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CHAMPIONSHIPS CANCELLED.

At a meeting of the directors of the Royal Canadian Golf Association, held at the Lambton Golf and Country Club, Toronto, on April 28th, it was unanimously decided to indefinitely postpone the Amateur championship, the Ladies' Amateur championship and the Open championship.

This action of the directors will be heartily endorsed by all golfers. In Great Britain the major events have been cancelled, and the R. C. G. A. acted wisely in following the example set by the parent body.

There are hundreds of members of Canadian golf clubs at the front, or going to the front, already several well-known players have "laid down their clubs for duty's sake and joined the

Great Majority," and it is only fitting that the governing body of Canadian golfdom should postpone any spectacular competitions until the lowering war clouds lift. And until they do lift, rest assured Canadian golfers will not be found wanting, either in the contribution of men or money. No amateur body of sportsmen in the Dominion has responded so nobly and adequately to the call, "Your King and Country need you," as the followers of the Royal and Ancient game.

THE ROYAL AND ANCIENT GAME

A valued subscriber to the "Canadian Golfer" writes asking why golf is always referred to as "The Royal and Ancient Game."

Authorities have not been able to exactly decide how and when this appellation was first given to the sport, but away back in the misty past, in Scotland, the game was always referred to as "The Royal and Ancient Game of Goff." Though no doubt Scottish monarchs handled the club before him, James IV. is the first who figures formally in the golfing record, and his fondness for the game probably earned the title for it of "Royal." James V. was also very partial to the sport, and there is some scrap of evidence to show that his daughter, the unhappy Mary

Stuart, was in some sort of feminine way a golfer. It was alleged by her enemies that, as showing her shameless indifference to the fate of her husband, a very few days after his murder she "was seen playing golf and pallmall in the fields beside Seton."

As regards the "Ancient" part of the term, as golf was popular in Scotland as far back as 1457, it certainly deserves that recognition and honor. James IV, probably gave it the title of "Royal," and its antiquity earned for it the title of "Ancient." Therefore you have, "The Royal and Ancient Game."

SHOULD GOLF BE STOPPED?

"The Golf Monthly," published in Edinburgh, Scotland, devotes considerable space in its Easter number to the question, "Should golf be stopped?" and it quotes a number of leading authorities to show that there is no reason at all why the game should be banned.

Mr. Lloyd-George, one of the busiest men in the world, is keeping his vigor up to the highest mark by playing whenever possible at Walton Heath. The Prime Minister, too, has an occasional afternoon off at the links. Walton Heath has also during recent fine afternoons been the meeting place of several Cabinet Ministers.

The Captain of the Royal and Ancient, Mr. H. W. Forster, M.P., says: "Fresh air is better and exercise is better than brooding over newspapers."

The Earl of Lonsdale, one of the greatest sportsmen of England, is of the decided opinion that "golf, a healthy exercise, should go on; it is good for the individual, and the industry provides employment. We require all the health and energy that the nation can obtain at the moment, so why stop an exercise or game that is conducive to the health of those who take part in it?"

Mr. Joynson Hicks, M.P., who has been one of the leading platform orators in the recruiting campaign, says: "The war will not prevent me having a game."

Lord Glenconner is of the opinion "that no golfer need refrain in these times from his game, which serves to distract his thoughts if they should be

melancholy, and the practise and enjoyment of which can hurt no one's feelings."

The "Golf Monthly" concludes a very trenchant article by saying:

"We have asked the opinions of some of the leaders of the country, and a large response which we have received shows that the men in high places are firmly of the opinion that there is no reason whatever for the golfer refraining from playing, under the impression that playing golf is out of place at the present time. Golf is not a sport which attracts large numbers of spectators, it is a healthy exercise, useful in keeping men fit and in physical order. If the great reserve fund of our nation's manhood is yet to be called upon to finally drive the supremacy of Great Britain home—and this we do not for a moment consider likely—there is no better method for the man who has been compelled to stay behind to keep himself prepared for all eventualities than by the open-air life of the links."

There is no reason at all in Canada, either, why the golfer should give up his game or club match. The Captain of the Royal and Ancient succinctly sums up the whole question when he states, as previously quoted, that "Fresh air is better and exercise is better than brooding over newspapers."

Another phase of this golf playing question: There is no reason why in Canada, as in Great Britain, club competitions should not be made the medium for raising funds for the Red Cross and other patriotic funds. The "Canadian Golfer" is glad to note that the suggestion made along these lines in the columns of the May number of the magazine has already been taken up by several clubs, and that by charging an entrance fee quite substantial sums have been raised for various patriotic objects. If every golf club in Canada would follow the example already instituted, it would be surprising the amount of money which could be raised on the golf links. To repeat from the May issue of the "Canadian Golfer": Not a club competition should be played unless the contestants contribute an entrance fee for the Red Cross or other fund.

Yes, play golf if you have the time and the inclination. It will keep you mentally and physically fit these times of worry and stress, but don't forget the patriotic funds require your financial support and encouragement.

Chip Shots

"Golf and the world laughs with you."



"Get the habit." Send the "Canadian Golfer" to your golfing friends who reside outside of the Dominion. It will keep them well informed of "Who's Who" and "What's What" on the Canadian courses.



The measurements of the new Hamilton golf course, published in the May number of the "Canadian Golfer," have provoked a great deal of interest and discussion. Mr. Harry Colt, the golf architect who laid out the course, is perhaps the world's greatest authority. Even in playing the back tees, or championship course, of 6,350 yards, he has not provided for a hole over 500 yards long. This is a radical departure from a few years ago, when holes of 500 up to, in some cases, nearly 600 yards were thought to be an absolute necessity on every first-class course. Mr. Colt favors a "long shot" hole of between 425 and 460 yards.



