling ground, with turf of delightful texture. As one stands on the teeing greens of such far-stretching holes as the first, fifth, sixth, eighth, fourteenth and eighteenth, one feels like quoting the poet who said:

“No pent up Utica confines our powers,  
The world, the boundless world is  
ours.”

Kanawaki is well provided with an admirable club house with accommodation for resident members during the season.

The Country Club, St. Lambert, is another excellent 18 hole course within easy reach of the busy Montrealer. This is a very popular club and provides its many members and visitors with every facility for enjoying a testing round of golf. Both fairgreens and greens at the Country Club are admirable.

The Outremont Golf Club, with an excellent 9 hole course, is easy of access. Outremont is the “mother” of Kanawaki, although the lusty daughter has now far outstripped her progenitor. Outremont is capable of giving the most exacting golfer a capital day's sport, as the holes are well placed and of a diversified character.



Fifteen miles from the centre of the city, with a most charming location, is the golf club of Laval-Sur-Le-Lac—an organization largely made up of prominent French-Canadians, who of recent years are taking most kindly to the Royal and Ancient. Laval-Sur-Le-Lac has all the earmarks of becoming a most creditable golf course. It has very great possibilities indeed. This season a new club house among many other improvements has been built.

Thirty-three miles from Montreal by C. P. R. at Hudson Heights is situated the Whitlock Golf Club, undoubtedly one of the coming clubs of the Montreal district. There is every requisite here for an 18-hole links of regular championship calibre. Here too this year an up-to-date club house was erected.

At pretty St. Bruno, some fifteen miles from Montreal, reached by railway or a superb macadam road, The Mount Bruno Country Club will be formally opened in 1920. It is a magnificent 18-hole course of 6643 yards from the back tees. Neither money nor expert advice has been spared in planning this super-championship course, with the result that members of this very exclusive club will have every facility for enjoying their golf under most ideal conditions. The longest hole at Mount Bruno is No. 12, 585 yards, the shortest, No. 8, 165 yards. There is a fine balance throughout of one, two and three-shot holes. Several of the holes were in playable condition this summer, and the full 18 early next season.

Still another new club for the Montreal District is Senneville, which expects to have its new 18-hole course in play by next season. The club is already assured of a large membership.

The fair province of Ontario is fairly dotted over with links, many of them of exceptional merit and interest. There is not a city that has not its course, and the majority of the towns, too, boast facilities for playing the game.

The Royal Ottawa is one of the best known golf clubs in Canada. Possess-

ing a most charming club house and a course of great variety, the Ottawa golfer, and the visiting golfer to the Capital fortunate in experiencing its privileges, has every facility for enjoying golf of a thoroughly interesting character.

Especially are the nine holes going out a capital test of good play. Number 4 is particularly well trapped to the right, and to secure a par four calls for the straightest kind of play. Number 6 is a one-shot hole, with a formidable sand pit to be carried. Number 7 is a very fine hole, one of the finest on the course; the length is 325 yards, and the drive must be straight on the pin, as there are bunkers or natural hazards to the right and left. The second shot, too, must be very straight for the same reason, and in length neither a fraction over or under, the approach being very ticklish from the fact that the green is just beyond a drop from the approach plateau. Coming in, Number 13 is the best hole, calling for two full shots, the drive having to be almost perfectly placed to allow of the green being successfully reached in a long second. The home hole, number 18, on a plateau green just back of the club house, has the exacting length of 539 yards and has been the undoing of many a good score. In addition to the regular 18 holes, the ladies have a splendidly balanced 9-hole course. Well officered, well managed, the Royal Ottawa—The Royal Montreal is the only other club in Canada that has the honour of the Royal prefix—runs true to name.

The Rivermead Golf Club, Ottawa (18 holes) was organized some twenty years after the Royal Ottawa, and has for over a decade justified the aims and claims of its sponsors. A very virile club is Rivermead, with the most beautiful natural surroundings, with a turf mat through the fairway that leaves little to be desired, and with generous greens all over 30 yards square which have a putting touch to them that is a joy and delight to the man who depends upon his short game. Last season the course was greatly improved

by additional bunkering and trapping. It is not the long driver so much as the man who keeps straight down the course who has a chance to beat the eighties at Rivermead. The par is 34 going out and 36 coming in, but most

players will find the bogey 84 very comfortable going indeed. Altogether Rivermead is a most attractive course, framed in a superb setting of river, hill and dale—a landscape and waterscape rarely surpassed.

*(To be continued in January Issue)*

## YOUR BRASSIE WAS MADE TO USE

**Any Man Who Slices Can Use His Brassie Effectively Because He Keeps the Face of the Club on the Ball Longer**

*By James M. Barnes*

(Western Open Champion and Author of "Picture Analysis of Golf Shots.")

**I** PLAYED golf the other day with the ten thousandth golfer who couldn't use his brassie and after topping his first brassie shot put on a resigned air of a good fellow who has been picked on by someone he likes, and then put the brassie away and went through with the iron, like the nine thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine before him.

If he is ever going to play the best golf in him, he must stick to the brassie. It was made to use and it has a place in the game that the iron cannot replace. You cannot get distance without it and I believe that it is worth from five to seven strokes on 18 holes.

Any man who slices naturally, and I take it many fellows will swear that one can just naturally be a slicer, can use his brassie for the reason that he keeps the face of the club on the ball longer. He generally is a good driver, too.

The secret of the good brassie shot lies in the slice you give the ball to take it off the ground. It lies closer to the ground than on the tee and to get it up and away you must have a slight slice.

Getting this slight slice is what bothers many golfers and they abandon the brassie for the iron. To my mind you can remedy this by simply opening your stance. On the drive your stance is closed. On the brassie shot you must keep from smothering the ball. Open your stance and that will give you the

slice necessary to get the ball up and off.

Stick to your brassie, open the stance and have confidence in the club. In a matter of days it will come to you. Spoil a couple dozen shots and turn in a disgraceful score, but stick to the club and I promise you that it will give you several strokes in reasonable time.

The brassie shot at some time or other has troubled every one of us. The fellow who sticks with it whips it.

The brassie is only one of the many small troubles golfers enlarge for themselves. The question of clubs is a continual source of hardship. In short the remedy for this is:

Players who grip their club down are short drivers as a rule.

To get the maximum distance grip your club at the end.

The short grip on the club gives an advantage in direction. Use this when direction is wanted rather than distance.

The danger with a long club is that the player loaf. He doesn't put everything he has into the swing, but lets the club do more than its share.

The length of a club should be in proportion to the height of the player. If you are five feet ten inches in height, or under, do not use a club over 42½ inches long. If you are above that height add a quarter inch of club to each inch of height, using 42½ and five feet ten inches as a basis of computation.

# NOTES FROM GREAT BRITAIN

## Interesting Jottings from the Courses of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales

**A**S showing the increase in the average drives of now and a quarter of a century ago at the Amateur Championship at Sandwich in 1892, the drives of Mr. John Ball averaged 198 yards and those of Roland, a professional, who was looked upon as a demon swatter, 206 yards. Of course, that was in the days of the old "gutta."

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The Tom Ball Memorial Tournament at Raynes Park last month resulted in a sum of over £250 being placed to the credit of the late professional's widow and children.

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A new 18-holes course is being laid out at Shenfield, Essex. The land has been surveyed and the turf is of excellent quality. It is expected that James Braid will be entrusted with the laying out of the course.

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Burglars recently visited the Hythe Golf Club and made quite a useful haul. Harry Gowers, the professional, had his shop ransacked and every ball stolen. Thieves evidently can find a ready market for stolen goods.

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There are some good players among the Walton Heath artisans. On the old course there on a recent Saturday, T. Bennett won the challenge cup with 74. A. Young recorded 75 and Harry Braid—the 18-year-old son of James Braid—77. James reckons that he can give his son four strokes, so that the happenings in this competition suggest that Walton Heath is becoming a real golfing nursery.

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W. H. Horne, who recently returned to England after several years absence in Durban, does not intend returning to South Africa. He still suffers from malaria, but his health is improving. Horne hopes to become attached to one of the leading English clubs. He has the record for the longest drive ever

made in a first-class tournament, viz.: North Berwick in July, 1909, when he drove a ball actual measurement 388 yards. The ground was hard and there was a strong, favourable wind.

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Abe Mitchell gave a further proof of his excellent form at the Sherwood Forest course, Mansfield, Notts, when he engaged in competition with George Duncan, Tom Williamson and R. J. Tunbridge, the local professional. In the stroke competition in the morning, Mitchell returned the best score of 73, which was two strokes better than Williamson, and six strokes less than Duncan. The latter was frequently off the course from the tee, but Mitchell was driving splendidly. In the afternoon a close and exciting four-ball match ended in favour of Duncan and Williamson by 1 hole.

