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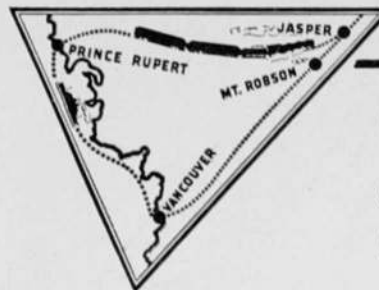
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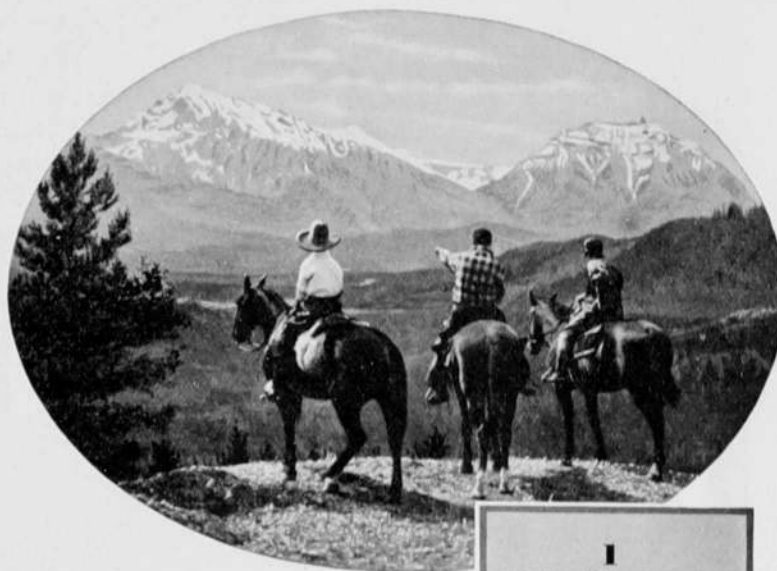
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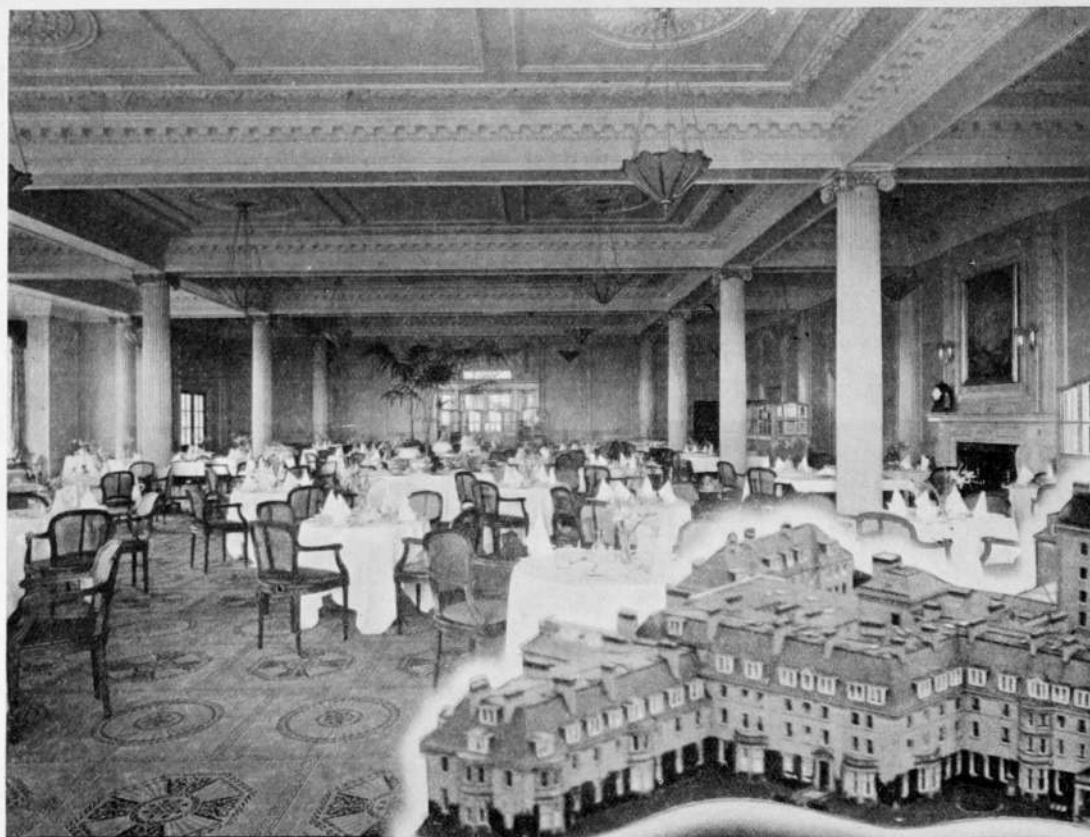
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 August 13th to 18th—Canadian Amateur, Laval-sur-le-lac, Montreal.
 Aug. 26-Sept. 1—Totem Pole Tournament; Jasper Park Lodge, Jasper, Alta.
 Sept. 10th to 14th—Canadian Ladies' Close, Championship, Scarborough, Toronto.
 Sept. 15—International Team match—Great Britain versus Canada. Toronto Golf Club, Toronto.
 Sept. 17th—Canadian Ladies' Open, Toronto Golf Club, Toronto.

Quebec Events.—

Gentlemen

- June 2nd—St. Andrews Invitation Tournament, St. Andrews E., Que.
 June 16th—Spring Open and Amateur, Ottawa, Ont.
 June 23rd—First Invitation Tournament, Kent Golf Club, Montmorency Falls, Que.
 July 7th—Intersectional Matches, Montreal, Que.
 July 16th to 21st—Golf week. Murray Bay, Manoir Richelieu Invitation Tournament.
 July 28th—Lucerne Invitation Tournament.
 August 24th—Quebec Open at Kanawaki, Montreal.
 August 25th—Quebec Amateur, Montreal.
 August 29th—Quebec Junior Championship, Elmridge Golf Club, Montreal.
 Sept. 1st—Quebec Father and Son Tournament, Summerlea Golf Club, Montreal.
 Sept. 8th—Annual Invitation tournament for Phoenix Cup, Beaconsfield Golf Club, Montreal.

Ladies

- June 11—Field day at Mount Bruno Country Club, Montreal.
 June 25 to 29—Provincial championship at Summerlea Golf Club, Montreal.
 July 9—Field day (two-ball foursome), at Laval-Sur-Le-Lac, Montreal.
 July 20—Invitation tournament at Manoir Richelieu, Murray Bay.
 July 23—Field day at Quebec Golf Club, Quebec.
 Aug. 6—Field day at Marlborough Golf Club, Montreal.
 Aug. 20 to 22—Junior girls' championship at Islesmere, Montreal.
 Aug. 28-29—City and district championship, at Senneville, Montreal.
 Sept. 1—Invitation tournament at Seigneurie Club, Quebec.
 Sept. 5—Team play tournament, medal play (course to be announced).

Ontario Events.—

- June 13th—Invitation tournament London Hunt Club, London, Ont.
 June 28th, 29th, 30th—Ontario Open Amateur, Essex Country Club, Sandwich, Ont.
 July 24th—Ontario Open, Missauga.
 August 27th—Ontario Parent and Child Tournament, Rosedale, Toronto.
 August 31st—Ontario Junior Boys' Championship.
 Sept. 15th—Ontario Fall tournament, Brantford, Ont.

Ladies

- June 4th to 8th—Ontario Ladies' Championship Westmount Club, Kitchener, Ont.
 June 18th—Ladies' Hamilton and District tournament, Hamilton Golf and Country Club, Ancaster, Ont.
 August 30th and 31st—Ontario Junior Girls' championship, Summit Golf Club, Toronto.

British Columbia Events.—

- May 24th-26th—British Columbia Interior Championships, Sandwich, Ont.
 June 1st-4th—B. C. Amateur Championship Quilchena, Vancouver.

Maritimes Events.—

- June 21st, 22nd, 23rd—New Brunswick Amateur & Open Championships, Fredericton Golf Club, Fredericton, N. B.
 July 16, 17, 18th—Nova Scotia Amateur Championship, New Pines Course, Digby, N. S.

Saskatchewan Events.—

- July 30th—Saskatchewan Open Championships, Regina Golf Club, Regina, Sask.
 July 30th to August 2nd—Saskatchewan Amateur, Regina Golf Club, Regina, Sask.

British Events.—

- May 9-10—British Ladies' International Matches; Royal Porthcawl Golf Club, Porthcawl, Wales.
 May 11th—British Women's Championship, Royal Porthcawl.
 May 11th, 12th—Walker Cup. Great Britain verses U. S. St. Andrews Club.
 May 21st to 25th—British Amateur, Prestwick, Scotland.
 June 25th—British Open.

U. S. Events.—

- May 14—Sectional Qualifying Rounds, U.S.A. Open Championship.
 June 7th to 9th—U. S. Open Merion, Cricket Club, Ardmore, Pa.
 July 24th to 29th—U.S.P.G.A. Park Club, Buffalo.
 Aug. 21—Sectional Qualifying Rounds, U.S.A. Amateur Championship.
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Royal & Ancient's Radical New Ruling

That very old and conservative governing body of golf, the Royal & Ancient of St. Andrews, whose rulings are generally followed the golfing world over, has rather thrown a bombshell into golfing circles in the United States and Canada, especially, by recently enacting the following rule in connection with the acceptance of travelling and hotel expenses by amateurs:

"Without forfeiting their amateur status, players may receive their travelling and hotel expenses when representing their country, county, club or similar body in team matches, provided such expenses are paid by the body they represent; or when representing their country in a tour Overseas, provided such expenses are paid through the authority controlling golf in their country."

In the United States, the Golf Association there has for years against much pressure, refused to allow travelling expenses to any amateur except teams participating in the Walker Cup matches, in the Public Golf championship and in the Intercollegiate championship.

In Canada, the Royal Canadian Golf Association in its definition of an amateur, Clause F. professionalizes.

"Those who receive as consideration, either directly or indirectly, for playing in a match or tournament, their expenses in whole or in part, except as a member of a

team representing the Royal Canadian Golf Association or a Provincial Golf Association, to a match sanctioned by the Royal Canadian Golf Association. Team expenses provided by or through the R. C. G. A. or

the Provincial Association may include all legitimate travelling expenses of the team to and from the place of tournament and may include team expenses until the end of the team match."

The only fixture in Canada in which a team is allowed expenses is in the Inter-Provincial match, played annually for the Lord Willingdon cup. Incidentally the Canadian Seniors' Golf Association pays the "out-of-pocket" expenses of their players who participate in the International match with the United States Seniors for the Duke of Devonshire cup. This year too the Canadian Ladies' Golf Union have taken their first step in this direction as at a recent meeting in Toronto this body sanctioned the payment of the expenses of teams to an inter-sectional match to be played prior to the Canadian Ladies' championship similar to the Inter-Provincial Arrangement of the R. C. G. A.