The Atlanta (Ga.) Golf Club has deposited \$10 in the National Bank there to be won by any golfer making the No. 8 hole in one in tournament play. The money will remain at interest until "lifted." The Atlanta club got the idea from a member who got it from a Scotch golf course when touring Great Britain. A man made a hole in one, and promptly endowed the hole with two pounds sterling, to remain in the bank drawing interest until somebody equalled his performance. It took twenty years to do it—and the lucky golfer found quite a neat little sum in the bank subject to his check. Here's an idea for some of our Canadian clubs to endow their pet one-shot hole.



So eminent an authority as the "British Medical Journal," in a recent issue, takes occasion to warn golfers and others from cutting open golf balls, many of which have a dangerous fluid core. A large number of quite serious accidents are fully reported in the "British

Medical Journal," the chief danger being to the eyes. Loss of sight in several cases is reported. It is important to note that the accidents recorded have all been due to the balls being cut open, and not to their bursting during play. Moral: Don't cut open a golf ball, and warn young people especially to abstain from doing so. They are particularly prone to gratify their curiosity to see what is "inside the outside."



The "Canadian Golfer" appreciates very much the action of the directors of the Royal Canadian Golf Association in making the magazine their official organ in Canada. As the Canadian Ladies' Golf Union had already taken similar action, the "Canadian Golfer" is now launched on its career under the most favorable auspices. The many kind letters of commendation of the first number, received from all parts of the Dominion and from many golfers in the States, are also deeply appreciated.



The C. P. R. authorities are seriously considering another year taking up the question of inaugurating a summer tournament at the beautiful St. Andrews (N.B.) links. The situation on the sea is ideal, the name St. Andrews is fairly redolent of golf, and there seems no particular reason why Canada should not have a successful summer tournament which would attract players from the Dominion and United States alike. And there could be no more ideal location for such an event than St. Andrews.



The toll of death of golfers throughout the Empire in the war has already been very great, and Canada has furnished her full quota of well-known players. They will be grieved for in their homes, they will be sorely missed on many a links, but "it is sweet and fitting to die for the homeland." Their heroism at Ypres and in other engagements will never be forgotten in club house and where golfers do congregate.

Some of the Best One, Two and Three Shot Holes I Have Played

Geo. S. Lyon

I HAVE been asked by the Editor of the new Canadian Golf Magazine to write an article on what I consider some of the best "one, two and three shot holes" I have played. I will endeavor to do this from my own point of view, at the same time knowing that many golfers of repute will differ with me. However, as we all look at these things from a different angle, I will proceed to give my opinion.

Now in first dealing with one-shot holes—and there is no more important hole on any well-designed golf course—I am not saying what particular club should be used, but simply holes that can be reached with any club the player may choose from his sett, in one shot.

I will start by mentioning two holes on the Toronto golf course—the 4th and the 17th. These are two very good short holes, particularly the former, which I play from the back tee with a midiron, the distance being 180 yards. The green is on a diagonal plateau and requires a most accurate shot to hold the green. It is a good three, but often costs many more, as should you be either short or over, you are in a ravine from which it is very hard to place your second dead. This I consider one of the best short holes I have ever played. The 17th is also a good one-shot hole, and requires accurate play, but not nearly so hard a three as the 4th. I also play a midiron here (190 yards).

The 11th hole at St. Andrew's, Scotland, is a very good short hole (135 yards). The green is guarded on the near side by two well-placed bunkers, in the shape of pits, only about fifteen yards apart, and if you are too strong, you are over the green into the Eden, where all kinds of trouble awaits you, as in pitching back the green slopes away from you and you are lucky to get a 4. This is a world-famous hole.

Another good short hole is the 13th at Sunningdale, England. This hole is played from an elevation to the green below, which is surrounded by a circular bunker in the centre, the green being all around it. The flag is placed sometimes on the far side of the centre bunker, sometimes either on the right or left of it, but no matter where, you have to play a very true shot not to get trapped.

Another good short hole is at the Prestwick course in Ayrshire, Scotland. It is a blind hole, but a good one. It is the 5th, and I think is called the Himalayas. It requires a cleanly hit ball off the tee, as the burn is just in front of you, and an immense sand bank, rising several feet in height, is just over the burn, and the sand is of the quality that costs many strokes to get out of.

I have a very clear recollection of playing a fine short hole (a mashie shot) at St. Louis, on the Glen Echo golf course. The green is placed on the opposite side of a pond of water, the distance being 149 yards, and sloping up from the edge. To play the hole properly, you have to pitch just over the water on the near edge of the green. I was playing Mr. Newton, champion of the Pacific Coast League. He ran over the hole about fifteen feet, leaving himself a nasty down-hill putt. I was about the same distance to the right of the hole, and had to putt well above the hole in order to sink my putt. The referee decided Newton was away, and he pulled off a beautiful putt and looked like a sure winner of the hole, but I putted at a point about a yard above the hole and trickled down and into the hole and secured a good and lucky half which eventually proved very useful, as I only won the match on the thirty-sixth green by 1 up. Perhaps I am a little prejudiced in

favor of this short hole, but it certainly is a good one. I can go on writing about short holes, the subject is such a fascinating one, until I filled the columns of the new magazine, but have written enough already to fairly well cover the ground, so will just mention a few others I consider particularly good. The 7th at Lambton Golf and Country Club, Toronto, the 18th at Garden City, N.Y., the 7th at Kent County, Grand Rapids, the 12th at the Royal, Ottawa, and the 9th at the Chicago Golf Club.

Now just a word about a few two-shot holes. Probably the best one I ever played was the Alps at Prestwick, Scotland. It is a blind hole, but requires two very good shots, particularly the second, as the green is so well guarded. Just short of it there is an immense sand pit, and on the far side is a hill covered with heather, while on both left and right there is also trouble. It is a grand hole.