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A grey-skied October morning, with a slight air blowing from the southwest, no sunshine, but good light, provided ideal overhead conditions for the Vardon-Taylor-Braid-Herd exhibition matches at Sandy Lodge. The feature of the day, perhaps, was Vardon's fine putting. Until the fifteenth hole in the afternoon—the thirty-third of the day—he missed nothing on the green, and had several long ones in and out of the hole. It is unfortunate that an occasional lapse at a short putt has given Vardon the name of a bad putter in recent years. Careful students of his play know that for long and medium length putts he has no superior and never has had. During the morning a special record at the putting was kept. It gave the following results, everything being holed out:

	Vardon	Taylor	Braid	Herd
Out .....	17	18	17	17
Home ...	16	15	17	18
	—	—	—	—
	33	33	34	35

Vardon had one putt at the 9th, 19th, and 11th holes and two putts at every



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other hole. Taylor holed his mashie shot at the 10th, had one putt at the 9th and the 11th, but took three putts at the 1st. Braid had one putt at the 5th, 9th, 11th and 16th, but three putts at the 4th and 17th. Herd holed with his mashie at the 5th, had one putt at the 9th and 12th, and took three putts at the 1st, 4th and 18th. All four had one putt only on the 9th green.

Vardon's morning score of 73 represented very fine golf coming home, but his 38 out numbered two and possibly three dropped shots. Seventy-two or 73 was his usual Sandy Lodge's round before the war. He won the medal round for his side, Taylor taking 77. Braid was 75 and Herd 79. Vardon and Taylor were 1 up on the morning round.

The most spectacular incident of the morning was Braid's experience at the long 11th—543 yards. His drive was pulled badly and the ball came to rest in a bed of nettles under some old willows, about 190 yards away and well off the line of play. Various dead

branches and sticks, some of a fair size, lay amongst the nettles about the ball. To give a chance of playing the ball on through an opening between the willow stumps (and so saving a shot back), it was desirable to move some of these loose impediments. This, with due regard to Rule 12, was done, and Braid effected a magnificent recovery to a point in the rough some 100 yards ahead. From here he tried to carry the still distant cross bunkers, but a great effort was trapped. His ball, however, lay well on the sand, and he made a perfect shot out on to the green, 80 yards away. He lay some 10 or 12 yards from the pin, and uphill from it, but sank his putt for 5, a wonderful achievement in the circumstances.

The afternoon weather was brilliantly fine, with a dazzling sun in the eyes at the holes facing west. The match play was very close, but Vardon and Taylor left the 14th green 1 up, and, with Vardon's tee shot on the 15th green, they looked like holding the advantage. However, after a perfect long putt to just beyond the hole, he at last missed a short one. The 15th was halved, and with a 4 to 5 at the 17th Braid and Herd went to the 18th dormy one, and a halved hole in 3 left them victors, with honours easy on the day:

## MORNING ROUND

	Vardon
Out . . . . .	6,4,3, 5,5,5, 3,3,4=38
Home . . . .	3,4,4, 4,5,3, 4,5,3=35=73
	Taylor
Out . . . . .	6,5,3, 4,6,5, 3,3,5=40
Home . . . .	2,5,4, 4,6,3, 5,5,3=37=77
	Braid
Out . . . . .	5,4,4, 5,4,5, 3,3,5=38
Home . . . .	3,5,4, 4,5,3, 4,6,3=37=75
	Herd
Out . . . . .	6,4,3, 5,3,4, 5,4,4=38
Home . . . .	3,6,4, 5,4,4, 4,7,4=41=79

## AFTERNOON ROUND (Best Ball Scores)

	Braid and Herd
Out . . . . .	6,3,2, 5,5,5, 4,3,4=37
Home . . . .	3,4,4, 3,5,3, 4,4,3=33=70
	Taylor and Vardon
Out . . . . .	5,4,3, 4,5,4, 3,3,4=35
Home . . . .	3,4,4, 4,5,4, 4,5,3=36=71

To add to its popular attractions Morecambe has decided on a spacious scheme, costing seventy thousand pounds, a park, a lake, and a golf course.

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A £300 professional tournament will be held on the new municipal course at Galashiels early next season. The Galashiels Club, under whose auspices the tournament will be held, has already been successful in securing a guarantee fund of £255. There will also be a big tournament at Lossiemouth, and arrangements are being made so that the two events follow each other.

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The latest unwilling witness to the strength of Miss Cecil Leitch's play is J. H. Taylor, who on his 'native heath' at Mid-Surrey tried to allow the English Lady Champion the customary half and was beaten 3 and 2.

J. H. Taylor's own description of the game is that Miss Leitch simply 'chewed him up.' She did the last five holes before the turn in 18 strokes!

The truth is that no man living can give a half to Miss Leitch—unless she happens to have one of her off days on the green.

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It is now pretty certain that Muirfield will be in satisfactory order for the Amateur Championship next spring and it is hoped that the work of reconstructing Deal links will be finished in

time for the Open to be played there, but there are still important matters to be decided in regard to these two big events of the season. Will the gates be thrown wide open for all scratch golfers to pass into the field at Muirfield, and how will all the professionals qualify? With regard to the Amateur competition it is reported that the Royal St. George's Club are in favour of instituting a 36 holes qualifying test, to be followed by matches over 36 holes instead of 18. That is, the American plan and a petition in favour of it, was extensively signed at Westward Ho! in 1912.

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The following aggregates indicate the positions of the professional players in the southern section of the P.G. A. during the competition season that has just ended in the various leading matches, finishing with the event at Sonning.

Name	Aggregate	Average
A. Herd	927	77 $\frac{1}{4}$
E. Ray	928	77 1-3
Abe Mitchell	928	77 1-3
G. Duncan	928	77 1-3
H. Vardon	938	78 1-6
G. Gadd	938	78 1-6
F. Robson	938	78 1-6
J. H. Taylor	943	78 7-12
J. B. Batley	944	78 2-3
F. Leach	949	79 1-12
J. Braid	949	79 1-12
R. G. Wilson	951	79 $\frac{1}{4}$
C. H. Mayo	952	79 1-3
C. R. Smith	957	79 $\frac{3}{4}$

## THE "DUNCAN" DRIVER

Editor "The Canadian Golfer."

Sir.—I noticed in the "Canadian Golfer" and in your article in "The Star Weekly" statements by you that I had greatly lengthened my drive by the use of a Duncan Driver. Whoever your informant was did not know the facts, as the club I use for driving is an ordinary Brassie with an ivory face and small head, made by Charles Rowe of Pittsburg, who is an excellent clubmaker.

However, I have seen others use this club (the "Duncan") and have played several shots with borrowed clubs, and feel, perhaps, that greater distance can be got by this club, other things being equal. The essential part of a club is, as you know, the shaft, and,

as there is likely to be a great demand for these Duncan Drivers, players would be well advised to have their pros. select them for them. I understand also that Burkes have a similar club. The new feature in these clubs is a centralizing of the weight by a piece of metal running along the centre of the sole and curling up the back of the club, taking the place of the lead in the ordinary club. One can readily understand that this club (the Duncan) requires more accurate hitting than ordinary drivers where the weight is more or less generally distributed.

Very truly yours,

W. J. THOMPSON.

Toronto, Dec. 1st, 1919.

## A FEW CAUTIONS FOR NEXT SEASON

(By R. Stanley Weir, K.C., Montreal)

1. It is easier to keep the line to the hole and the ball straight by allowing the nose of the club, rather than its face, to traverse that line. This is true of big tee-shots, approaches and even long putts. By the "nose," I mean what some call the "toe," forgetting that no toe is part of any face.

2. Keeping the face of the club in the line of play after the impact, instead of allowing it to turn, is the secret cause of much unwished-for slicing. When done forcefully and deliberately, however, and with downward, rectangular blow, it becomes the famous push-shot, so useful because of its minimum run.

3. The grip at the address is not the grip at any other point of the swing, for it should immediately begin to relax until the top is reached; coming down it tightens for the impact and then relaxes again. Hence the futility of asking anybody how he grips his club. Ten to one he only shows you the grip at the address. To be of any instructive value he should show you his grip at the top of the swing as well.

4. The secret of the swing, says H. H. Hilton truly, is in allowing the club to be eased in the fingers of the right hand as it goes to the top of the swing. This is a wise word for those who have lost the suppleness of youth and even for youth itself.

5. In the upswing the right elbow should tend to hug the right side; after the ball is struck the left elbow should likewise incline to hug the left side. This apposition of elbow movements is a beautiful characteristic of golf. The extensions for right and left arms as usually prescribed and practised, are mischievous.

6. The *bete noir* of much golf is a right wrist which is allowed to *bend*, whereas as the ball is struck, it should *turn*. Re-read caution No. 1. But let the wrist bend if you would slice.

7. The aerial shots of golf are all marked by underspin; top spin compels a ball to seek the ground. In true underspin the ball spins toward you while the mass goes forward.