Although it generally runs that decisions made by the R. & A. are adopted in the United States and Canada it is not likely that this most recent clause will be adopted here for some time. In this connection the Royal Canadian Golf Association wish it distinctly understood that this recent amendment to the British ruling in no way affects the present definitions of the amateur and professional rules in this country (as published in Canadian Golfer March issue).

GOLF

GOLF is a science, the study of a lifetime, in which you, may exhaust yourself, but never your subject. It is a contest, a duel, or a melee, calling for courage, skill, strategy and self-control. It is a test of temper, a trial of honour, a revealer of character. It affords the chance to play the man and act the gentleman. It means going into God's out-of-doors, getting close to nature, fresh air, exercise, a sweeping away of mental cobwebs, genuine recreation of tired tissue. It is a cure for care, an antidote to worry. It includes companionship, with friends, social intercourse, opportunities for courtesy, kindness and generosity to an opponent. It promotes not only physical health, but moral force.

D. R. Forgan.

The "PROPER SWING" Allows But Small Margin For Variations

I am sure that the average golfer trying to absorb and use the mass of instructive material that is given him, wishes at times that it could all be reduced to a very few points which he could readily grasp and apply. The person concerned with helping him wishes too that this could be done. But little things—often very little things—matter a great deal in golf. When one thinks that often even a trained eye will have difficulty detecting the difference between the swing which produces a perfect shot and that which results in a fizzle, the importance of small variations can be better appreciated. The perfection of timing and the precision of striking required to produce a perfect golf shot allow as little leeway as anything in sport.

Obviously, even all golfers of the first rank do not swing their clubs in exactly the same way. But it is rare, indeed, that one finds a successful player who violates or omits any of the recognized fundamentals of the correct swing. It is always possible to make a certain amount of correction or compensation while the swing is under way, so that a superior sense of control may enable one individual to get away with things which another could not risk. Like a friend of mine who insists that his only good shots results when he makes the same number of mistakes coming down that he had made going up.

Simple Swing Best

But to the person who is trying to develop a reasonably sound swing corrective or compensatory movements should be of little interest. Good form simplifies the action until each essential movement flows into each succeeding essential, and complications which require timing and correction are reduced to a minimum. The unorthodox swinger, on a particular day when he is "right", may out-play the man of sound method, but over the long run the latter would certainly hold the advantage. For consistent performance, it may be said that it is the little thing which counts. So whenever we can make one movement, however slight, in such a way that the one which follows can be more easily done correctly, we have made valuable progress.

By
BOBBY JONES



Front View of the proper grip illustrating the angle between club and the hands referred to in the article

All this may be taken as an excuse, or perhaps, apology, for mentioning an apparently trivial detail which I consider of sufficient importance to merit attention. It has to do with the angle between the arms and the shaft of the club at the time of addressing the ball.

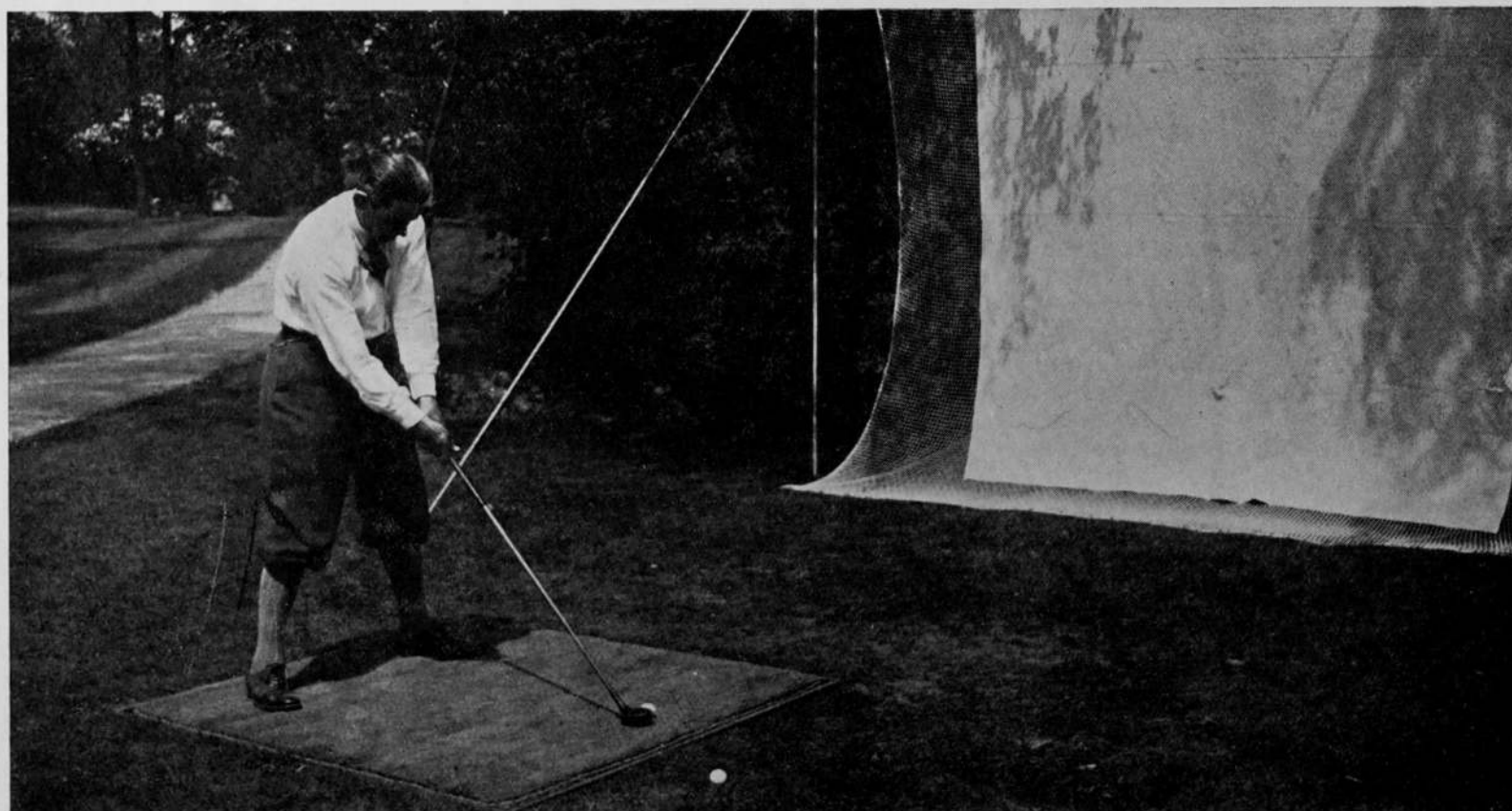
Watch Angle Between Arms And Club At Address

I have in mind one very good player who extends his arms at address until, to an observer behind the shot, arms and club appear to make a perfectly straight line. I have in mind also a number of players of considerably less ability who, either by extending the arms, or by otherwise elevating the hands, contrive to arch the left wrist upward as they address the ball.

This seems a little thing, because conceivably it could be corrected in the stroke itself, by relaxing the hands and dropping them in toward the left leg as the backswing got under way. This would enable the shoulders to turn on the inclined axis of the body as they are intended to do, the left being lower than the right. But no one ever does this. From this start, it is easier to turn the shoulders horizontally and move the head backward. The very good player, to whom I referred, is able, most of the time, to time the return of his head and the consequent exaggerated movement of his body, but I am convinced that his consistency would be improved if this were eliminated. The less gifted parties are of course not able to do this even occasionally.

The sounder practice, of course, would be to relax the hands and drop them lower at address, until the wrists were depressed and the shaft of the club angled upward from the hands. The

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Dave Spittal one of the finest swingers in the professional ranks demonstrates perfect form at address. Dave like all good professionals endeavours to mould the swings of his pupils to minimize the possibilities for errors

National Handicapping

An Effort By the R.C.G.A. Which Will Strengthen Its Relations With the Provinces

By W.D. TAYLOR

To have golf organized throughout the entire Dominion in such a way that all golfers taking part in the game automatically come under the influence and jurisdiction of the Royal Canadian Golf Association is part of the programme which president George H. Forster and his executive hope to accomplish during their term in office.

The subject of national handicapping is not a new one to Mr. Forster as his efforts some years ago as the leader of the Quebec Association were largely responsible for the launching of the system now in effect in Quebec and now coming into force in Ontario, Manitoba and British Columbia and which his committee will endeavour to bring into operation throughout the Dominion.

To Work Through Provincial Associations

Closer cooperation with the Provincial Associations is the policy through which the new head hopes to accomplish the broadening of the influence and service of the governing body of golf in Canada, and there is no doubt that the relationships aimed at by this year's executive will automatically allow the governing body to render a more efficient and effective service to golf.

National Handicapping

To bring into force a national handicapping system or rating sounds like an ambitious and mammoth undertaking, but when studied is the automatic and natural result possible as soon as the various Provincial Associations adopt and bring into systematic operation the method now generally understood in the active centres in the Country. In brief it is the recommendation and request of the governing body in Canada that the various provincial associations function and operate in such a way that the clubs and players throughout the country will all have the opportunity to participate as part or organized golf.

The game of golf has for centuries been enviously regarded by players of other sports because of the high plane on which it has always been maintained, and we of the present day must not overlook the value of the services now rendered by our governing bodies. The National handicapping system looked forward to by the Royal Canadian Association, is an effort which should be supported by golfers as a whole, and the readers of the lines which follow will readily realize that its successful completion can be accomplished in a short time if the golfers and committee-men co-operate with their appointed executives. The system in force will automatically benefit players, clubs and provincial associations.

In our March issue we published a short editorial on handicapping which pointed out to clubs and players that the systematic operation of the approved handicapping system in their club would automatically create better club spirit and general interest in the club's affairs. The editorial we know created much interest in Ontario clubs, where from actual experience the writer knew of a general laxity in this connection. The workings of the National Handicapping system as planned by the R. C. G. A. is such that it works—out of the governing association—through

the provincial associations—and on to the clubs, and, therefore, to the golfers of the country.

The term National Handicap will be the official rating given to golfers in the Dominion by the R. C. G. A., and will be the rating or recognition which will govern their entry in National events. The head body will not keep a detailed record of the low handicap players, but will secure the information they require from the various provincial associations. The governing body are naturally primarily interested in the low handicap golfers who compete in the nationally important events. As there are now many really good golfers in the various provinces the listing by the governing body of the players eligible to compete in our Canadian titular events would be an interesting bit of information

which would bring the different parts of the country together in one group and create a natural incentive for golfers to improve their play. At the present time the operation of this system is most necessary to the R. C. G. A. because with their recent decision to change the Canadian Amateur Championships to an all match play event there comes the immediate necessity to classify the probable entries from coast to coast in order to control the entry in the event. It is probable that no handicap limit will be set for those wishing to compete in the Canadian Event, but entries will not be accepted from players that have not an official rating in organized golf. This policy will further the interests of the Provincial Associations. We have reasons to believe that although entry in the Amateur will be strictly controlled in the future the regulations this year will not be made too strict in order to encourage a large and representative entry at Laval and to allow ample time for the Provinces to understand the required regulations.