Another very fine two-shot hole is the Bottle hole at Sunningdale, England, which requires two of the best full shots you can play, and then you are lucky if you avoid the bunker on the left of the green. A very fine hole, indeed, but you will have to go far afield to find a better two-shot hole than the fourth at Lambton. Of course, I mean from the back tee. This makes the hole about four hundred yards long, and you have to play two fine strokes to reach the green, which is just over the Black Creek, and is hard to hold. A full midiron, which only carries the water by about two or three yards, is the proper second and will enable you to secure a four.

Other good two shot holes I might mention are the 5th at Toronto Golf club, the 4th at Rosedale Golf Club, the 9th at Royal Ottawa, (this hole could be much improved by moving the tee back twenty yards); the 7th at Royal, Montreal; the 5th at Beaconsfield, Montreal; the 7th at Royal St. George, Sandwich, England, and the 1st, Garden City, N.Y.

Now as regards three-shot holes. One of the best I know of is the 15th or Punch Bowl at Lambton. This hole, unlike most long holes, has never

been reached in two strokes, and some of the longest players in the world have played it, notably Edward Ray, and that mighty swiper, Mr. F. Herrischoff. This hole is a par 5, and it requires three good shots to get in the bowl, and occasionally the putt is run down for a 4. Two other good three-shot holes are the 16th and 18th at Royal, Ottawa. The latter could be much improved by placing bunkers for the 1st and 2nd shots. At present you can go where you please. The 16th at the Toronto Golf Club is a fine hole, but the long swipers can occasionally reach it in two. Nevertheless, it is a very fine hole. The 8th hole at Rosedale is a fine three-shot hole, and I don't think any player has ever reached the green in two, though during the open championship played there in 1913, a professional, whose name I cannot recall, carried the creek on his second, but not straight for the green. During the same tournament, Alex. Smith of Wykagil, New York, crossed on the bridge, which is less than a yard wide, and I heard he called the shot. It is, however, a good three-shot hole, and the cross hazards are well placed. The Royal Montreal Golf Club has a good three-shot hole in the 17th (570 yards.) It was at this hole where I succeeded in eliminating from the amateur championship in 1913, Mr. G. H. Turpin, the favorite. I was 1 up going to the 17th. We were both on in three. I was about 15 feet from the pin, he about 8 feet. I succeeded in holing a rather difficult down-hill putt for a 4, while Turpin went in and out again, remaining on the lip. As my old friend and "guid" Scotchman, Alex. Hutchinson, of the Royal Montreal, would say of my putt, "Lyon's luck."

I have played many good three-shot holes, both in the United States and Great Britain, but space and time will not permit me to write of them. I might, however, mention the following, which come vividly to my recollection. The 5th and 14th at St. Andrew's, Scotland; the 13th and 15th, Royal St. George, Sandwich, England; the 14th, Sunningdale, England; the 6th and 13th, Garden City, N.Y.; the 9th, Apa-

wamis; the 4th, Kent County, Grand Rapids.

The new Hamilton golf course at Ancaster, which is to be opened this fall, has many fine one, two and three-shot holes, and, in my estimation, will be one of the very best courses on the whole continent of America. I had the pleasure of walking over it last fall, and was very much impressed with it.

In conclusion, what a golf course demands nowadays is "character," and and it is only by having at least a few outstanding holes above the average, that a course will be remembered, or will receive recognition from the ever-increasing and ever-becoming-more critical body of ardent sportsmen who are followers of the grand old "Royal and Ancient" game.

The Question of Larger Holes

SHALL the diameter of the putting hole be increased? That is a question which is being discussed in golf circles, both in Great Britain and the States. In England, George Duncan, the brilliant professional golfer, who, however, has yet to make his mark in the Open Championship, comes out "roundly" in favor of increasing the size of the cup.

As is well known, the hole at present is $4\frac{1}{4}$ inches in diameter, and must be at least 4 inches deep. Duncan and some other few well-known players are urging the extending of the diameter to 8 inches. And their argument in favor of the change is based on the contention that putting plays altogether too important a part in the game under present conditions. They assert that the "festive putt" counts for nearly 50 per cent. of the player's efficiency. Given the regulation two putts on every green and you have a total of 36 strokes. In a score of 72, putting represents just one half of the score. Of course "seventy-twos" are not pulled off every day, even by the best of 'em, but a man doing the round under the "eighties" fairly regularly is dependent a great deal on good putting for his scores. In other words, the Duncanites claim the work of the putter is almost the equal of all the other clubs in the bag put together.

On the other hand, if the hole was enlarged to eight inches, the good short player would be absolutely at the mercy of the long player. What availeth him if he does lay his ball

dead to the hole? The player depending on his long game through the green would probably on a large number of holes be there one stroke ahead of him, and an eight-inch hole would have no terrors for the poorest putter, even if he was ten to fifteen feet away. "Matches are won and lost" on the putting green, the very finest exemplifications of the game are to be seen approaching the green and on the green, the stymie is an important factor in many a close and hard-fought match, calling for the quintessence of skill, and the "eight-inch" hole would put the kibosh on all these fine points of the sport.

The New York Sun recently published an article on this subject of an eight-inch hole, and sent out letters asking the opinion of well-known golfers, professional and amateur, in reference thereto. With but few exceptions, however, golfers in the States, like their brethren in Great Britain, it is satisfactory to know, are irrevocably opposed to the change.

The $4\frac{1}{4}$ inch hole has stood the test of the years stretching back into the dim past. The whole game of golf, the architecture of golf greens and courses has been built around its fateful diameter, and the chances are that the "naughty little, sporty little, gay golf ball" will for all time to come have to find that four-and-a-quarter-inch circle before it fades from sight on the putting green and brings joy to the heart of the man who "sank it."