8. There is no spin in putts; putts are simply rolled; but they incline to finish to the right or left, according as the heel or the toe of the clubs are slightly in advance of the right line when the ball is struck.

9. Use the forearm with a twist;  
Smite the ball *as* with the wrist.

The action is really forearm, but the feeling is of the wrist.

10. The reason why the left hand is a good commander is because it has longer leverage with the club than the right; but be sure that the left hand turns and that you keep the left elbow in whether left hand or right or both are in command. Re-read Caution No. 5.

11. Let us conclude with a touch of sentiment. The true golfer is never beaten unless by himself. The winning of holes is merely incidental, not principal. No golfer has a monopoly of the fresh air and golden sunshine, nor of the greenward; no golfer has alone the joy of companionship; these are within equal reach of champion and neophyte. Golf is a brotherhood and also a communion with earth, air and sky and sometimes the sea, at their loveliest.





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## AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTEREST.

Mr. W. HERBERT FOWLER and Mr. T. SIMPSON,

of Messrs. Fowler and Simpson, Walton Heath Golf Club, England, the well-known firm of Golf Architects, will visit the United States arriving in January next. Golf Clubs desirous of consulting them are invited to communicate with Messrs. Fowler and Simpson, at the Ritz Carlton Hotel, New York, in order that on their arrival details of the Tour may be arranged.

Messrs. Fowler and Simpson propose to visit California at the end of January.

# BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 1920 Events Will Attract Many Leading Amateurs and Professionals From This "Side of the Pond"

THE British Amateur and Open Championships next year will be the lode star for many of the golfing-experts on this side of the Atlantic. It is generally thought that Messrs "Chick" Evans and Francis Onimet will take another "shy" at the premier golfing honours of the world. "Bobbie" Jones, who tied for second place in the Canadian Open, is a certainty. He is leaving early in the year to get acclimatized on the courses of England and Scotland. There is also some talk of the U. S. Amateur Champion, Davidson Heron, trying his chances "over there." It is not likely any Canadian amateur will tackle the big job.

Of the professionals there will be a goodly company making the trip next year—Hagen and Brady are certainties; so also is Douglas Edgar, the Canadian Open Champion. He is going "home" this month and will spend several months before the big events, playing the principal courses. It is also very probable that "Jim" Barnes, the lanky Cornishman, will be found teeing up for the British Open. He is playing wonderful golf these days and on his record this season would probably be the most serious contender from amongst the ranks of American

entrants. Great Britain is taking the invasion quite seriously, especially in view of the fact that it would seem that the long reign of the triumvirate, Vardon, Braid and Taylor, is about over. Their supremacy on the links this season has been rather sadly shattered in the big events. The "white hopes" of the old land would seem to be Abe Mitchell and George Duncan, although a number of the younger pros. are shaping up well. Duncan, it is generally conceded by close followers of the game, has really more shots in his bag than any of the younger golfers, but he seems to lack the necessary nerve in the 'pinches,' as witness his dramatic defeat only last month in the "News of the World" Tournament at the hands of Mitchell. In 1910, at the end of the third round at the Open Championship at St. Andrews, he looked all over the winner, but then he cracked and a disastrous fourth round of 83, capable of being put together by a golfer of quite ordinary merit, proved his undoing and instead of first place, he had to be content with third. All in all, the championships next year in Great Britain will be of the most absorbing character and it would surprise no one if one of the major titles at least is brought across "the pond" in 1920.

## Jinx's Office

The 'phone bells are a'ringing; everybody's on the jump,  
As the clacking of the ticker spells the story of the slump;  
The clerks are dazed and frightened as the market lower sinks,  
For they don't know where the boss is—they have lost all trace of Jinx.

The manager's exhausted, and the office boy's all in,  
The stenographer has fainted in the turmoil and the din;  
For the market keeps on sagging, as poor lambs are shorn of wool,  
And though at golf Jinx is a bear, on 'change he is a bull.

At last they have him spotted, and he's dragged in from the links,  
And then his frantic manager unfolds the news to Jinx  
Over the 'phone as best he can, in choking voice and sad;  
And Jinx replies, "Why goodness me, now isn't that too bad!"

The Boss continues speaking: "Say, just have Miss Blossom call  
Up Lombard Eight-O-Seven-Two, and ask for Jimmie Ball;  
And tell him that the brassie which he made me doesn't suit,  
But the driver is a corker and the putter is a Beaut."  
—A. W. Tillinghast



# YOUR GOLFING FAULTS

The Swing—"Do Not Take the Club Too Far Back," Counsels a Well Known British Expert

"NOWADAYS," writes George Duncan, the celebrated Scottish professional, "there is a tendency to swing the club too far. Many average players are given to taking the club so far back that it not merely drops far below the horizontal, but sometimes hits the right shoulder quite a firm smack. This can be done without any great loss of accuracy, but the chances are that such a habit brings errors. It is an almost modern practice to allow the backswing, or the upswing, whichever term you may like better, to finish at the horizontal, and when you see the head of a driver dipping below that, when wielded by one of the first-class players, you will generally find that the head of the club is a more than usually heavy one, or that the shaft is fairly whippy.

In attempting to prove to you that it is unwise to overswing (when the club passes the horizontal at the top you are overswinging) I had better quote the cases of several noted players who have shortened the upswing of their drive during recent years. In the case of James Braid, who was an astonishingly short driver for a long time (astonishing considering the remainder of his game), he suddenly came out one day and straightaway commenced to build up a reputation, which he still upholds, as one of the longest drivers.

This was brought about, in my opin-

ion, by the shortening of his swing. Anyhow, it is certain that when Braid lengthened his drive he had shortened his swing. That huge hit of 395 yards at Walton Heath was made after he had made himself content with a shorter swing.

Harry Vardon once had a very full swing, and he has shortened it. Mr.

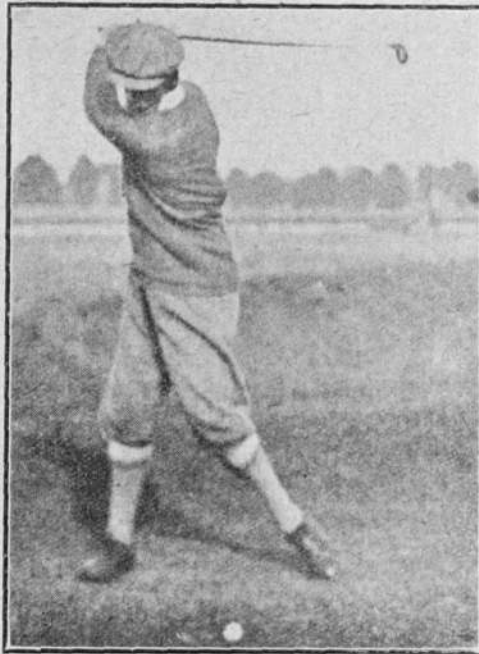
H. H. Hilton does not take his club so far back as he used to, but perhaps those instances are sufficient to convince you that there is much that is worth considering about this shortened swing.

My own experience of the shortened swing may prove instructive to you. There was a time when I found that I was not getting to within fifteen to twenty yards of my proper length from the tee, and I tried to blame the fact on to all sorts of things,

but could not get back that sometimes very valuable bit of distance. A brother professional, to whom I had mentioned the shortening of my drive, watched me and in a moment put his finger upon the correct spot.

"You are overswinging," he said, and afterwards I took the club no farther than the horizontal, with the result that all was well once more.

To prevent this overswinging you must think a little about your left arm. When the club is nearing the horizontal you should feel a little more tension on the left arm, and you will



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find that the force of the hit is just about so much greater that you will add a distance of fifteen yards or so to your drive.

Something like half the number of golfers I see are given to over-swinging, and are in need of a course of left-arm stiffening. If they would but try this I am sure they would find their driving much improved. It is possible that among amateur players Lord Charles Hope is the longest hitter and he has what has become to be regarded as the standard or modern swing.

My opinion is that the swing which stops just short of the horizontal is better than one which goes beyond. Major Gillies serves to prove that, for he has a short upswing with a rather extraordinary follow-through. The follow-through is not of importance upon the question of distance or much else, but the taking back of the club and its proper control during that taking back is the thing that will matter.

In tones of derision, I have heard men say of fairly good amateur golfers that they "have only got a cricket

swing." That is a very good swing to have, for it will be found that the fellow with a "cricket" swing will hit the ball well much more frequently than he who tries for a full swing and goes beyond it.

It all comes back to the question of the control of the club and when anyone goes back too far with his club it follows that he has got to be a positive wonder at timing, and several other things, if he is going to get the head of the club back to the ball with an accuracy that can be satisfactory to him. There are men who play a fairly good scratch game although being very prodigal with their swing, but they would find themselves steadier and more reliable if they shortened their swing and gave the ball a chance to travel after pitching.