List Will Be Issued

At the termination of the 1934 season the first of these National Handicapping listings will be issued.

Provincial Support Necessary

If the National Handicapping system left off at this point it would be rendering a certain service which would be naturally valuable. To gain these low handicap ratings however the various Provincial Associations must put in force a system which will enable them to keep a record of the various players in their province which would automatically secure a National rating, and which will enable the players who have not as yet attained that standard to be watched to insure their proper ranking as their games improve. The Provincial associations are, therefore, automatically called upon to keep the record of their players up to date and upon the recommendation of the governing body should conduct their activities for solely those clubs and players who support their district associations. The task of the Provincial Associations is a much more extensive one, than that of the other bodies, as their jurisdiction extends over the players of their entire province. Their organizations, however, are such that these details can be easily taken care of, and their programmes can be



MR. GEO. H. FORSTER
Montreal, President of the R. C. G. A., the prime mover of the effort that will be made this year to establish a national handicapping system

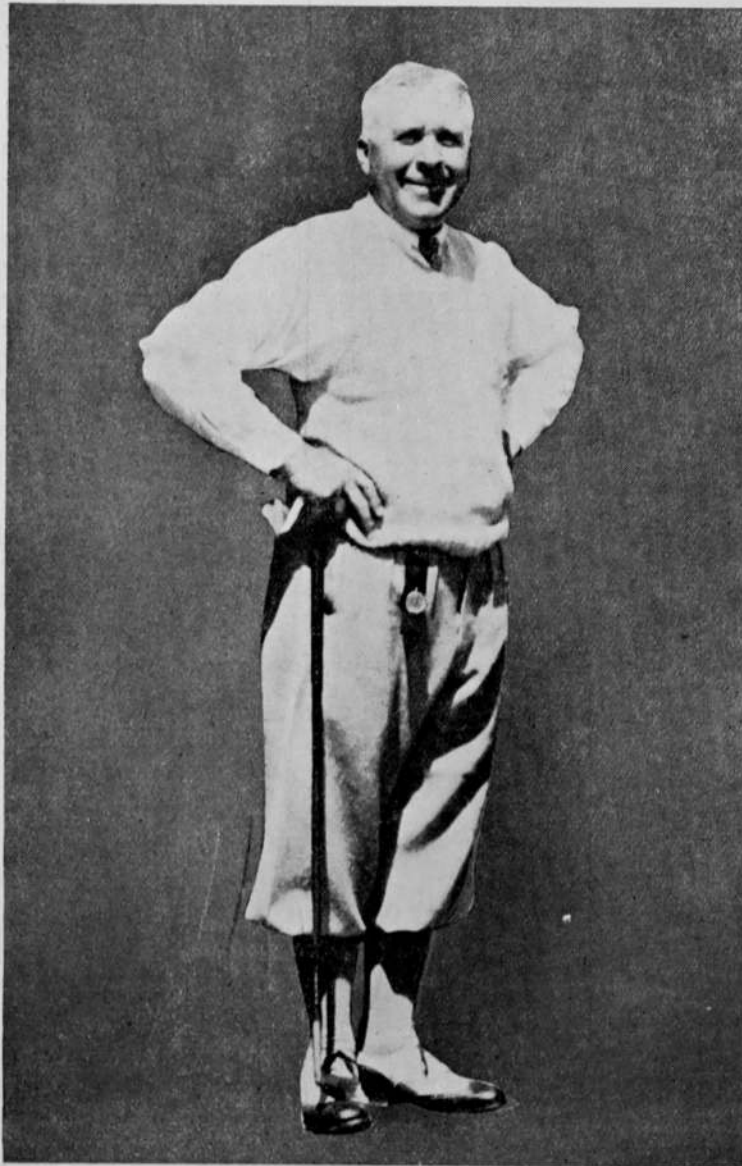
Learning to PUTT From Davie Black

By GEORGE BOECKH

To those readers who are not familiar with Davie Black, let me introduce him to you.—Picture a short *rotund* Scotchman about fifty-five years old with a perpetual smile on which even the worst breaks have no effect, and you have Davie Black one of the most charming and best natured characters in professional golf on this continent. Davie went West in 1921 to take up the professional berth at the Shaughnessy Heights Golf and Country Club in Vancouver, and unquestionably is a fixture there as long as he cares to stay. One of the most popular men on the Pacific Coast, his reputation as a good fellow is surpassed only by his skill on the golf course, and as proof he has more than once won the Canadian Professional Golf Championship.

It is an established fact that most golf pros will not give a putting lesson if they can get out of it, because they have explained away so many bad rounds by faulty putting that they have convinced themselves that they are poor putters, and consequently are unwilling to attempt to teach something at which they themselves do not excel. Adversely Davie Black specializes in putting lessons, and he actually gives more lessons on putting than he does on driving. I am going to try to tell you exactly what goes on at one of these putting lessons.

For the benefit of those readers who have never heard of Davie Black, and are unwilling to accept tips from someone they know nothing about, let me assure you that "Wee Davie" is con-



Davie Black, popular professional of the Shaughnessy Golf Club in Vancouver who is an absolute wizard on the greens. Davie admits he can putt and can certainly prove it

sidered by the top notch American Pros to be one of the finest putters in the game. To illustrate his skill with the putter let me tell the story of a round played on the Shaughnessy Heights Golf Course in which Davie, Bill Taylor, and the writer participated. The subject of bests came up as we walked down the first fairway, and Taylor and myself, also a couple of good old Scotchmen, suggested to Davie that he play our best ball for the inevitable dollar nassau. After mentally receiving the situation he surprised us both by accepting. He took exactly six putts on the first five holes, and with one par and four birdies, was three up. He finished the par 72 course in 66 strokes, and took us three ways. Taylor and myself were treated to the most devastating exhibition of putting that we had ever been privileged to witness, and while neither of us were in a position to appreciate it, we were both most impressed. He took exactly 26 putts for the round, and as his iron game was a little off, many of these were pretty healthy ones. We both felt sadly out-lucked by this exhibition, but were considerably heartened when Davie informed us that he always putted like that. I paid my three dollars with the mental resolve that by hook or crook I'd learn his method before leaving Vancouver.

Our scene now changes to the practice green of the Shaughnessy Club, where I was attempting to hole six foot putts with a minimum of success. Enter Davie Black with the succulent remark, "Naw ye're cuttin' them". This piece of advice did little more than annoy me, for as far back as I could remember, I had always sliced my putts, and the number that I ever holed carried in inverse ratio to the amount of cut imparted. In fact the very few long putts that I can recollect sinking have invariably left me with a mixed feeling of surprise and thankfulness.

However, Davie strolled over, grabbed my putter, clicked his heels and said, "there, lad do it like this", and proceeded to can six successive ten footers with no apparent effort. After some advice, both verbal and physical, I managed to get through my head the Black method of putting, and it has worked consistently well for me ever since. I hope it will do the same for you. Anyway here it is, and you can take it for what it is worth. Let the stance be comfortable, address the ball any way you like, but a feeling of ease should be obtained. Grip the club with both thumbs pointing straight down the shaft, and make sure that they are on the top of the shaft. The grip is unimportant, but the writer would suggest the reverse over-lap. However, the only thing to be sure of in the grip is to have the palms opposed. Then make the hands work the putter with a hinge-like motion. Now comes the important feature of the stroke—as the ball is hit, keep the left hand in its original position, and break the left wrist to achieve the follow through, this forces the head of the putter straight through along the line of flight, and if the correct motion of the left wrist is acquired, it is impossible to cut a putt. The stroke in itself is quite simple, but it requires a certain amount of practice to make it smooth and natural, and to execute it without being conscious of what one is doing.

For the last ten years I have easily earned a place among the five worst putters playing golf. This was partially due to the fact that being an incurable optimist, I expected some day to be able to putt, and to achieve this end, tried out a different method of putting at least once a week. Probably also it could be explained by the reason given above, namely as a means to exorcise a badly played round. However, I spent a good month of honest toil on this method of Black's, and I can assure you that I am most pleased with the results.

Most people believe that putting is largely a matter of confidence, and so it is, because on the few days that we have the feeling that we can't miss, a large percentage of them drop. This elusive thing called confidence however, is a result and definitely not a cause. To acquire this confidence it is first necessary to

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A Different Story —

The Field Against Jones Jones Against The Field

By H. R. PICKENS Jr.

Yes, Robert Tyre Jones was a particularly good sport even to play in the master's championship over his own course at Atlanta, but that was the idea of the tournament, namely to get Mr. Jones back into action. It was a terrific test for the ex-emperor of the fairways to meet in his first combat in four years. In that connection there was quite a deluge of newspaper ballyhoo surrounding the somewhat over-dramatized return of "king" Bobby to competition, and before preceeding further, some of those deas should be dispelled. We have heard people say, and read it in the headlines since the playing of the tournament, "Jones wasn't on his game", or "Jones has slipped", or "To bad Bobby didn't win" or *They can't come back*,—and probably each statement embodies an element of truth. To be sure Jones wasn't playing his best, but even had he been, there is always the question whether his best of to-day might not have been a little behind the pace set by the pack of par-chasers against whom he was pitted.

Jones Might Hold Anyone of Them Singly

In a separate match against any of the leading professionals who constituted the field, Jones could never be quoted as less than "even money" favourite!! In a great number of cases no better than "even money"!! To expect him to whittle away at the whole field at one time was quite, therefore, a little too much. Indeed, anyone who picked Jones to win that tournament could have known but very little about two elemental considerations (a) golf, (b) human psychology.