The Tragedy of a Short Putt

HENRY LEACH'S delightful book, "The Happy Golfer," has recently been issued from the press by the well-known publishing firm, the Macmillan Company, of New York City and Toronto. Mr. Leach has played golf in England, Scotland, Ireland, Italy, France, Spain, America, with a few other countries thrown in to make good measure, and he writes from the standpoint of an expert player, as well as a writer of note and charm. Herewith "The Tragedy of the Short Putt," which is reprinted by the courtesy of The Macmillan Company:

The strange case of Sir Archibald Strand is one that caused much excited attention among the members of the golf community in general some months ago, and it is still discussed in the club-houses. Sir Archibald Strand, Bart., is a fair example of the thorough, enthusiastic, middle-aged player, who treats golf as something rather more than a game, which is as it should be. He is one of tolerably equable temperament, a good sportsman, and a man of strong character and physique, who did a long term of military service in India. Nowadays he spends an appreciable portion of his time in golfing, and a fair part of the remainder in contemplating the enduring mysteries and problems of the links. The game worries him exceedingly, occasionally it leads him to unhappiness, but, on the whole, he feels he likes it. He is a member of several London clubs, including Sunningdale, Walton Heath, Mid-Surrey, Coombe Hill, and Woking, and of his seaside clubs those he most frequents are the Royal St. George's at Sandwich, and Rye. His handicap is 5, and generally he is what we consider and call a good reliable 5.

He and his opponent, to whom, as a matter of discretion and confidence, we must refer as Mr. A., had just ended their match at Mid-Surrey one pleasant day, and Sir Archibald was trying his last putt over again as golfers often do. It was a putt of two feet. He had missed it before; but now, of course, he

rolled the ball in every time. A question arose about circumstances altering cases, as they so commonly do in golf, and of responsibility weighing heavily on the mind that hesitates; and Sir Archibald declared that nobody in good health could be such a fool as to miss a two-foot putt like that, if he really examined the line thoroughly, and took the proper pains. Just then the open champion of the period was passing by the green, and they called him up and asked his views upon the missing of two-foot putts. Taylor denied that a man was a fool for missing them. He mentioned the psychology of the business, and very forcibly argued that a two-foot putt was a very difficult thing, that the more important it was the more difficult it became, and that the longer one thought about it the more impossible did it seem to hole it. "Ah!" said he, with the solemn countenance he assumes when discussing the terrors of this game, and the deep emphasis he makes when he admits the difficulties it creates for him. "Ah!" he murmured, "if I had never missed any putts of one foot, let alone the putts of two! I tell you, sir, the two-foot putt, when it has to be done—mind you—when it has got to be done—is one of the most difficult things in the world to do, and never mind the fact that your babies can do it all the time! Take that from me, sir!" This was a touch of the real Taylor, the true philosopher, one who knows the game.

Mr. A., who is sometimes aggressive in manner, brought the matter in discussion to a pretty point at once. "Look here, Strand," said he, "I will tell you what I will do. I will place this ball here, so, exactly two feet from the hole, and I will give you a fortnight, but not less than a fortnight, to hole that putt. You are not to practice it here at this hole on this green in the meantime; but you may place the ball in position if you like, and look at it. And a fortnight to-day, at ten o'clock in the morning, you must make the putt, and I will bet you fourteen guineas, being a

guinea a day for waiting, that you do not hole it. We will have the position of the hole properly marked, so that a fortnight hence it shall be in the same place.

The champion said he would tell Lees, the green-keeper, and that should be done. Strand, with a laugh, accepted the wager, and the matter was settled.

The events that followed were curious. In the club-house there was then little disposition to attend to the accounts of the proceedings that were furnished by both parties. The men who had finished rounds were too much occupied with their own troubles or joys.

At his club in town that evening Sir Archibald, over dinner, related the circumstances of the wager to a few friends, with an appearance of considerable satisfaction with himself, and seemed a little surprised that the other members of the party did not at once approve of his proceeding as sound and business-like.

"Of course, you know, Strand, my good man," said Mr. Ezekiel Martin, a successful stockbroker, "these putts are missed sometimes, and I don't suppose it makes it any easier for you by waiting a fortnight. It's like carrying over in the House till one is a very tired bull."

"Nonsense!" exclaimed Sir Archibald, "I could go out now and hole that putt nineteen times out of twenty in the dark.

"I believe you could," answered Martin, "but doing it in the dark, when you cannot see the hole and realize all the imaginary difficulties, is very different from doing it in broad daylight; and putting now, on the spur of the moment, as it were, is very different from putting when you have a whole fortnight to think about what you are going to do."

"I don't see it," replied Sir Archibald, yet he began to feel a little uneasy. On returning home that night, instead of going to bed at once, he went into his study, laid a tumbler on its side on the carpet, and putted from a measured two feet for about half an hour. He holed most of them, and tumbled into bed feeling that Martin had been "pulling his leg," as people say. In the morning

he engaged a gardener to smooth down a piece of his lawn, planting in a little putting-green turf, and he had a hole made in it, and a circle with two feet radius drawn round the hole, so that he could putt from every point. When this work was done he spent an hour in practising there, and succeeded well. He only missed about one in ten. He tried seven different putters, with approximately equal results. In the afternoon he went down to Mid-Surrey, played a match, and lost it by missing a short putt at the home hole. After tea, he went out on to the eighteenth green, found the spot where the hole was the day before, examined it carefully, and saw that there were slight differences in the texture of the grass round about, and that there was a little depression to the left side. He had not noticed that before. However, said he to himself, it would be easy to make allowances for these things, but he began now to doubt whether thirteen days ahead he would use his wry-necked putting cleek or bolt the putt with an aluminum putter. Where there are troubles of that kind it is often better to make short work of the putt by the bolting way, and have an end of it. At home that evening he did more putting practice on the carpet and did not hole them quite so well. Lady Strand, who understands her husband thoroughly, and is the sweetest, gentlest sympathizer, coaxed him to telling her the trouble, for she saw that one existed. With perfect wisdom she suggested that he should wipe the fourteen guineas from the current account as already lost, and face the task as one who had all to gain and nothing to lose. Of course, her husband said, it was not the money, but the frightful jackass he would look if he missed the putt.