Overswinging means high driving, which is sometimes necessary, or at least wise, when you have some particularly formidable object which you wish to carry, although a bunker or hazard that calls for an unusually high

shot from the tee is not common by any means.

The modern ball is not altogether responsible for the fact that so many of our professionals have changed their swings from long to short, for even though you get better results out of the modern ball with the shortened upswing, it does not follow that the ball of ten years or so ago would not have answered to the same sort of persuasion.

When you overswing, the ball is slung from the tee rather than hit, and there is looseness about the relation of arms and club that does not permit of that firmness of stroke which is compelled by a stiffening of the left forearm and the consequent shortening of swing.

To illustrate what I mean, get a chopper and a block of wood. Hit the wood at a time when your arm is not

in perfect alignment with the chopper. You will find that you have not done much damage to the wood. Then time your stroke so that the chopper and the arm shall be in a line, and you will find that, with less effort, a greater impression has been made upon the wood.

You might think that with a big wood-axe you will do better if you take the axe far back and get a swing on it as big as you can. You would be as mistaken in thinking that about wood-chopping as you are in the matter of golf if you think that the greater the swing the bigger the hit.

With wood-choppers accuracy of application of force is the thing that matters and so it is with golfers. Mind you do not overswing. If you do, try to stop the club at the horizontal and you will find yourself not only hitting the ball farther but doing so with less effort."

## BRAID'S ANTI-BETTING STAND

**Famous Scottish Professional is Absolutely Opposed to Wagers of Any Description**

(W. E. Hicks in "Brooklyn Eagle")

THE fact that James Braid, the famous Scotch golfer, who has won the open championship of Great Britain five times, is bitterly opposed to betting on golf matches, came as a great surprise to many golfers when they first learned of his attitude toward wagers, on reading in The "Eagle" the other day, the letter of the Glen Cove golfer who had played with Braid several years ago and found him firm against betting, both as to himself and his partner.

The reason why this news was so surprising was that golfers have believed it second nature for professional golfers to play for money; indeed, they cannot conceive of a pro playing the game for the love of it. Hence the anti-betting stand taken by so prominent a professional as Braid astonished them. Braid's view is that he will receive money for teaching the game or in prizes put up for matches or in

tournaments, but he holds that that is quite different from receiving money won in bets.

In view of the fact that betting on golf matches in big tournaments is assuming the importance of pools on the results, it is worth while asking whether it is not about time to call a halt in this direction. When hundreds, indeed thousands of dollars, are hanging upon the result of a golf match the door is invitingly left open for the breaking out of scandals that cannot but hurt the game, for the imagination is not unduly strained in forecasting a situation where a golfer might be offered a large sum of money, even reaching four figures, to throw a match and thus enable a group of bettors to "cash in." Let such an offer be accepted and then become known, who can compute the incalculable injury that would be done to the sport? Already the friendly relations between two Long



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Island golf clubs have been strained through betting.

It is idle to say that such a situation could not arise, that golfers are too honest, too square, and all that, to permit such a thing from happening. This very assumption of superior virtue is proof that it is not impossible, for of hypocritical claims of goodness can be born the most slimy creatures of vice.

Very opposite to the letter on Braid's attitude is the following warning published in the Denver "News," especially in view of the ever-recurring disputes over the rules of golf and the frequent evidences of a desire on the part of one competitor or another to split hairs over the interpretation of the code:

"A question that is confronting the wiseacres of golf and which they are seriously pondering, is whether the quality of sportsmanship in golf is lowering or not. The Royal and Ancient game has always been called the gentleman's game, not because it was

mostly the rich who played it, but because of the true brand of sportsmanship displayed by those engaging in it.

"At present it is a serious question whether there is not creeping into the game a playing element who place winning above all other value to be derived from it. The fellowship of a foursome made up of congenial fellows is more to be desired than anything else, notwithstanding the great good derived from the exercise the game affords.

"In these days, however, there is stealing into the game a desire to bet more or less on the outcome. This has brought with it also the temptation to take advantage of many little things that are contrary to the rules of the game. This condition is one that is growing, not lessening, and one which golf authorities may have to wrestle with at some future time.

"The rapid growth of golf has had much to do with this condition, and as the game will grow still more rapidly, it is well that golfers think about what the future is to bring forth with the fervent hope that this noble game will continue to be, in all the coming years, what it has been in the past, and that the same high grade of sportsmanship will be the ultimate aim of all who play it."

## What Was It?

[According to a news agency, the British Premier, Mr. Lloyd George, on his return from week-end golf, "appeared to be very preoccupied."]

Was he pondering matters momentous,  
Such as limpets, elections and beer?  
Or thinking out plans to prevent us  
From finding existence too dear;  
Or hatching a scheme to content us,  
And bring the millenium near?  
Was it foreign affairs and the blunder-  
ing

That causes dissension and clogs,  
Or was he preparing a thundering  
Tirade on the prices of "togs"?  
I incline to believe he was wondering  
Why his putting had gone to the dogs!

E. L. R. in the *Express*.



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# "HONOUR THE BRAVE"

## Lambton Golfers Unveil Memorial Tablets to 66 Members, Nine of Whom Made the Supreme Sacrifice

LAMBTON Golf and Country Club was the scene of a simple but very impressive ceremony on Saturday afternoon, November 29th, when the two beautiful memorial tablets erected to the memory of those members of the club who served overseas were unveiled. Mr. C. H. Willson, President of the Lambton Club, spoke very feelingly of the pride the members felt in the splendid response made by the men and women to the call for service.

An honour roll had been erected bearing their names—sixty-six in all. The President also explained that the late Mr. W. A. Kemp before his death had expressed a desire to present the tablet commemorating the names of those nine members who had given their lives in the Great War. His wishes had been carried out by Mrs. Kemp, whom Mr. Willson asked to unveil the tablet. It is of solid bronze and very beautiful in design and execution.

The following are the splendid men of Lambton whose names, besides being inscribed on the beautiful bronze tablet, will always have an unperishable place in the hearts of the members of the club:

**R. A. Brown**  
**J. G. Burns**  
**Rex Gibson**  
**Howard K. Harris**  
**T. C. Irving, Jr.**  
**J. E. Hodgson**  
**T. H. Heintzman**  
**Paul Pettit**  
**Lindsay Wright**

*The motto at the foot of the tablet beneath these names reads as follows: "They died that honour and justice might live."*

The honour roll to the members who had responded to the call of the Empire was then unveiled by Mrs. Harry Ryrie, wife of a former and much beloved President of Lambton.

After the unveiling of the tablets the Hon. Dr. Cody gave a most inspiring address. He referred to the magnificent part which Canadian troops had played in the war, at one time holding nearly one-fifth of the whole front line, and of the pride all Canadians felt in their splendid achievements. He very strongly commended the placing of memorial tablets, such as those just unveiled, so that the names of the brave men who had sacrificed so much for us should not be forgotten, but the memory of their brave deeds might be an inspiration to others. He also spoke very feelingly of the responsibility that was laid upon everyone, in order that the terrible sacrifices which had been made during the war should not be in vain.

Altogether it was a very impressive service, one that will never be forgotten by those privileged to participate.

The memorials are suitably placed in the Lounge Room of the club, the Honour Roll on the South wall and the Bronze Memorial Tablet just opposite on the North wall. The Brass Honour Roll is surmounted by the club crest with the flags of Canada and Great Britain draped round it. The flags are in colour, which just gives it the necessary note of relief, the names and lettering, of course, being in black.

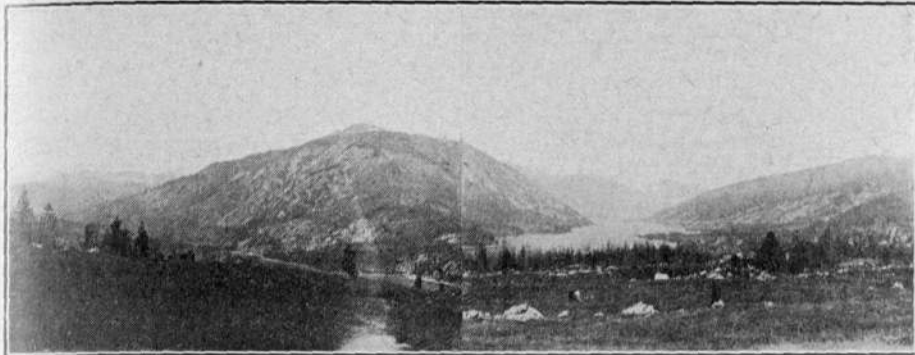
Under the will of the late Mr. Wilnot Delour Matthews, well known in the grain trade, and who died on May 24, 1919, his two sons and two daughters will share the greater portion of testator's \$2,291,163 estate. Among bequests to charities is one of \$10,000 to the Toronto Hospital for Sick Children. Mr. Matthews was a member of The Canadian Seniors' Golf Association.