Never As Strong A Field

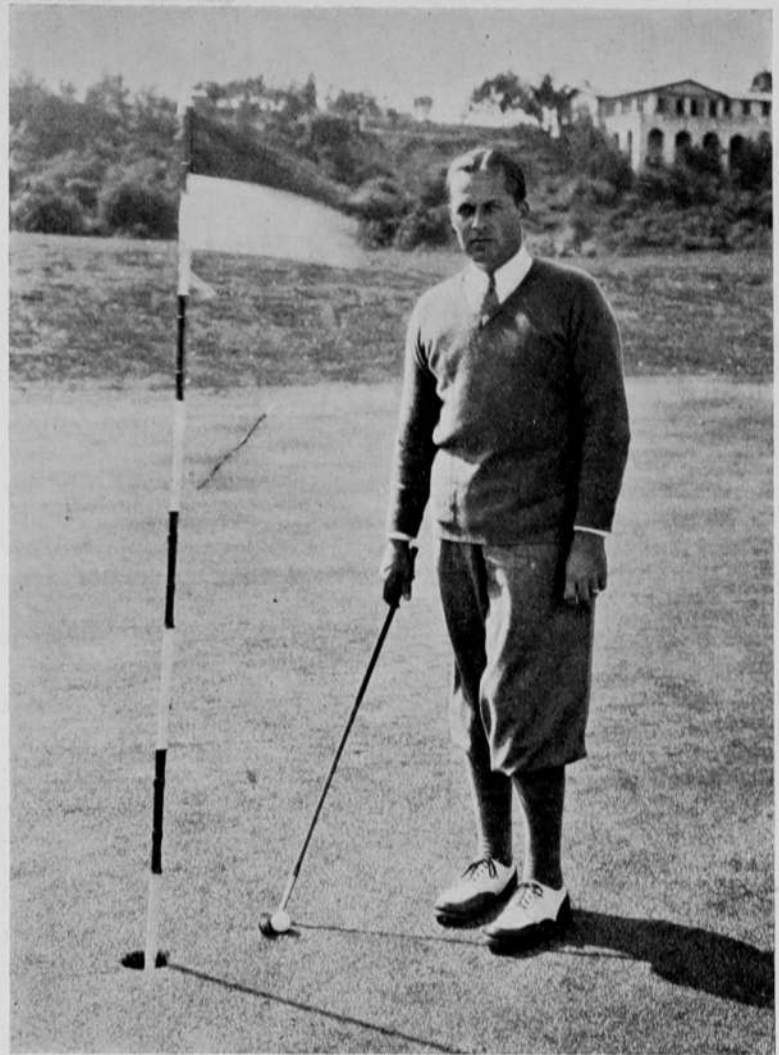
In the first place there never has been as strong a field of golfers facing Jones—even in his greatest championship tests. Every low shooter in the country was there, fresh from a campaign during the winter months on either the Eastern or Western coasts. In big money tournaments the strain had become a thing to which they were all accustomed, and with their games sharpened to a razor's edge they were turned loose with a chance to take the "great Bobby into Camp". Of course they liked it.

Over a period of twenty-one major tournaments, Jones has compiled a record of thirteen victories, an average which is unbelievably high in comparison to that made by any other golfer. In those days the attitude was that the field must go out to "beat Jones". At Atlanta the psychological effect was reversed!! In other words *Jones was out to beat the field!!* . . . Jones knew it, the gallery sensed it, and Jones' play showed it!! The artistry of his wood and iron play was as good at Atlanta, as it was on several occasions when he has won national titles, but the mental effect of "beat the field" seemed to hold Jones' putter in a cold tense grip.

One Has To Hold The Cards

When Bobby scored his "Grand-Slam" victory four years ago he created a record never before approached by any golfer. But that "Grand-Slam" may be very easily likened to a "Grand-Slam" at the bridge table. One simply has to hold the cards no matter how well he is able to play them. In other words coupled with his fine skill and remarkable mental control Jones couldn't possibly have crashed through in that manner without numerous "breaks".

For instance, in the amateur championship of Great Britain there was that famous 19 hole match against Tolley, when the Englishman could hardly have been termed as a golfer fawning in the smile of Dame Fortune. At the seventeenth hole Mr. Jones



BOBBY JONES

An interesting study of the popular Atlantan who is expected to win everything he enters by the unschooled public. The odds are certainly against him and it is this knowledge that keeps him out of competition

was struggling to keep all square. Then his approach shot to the green got loose, and away it was headed for the sunken road beyond—a dreaded spot from which there was little chance of ever retrieving! At that point some kind spectator, lacking the agility to skip aside got in the way, and the ball hit a coat which he was carrying over his arm. The ball dropped dead on the green and the hole was halved and Jones was saved to become a "Grand-Slam" champion! Again in the 6th round of that championship Mr. Jones smashed a one up victory from Harrison Johnson, then the American Amateur Champion, and again Bobby could hardly be considered as suffering at the hands of ill fate!! In defeating George Voigt in the semi-finals of this the first of his "Grand-Slam" contests, Jones was two down and five to go and only Voigt's purposeful stubbornness kept the embryonic "Grand-Slam" Champion in line for his first title. Twice Voigt refused to heed his better judgment, and insisted upon shottng along the fences instead of following Jones' example of playing out into the open. It isn't very often that a golfer like Voigt makes such errors, but it took two of them in succession to bring Mr. Jones through his trying exigency.

The result of Mr. Voigt's folly was two balls out of bounds, and a missed three foot putt on the last green again kept Mr. Jones in the running.

The point of all this is not to discredit Jones in any way, but it is merely to show how that even at the time when Jones was admittedly the finest golfer in the World it would not have been difficult for him to have failed in his four championships' trys had he not had the "breaks". MacDonald Smith for instance, as fine a golfer as has been contesting over the past decade is an example of skill and merit unrewarded—seldom has this player won a major title, yet he is always close. All this ties up with the original idea that the populace at large were expecting a good deal too much in anticipating a victory at Atlanta for Bobby Jones.

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SHORT PUTTS

By RALPH REVILLE

Noted Professional Passes at St. Andrews

The flag of the Royal & Ancient at St. Andrews, Scotland, hung at half this last month. It was not for Royalty that this unusual honor was accorded but for the famous old professional Andrew Kirkaldy, who for many decades has been as much a part of the famous old links as "Swilken Burn" itself.

"Auld Andra" celebrated his 74th birthday only on the 18th of March last. As a young man he joined the celebrated Black Watch and served in the Egyptian war and fought and fought right well at Tel-el-Keber and Ondurmon, in both of which engagements the Black Watch covered themselves with glory. Leaving the Army he took up professional golf, having played the game from boyhood up and was for a short time at Winchester, from there going to St. Andrews where he was actively engaged as professional until the early twenties when failing health forced him to more or less retire on a pension. The last time he was round the famous old links was in September 1922 when he caddied for the Prince of Wales when he played himself in as Captain of the Club.

Although "Andra" had given up active play he still was an outstanding figure at St. Andrews. Seated in his old arm-chair near the 18th green he more or less dominated the caddies and other employes of the club and by his pawky humour, delighted members of the club and visitors from all parts of the world who always made it a point to have a chat with the doyen of professional golf. Hundreds of Canadians have pleasant memories of meeting and conversing with "the grand auld mon of gowf."

It was here I met him in October 1927 and spent a most delightful hour with him. Full of anecdote and reminiscence was "Auld Andra" who won the Irish championship forty years ago and tied for the British Open in 1899 losing in the play-off to his old time rival, Willie Park, afterwards the celebrated golf architect who laid out the two 18-hole courses of the Royal Montreal Golf Club, the Weston golf club, Toronto, and other links in Canada and the United States.

Witty and caustic, Andra on the golf links was no respecter of persons and treated Prince and Prelate alike with scant courtesy but generally to their amusement. It is recorded of him whilst caddying for the Prince of Wales on the historic occasion when the Heir to the Throne played himself in as Captain of the Royal & Ancient that he told the "movie men" "Awa oot o' here wi yer magic lanterns. The Prince dinna want ye and I dinna want ye."

The old arm chair on the 18th green at St. Andrews is vacant today and the golf-

ing world is mourning the passing of its oldest and most colorful professional. "Times change and things with the times." A new school of professionals has sprung up of recent years who know not the rugged and sometimes uncouth habits and ways of the older school who played hard and drank hard but who, all said and done, laid the foundations of a game which now has "the heather on fire" the wide world o'er.

The Lyons and Toronto

In connection with Toronto's Centenary this year, reference was recently made in the press to one of the outstanding figures of a hundred years ago. Among the members of the Assembly of Upper Canada in



GEO. S. LYON

1834 was George Lyon. He was born in Perth in the Kingdom of Fife in 1789 the son of Baillie George Lyon of the Strathmore Lyon's. An officer in the Prince of Wales Regiment, Captain George Lyon who in coming to Canada, settled in Richmond, Ontario, fought through the war of 1812-15. Captain Lyon built the first dam in Richmond in 1818 and it was at his home that the Duke of Richmond, Governor General met his death. A famous old character was this Captain George Lyon of a century ago. He had a tidy little family of eight sons and eight daughters. He was the brother of Mr. Robert Lyon who was the last man to fight a duel in Canada.

Mr. George Lyon, (who was born at the old homestead in Richmond) the famous golfer, is a grandson of Captain George Lyon, for whom he was named. Mr. Lyon is naturally very proud of his connection with this outstanding celebrity of one hundred years ago, or more.

Bowling Club Loses Out

The Heather Bowling Club, Brantford, after many years successful existence, has decided to disband and sell its beautiful property—there was no finer bowling green in Ontario. In Brantford of recent years,—the city is justly proud of boasting the fourth oldest golf club in America, bowlers have been deserting the bowling green for the golf course, in increasing numbers. Twenty years ago, there were twice as many men bowlers in the Telephone City as there are to-day. Nearly all the leading bowlers of a decade or so ago, are now playing the Royal & Ancient game. Bowling now in Brantford, is very largely played by the fair sex, the two other clubs in the city, having admitted ladies to membership. The Heather Club refused to do so and has suffered the consequence.

U. S. Stars Try Again

Miss Virginia Van Wie, the U. S. champion and Mrs. Glenna Collett Vare, who held the title five times, will compete in the British Women's championship at Royal Porthcawl, the week of May 11th and will sail for the Old Country in a week or so. It is the only important title that the States has failed to win although Mrs. Vare twice reached the final being defeated by Miss Joyce Wethered at St. Andrews in 1929 and by Miss Diana Fishwick at Formby in 1930. Mrs. Vare has not played serious golf since the birth of a daughter 18 months ago and it will be interesting to see if she can "stage a comeback."

Oxford Beats Cambridge

Oxford golfers avenged the University boat race defeat the following week by defeating Cambridge University by 8½ matches to 6½ matches. This classic golf fixture has now been played 51 times and each University has won it 24 times, three matches having been halved.

It is interesting to note that on the Cambridge team in 1878 (when the first match was played) was F. G. H. Pattison who afterwards came out to Canada and took up fruit farming at Winona, Ontario. He was one of the charter members of the Hamilton Golf & Country Club and headed the Hamilton team for some years. In 1898 or 36 years ago, he reached the final in the Canadian Amateur championship where he was defeated by George S. Lyon who on that occasion, registered the first of his eight Canadian amateur championships. Mr. Pattison died a few years ago. Until the last he kept up his interest in the Royal & Ancient game, of which he was one of the outstanding pioneers in Canada.

Fine Turf Maintenance

IV. Procedure For Fairway Improvement

O. J. NOER

THAT thin turf requires fertilization is generally conceded, but regular feeding of good grass is equally important to prevent deterioration and consequent weed infestation. By following an economical program of fertilization, needless and costly renovation can be avoided.

Where turf is poor a single application of fertilizer will not effect immediate transformation of such grass. A systematic program covering two or three years is the correct procedure. Some courage may be required to embark upon such a program, but the reward is desirable coverage in reasonable time, for all the desirable grasses spread under the urge of feeding. That this is the sensible procedure has been demonstrated upon many golf courses.