He went to his club in town the next day instead of going to golf, and took with him a book containing a chapter on putting, by Willie Park. He stretched himself out on a Chesterfield in a corner of the library, and gazed at two spots on the carpet which he had measured as being two feet from each other. Eventually, he decided that that was not good for him, since equal distances in furnished rooms, as is well known, look longer than they do outside. He

lunched with a few friends, and brought up the subject again.

"Give him the money and have done with it, Strand. You are sure to lose!" said the brutish Martin.

"I wish I had not to wait for a fortnight," murmured Strand.

"Ah! He knew! The other man knew!" rejoined Martin. "He knows the game of golf! What I cannot understand is why he did not give you a year and make it 365 guineas. You would have sold out in six weeks at £200!"

Sir Archibald wrote a letter to Mr. A. that evening, intimating that he would probably have to leave town the week after the next. He hinted that it might be convenient if they got their wager out of the way beforehand, and if he putted a week from then. Mr. A. replied that he was sorry it would not be convenient for him to attend then, and that the signed terms of the contract had better be abided by.

Sir Archibald bought two new putters on the following day, and in the afternoon he had Taylor out for an hour, and they went practising on the putting lawn just outside the garden gate. Sir Archibald was putting very well then; but he insisted that it would be a good thing to change the ball he was using, which was rather lively. After he had done with Taylor, he went to look at the place on the eighteenth green where he would have to putt, and it seemed that the coarse grass had fattened up considerably with the rain that had fallen, and that the sand below it was distinctly gritty. It began to seem that he would have to run the ball in at the right side of the hole. He asked Lees some questions about the grasses on that green, and was sorry he could not take a little Mid-Surrey turf home with him. He was feeling a little tired when he reached his home that night, and as it was Thursday, he suggested to Lady Strand that they should go to Folkestone for the week-end, and not bother at all about golf, which they did accordingly. He found it delightful to linger on the leas and not be worried with the game.

This kind of thing continued and became worse and worse again during the days that followed. There was prac-

tice, thought, and purchase continually, and unfortunately the proportion of missed putts at two feet, both on the carpet, on the practice lawn, and on the greens at Mid-Surrey, Coombe Hill, and Woking, began to increase. At putts of three feet, four, and five, Sir Archibald was marvellous, and, of course, he never missed the very little ones; but the two-foot putts bothered him all the time. He attributed it to his liver; and he was certainly looking worn. Matters were not improved by such inconsiderate remarks as were made by Martin, Evans and others, whenever he had a two-foot putt to do, such as "Now, Strand, that's just your distance!" It was only a joke; but in the circumstances it was not perhaps in good taste.

On the evening of the twelfth day Strand, after deliberation, wrote a letter to A., in which he said he feared he would not be able to go down to the course at the appointed time, and intimated that, according to the terms of the wager, he would hand over the fourteen guineas to him when next they met. Before posting this letter he went and did a little practice in the dusk on the lawn outside the house. He seemed to get them down with some confidence on this occasion, and Lady S., watching him, called out cheerily, "Silly boy! as if you could really miss! Now what shall I buy with the fourteen guineas?"

So Strand tore up the letter and went to bed for rest.

On the night before the appointed day he slept badly. He was putting in his mind until three o'clock in the morning. Then he rose, went in his pajamas into the study, made a line on the top of his aluminum putter indicating the striking point, and went back to bed, but did not sleep. For some time he tried an imaginary humming of the "Jewel Song" from Faust, and repeated a few lines from Scott's "Lady of the Lake"—old dodges of his for assisting distraction and sleep—but they did not serve, nor did a fixed vision of millions of balls falling in an endless stream from the mouth of a pump and disappearing instantly through a golf hole in the ground.

At five-thirty he rose again and took

his bath. He hesitated as to what golfing suit he should wear. Finally, for the sake of complete ease, and that there should be nothing to attract his eye from the ball, he put on some dark-blue flannels.

He looked at his breakfast, pecked at a sole, and at nine-fifteen, feeling distinctly unwell, he took a taxi for the course. He had one great consolation upholding him. At five minutes past ten it would all be over. He felt that he knew how glad a condemned criminal must be that at five minutes past eight on a certain morning—or a minute or two earlier with a little luck—a black flag would be hoisted on the prison pole.

At seven minutes to ten he drank a large brandy and soda and went out to the eighteenth green. Mr. A. and a few others were there to see the business properly carried out. Taylor placed the ball exactly two feet from the hole, which was cut in the proper place. He had his watch in his hand.

Sir Archibald bent down and examined the putt with great care. He essayed to pick up what seemed to be a "loose impediment" on his line, but saw that it was not loose. The putt seemed very difficult now, and he wished he had brought his plain putting cleek out with him, but it was too late.

At ten o'clock exactly, Taylor said,

"Now, Sir Archibald, will you kindly putt?"

Sir Archibald Strand looked like a man who had been hunted down. He made one swift glance around him, but saw no escape, so he pulled himself together, smiled a little sadly, and said to himself, "Don't be a fool, Archie!" Then he faced the putter to the ball; the club was trembling slightly. He swung it back much too far, checked it in the return swing, and came on to the ball in a nervous, stupid sort of way, doing little more than touch it. The ball took a line to the right of the hole, and did not run more than fourteen inches.

You may have thought that Sir Archibald used unfortunate words and was dismayed. He did not. A look of established happiness and placid content spread upon his countenance, as a streak of sunlight might flash across a plain. "Ha!" he sighed in relief. He took from his pocket a check for fourteen guineas already made out, and handed it to Mr. A., and then joyfully exclaimed: "Thank heaven, it is finished! Now, my friends, we will honor this unusual occasion in a suitable manner at your convenience, and this afternoon I leave for Sandwich for a week of golf. And no letters are being forwarded."

"The Poor Old Slugger"

'Tis easy to sing of the faultless swing
 Of the man who is always up;
 Who makes it fly from a grassy lie,
 Or out of a sandy cup.
 But my heart still bends to the dear old friends
 We meet in every town;
 The poor old slugger, the miserable flummer,
 The man who's always down!