# GOLF AT NELSON B. C.

**New Club House is Successfully Launched—The Wonderful Environment of the Links**

THE Nelson Golf and Country Club, Nelson, B. C., has been successfully put into commission the past season with the following list of officers: President, E. C. Wragge; Vice-President, James O'Shea; Board

spent on it before it will be considered up to the mark, by one accustomed to a good course, we have quite a lot of ardent enthusiasts who manage to get a good deal of sport out of it and we hope in time to have a course which will not be considered too bad, even by the experts. I am enclosing a couple of snap-



A charming vista—on the links of the new Golf Club at Nelson, B. C.

of Directors, Leslie Craufurd, J. L. Hirsch, W. J. Meager, A. Higginbotham; Captain, George F. Steven; son; Vice-Captain, G. A. Potter; Secretary-Treasurer, C. W. Appleyard.

Stock in the club has been liberally subscribed for and indications are for a most successful organization.

The location of the links is simply ideal, with a wonderful vista of mountain and watercape. The course is a 9-hole one, with many sporting short holes. Later on it is the intention to lengthen a number of these considerably.

Mr. E. C. Wragge, the President of the Club, one of Nelson's prominent barristers, writes:

"While naturally, our course, is still extremely rough and will need a lot of money

shots taken last spring, giving an idea of the situation of the Club. These are taken from nearly the same point and by putting them together you can get some idea of the situation of No. 1 and No. 9 holes. You will note that one of our greatest difficulties is the question of rock. At the present time the best visitors can say of the course is that we have the makings of a very sporting one indeed."

An excellent feature contained in the by-laws of the Club is that junior members between eighteen and ten years of age whose parents are members of the Club are admitted to the number of fifty.

Here's all good golfing luck to Nelson. What wouldn't some of the courses in the East give for the glorious environment depicted in the view reproduced in connection with this brief article. It is an incomparable asset.

## FASHIONABLE WEDDING

A quiet but very pretty wedding took place in Hamilton the last week in November, when Miss Mary H. Haslett, daughter of Mr. T. C. Haslett, K.C., a director of the Hamilton Golf and Country Club, was married to Mr. Allan E. Parker, M.C., a member of a well-known Ottawa family, but who

is now with the Hamilton Steel Co. Mr. and Mrs. Parker are spending the honeymoon in Atlantic City and New York. Friends throughout Ontario will extend heartiest congratulations and good wishes, in which the "Canadian Golfer" begs leave to join.

# BETTING AND FREAK CLUBS

**M**R. W. E. HICKS, Golfing Editor of the "Brooklyn Eagle," writes:

"I read with pleasure your comment on the element of betting on golf games. Perhaps you don't know it, but I have been opposing that as bitterly as I have the freak putter. Had a long article a few days ago (Nov. 2), on Jim Braid's opposition to betting. However so little interest has been shown by golfers in general against betting that I have about made up my mind that it is a case of butting your head against a stone wall to try to turn the players from that detestable habit. A great stimulus was given to betting many years ago by Walter J. Travis when he was at the zenith of his fame. He then said that one can always play a better game when he has something on the result, be it only a drink or a cigar. Some time ago that remark was called to my attention by a golfer who criticized my statement that betting makes for poorer, not better, golf. I thereupon took up Travis' statement and analyzed it, denying its correctness, and pointing out that a bet on a match prevents a player from changing from an error if he is conscious of having fallen into one, for his desire to win the match and save his bet overrides his wish to play correctly.

It may interest you to know that a prominent club near this city, the St. Albans Golf Club, is trying to stamp out the betting evil. One of its reasons for doing so is that bet-

ting develops cliques and coteries in clubs and thus prevents all-round good fellowship, inducing playing among little groups that do not welcome a new member into them.

I noted what you said about the new driver that gets more length and shall take occasion to comment on the willingness of golfers to attach greater distance even though they know it is got by some mechanical improvement in the club. Trust the time will come when the authorities will limit the way a club is made, as to the distribution of weight, etc., just as in bowling specially weighted balls are barred. For the life of me I cannot see what is to be gained by greater distance at the expense of simplicity in clubs, why golfers of prominence will insist upon encouraging the making of a club that departs from the fundamental principles of club construction for the sake of adding a few yards, since it ought to be plain to them that if every player used the same kind of club the status of all would be exactly what it was before the club was put on the market, on the principle of ten men starting to run a race with overcoats. If one removes his overcoat he may win, but if all take them off, they will hold the same relation to each other as before they took them off. I do not see how the average golfer can help deploring the fact that only golf is the refuge of these innovators, that other games like cricket, baseball, tennis, etc., are free from these adventitious aid as to players, although into baseball of late has crept the "shine" ball, etc.

## STANDARDIZING OF GOLF BALL

**And Modification of the Rules of Golf—United States Golf Association Will Send Representatives to England to Confer With the Royal and Ancient**

The editor of the "Canadian Golfer" is in receipt of the following very important communication from Captain Howard F. Whitney, Hon. Secretary of the United States Golf Association:

New York City, Dec. 6, 1919.

Dear Sir:

For some weeks past the Secretary of the United States Golf Association has been in communication with the Royal and Ancient Committee of St. Andrews, now that that Committee has been reorganized, in regard to certain modifications in the rules of golf and the question of standardizing the golf ball. A great deal of study has been given these subjects both here and abroad, and it has been deemed wise, in order that there may be a thorough understanding and better results accomplished, to send a committee representing the United States Golf Association abroad in the early Spring to confer with the Royal and Ancient Committee on the above subjects, as well as some minor matters. This Committee will be appointed at the next meeting of the United States Golf Association on January 9th in New York City and further particulars will be brought out at that time.

Very truly yours,

HOWARD F. WHITNEY, Secretary.

It will be good news to all golfers on this continent that the Royal and Ancient have decided to consult the U. S. G. A. before making any radical changes in the rules. Our own Royal Canadian Golf Association officials should also certainly be asked for their opinion, too.





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## "CONCERNING GOLF"

*By John L. Low, Chairman of Rules of Golf Committee, St. Andrews  
(With a few Bracketed Asides)*

GOLF is the peculiar game of a peculiar people (who are not prohibitionists). It is a contest rather than a combat, but in medal play it sinks to the level of a competition. In nearly all other games (that had their origin in good old Great Britain), the rival forces are in opposition, direct, as in cricket and football. The parties attack and defend; they advance as warriors from fronting camps and counter each others' efforts. The batsman is attacked by the bowler, he resists him and spoils his skill as best he may; he will combat to the last all efforts towards dislodgement; he will return blow for throw. In football the companies are marshalled as for a pitched affair of war; they have their forces deployed in flank and van and rear positions; they rush towards each other, each side striving to drive the other back, or rather to drive back the common symbol of power, the ball. And so in tennis, hockey, raequets and fives, in almost every sport from boxing to chess, the combat is direct, the antagonism unambiguous. Golf is, from the nature of the game, a friendly affair. The players meet on the teeing ground and flatter each other with pleasant (or sarcastically friendly) words; they praise the good shots which they recollect from a former encounter, and on the assumption that such are the normal performances of the opponent, strive to arrange a match on equal terms. Not once, but eighteen times, does this common meeting ground welcome the golfers, as with new hope or accentuated determination they start afresh the next game. For the round of the links is eighteen little games, eighteen new starts; eighteen opportunities for shaking off the failures of the past or bearing well the good for-

ture of the present; and each teeing ground may be a trysting place for fresh avowals of friendship. If a man be of an amiable disposition he can find no one on the course with whom to be amiable save his opponent; his caddie, of course, is available, but if he makes his tees, he is hardly likely to be kindly affectionate toward him. This is the one serious drawback of golf, it is too much a single game; there are often no companions in the match; it becomes too much a rivalry between persons. But golf in its highest form has not this disadvantage. True, the sides are small; there is not the triumphant union of companies as in cricket and football, where each player claims a fraction of the success, yet glories as if individually the conqueror.

But from the very composition of the golfing side many advantages are reaped and disadvantages avoided. The foursome game is golf in its most complete form; a game of sides which are sufficient for the sake of companionship and yet exempt from the evils of larger bodies. In the foursome all that is possible to be attained in golfing is accomplished. The parties are spectators and principals too; they are a theatre to themselves. A player glories in some surprising stroke of skill or fortune because his partner sympathizes in the contingency. You win for two; you triumph for two; two are exalted; two are mortified, which divides their disgrace. Two losing to two are better reconciled than one to one alone in that close butchery of single play. The hostile feeling is weakened by multiplying the channels. These truly are sound reasons for taking glory in the fact that golf is in this sense a team game; the sides being associations of two, after the manner of the most popular combinations.

(What is more pleasant when that visionary nineteenth hole is reached than to talk over a hard fought foursome?)