Basic Essentials Which Govern Fertilizer Program

The principles underlying fertilizer usage are comparatively simple. From the standpoint of fairways, nitrogen is the important element on established turf and phosphoric acid, to stimulate initial root development, is the key to successful coverage on new seedings. Constant watering and removal of clippings must be considered in devising a feeding schedule for greens.

Nitrogen Most Important on Established Fairways

On established fairways feeding must be built around nitrogen, with phosphoric acid and potash playing minor roles. Besides being the growth producing element, nitrogen feeding is the only known practical means of controlling clover. Lime, phosphoric acid, and potash all tend to favor clover, but when required this effect can be overcome by the judicious use of nitrogen. Aside from calcium, nitrogen is the sole element subject to appreciable loss in the drainage water, and further losses may occur as the result of de-nitrogenation. Phosphoric acid and potash are of lesser importance because the soil supply of these elements is constantly augmented by the decay of clippings.

Thin fairways require the same nutrients as are needed when the turf is good. The essential difference is in the amount of fertilizer needed and the frequency of application. While yearly applications usually suffice on dense sod, spring and fall fertilization is advised on poor turf, and where the grass is very thin and the soil exceedingly poor, an additional application in late May is sometimes needed.

Phosphates Improve Stand on New Seedings

On new fairway seedings phosphoric acid is usually the key to successful coverage. As compared with established turf, the more generous use of phosphate is warranted to encourage rapid root development of the young seeding. The stimulating

action of phosphoric acid on seeds of lower vitality usually results in a more uniform initial stand of grass, which is the first essential for rapid development of playable fairways. Furthermore, before seeding is the logical time to build phosphate reserves in the soil. Surface applications of soluble phosphate do not penetrate into the deeper soil layers, but when applied prior to seeding the phosphate can be incorporated with the deeper soil by thorough discing, and since leaching losses are negligible, this is sensible practice. Some nitrogen is also needed to promote growth and thus insure quick turf formation. Aside from the poorer sands, peats and mucks, the large soil supply of potash is ample to satisfy all demands for this element.

Failure to fertilize prior to seeding is responsible for the mistaken notion that good fairway turf cannot be obtained short of three to five years.

Established Fairways

The impression exists that only the more affluent clubs can afford the expense of fairway fertilization. The fallacy of this has been demonstrated by many of the smaller clubs. To reduce expense, areas out 100 to 150 yards from the tees were ignored, and in a few instances initial improvement was confined to the important landing areas and approaches, with the intention of extending treatments to intervening areas later.

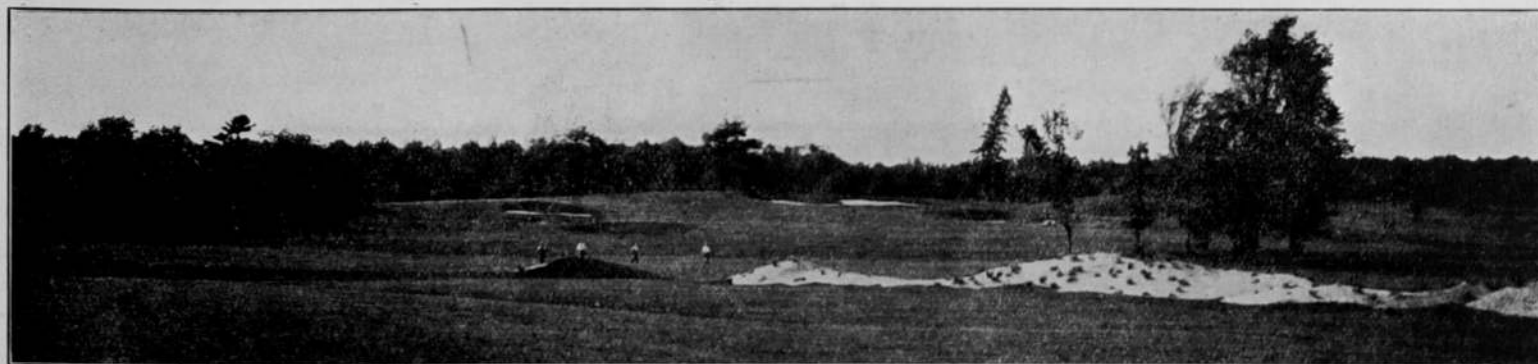
When turf is thin but uniform and fails to spread during spring and fall when soil moisture and air temperatures are favorable for growth, the underlying reason is obviously lack of sufficient plant nutrients in the soil. Under such circumstances feeding alone will effect decided improvement. Only large bare areas require reseeding and fertilization should precede seeding.

Frequently officials demand that fairways be top-dressed to eliminate small cuppy holes. Except in very rare cases, this is unnecessary for these depressions disappear as the turf thickens. Top-dressing is altogether too expensive to be considered as a means of materially increasing the supply of soil nutrients. There is always the grave danger of introducing crab grass and other undesirable weeds.

Manure besides interfering with late fall and early spring play, often carries objectionable weed and clover seeds. Both from the standpoint of cost and rapidity of improvement, superior results can be obtained with more concentrated materials.

In some districts, soils are too acid to support best growth of grasses even on fairways. It is in mid-summer that these effects are noticeable, for the grass on soils too acid to support good growth is the first to suffer from drought and high temperatures. The tendency of lime to encourage clover can be overcome by avoiding too heavy rate of application, and by supplementary feeding with nitrogen.

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View of the huge natural Bunker at St. Andrews East which is perhaps the largest sand-trap in the country

Jots From the Canadian Golfing World and Elsewhere

By T. HIGH

CANADIAN GOLFER FOR HOLE-IN-ONERS

Seventeen years ago CANADIAN GOLFER started the World's first Hole-in-One club, an example which has since been followed by firms and publications all over the world. The first year sixteen subscriptions were given to the fortunate golfers who were able to hole out from the tee. At that time a novel feat. During 1933 our office received attested hole-in-cards for no less than 212 individuals who had performed the exceptional feat. In 1932; 256 hole-in-one cards were sent in to CANADIAN GOLFER, therefore, during 1933 there was a depression in the "Oners", as well as things in general.

This year again every golfer who is successful in making a hole-in-one will be honoured with a yearly subscription to the CANADIAN GOLFER to bring back the happy memory.

Attested Cards to Montreal

The free subscription is granted on receipt of an attested score card to players who perform the feat during any full round on a hole which is being played under natural conditions. All cards should be sent to our head office in Montreal.

Explanation From P.C.A.

Much comment and interest has recently been aroused by the Professional Golfer's Association of America by their announcement to work out a plan which would help standardize golf instruction in the United States. In a recent dispatch from R. W. Treacy, the Secretary of the Association, it was pointed out that the efforts of the association had been misrepresented in a great many press reports, and that President Jacobus wished the plan to be called "recognizing and presenting the fundamental principles and mechanical laws of the golf swing". No doubt this statement of intention from the Secretary of the Association will put a great many professionals at ease, knowing that the governing professional body are not to set out any one rigid method for instruction, as had been the impression gathered from previous reports on the matter.

Foursomes in Quebec

The Quebec Branch of the Canadian Ladies' Golf Union will this year stage a foursome event as part of its tournament programme. This new and added feature for the Quebec Ladies is part of the programme being conducted to raise funds for the sending of a team to the Canadian Ladies' Championship in Toronto. It is also rumored that a mixed foursome will this year make its appearance on the Quebec Calendar card.

New Brunswick Latest Provincial Body

As a direct result of organized effort on the part of Professor E. O. Turner, of the Fredericton Golf Club, a New Brunswick Provincial Golf Association was formed at the beginning of this month. Prof. Turner was well supported in his efforts by the various clubs in his Province as well as the leading sportsman in his District, and there is no doubt that this new organization will do much to promote and further the interest of golf in the Maritimes. Professor Turner has for a considerable number of years been one of the prime promoters of organized golf in the East, where he has been largely responsible for the growing popularity of the Royal and Ancient pastime.

From the report of the organization meeting of the new body, it is evident that those interested had done much advanced work. The officers elected were as follows: Honorary President, Percy W. Thomson, Algonquin Golf Club, St. Andrews, President, Professor E. O. Turner, Fredericton Golf Club, Vice-Pres. J. Royden Thomson Riverside Golf & Country Club, Saint John, Sec. Treas. Frank N. Robertson, Westfield Country Club, Saint John, Directors. C. J. Jones, Woodstock Golf Club, C. W. Rand, Riverdale Golf Club, Moncton, Geo. J. Smith, Riverside Golf Club, E. Allison Mackay, Fredericton, Hugh A. Carr, Restigouche Country Club, Campbellton, Chairman of the par and handicap committee, P. L. Streeter, Riverside Club.

Twelve clubs were admitted to membership at the inaugural meeting, and there is little doubt that the other clubs in the province will fall in line immediately.

The first major event to be run by the association will be held on the links of the Fredericton Golf Club, on June 22nd and 23rd in the form of a 72 hole medal competition. This tourney will decide the provincial title holder for both amateur and open play as well as special four men team matches.

Both Professor Turner and P. L. Streeter have represented the Maritimes in the Interprovincial matches, and at the Canadian Championships as both are first class golfers. Their association with golf in the organized provinces will make it easy for them to operate the affairs in their province along the same lines as the other associations, and if not this year we can soon expect to see Nova Scotia competing as a team in the Interprovincial matches.

A CANADIAN FOURSOME IN BERMUDA



Left: Prominent Canadians Play in a friendly four-ball over the Belmont Manor course while vacationing in Bermuda. Left to right:—Mr. D. B. Hanna, Major Hugh C. MacLean, both of Toronto, Henry J. Gross of Montreal, and Chief Justice William A. MacDonald of Vancouver

ONTARIO PERSONALITIES By George Boeckh

DON GARRICK

Hitting the comeback trail with the same determination that characterized his convincing victories in the Canadian Championships of 1925 and 1927. Winning the Ontario Amateur last summer after five fruitless years has apparently whittled Don's appetite for at least one more national Championship, and right now this writer is predicting that Don will put the rest of the boys over the jumps at Laval-sur-le-Lac this summer.

Half way through last season Don switched over from hickory to steel shafts, and his technique improved almost overnight, and after a year's practice should feel perfectly at ease with the steel in his hands. There is an interesting story attached to Don's changing over to steel shafts, as he has steadfastly maintained that he would never desert the old hickory. In an invitation tournament at York Downs last Spring, Don was drawn with Phil Farley, Fred Hoblitzell, and Bill Taylor, three of the longest hitters in the Country, and usually when long hitters get together, each one is doing his best to give the others a little dust. This is precisely what happened, and some record driving resulted. Consequently Don, with his short distance hickory shafts took quite a beating for the tee, and having the same feelings as the rest of us, about being out-driven, he purchased a set of steel-shafted clubs the next day.

PHIL FARLEY

Unquestionably the most consistent scorer in Toronto, and probably in Canada. From May to October in practice rounds, and numerous small invitation tournaments, as well as the more important events, Phil will score consistently between 70 and 74. The writer would suggest to anyone who questions this, that they spend a few days playing with Phil at a nominal rate of, say one dollar nassau, and see how many



PHIL FARLEY

extra dollar bills they have at the end of that time.