"Fore" at the Front !

There's many a gallant golfer who heard his Country's call,
And is serving with distinction at the front,
Who has taken up his "stance" on the shore of Sunny France,
And is sharing now the burden and the brunt;
And, according to report, he is "driving" as he ought,
"Approaching" in a style that's winning fame,
When his rifle "putts" I've read, he lays a German "dead",
And no matter what his duties, plays the "game".

O! the trophies that he's playing for are worthy of the game,
Inspiring ev'ry effort of his might;
For there, a'midst the strife, he's offering his life
For the honor of the Empire and the Right.
Tho' the "lies" around the trenches and around the battlefield,
Are mighty hard to play from, yet its true
The golfer that's worth while will grip his gun and smile,
And glory in the charge to "follow thro".

Here's a health, then, to the golfer, the gallant, loyal golfer!
Who's digging, marching, working like a horse;
And in spite of "Bunkers" bad, he's playing hard, begad,
To overcome the "hazards" of the course.
May Providence be kind, so that very soon he'll find
Reward for all the struggles of the fray,
And land him safe within, the City of Berlin
Triumphantly—"Two up, and one to play".

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MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL.

The "Stormy Petrel" of Imperial Politics, who is one of Great Britain's Golfing Cabinet Ministers.

Golfers in Great Britain's War Ministry

STATESMEN the English-speaking world over nowadays are nearly all golfers, and this is particularly true of Great Britain's War Ministry, which during the past strenuous and anxious months has made an undying name for itself in the long and glorious annals of the Empire. These are names to con-

War), who is now in command at the front of one of the Canadian brigades, and who at the commencement of the war rendered able assistance to Lord Kitchener, the present occupant of the onerous post. Colonel Seely is a very fine golfer, with excellent style.

The Prime Minister, although de-



Col. Seely, late Minister of War, now in command of one of the Canadian Brigades. A very fine golfer.

jure with, and every one is a follower of the Royal and Ancient game.

Mr. Asquith (the Prime Minister), Mr. Lloyd-George (the Chancellor of the Exchequer), Lord Haldane (the Lord Chancellor), Lord Kitchener (Minister of War), Mr. Winston Churchill (the First Lord of the Admiralty), Lord Beauchamp (Lord President of the Council), Mr. Runciman (President Local Government Board). To these names might well be added Colonel Seely (late Minister of

voted to the game, unlike his predecessor, the Right Honorable A. J. Balfour, who as Premier won the event, has never competed in the Parliamentary handicap, which until the war broke out was one of the great events of the golfing year. Here assembled Peers and Cabinet Ministers, Members of Parliament, well-known officials and Press Gallery representatives, and the struggle for premier honors was of the keenest description. Mr. Asquith, however, has competed in the

tournament open to Treasury officials, although he has always contrived to get his match off early in the morning and to come and go unheralded.

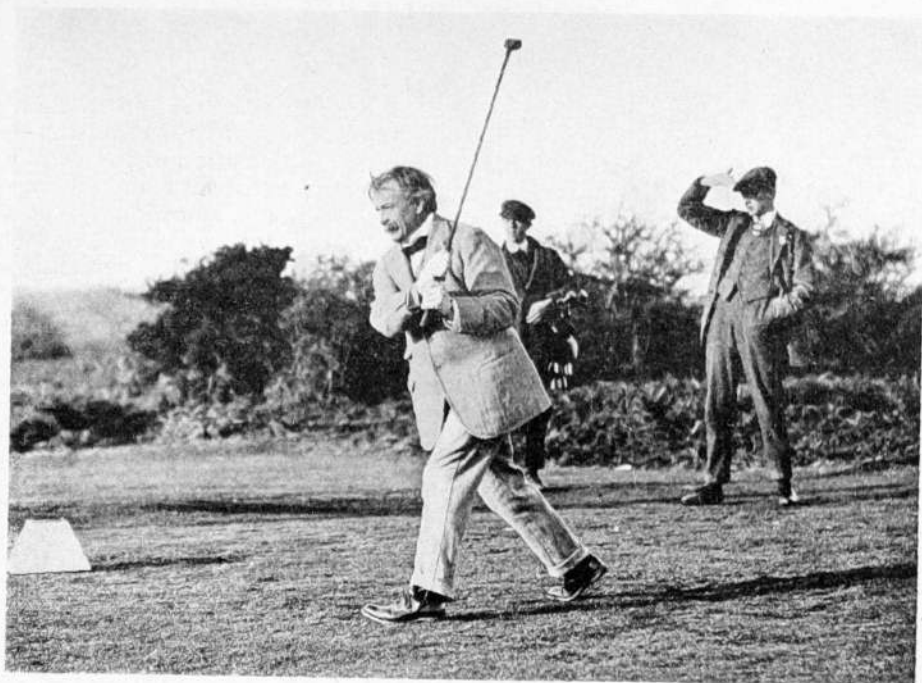
On the other hand, Mr. Lloyd-George, at one time the most hated man in Great Britain, to-day idolized by friend and admitted by foe as very few men are or ever have been, does not hesitate to let the light of publicity bear upon his golf. The Chancellor is aggressive in all things. He started the game some sixteen or seventeen years ago, and entered his first Parliamentary competition in 1900 with a handicap of 24. This he has now managed to reduce to 18—not a very big "cut." But the man who raises billions in a few minutes and finances the Empire and half the world besides does not take his golf too seriously, although never shipshod. He plays it for the exercise, for the good-fellowship and as the best antidote for the worries, cares and responsibilities of his great office. There is no harder-worked man in the world to-day than the Chancellor. There is no man upon whom rests more heavily the stress and burden of this mightiest struggle of the centuries, but he still finds time, whenever possible, to seek relaxation upon the links. Mr. Lloyd-George, all said and done, is a good sportsman through and through, and rest assured he "will play the game" successfully in this titanic struggle. Incidentally it might be mentioned that one of the most pleasurable experiences of the Chancellor's "checquered" career was in

Nice, when he made a hole in one. Both Lord Kitchener and the Hon. Winston Churchill are devotees of golf. The Minister of War plays golf like he does everything else—systematically and seriously. The First Lord of the Admiralty, too, in peace times is frequently to be seen on the links, and plays a very good game. But then he books to "fly" and "submarine." He is possibly the most versatile man in the Empire.