# IN AND ROUND THE CLUB HOUSE

Interesting Happenings in Canada, Great Britain  
the United States

**M**R. FRANCIS OUIMET, the ex-Open and Amateur Champion of the United States, who was so seriously ill during the championship at Pittsburgh, has been recuperating in the Maine woods from a second reaction in health.

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Albert Murray, of Kanawaki, as usual will have his winter school in full swing this season in Montreal. It registered a big success last year.

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C. B. Macfarlane, the well known Scottish player, takes the view that the limitation of balls to floater size would ruin all the golf courses in the country.

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Mr. Balfour declares that he could hardly have carried through the strenuous days of the peace conferences in Paris but for an occasional day's golf at La Boulic.

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Mr. Eugene G. Grace, President of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, unperturbed by strike struggles, won the invitation tournament at the Shawnee Country Club last month.

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Mr. Harold Patterson, who won the Stratton Trophy at the Peterborough Golf Club this season, is a son of Mr. E. G. Patterson, President of the Club. He is an extremely promising player.

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The Detroit Masonic Country Club has completed the purchase of the University Golf Club Links, 17½ miles from the City Hall. There is an 18-hole course and a club house, which cost \$35,000.

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Joe Lincoln, the famous writer of Cape Cod stories, was asked by a friend the other day why he did not write a story about caddies. "Why?" said he, "because there isn't enough

asbestos paper in the world for the hot stuff I'd like to write about them."

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Speaking of the very extensive improvements being made to a number of the leading courses in Toronto, "Golf Illustrated," New York, says:

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Mr. A. W. Tillinghast very truly observes:

"Whenever you come across monotonously long holes, obviously introduced to bolster up the length of a course, dwarfed by too many short ones, be sure you see a patient for the golf architect at no far future day."

There are altogether too many cases of this description on Canadian golf courses.

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Mr. Henry Wright, President of the MacLaren Cheese Co., Ltd., and a well known member of Lambton, Toronto, has left to spend the winter at Long Beach, California. Mr. George J. Webster, of Marquette, Mich., a former popular member of Mississauga, Toronto, has left for some months golfing at Hollywood, California.

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Mr. Bernard Darwin, the English golf writer, in a recent article on putting, bemoans the poor work of most of the British cracks on the green, but excepts Abe Mitchell, Tom Ball (who died only a short time ago), Jack White and Willie Park, now a resident of Montreal. He thinks the latter was the best putter Great Britain ever had, and states that he was a great practiser at holes a little under the regulation size.

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Sir Robert Laird Borden, after saying farewell to the Prince of Wales at Halifax has returned to Ottawa much improved in health as a result of several weeks spent at White Sulphur Springs, Virginia. The Premier played golf nearly every day whilst away.

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The following are the results of the principal competitions at the Lambton Golf and Country Club during the past season:

Club championship, gentlemen, W. C. James; club championship, second flight, gentlemen, A. J. Rolph; club championship, third flight, gentlemen, P. W. Cashman; club championship, long course, ladies, Miss Willo Gage; club championship, short course, Miss Margaret Findley; Austin Trophy, Gentlemen, F. W. Tanner; Austin Trophy, ladies, Mrs. W. G. Dean.

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An important step has been taken by the Professional Golfers' Association of Great Britain. There, as in Canada,

much dissatisfaction has this season sprung up, owing to the fact that on some greens, the holes are placed extremely near the far side of the putting green, as the player approaches the hole, with the result that many good players on playing boldly up to the hole have subsequently found themselves in very awkward lies. In future, appointed delegates by the Professional Golfers' Association will visit courses just before that organization holds tournaments, in order that they may satisfy themselves as to the fairness of the location of the holes. A capital idea. Placing the pin a few feet away from the edge of a trap and other tricky places on a green should be severely discouraged the coming season. There has been altogether too much of this unfair sort of thing before competitions on Canadian courses, in the past.

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Mr. J. Dix. Fraser, one of the best players of the Thunder Bay Golf and Country Club, has recently taken up his residence in Toronto. He will be

much missed in golfing and other circles at Port Arthur.

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Mr. A. A. Weir, Open Champion of Saskatchewan, recently made a 36 on the new 9-hole course at Weyburn, Sask., which constitutes a record for the links. "Good going," alright.

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Mr. John McF. Howie, Buffalo, N.Y.: "The Prince of Wales' visit to the United States and Canada is in the nature of an epoch. He turned the chronic British hater into the most ardent admirer of all things British just through the great charm of his personality."

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In the list recently published in the "Canadian Golfer" of the principal events of the season just closed, the winning of the Canadian Championship Mixed Foursomes at Lambton, by Miss Willo Gage and Mr. George S. Lyon, was omitted. They captured this event in a record field of entries.

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A good New Year's resolution: Renew your subscription for another year to the "Canadian Golfer," or if not a subscriber, get your name on the lists, which to-day comprises the leading men and women of the Dominion. You will be in most distinguished company of Royal and Ancient devotees from Royalty down.

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Golf will "go over the top" in 1920 to the extent of hundreds of thousands of dollars in club house and course investments and expenditure and with thousands of new devotees of the game of games. The coming year will easily provide a golf record in Canada.

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The following are the winners of the club competitions: in 1919 at the Toronto Golf Club: Club championship, Mr. John Hadden; Osler Trophy, Mr. Alex. L. Gooderham, Cockshutt Trophy, Mr. J. M. Lyle; Masten Trophy (parent and child), Miss Joyce Hutton, Prof. M. Hutton; McCarthy Trophy (Mixed Foursome), Miss Myriam Elmsley, Mr. Geo. S. Lyon.



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The following are the results in the season's play of the ladies' section of the Paris Golf Club: May Handicap, won by Mrs. Widder; June Handicap, won by Mrs. Martin; July Handicap, won by Mrs. Martin and Miss Craig; September Handicaps won by Miss Flahiff, Miss Wickson and Mrs. Foley; Approach and Putting Competition, won by Mrs. Adeney; winner of Ringer Competition for season of 1919, Mrs. H. Fisher. Winners of monthly Ringer scores: June, Mrs. Martin, 37; July, Miss Wickson, 38; August, Mrs. H. Fisher, 37; September and October, Mrs. Adeney, 41.

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Mr. E. Mason, secretary of the Lambton Golf and Country Club, and Mrs. Mason, left last week to spend Xmas in their old home in Ireland. Mr. Mason has the reputation, and deservedly so, of being one of the most efficient golf secretaries in Canada.

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Mr. George Major, formerly manager of the Place Viger, the C.P.R. Hotel in Montreal, and the Clifton House, Niagara Falls, Ontario, has been appointed secretary of the Toronto Golf Club and last month entered upon his new duties. He will make an ideal secretary for the premier club of Ontario.

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Owing to favourable weather the past two months an immense amount of work in connection with the radical alterations to the Rosedale course has already been accomplished. A very large force of men and teams until a week or so ago were kept busily employed. Early next spring the work will again be taken up in earnest. It

is not thought that the improvements will all be completed before 1921. Then Rosedale will have a championship course of a calibre unexcelled on the continent.

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"Jimmie" Black, the pro. at Beaconsfield recognized as one of the best club makers on the continent, is again with A. G. Spalding & Bros., Montreal, for the winter months, supervising the turning out of thousands of clubs for that well known firm. He has associated with him Frank Grant, pro. of the Whitlock Golf Club, together with his own three assistants, and also two returned soldiers who are pros. but know very little about the art of club making. These returned men this winter will be given a thorough tuition by Black under the Government's vocational training scheme and next season will be of much greater service to their respective clubs. Certainly an admirable idea, worthy of every commendation.

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Mr. W. M. Reekie, the former well known Canadian player, represented New York versus Pennsylvania in the Leslie Cup competitions, held at the National Golf Links. He and his partner, F. W. Dyer, were defeated by Davidson Herron, U. S. Amateur Champion and E. M. Byers, ex-Amateur Champion, 5 and 4.

Amongst the other New York pairs defeated, were Oswald Kirkby and Gardner White, who took part in the Canadian Red Cross tour last summer. Messrs. Fownes and Max Marston defeated them 2 and 1. In the singles, Kirkby defeated Herron 5 and 4, fairly swamping the champion. Pennsylvania eventually won the cup, easily defeating Massachusetts in the finals.

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Harking back to the question of long driving, Abe Mitchell, the long swatting English pro., has been having a test all on his own on the Sonning links. In twelve attempts he is reported to have averaged nearly 280 yards, with a longest shot of over 300 yards. The conditions were said to be normal, and the hole, at which the test took place,

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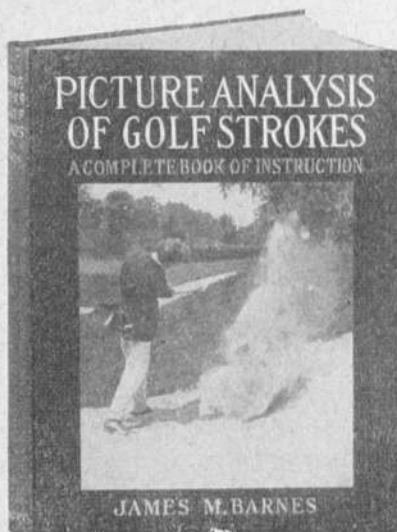
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viz., the first, is exceptionally flat, although it is a hole at which it is possible to strike exceptionally long tee shots. Braid, it will be remembered, averaged only 232 yards at Woodcote Park recently.