Phil has spent some time during the past winter working out with Jimmy Johnstone, and claims that he has improved his swing somewhat. Just how is a secret that he is keeping to himself, with his only advice being, "wait and see".

JOE SULLIVAN

Known more familiarly to his many golfing friends as "Doctor Joe". Joe reports that his game is in excellent shape, and right now is playing the best golf of his career. The explanation of this is that he has worked very conscientiously with Dave Spittal all winter, and has improved his swing no end. Joe's chief trouble during the past has been his unfortunate habit of going into a shanking spell, when a couple of long straight one's would have put him over the top. Who has ever shanked what should have been an easy mashie-niblic pitch, will envy Joe's new swing that prohibits shanks of any sort. Just what this new swing will permit is, as yet, unknown.

Joe's chief feat last season was to decisively defeat Don Carrick, present Ontario Amateur King, etc., in the final for the Rosedale Club Championship with a round that was considerably below par. Congratulations Joe, and best of luck for this season.

FRANK THOMPSON

Twice winner of the Canadian Amateur Championship, is one of the most consistent club swingers in the Province. Frank recently deserted the oil business for the more remunerative, although less productive business of stock-broking. This will permit him to devote more time to his game, and as he admitted to the writer, that is the chief reason why he hasn't been seen at the top during the past couple of years. We all hope that Frank, the most prominent of that illustrious golfing family, will this year regain his old time form, and "take" the youngsters who have been handing him some good-natured kidding during the last couple of years.

JACK NASH

Not content with having held the golf championship of Ontario, Jack is now going out after the Badminton Championship. He has been carefully practising his slams, black-hand drive, and drop shots all winter, and as a result turned in a very fine performance in the Canadian Badminton Championships, and we believe that with a little more experience, should be a decided threat in this tournament.

Unfortunately Jack was unable to compete in most of the Ontario and Canadian golf tournaments last season, owing to the fact that he spent the greater part of the summer in an effort to win the British Amateur Championship, and while he didn't succeed in winning, he played well



GEORGE BOECKH.
well known Toronto golf star who will be a regular contributor in Canadian Golfer this season

enough to place himself amongst the ranking golfers in the world.



FRANK THOMPSON

Jack will be on hand for all the big tournaments this year, and his mentor Kerny Marsh claims that he most decidedly will be "in there".



JACK NASH

SHORT PUTTS (CONTINUED)

James Braid Active at 64

James Braid, who celebrated his sixty-fourth birthday last month, actually plays more golf than most of the younger professionals. He confesses that he has been playing golf for over sixty years having started before his fourth birthday and even now he averages five or six rounds a week. One of his long-standing engagements is with Sir Elmsley Carr, who regularly plays two rounds with the ex-champion every Monday, and for many years now the stock concession by Braid has been a "half".

Braid although born in Fifeshire, Scotland, has been professional at the celebrated London club, Walton Heath for over a quarter of a century. He won the British Open championship five times and other major events by the score. He has done a Hole-in-One 13 times. Although in his prime often invited to tour the United States and Canada for a handsome remuneration, he never could be persuaded to cross the Atlantic. True to his Scottish bringing up, Braid unlike many successful pros, has been careful and canny financially, and is reported to be exceedingly well-off.

George Dunlap Looks Good

It looks as though George T. Dunlop jr. the U. S. amateur champion, who leaves this month for England to take part in the Walker Cup matches and in the British amateur championship will have a chance of dominating Old Country amateur golf this season. George has been "going great guns" at Pinehurst, N. C. the past two or three weeks. In the North and South Open championship, with a score of 286 he tied for second place with such professional stars as Horton Smith and Harry Cooper, the former Canadian Open champion and the latter Hamilton, Ontario caddie. Then afterwards in the North and South amateur championship, which he won, in the second round of the championship, on the stiff No. 2 Pinehurst course, he broke all records both amateur and professional, when he registered a superlative 63 or eight strokes under par.

It looks as though in Dunlop, the United States is a second Bobby Jones in the making. He nearly won the British Amateur last year. Next June at Prestwick, he will be installed a warm favorite to annex the event. It really would seem to-day that he is the world's outstanding amateur.

Canadians at Augusta

When the master shot-makers of the American Continent gathered recently at Augusta, Canada did have a representative entry in the person of C. Ross Somerville

Sandy, however, was not the only Canadian among those present, as several of Canada's prominent personalities, and ardent golfers were to be found among the galleries. Sir Joseph Flavelle, along with his daughter, Mrs. Barrett, were very much interested, while the Lambton Golf Club will be hearing stories of this inter-



P. D. ROSS

prominent Ottawa sportsman and past President of the Canadian Seniors Golf Association who was among the Canadians present at Atlanta during the masters invitation tournament

esting event and magnificent course from Ernest Palmer, their past president, Lorne Mitchell, and Fred Stewart who were there to witness everything that happened. Mr. P. D. Ross of Ottawa, past president of the Canadian Senior's Golf Association, as well as Mr. Geo. L. Robinson, president of the Ontario Golf Association, and Mr. E. C. Gould, vice-president of the Royal Canadian were on hand to give the Canadians an official representation.

In a chat with Mr. Robinson, we hear that Mr. Gould was playing first class golf during his visit in the South, therefore, we can expect our Brantford Official to be to the fore as usual in his district events. Mr. Gould is the lowest handicap player on the R. C. G. A.

Match Play Open

A movement is now under way by the Professional Golfer's Association to stage an annual United States Open match play tournament, possibly in place of the annual

Travellers Tournament

From advanced bookings by the Steamship companies an unusually large number of Canadians will be visiting the Old Country this summer. Golfers amongst them will be interested to know that the famous Lucifer Golfing Society of London, will again stage a tournament for Overseas golfers. This year three qualifying rounds of 18 holes will be held on the two courses at Stoke Poges and at Moor Park, July 11th. There will be a prize for the best nett score on each links and the leading 34 returns on each—102 in all, will play 36 holes against bogey at Walton Heath on July 12 and 13—18 holes each day. The finalists will be the guests of Lord Riddell at lunch and tea, and of the Lucifer Society at the Empire

dinner in the evening at which it is hoped the Prince of Wales will be the guest of honor. To be eligible to enter, golfers must have certified handicaps of 18 or less Canadians anticipating entering for this delightful tournament should write the Hon. Scribe, Captain T. H. Carlton Levick, C. B. E. 81 Gracechurch Street, London E. C. 3. Last year several Canadians took part in the event which attracted golfers from all parts of the far-flung Empire.

P. G. A. Fixture which is held each year in the Fall. This matter which has been discussed on numerous occasions in the past might possibly be included as an event on this year's calendar, as President, Geo. R. Jacobus of the P. G. A. is decidedly in favour of such an event, and will do all possible to see that it is staged. Whether or not the U. S. G. A. would approve of such an event is not known, but there is no doubt that such a tournament would create a tremendous amount of interest and a decidedly increased gate receipt. Like all other competitions between those who make the game their business and those who play merely for amusement, the professionals would regularly win out. However, no one will deny the interest that might come from a match between George Dunlap and Gene Sarazen or Johnny Goodman and Paul Runyan, and so on. It is our guess that Gene Sarazen has not been consulted about this proposed change, because this stinky little gentleman would likely be again quoted as being of the opinion that the pros had everything to lose and nothing to win from such an engagement. This was the remark that Gene was said to have made when asked whether or not he intended competing in the master's Invitation Tournament at Augusta. It will be remembered that Sarazen was one of the few celebrities that did not put in an appearance at Augusta.

Learning to Putt

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acquire a method of hitting the ball where we want it to go. I grant that this is most difficult, but take it from me who has tried out several thousand different ways of putting, the method outlined above is the only one that enables me to hit the ball where I want it to go—approximately. May it do the same for you.

A Different Story

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Another very interesting fact may be noticed if one has followed the calibre of the scoring of the great American Professionals throughout the winter tournaments. Time and again two rounds of 69 were bearly good enough to land a player in runner-up position at the halfway mark of some of the big southern competitions. There can be no doubt that in these classics the scoring has been generally lower than ever before in the history of golf, and it was this sort of play which Jones was facing in his attempted comeback. Bobby is still a grand golfer, but lets hope the public will get over expecting him to equal or beat the best in any field in which he may compete. He did it once, all credit to him and another pat for retiring immediately afterwards. He was a good sport to play again at Atlanta where he'll always play no doubt. One thing is certain the more he plays from now on the more often he'll be trimmed.

The Proper Swing

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We Started Something

In our March issue we reproduced an editorial which had appeared in the Ottawa Journal, in which as we thought the editor was playfully picking apart an item on the subject of golf which was published in the Toronto Star. We can certainly justify our attitude in the matter by our heading, "Playful Boys These Editors", which appeared in our column, but evidently the parties in question were not quite as playful about the matter as we imagined, and now we seem to have been the cause of what is likely to turn out to be a grudge contest.

The Star writer in justice to himself has seemingly taken the matter very seriously and herewith, is reproduced his reply to his Ottawa friends, (or enemy's) remarks.

"It Is Caused by Sheer Envy"

"Some time ago there appeared on this page an editorial commenting upon the fact that in a certain place in the United States a pond on a golf course had been dredged and 1,100 golf balls had been recovered. On

this we remarked that if golf players were not rabbits they would insist that golf balls should be made to float, not sink, but the manufacturers impose on them a ball that will sink so that 1,100 of them may get lost in one water-trap on one golf course. It pleased the Ottawa Journal to comment upon this article in The Star, not wisely, but too well. The writer in that paper cast large and copious aspersions upon the golf playing ability of the writer of the editorial in this paper, suggesting that the main defect in his game is that he stands too close to his ball after he has made his drive.

The writer of the article in these columns, knowing full well the identity of the writer of the article in the Ottawa Journal and knowing that he was moved by envy of a golfing talent that moved him to despair, meant to take no notice of this article. But several golfers having brought to the notice of the writer of The Star editorial that the Ottawa Journal writer, by using social, political and, no doubt, financial influence, has succeeded in having his article reproduced in the Canadian Golfer,

where real golfers will see it, it becomes necessary to take notice of it. So the writer of our article stands too near his ball after he has made his drive, does he? This thing has gone too far to be settled peaceably. The next thing we know the Ottawa editor will be having his article reprinted in the London Times unless he is headed off. To head him off here is an offer: The writer of The Star editorial will play the writer of the Journal editorial for fun, money or marbles over a neutral course between the two cities — Oshawa (for instance) as there is an excellent course there. No reply to this is called for, except a plain Yes or No. We do not want a column of the Journal's well-known tergiversation and airy persiflage."

What will result from this open challenge is hard for us to predict, but from the tone of both the editorials we have read it seems to me that a referee for this contest will be almost a necessity. In view of our unexpected inclusion in the affair, we will, in fairness to both parties, offer to produce an official referee. Jack Cameron will likely get the call, as his experience in the National Hockey League with Lionel Conacher et al, should just about qualify him.