Lord Haldane, the Lord Chancellor, is a very enthusiastic golfer. He is emphatically an all-round man. There is no such massive, patient and erudite



Lord Kitchener, Minister of War. "K. of K." is here seen on his way to the House of Lords.



Mr. Lloyd-George, Minister of War Munitions.



Lord Beauchamp and Lord Haldane, Ex-Cabinet Ministers of Great Britain.
Both Men are enthusiastic golfers.

mind devoted to the service of the British State.

Earl Beauchamp, Lord President of the Council, maintains a really first-class private nine-hole course of his own at Madresfield Court, near Malvern, in Worcestershire, with Ernest Morgan as his professional, and Morgan always considers that he holds one of the most desirable posts in the country.

Here, then, are the leading men of Great Britain's War Ministry. They are all keen sports, hard hitters, but fair, square opponents. They are play-



Mr. Andrew Bonar Law, the new Colonial Secretary in the Coalition Cabinet. Mr. Bonar Law is a Canadian and a well known Golfer.

ing a difficult course, but they and the whole Empire back of them are bound to win out. Never doubt that. Never. Since the above article was in type there have been many changes in the Cabinet as a result of the formation of the Coalition Government.

The most notable of these has been

ANXIETY ?

Tell me, doctor, tell me, please,
Have I caught the dread disease?
I, who was thought golf immune,
Did I boast a bit too soon?

It is a matter of congratulation that "K. of K." retains his post as Minister of War. The "sniping" of a yellow press has only resulted in the whole Empire standing solidly back of the man who brought up a "contemptible little army" to an army of over two million well-trained men—an army unsurpassed to-day in the world. With Asquith at the helm, and the best men of all parties loyally supporting him, a united Cabinet and Empire now faces the foe.

It is a matter of congratulation that

Mr. Lloyd George will certainly see to it that there will be no shortage of ammunition in the future. The virtue of the Welshman temporarily gives up the onerous duties of the Chancellorship of the Exchequer to become Minister of Munitions, and in that position will do much to relieve Lord Kitchener, who has had altogether too heavy a burden to bear—even too heavy for the broad shoulders of a Hercules.

Although criticized in some quarters, the general opinion is that the Coalition Government has both strength and adaptability, and that it will prosecute the war to a successful conclusion.

Mr. Law, who is a Canadian by birth, is an enthusiastic follower of the Royal and Ancient. Sir Edward Carson, too, the celebrated leader of the Ulster party, the new Attorney-General, is a devotee of the links.

The retirement of Lord Haldane, Lord Chancellor, and of Lord Beauchamp, Lord President of the Council, and the stepping down of Winston Churchill from the high position of First Lord of the Admiralty to the comparative obscurity of the Chancellorship of the Duchy of Lancaster.

Two well-known statesmen and golfers are in the new Cabinet. The Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, the doyen of the diplomatic golfing corps, succeeds to the position of First Lord, whilst Mr. Andrew Bonar Law becomes Colonial Secretary. Mr. Law, who is a Canadian

by birth, is an enthusiastic follower of the Royal and Ancient. Sir Edward Carson, too, the celebrated leader of the Ulster party, the new Attorney-General, is a devotee of the links.

Mr. Balfour Plays An Iron Shot

PHOTOGRAPHS of the Right Honourable A. J. Balfour are of course frequently to be seen, but a golfing photo of him is not often secured. The "Canadian Golfer" herewith presents, with a great deal of pleasure, a capital snap shot of the Ex-Premier playing an iron shot.

Mr. Balfour, it will be noticed, is commencing to show the signs of advancing years, although still mentally and physically fit.



He is once again looming large in the public eye in connection with the Coalition Government, and the general cabinet shuffle that is taking place in Great Britain. A Cecil of the Cecils, his name is one to conjure with in Imperial matters of state.

Mr. Balfour undoubtedly has done more to make golf popular with statesmen and men in high places than any other devotee of the game. It was during his occupancy of the Premiership that he won the Parliamentary Handicap, an honor unique of its kind and which greatly delighted him.

"There is no levity about Mr. Balfour," says a writer in *Golfers Magazine*, "when he is making his way around the links."

"As a conversationalist on the golf course, he is about ideal; he is not grimly taciturn, but he has a proper regard for the economics of words when the mind needs to be concentrated on the task in hand. He has the knack of saying the right thing at the right time and saying it with that air of old-world philosophy which distinguishes his personality."

As a result of the Coalition Government, the personnel of which has just been announced, and which has

met with such favour throughout the Empire, Mr. Balfour takes the place of Mr. Winston Churchill as First Lord of the Admiralty. At the present time in Great Britain "none are for the party, all are for the State," and rest assured that Mr. Balfour will give of his best abilities in this great and strenuous war.

Golf in the United States

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MANY American golf clubs find their accommodations insufficient to meet all the requirements of additional members and their friends, together with largely augmented tournament entries, and the solution among the larger and most popular clubs is receiving very serious consideration by the powers-that-be.

Not all golfers are able to leave their business, or close their office any day in the week, so that Saturday and Sunday are the most favored. Very few to-day think of going off to the club

at home, but by the large cities from the Atlantic to the Pacific, for it is conceded now by all that the game of golf has come to stay, and its healthful, quiet recreation will be a very important asset to all the cities of this great continent.