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Mr. J. B. Bryan, Vice-President of The Lawyers' Co-operative Publishing Company, Rochester, N.Y.:

"I always read the 'Canadian Golfer' and get a great deal of pleasure out of it. It is perhaps natural that I should exaggerate the merits of your magazine on account of the fact that I first opened my eyes on a farm some 20 miles west of Toronto. It is strange how we have that strong, sentimental feeling for the land of our birth."

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Mr. Justice Walsh, President of the Calgary Golf and Country Club, writes under recent date:

"On my return from Ontario a fortnight ago I found the ground covered with snow and a below zero temperature prevailing, so that golf has been out of the question. We are now, however, basking in the genial sunshine of genuine Alberta winter weather and I am hopeful that in a few days we will again be able to be at the game."

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Word comes from Great Britain that during the winter, by working night and day, golf ball manufacturers are exceedingly hopeful of getting abreast with their orders before next season opens in earnest. The demand for balls this year from all parts of the world has been simply unparalleled and manufacturers of the popular makes have been unable to fill their orders.

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It is reported that Miss Alexa Stirling, of Augusta, Ga., the American woman champion, accompanied by another past title holder, Mrs. R. A. Jackson, and Mrs. F. C. Letts, a former Western champion, will visit England next season and compete for the British Championship. By the way, it is not generally known, at any rate in Canada, that Dr. Stirling, the champion's father, is a Scotchman, so she comes by her fine golf by right of inheritance.

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Mr. P. D. Ross, of Ottawa, Vice-President of The Canadian Seniors' Golf Association, has been appointed

on the Canadian Press Committee in connection with the Empire Press Union Conference to be held in Toronto August and September of next year. Prominent journalists from all parts of the Empire will attend the convention.

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"In his report on the care of the feeble-minded, Mr. Justice Hodgins refers to the 'excellent institution at Orillia.' It is an excellent institution, and a credit to the man in charge of it. Mr. Joseph Downey has the heart and head for that trust."—Toronto Mail.

Mr. Downey is a very enthusiastic golfer and has done very much to encourage the game in Orillia, which has a very interesting 9-hole course and a particularly pretty club house.

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Mr. S. B. Gundy, President of Rosedale, who returned from a business trip to Great Britain, was in London all through the railway strike, and tells the "Canadian Golfer" that he was wonderfully impressed with the "poise" of the English people throughout the crisis. They took the stoppage of all trains and railway connections generally and the inconveniences occasioned thereby with the greatest sang froid. They refused to be stamped into recriminations or the display of bad temper and acted throughout in a manner that called for the unbounded admiration of visitors like Mr. Gundy, who happened to be in the Metropolis during the trying days of the strike.

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O. Brault, who has been the pro. at Granby, Quebec, for the past season or so, and has given much satisfaction there, has accepted a yearly position with the St. Margaret's Club in the Laurentian Mountains, some 50 miles from Montreal. This club makes a feature of golf in the summer and snowshoeing, skating and skiing in the winter and is rapidly becoming one of the most popular of all the year round clubs in the Montreal District. It is most ideally situated.



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A certain golf course in England was ploughed up by Government orders in 1917. The corn produced realized slightly under £1,000, but the club is claiming £4,000 compensation as the amount necessary to restore the ground.

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Karl Keffer, of The Royal Ottawa, left the end of November for Georgia, where he is again taking up his duties at the Jekyl Island Golf Club. Keffer before leaving for overseas had charge of this very exclusive private club for several seasons.

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Messrs. G. A. Macdonald, Robert Neill, J. P. Bond, W. H. Bradburn and George Morrow were recently elected on the Board of Directors of the Peterborough Golf and Country Club, which has just closed the most successful season on record.

Rivermead, Ottawa, would like to have the Canadian Open Championship next year. Several other clubs in the East are also anxious for the event. The venue has not yet been decided upon by the Directors of The Royal Canadian Golf Association.

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Miss Florence Harvey is thinking very seriously of putting into book form her war reminiscences in the Balkans. She is possessed of excellent literary style and such a work should prove absorbingly interesting. Miss Harvey the past two years has played little golf. She did, however, get in a few games whilst in Great Britain and since her return to Hamilton has had a round or two of the links. It is to be hoped she will find time in South Africa when she goes there next year, to take up the game again. She would be a decided acquisition to the women's playing strength of that country. There are many fine links in South Africa and the sport there is very popular.

Jas. Newman, the professional of the Catarauqui Golf and Country Club, Kingston, Ontario, is again in California this winter as professional of the Victoria Golf Club, Riverside. He writes under date of Dec. 2nd:

"I was more than surprised to see how much they have improved their course here. They have now 16 good grass greens in play and expect to have the other two ready for the holidays. The fair ways have also been improved and now the Victoria Golf Club is classed as one of the best on the Pacific Coast. The Southern Golf Association have decided to hold a number of their tournaments on these links this year. Riverside has a wonderful hotel called the "Mission Inn" and their collection of antique goods is splendid. The links are open to the guests of this hotel, and I hope no Canadian will come to California and miss seeing Riverside's greatest hotel and golf course. Have only been here for two weeks, and although golf goods are high in price and hard to get, there is a great demand for them, and I have already had to refuse lessons as I am too busy. Everyone expects a very good season for California, and we are sure off to a good start. We have a number of good players in Riverside and I expect they will come in for a number of the prizes this year. The weather is grand here for golf, but the days

are short just now, so the club house is used a great deal for dinners and dances.

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The sudden death took place in Toronto of Colonel George A. Stinson, a prominent broker and sportsman. Col. Stinson was a very prominent member of the Toronto Hunt. He was found dead in his apartment, 60 St. George Street, on December 4th.

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There is some talk in Hamilton of the old golf links being taken over by the city for park purposes, and in that event Hamiltonians may yet have a public course. The newspaper reports in connection with this big real estate deal have been very much exaggerated. There is really nothing definite yet in connection with the rumored sale—just possibilities. Incidentally, the City of Hamilton could make no mistake in taking over this very desirable property.

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From a subscription standpoint, the year now drawing to a close was easily the most successful in the history of the "Canadian Golfer." There is not



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a city or town in the Dominion from coast to coast where the magazine does not now circulate largely. In the States, too and Great Britain the lists are showing a healthy growth. The last subscriber (a week or so ago) to send twelve shillings from England for a year's subscription was a well-known member of the House of Lords. It's getting to be "the great family and international golfing journal" alright.

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"Well, how was your game?" somebody asked, in the early history of golf, as one man of a twosome returned to the club house.

"Not so bad to-day," was the reply. "I did the course in 69."

"In WHAT?"

"I said 69." (Very cold voice).

"While I," announced his opponent, "shot a 68."

Whereupon both departed for the showers.

"Say," asked the astounded questioner, "whoine! are those birds?"

"Them?" exclaimed their caddy, "why, them fellers are Munchausen and a guy named Ananias."

So you see how the practice started.

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The many golfing friends of Mr. C. L. Wisner, Vice-President of the Massey-Harris Co., and Vice-President of the Lambton Golf and Country Club, will sincerely sympathize with him in the death of his father, Mr. W. S. Wisner, as a result of a street car accident in Toronto last month. Mr. Wisner, who was in his 81st year, was one of the outstanding figures in the manufacturing life of Ontario for many years before the amalgamation with the Massey-Harris Co., being the leading member in the prominent firm of J. O. Wisner, Son & Co. He was a warm supporter of all amateur sport and a great lover of the horse, in this respect his judgment and knowledge having a Dominion-wide reputation. Mr. Wisner was a shareholder in the Massey-Harris Co. and also for many years had acted on the expert advisory board of the company. He will be sincerely mourned in the home circle and by friends throughout Canada.

Mr. A. S. Patterson, General Manager for Australia of the Massey-Harris Co., who has been a visitor in Canada since July, sailed this month on the S. S. "Niagara" from Vancouver for his home in Melbourne. Mr. Patterson still takes a keen interest in golf doings here and is a valued subscriber to the "Canadian Golfer."

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Nicol Thompson, the professional of the Hamilton Golf and Country Club, and well known golf architect, who was offered at a most flattering monetary figure the position of manager of one of the leading golf and country clubs in New York State, after mature consideration, decided this week to remain in Hamilton, where he has been doing such invaluable work for many years. His acceptance of the U. S. offer would have been a distinct loss to Canadian golf. Hamilton golfers are congratulating themselves on retaining his services.