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Jots From the Canadian Golfing World and Elsewhere

By T. HIGH

Novel Tournament For St. Andrews

The St. Andrews Golf Club, like so many other courses are planning to make 1934 the most active year in their history. This St. Andrews East course, situated some forty miles north of Montreal, in the Laurentian hills boasts of one of the most perfectly laid out courses as well as one of the most exacting tests to be found in the Quebec Province. The opening event on Quebec's tournament schedule will be played there on the week end of June the 2nd as the St. Andrews Invitation tournament, while rumours have it that another new and important event will also be competed for over these same rolling fairways. Located, as it is, a considerable distance from the metropolis the course membership is naturally a small one, and, therefore, the directors invite and allow all golfers to take advantage of their course. To encourage week end visitors a novel, and interesting tournament has been drawn up by the committee, and Mr. Harry Snyder, a prominent member of the club has presented a handsome trophy for annual competition. Each week end the winners of the low gross, and low nett scores in competitions held on Saturday and Sunday will qualify for entry in the championship event which will be competed for the middle of September. This means that four players each week end will qualify for the final day's play, affording a large and representative field for final week end's competition.

Westerners Go Scalping

The West point Golf Club in Vancouver, where Harry Winder does the teaching, have a novel type of tournament on their club programme. It is known as the Scalp Tournament and is carried out as follows: Each member is given a button to wear on his golf sweater. This button represents his scalp. Any member then has the opportunity to challenge any other player in the club to a match for his scalp. The winner collecting the other man's badge. Any member who has not been beaten has the opportunity of challenging any other member to a game for the scalps he has already won, and the winner takes all. At the end of the season some member of the club will have scalped the entire membership and he will automatically become the chief.

Germany vs France (at Golf)

Announcement comes from Berlin of one of the most interesting tournaments of 1934. For the first time International German and French golf matches will be held at Frankfurt-on-Main the week of June 24th. Who knows but on the golf links of the two countries an Entente between the German and the French, will not yet be brought about. Golf certainly does make for friendly and cordial relations not only between individuals, but between nations as well.

A Ladies' Inter-Sectional



MRS. H. I. NELSON

Tournament Manager of the Quebec Branch of the C. L. G. U.

In a dispatch from Mrs. H. I. Nelson, tournament manager, of the Quebec Branch of the Canadian Ladies' Golf Union, we have been advised of an important decision which was recently made by the Canadian Ladies' Golf Union, the governing body of Ladies' golf in Canada.

At a recent meeting in Toronto the Ladies' Union announced that in the future permission would be granted to the various Provincial Associations or Districts to raise funds to send teams to compete in a Ladies' Interprovincial Match which would be played just prior to the Canadian Ladies' Championships, thereby, assuring a strong and representative entry of the Country's golfing talent in this major Canadian event. This subject has come up for discussion in the association from time to time, in recent years, but despite its acknowledged importance no decision was ever arrived at. The Canadian Ladies' Championships during the past few years have attracted rather disappointing entries, and there is no doubt that this new move on the part of the C. L. G. U. will do much to further the interest and importance of Canadian Ladies' Championships. This forward step plus the fact that a team of British Women golfers will play in the Canadian Ladies' Open in Toronto this year, means that the Centennial City will witness the finest Ladies' golf tournament ever held in the Dominion.

At the present three divisions have been made, the Eastern, Central and Western. The Western consists of one player from British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Ontario forms a central division, while Quebec and the Maritimes will be the east.



A view of the ninth hole at St. Andrews where the first Quebec tournament will be played

J. L. M. Thompson, Heads Manitoba Golf Association

Reports from Winnipeg show that the game of golf in the middle West, like in all other districts of the country is making rapid progress. The Manitoba Association one of the better organized golf bodies of the country held their Annual General meeting not long ago, and at which those present expressed general satisfaction of the manner in which the affairs in their province had been conducted. Judge Adamson who has completed two years as head of the Association retired this year in favour of Mr. J. L. M. Thomson who previously held the Vice President's office. The new executive is as follows: Hon. Pres. Judge Adamson, Pres. J. L. M. Thomson, Vice-Pres. Dr. P. J. Gallagher, Second Vice. Pres. Hugh Fairfield, Hon. Sec. G. L. Leggo, Directors J. A. Martin, Alcrest; R. G. Murray, Assiniboine; F. T. Guild, Canoe Club; Dr. Toobs, Elmhurst; R. R. Knox, Municipal; F. F. Tribe, Norwood; Secretary, Charles N. Harris. Reports show that the 1933 tournaments had attracted increased entries, and that the jurisdiction of the Association had expanded considerably. Among the likely innovations in the tournaments this year, will be the fact that the Manitoba Provincial Amateur title event, which this last year attracted 171 entrants, will this year be carried out as an all match play tournament eliminating the necessary qualifying rounds of medal play. This decision is part of a general trend for the encouragement of match play

Poise, What Is It?

Poise is a wonderful asset to a golfer. What is it? A combination of deliberation and self assurance probably offers a good interpretation. The one outstanding example is Walter Hagen and all golfers who have seen him play can recollect how he saunters on to a green, deliberately sizes up the putt and plays his stroke with 100% concentration. There is no fuss or nervousness or indecision; just plain "poise" and if reports are true this was cultivated to overcome a onetime natural nervousness.

Golf Least Objectionable Game

Golf, has been played for many years, it being known that in 1774 a club was formed in Scotland. Said Rec. Dr. T. H. Mitchell of St. Stephenson's college in a recent address to the members of the Rotary club of Edmonton, "and in my opinion is the least objectionable of all outside games". Dr. Mitchell described the Royal and Ancient pastime as having four virtues. It is good for the muscles, the mind, the morals, and the manners. All hazards in the game are really mental, and that, said the Doctor was parallel to the difficulties in life, which too where in reality only to be found in the realm of the imagination. Golf is a tonic for the mind, and discipline for the morals as well as a training in manners. President O. C. Oliver was in the chair.

36 Holes a Day For Forty Days

We are always hearing of exceptional stories of golfers who are setting up unique and record performances. From Saint John, N. B. comes a recent tale which is certainly worthy of note. Rev. J. Walter Holland, of Saint John, N. B. is no mean golfer, as this performance will bear-out. Recently Father Holland returned from Pinehurst, N. C. where on the Pinehurst course he played an average of 36 holes a day for forty consecutive days, in other words 440 holes of golf in forty days. Arriving at Pinehurst on December 30th he was greeted by his friend and former resident of Saint John Percy W. Thomson, who had a match all arranged for him that day. On January 22nd he had passed the 1000 holes mark which up to that time gave him an average of 42 holes a day for his stay up till that time. Apart from having earned this rather unique reputation for the amount of golf he has played, Father Holland holds numerous other distinctions.

As a member of the Riverside Golf & Country Club he won the Maritimes Senior Men's title in 1930 and can still be counted upon to give a good account of himself in any competition. During his stay at Pinehurst he returned many scores in the low seventies.

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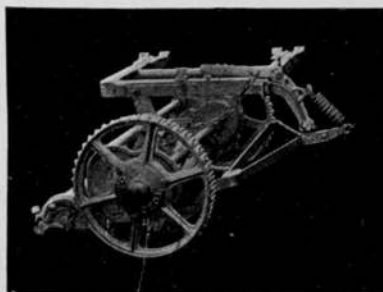
The boy was not much bigger than the bag he bore. "What does your man do wi' a' thae clubs?" he was asked, "maks me carry them" gloomily replied the boy.

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National Handicapping

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arranged and conducted in such a way that most of the responsibilities for the Provincial Handicapping lists will fall upon the Captains or handicap committees of the various clubs. The Provincial Associations are now so organized that their events will soon be open only to players who are the automatic members of the Association through their clubs, and whose handicapping ratings are therefore recorded through their play in the various Provincial championship events, handicapping field days, or club events. In other words to compete in organized golf in one's Province a player must be a member of a club which belongs to its Provincial association, thereby, giving the player an automatic Provincial handicap rating. The official ratings in most of the Provinces at the present time are granted as follows: Players with a handicap from one to ten can only secure these ratings by competing in Provincial championship events, handicapping field days, and Invitation tournaments. These records are kept by the office of the Provincial Associations and the handicaps granted according to the player's tournament records. The handicaps of eleven and over are granted by Provincial Associations upon the requests of clubs who furnish certified performances of their club-members. This phase naturally necessitates the understanding of the club executives of the approved system, and, therefore, the effects of the National Handicapping system works right into the clubs of the Country.

Club Handicaps Important

The handicapping committees of clubs whose members wish to take an active interest in organized golf in their city or province are, therefore, automatically called upon to see that their memberships are properly rated and registered with their provincial associations. No man will be terribly anxious to play his golf where it is not possible for him to obtain recognition as a golfer in his province nor be able to compete in the pleasant and interesting events conducted in his territory. It, therefore, leaves the various club executives with the option of having their club players accepted as part of organized golf in their respective provinces or be recognized as a club not interested in the support of organized golf whose players are not eligible to play in anything but club competitions where they would naturally expect such events to be run in a most haphazard and uninteresting manner.

Of Benefit To All

Therefore, the plans which the Royal Canadian Golf Association are now endeavouring to put into operation throughout the country will be acknowledged as an advantage throughout the entire Dominion. The club players are handicapped for their club events on the average of their five best performances. This figure according to the chart furnished by the Provincial Association gives an automatic handicap according to the course rating (course rating, being the standard which is arrived at by considering the difficulty of each hole on the course, is always close to par although not necessarily the same). These club handicap figures are kept on cards by the players themselves, and when registered with the provincial bodies are excepted as provincial ratings for players whose handicaps are eleven and over. Handicaps under eleven are only granted by the Provincial associations to players who secure them through competition in their organized events. National handicaps are then granted to players on the records provided by the Provincial Associations and on the performances of these players in National events.

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Fine Turf Maintenance

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Grasses exhibit marked differences in their ability to withstand acidity. The fescues and bents are capable of continuing normal growth in soils too acid to support lime-loving Kentucky blue grass. Besides kind of grass, type of soil and degree of acidity must determine rate of application. Very few realize that less lime is required on sandy soils than on heavy soils of the same acidity to produce the same effect. Table I can be used as a rough guide for determining the approximate amount of lime to use. It is supposed that the use of a high grade limestone of reasonable fineness is contemplated. Dolomitic limestones, because they supply some magnesium may be preferable to the calcite limestone in some districts.

TABLE I

Suggested Amounts of Limestone in Pounds Per Acre for Soil Textures and Grasses Indicated

Texture of Soil	Degree Soil Acidity	Pounds Limestone Per Acre	
		Kentucky Blue Grass	Fescue and Bent
Sands and Sandy Loams	Slight Acidity	1000	none
	Medium Acidity ..	2000	1000
	Strong Acidity	3000	2000
Loams, Silt Loams, Clay Loams and Clays	Slight Acidity	2000	none
	Medium Acidity ..	3000	2000
	Strong Acidity	4000	3000

Late fall and early spring are the best times to apply lime and whenever possible liming should precede fertilization by several months. Never apply lime immediately before using fertilizers containing ammonia salts. Burning may result from the liberation of gaseous ammonia, and there is the further danger of actual nitrogen loss by volatilization of the ammonia.