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Approximately half a million dollars of the \$2,230,706.62 estate left by Mr. W. A. Kemp of the Sheet Metal Products Company, for many years a prominent Governor of the Lambton Golf and Country Club, who died on March 17, 1919, while in South Carolina, is set aside for religious, charitable and educational purposes. Sir Edward Kemp, Mrs. Margaret Kemp, widow of the testator, and the National Trust Company, the executors, are applying for probate of the will, which is dated December 17, 1918. Mrs. Kemp is given an annuity of \$30,000 from the income of a fund of \$1,000,000. Any surplus from this fund is to be divided equally among the children: Mrs. G. B. Balfour, C. A. Kemp, Miss Margaret Kemp and Miss Florence Kemp. Annuities of \$500 are given to Mr. Kemp's half-sister, Mrs. Matilda L. Tasker, and Mrs. Florence Baxter. The residue of the estate is to be divided into two equal parts, one of which is to be divided equally amongst Mr. Kemp's children. The other half of the whole residue is to be set aside as a trust fund for benevolent, religious and educational institutions in the Province of Ontario.



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Mr. R. H. Melville, a well-known Regina golfer, is spending the next few months in Toronto.

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Writes a subscriber:

"Pinehurst is now in a fever of activity, pluming its feathers in anticipation of the biggest and liveliest season on record. Hedges, streets and gardens are trim and neat. Hotels astonish with new paint. Four golf links smile alluringly under the caress of rake and mower."

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Mr. J. R. Stewart, Toronto, a "Hole-in-Oneer" last season, renewing his subscription for the coming year:

"I never anticipated my 'Hole-in-One' would give me so much pleasure, but when I received each month your excellent magazine I many a time blessed the lucky fate which tricked that little white ball into the 15th hole at Mississauga."

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George Duncan has been giving some good newspaper advice on how to grip a golf club. "There are three ways," he writes, "of holding the club—the overlapping grip, the two-V grip, and

the palm grip. The only one that is worth bothering about is the first. Most of our best players use it. It is useless for you to say to yourself that your fingers are too short to do that. You are utterly mistaken; it is your club handle which is too thick."

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Hamilton golfers had a wonderful season in 1919. The following were the winners in the principal club competitions: Club Championship (Col. Paul J. Myler Cup), winner, Mr. F. R. Martin; runner-up, Mr. Iden Champion. Crerar Cup, on handicap (foursome), Messrs. A. H. Gibson and P. D. Strickland; runners-up, Messrs. J. V. Young and R. C. Oatley. Ramsay Cup, on handicap, Mr. A. H. Gibson; runner-up, Mr. P. M. Yeates. 120th Battalion Cup, medal on handicap, Mr. F. R. Martin, 149; Mr. J. M. Daley, 152; Mr. A. A. Adams, 153. "Ninety Six" Competition (players who had never beaten 96), Mr. W. D. Doak, 2nd Mr. C. E. Thompson, 3rd Mr. R. C. Ripley, 4th Mr. N. S. Braden.

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## MUNICIPAL GOLF IN CALIFORNIA

**Mr. Webster, Formerly of Mississauga, Tells About the Los Angeles Course,  
Which is Self Sustaining**

Mr. George Webster of Marquette, Mich., a former very well known member of Mississauga, Toronto, who is spending the winter at Hollywood, California, writes the "Canadian Golfer" very entertainingly about the golf there. All the large clubs have waiting lists and temporary non-resident memberships are impossible to get.

"What I want particularly to tell you about," says Mr. Webster, "is the Municipal golf here. Griffith Park, where the course is situated, belongs to Los Angeles, and the charges are \$10 per year, \$5 for 3 months, \$2 per month, or 25 cents per day—you pay your money and take your choice. The Municipal links, I think, are by far the

prettiest from a scenic aspect of any of the courses, as they are surrounded by the mountains, whilst all the others have foothill elevations or just flat fields, trapped and bunkered. The course is less than standard length (which, however, is being corrected), but it is very undulating, and any tendency to slice especially is tremendously punished.

"The links are thronged throughout the morning and afternoon and jammed on Saturday afternoons, Sundays and holidays. On Armistice Day 450 players teed-up during the day. The fees pay all expenses and the course does not cost the city a cent. The links certainly are a Godsend for tourists. Fred Rathbone of Mississauga has been playing here, and Jim Ramsay of Edmonton. Fancy three Mississauga members playing together here, and more coming, I believe."

### A 1920 Dream

The links are deck'd in wintry garb,  
The turf is dead, the ground is hard,  
From golf in Canada we're barr'd—

Aint it tough!

And yet I wander round the scene,  
Of many a "battle royal" supreme,  
And for the future fondly dream—

That's the stuff!

Because next year I mean to be  
That very rare anomaly:

A Senior beating "eighty"—see!

If I don't flop!

Altho' so far, my efforts vain,  
Have not achieved me star-like fame;  
Next year I mean to play the game—

Eh, what! Old Top!

—W. H. W.

# JIMMY WILDE

Little Flyweight Knows Something About Royal and Ancient Game—Says It's a "Nerve Settler"

(By Iconoclast)

New York, Nov. 29.—For a flyweight Jimmy Wilde can hit a golf ball mighty low and straight. He has a pair of shoulders that ought to hit 'em far, but he doesn't. Probably it is the bulk—the weight—behind the smash that is lacking to get distance, I thought.

"I don't try to 'it 'em so far," he corrected, reading my thoughts. "It gets me no money."

This recalled the unheeded teachings of Alex. Smith, John Anderson and Travers. "Devote yourself to direction and accuracy, and the distance will take care of itself," they said some years ago. "That is, if you want to get a good score." But the joy of "polling 'em," as they say in baseball, was too much of a temptation, and that is why many of us are still dubs.

"I take it, you know," explained the little Welsh boxer, "that the idea is to win—to get the money."

It might be explained that Jimmy never likes to play without a small bet on the game. He had rather win a dozen golf balls—at least, he is more enthusiastic about it—than to score a knockout in the ring. Wilde will listen to a boxing discussion in a position of bored resignation, but the moment golf is mentioned his ears prick up with interest.

"Look at this card," he said, proudly. "I am going to send it back 'ome."

He had just finished a round at Fox Hills with a 97—very good for the first attempt.

"And, I say," he added, "you know, that is quite a tough course."

Wilde is just as cautious in beginning a golf round as he would be at the start of a boxing match. He never "presses."

"Only one time did I step out a bit," he said, "and that was at the chasm." He referred to a great gulch which cuts the Fox Hills course in two. Unless a golfer clears it with a straight drive, he is likely to be in the pit of the chasm, digging away for an hour. "But that's when I pressed just a bit," Wilde said, enthusiastically. "I could see it would take a bit of a drive for me to get over safely and land in the right direction. But when a fellow 'as to he can usually do it, cawn't he? I got over, and that was the turning point, you know."

"What is it," I enquired, "that has turned the mind of so many boxers to golf? You

know, Willie Ritchie, Packey McFarland and others have taken up the game."

"It is such a nerve settler," he said. "And, besides, it is the only game where a man can take exercise without knowing it. Do you know," he added, his eyes brightening, "that a fellow gets very little benefit from an exercise that is forced upon him and he does not enjoy?"

"Roadwork, for instance?"

"Exactly that. Anybody knows, for instance, that a two-mile walk every morning will do him good, but how many persons do you know who can bring their mind to taking that walk every day, unless they have some objective—unless they are going to some particular place for a particular purpose?"

The little boxer's intelligent observation recalled a number of failures on the part of some very fat friends.

"Now your 'unting, as you call it, is all right. I fancy a man who is going after big game will keep going until he finds it. He has an objective and will not become bored. At the end of the 'unt he is in good shape without knowing it. Right?"

A nod urged him on.

"That's why golf is such a great thing for the fighters. They find pleasure and sport in getting in shape. It also tones up their nerves."

"What relation has the nerves of golf to boxing? Does it help?"

"In a way, quite so. But there is a bit of difference." He studied for a moment as if for expression. "I 'ave it," he said. "One is a matter of nerve and the other is a matter of nerves. You understand? On a hard putt, for instance, a man may go all to pieces in a match for money and his friends will call him—what is it?—yes, yellow. But that same man who loses his nerves may turn right around and have all the nerve in the world in knocking a blighter out in the ring. Yes, one is a matter of nerve, and the other is nerves. Golf helps you in being able to deliberate without going to pieces, but it does not make a fellow game. That, I fancy, is born in him."

"It's too bad," the little fellow added, "that it is too late for a round now, you know. I'm on my way to a party at Freddie Welsh's training place out at Summit, N. J. There isn't time for a round, you know, but say, Freddie has a ripping place out there. Maybe we'll make it for golf later."



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