Annual liming is unnecessary. The rates suggested in Table I should suffice for 2 to 4 years.

With the possible exception of poor sands, mucks, and peats, the use of potash on fairways is unnecessary. Most soils contain from 20,000 to 40,000 pounds of actual potash in the surface soil layer. Then, too, potash is constantly returned to the soil by the decay of clippings. Since clovers are high potash feeders, the too generous use of potash should be avoided.

Occasionally established fairways are low in available phosphorus. Fortunately there are dependable methods for determining the supply of available soil phosphorus provided lead arsenate has not been used to control grubs and worms. Besides acidity determinations, the wise procedure is to also determine available soil phosphorus on representative soil samples. Ordinarily, the samples should be taken to a depth of 3 inches, but where phosphates or bone have been applied in the past, supplementary determinations of a shallow sample should be made,

for applied phosphates are fixed in the soil and seldom penetrate below the surface inch.

Grasses appear to differ either in their need, or in their feeding power for phosphoric acid. Fescues and bents succeed in soils too low in available phosphorus to permit successful growth of Kentucky blue grass. Besides kind of grass, soil texture and soil supply of available phosphorus should be considered in determining rate at which phosphate should be used. These factors are all taken into account in Table II, which can be used as a guide for determining the amount of phosphate to use. The indicated rates are for 20% superphosphate, but if other materials are substituted they should be applied at rates to supply the same amount of actual phosphoric acid. The heavier rate should be used where the available soil phosphorus approaches the lower limit, and the lower rate where the available phosphorus approaches the upper limit.

TABLE II

Suggested Rates for Applying 22% Super-Phosphate for Soil Textures and Grasses Indicated Based on Available Soil Phosphorus by Truog Method

Texture of Soil	Pounds Available Soil Phosphorus Truog Method	Pounds Per Acre 20% Superphosphate	
		Kentucky Blue Grass	Fescue and Bent
Sands and Sandy Loams	0—25	200—300	100—200
	25—50	100—200	0—100
	50—75	0—100	none
	75+	none	none
Loams, Silt Loams, Clay Loams and Clays	0—25	300—400	200—300
	25—50	200—300	100—200
	50—75	100—200	none
	75+	none	none

Annual applications of phosphate are seldom needed. The rates suggested in Table II are sufficient for 2 to 4 years.

On very acid soils where lime is needed, the lime should be applied several months in advance of the phosphate if possible. This tends to increase phosphate efficiency by reducing the possibility of its being fixed and converted into unavailable forms by the acid soil.

Turf improvement now becomes a matter of nitrogen feeding for this is the element responsible for green color and active growth. It also encourages the grass to spread and is the element responsible for clover control.

Where turf is thin, spring and fall applications should be made at reasonably heavy rates. After good turf is obtained, annual applications at rates just sufficient to maintain growth suffice.

Either the slower acting, longer lasting organic forms of nitrogen, or the quick acting soluble materials can be used. Because there is no danger of loss during the winter, the true organics are certainly best for fall use. Even in the spring, the sole use of inorganics is not advised; the supplementary use of

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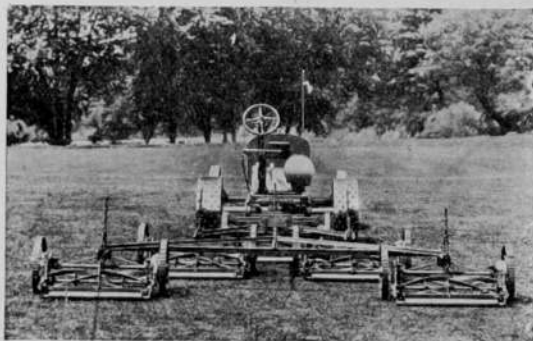
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some organics is best to insure longer lasting effects. From 1200 to 1500 pounds per acre of good organic fertilizer is warranted on poor fairways, but sulphate of ammonia or other soluble materials should not be applied in single applications at rates beyond 200 pounds per acre because of the danger of burning. When both kinds of nitrogen are desired, from 800 to 1200 pounds of organic and 100 to 200 pounds of soluble material can be used. If phosphoric acid is needed, one of the ammonium phosphates can be used instead of sulphate of ammonia.

New Fairways

It is easier to obtain a good stand of turf than attempt improvement later, and once a good stand of grass is obtained, a systematic program of feeding should be followed to avoid gradual deterioration and subsequent weed infestation.

To insure satisfactory results, the soil should not be too acid, especially for Kentucky blue grass, and available soil phosphorus should be abundant to stimulate initial root development. A supply of nitrogen is also essential to promote vegetative growth. With the possible exception of sands, peats, and mucks, the use of potash is unnecessary.

Fortunately, acidity and available phosphorus can be ascertained easily. These determinations should be used as a guide in formulating the fertilizer program.

On acid soils the use of lime at rates approximating those given in Table I are warranted. If possible, lime should be applied and worked into the surface soil several months in advance of seeding.

Development of a satisfactory root system following germination is favored by a generous supply of phosphoric acid. Superphosphate because of its quicker action is preferred to bone meal. It is suggested that rates recommended in Table II be increased approximately 25 percent for new seedings.

The true organics are the best source of nitrogen for new seedings, for they will not injure the sensitive your seedling. Rates of 1500 to 3000 pounds per acre are justified on exceedingly poor soils, from 1200 to 1500 pounds per acre can be used to advantage on light colored soils of moderate fertility, and from 800 to 1200 pounds per acre suffice on better soils.

The fertilizers should be applied before seeding and worked into the surface soil to a depth of two to three inches.

How To Apply Fertilizers

Since fertilizers do not move laterally in the soil, uniform distribution is important. Carelessness leaves tell-tale marks of poor turf in unfertilized areas or strips, or localized injury may result where applications are too heavy.

The two-wheel hopper type fertilizer and lime spreader is best. The machine should cover a strip 8 to 9 feet wide and have a hopper capacity of at least 500 pounds. Unless outlet spouts are placed close together, fertilizer will fall in ribbon-like strips. More uniform distribution and danger of burning can be avoided by either of the two following methods. Attach grain seeder chains to the outside edge of the spreader board directly below each outlet spout, or remove the spreader board and substitute a steel mat of the same width as the hopper, and sufficiently long to drag on the ground for several feet behind the spreader.

Operators should be cautioned to overlap on each round, or unfertilized strips several feet in width will result. Likewise, they should not apply soluble materials when the grass is wet, the ground damp, or during spells of hot weather. Care should be exercised not to spill fertilizer when filling the hopper, and the outlet spouts should be closed promptly whenever the machine stops, so fertilizer does not continue to flow. Ugly and permanent burned spots may result.

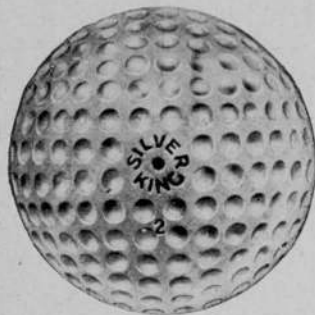
How To Estimate Amount Of Fertilizer Required

Where fairways average 50 yards wide, for all practical purposes there is one acre for each 100 yards of length. If the width averages 60 yards, there is an acre for each 80 yards of length. By subtracting yardage of short holes and length of areas to be omitted in front of tees from the course yardage, it is easy to compute the acreage to be treated and calculate the approximate quantity of material required.

The next and concluding article will deal with fertilization of greens and related maintenance practices.

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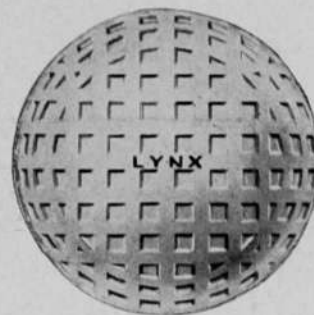
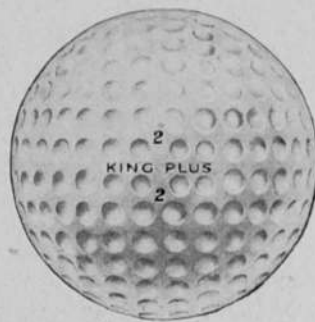
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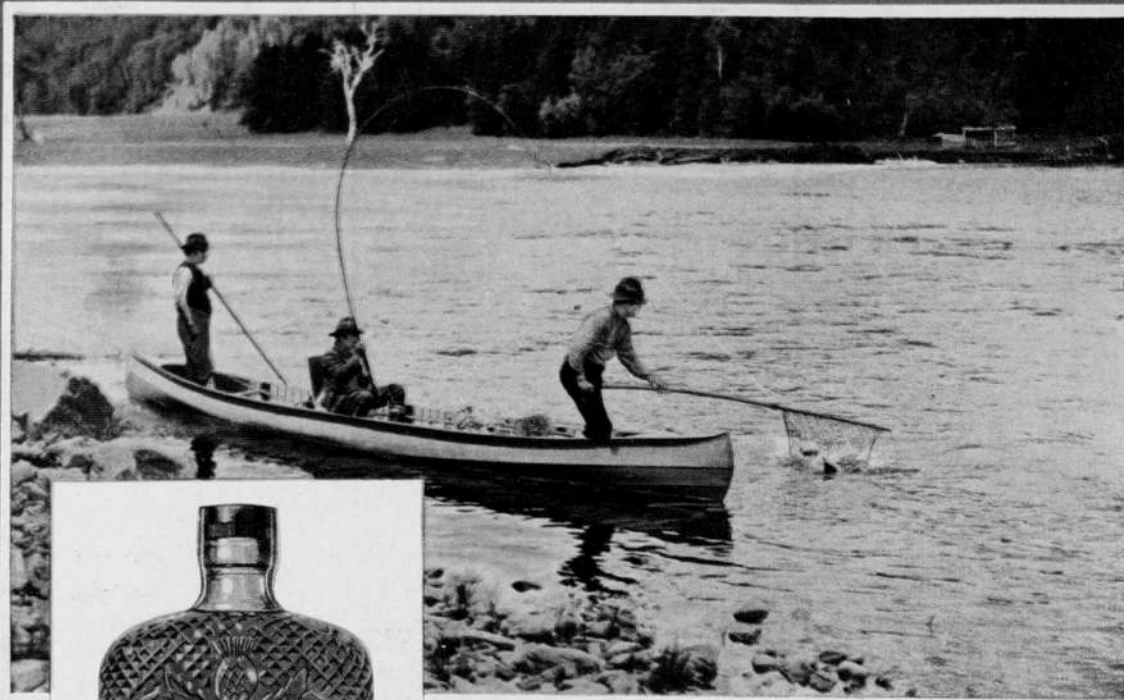
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