Just how to run correctly a municipal golf course or public links may be very difficult, for it is at present, one might say, purely experimental, being in its infancy; but there is no doubt that the commissioner of parks is a wise man, and willing to do what is best to give



San Francisco Golf and Country Club, where the Panama-Pacific International Championship was held.

without first arranging by phone, while the week-end golf is greatly increasing and is sure to play a very big factor all through the coming season.

It is not always the actual addition to the membership of a club which causes lack of accommodations, but the fact that so many of the inactive members are now active, while friends grow in volume without stopping to think how. It is therefore the proper time right now to look to the future, and watch the growth of public links.

We have two or three good municipal courses in New York and Brooklyn, and others will most certainly follow. What we have to do now is shout! And we will be heard and heeded, not only

to the greatest number the pleasure they require and ask, and he should receive every encouragement and assistance from the golfers interested, instead of suggestions of restrictions, together with obstacles thrown in his way, to the detriment of good health and the welfare of all good citizens.

Should there have to be a season's fee on the municipal courses or public links, then let the golfers have something to say what it should be, and be very sure what it is for, and let our committee see that it is actually used for the purpose originally given, and all will be well.

No golfer wishes something for nothing, and all he wishes, asks and needs

is a square deal, especially in connection with public links, the privileges of which should be open to any and all who wish to take advantage of the city's recreation parks.

The latest public links is the Mosholu course at Van Cortland Park, which every golfer should visit, not only from a golfing standpoint, but also from the citizen's side, or even from a sentimental view. The absolute quiet and peacefulness, together with the beauty of the spot (all so near the turmoil and ugliness of a great city, yet seemingly so many hundred miles remote), is wonderful, and fills us with awe and wonder.

Here it is always beautiful, summer or winter, under the gorgeous colors of fall or the delicate tints of the budding spring; at sunrise, when the valley below is half lost in mist, or at sunset, when the shadows from the western hills lie over the lower links and the parade ground, but the sun still lights up Mosholu with a golden glow. No wonder the weary golfer is loath to leave so lovely a spot.

From the bluff along the western edge of the course, above the meeting place of the three great Croton and Catskill aqueducts, one may get glimpses of Jerome Park reservoir, lake like, through the trees, and farther to the south, through the haze, the edge of the city. Spuyten Duyvil and, across the Hudson, the Palisades are seen to the southwest; and to the west the hills of Riverside. Through the valley between Riverside and lower Yonkers come into view again the Palisades, while northward lie Yonkers and Dunwoodie.

Below, in the foreground, are the old Van Cortlandt links, the lake and the parade ground, the great public playground of the metropolis.

Certainly, if America is the melting pot of the nations of the world, Van Cortlandt is without doubt a pure reflection. The scene is one to thrill the heart of every American. On the links may be seen golfers of every nationality, from Britons to Chinese men and women, well-to-do and poor.

On the parade ground every sort of outdoor sport, baseball, tennis, polo, and more serious business of military

drill and sham battle. Soccer played by teams from English vessels in the harbor against teams from Scottish vessels.

Cricket played by Englishmen and by their colored brethren of the West Indian Islands, with their soft and musical voices and half-English, half-French intonation. Then there are the hurlers playing their blood-curdling game.

Glimpses are caught of riding parties wending their way over the miles of open and shady paths through the park. From the glades on Mosholu and from the valley below float the songs of parties of Bohemians, Hungarians, Italians and Greeks, indulging in their national songs and dances.

The new Mosholu course lies on a plateau bounded by Aqueduct Avenue, Mosholu Avenue, Jerome Avenue and Gun Hill Road. The course was planned and partly finished several years ago, and then, to the great loss of public golf, the project, for some inscrutable reason, was abandoned. In the spring of 1914, at the beginning of the administration of Hon. Thos. W. Whittle, in answer to the appeals of the golfers of Van Cortlandt, the scheme was taken up by the commissioner. After only six weeks' vigorous work the first nine holes were thrown open to the public.

Owing to the lack of money for the purpose the work was crude, yet the course was much used. The fact that it was well patronized, coupled with the fact that the old Van Cortlandt course was more than ever crowded more than six thousand permits having been used for it and for the Pelham course), proved the need of the new course, if proof was needed.

In the spring of 1915 the work was resumed on an extended scale, though still hampered by the lack of money and of labor. Many thousand yards of rock have been removed, many more remain to be excavated or blasted. The putting greens are well advanced and the fairways are becoming playable. Though several years will be needed to put the course into good shape, it is hoped that the entire eighteen holes will be in use by August of this year.

The trapping of the course will be

deferred until the matter has been well considered, and the best location for artificial hazards has been tested by experience. Mosholu, like Van Cortlandt, suffers from lack of length, owing to its circumscribed space, and the plan of the course has been determined largely by the situation of the stone walls and woods on the old farm. However, these walls and woods compel straight play, and the par of the course will be difficult to attain.

Since the course was re-planned last year, several of the holes have been lengthened and two have been reversed, tee for green and green for tee. The numbering of the holes to-day is probably temporary, as the starting hole is likely to be at Jerome Avenue when a locker house is built for the course.

The greater part of the course is hilly, perhaps three-fourths; of the remainder, most is rolling and a very small part level. Thus there is every variety of lie for second shots so necessary to a good golf course.

All this makes of Van Cortlandt not so much a park as a vast playground.

The national open championship this year is to be played at Baltusrol next month, for which special event it now seems pretty sure that the noted English professionals, Harry Vardon, Edward Ray, George Duncan and C. Mayo, will be here with an eye on the coveted title.

Baltusrol has always been a difficult course to a stranger, although Vardon and Ray have both played on the course, still it never seems to be considered finished, as the management are always improving the course, and incidentally making it harder, with traps and bunkers; this is especially so at the present time, as work is now in progress on the eighth, eleventh, twelfth and fourteenth holes.

In walking over the course yesterday, it was found in capital condition.

It is understood that even additional traps will be added, other than those in actual progress, so that the course as it will be for the great event will be equal to any in the country.

The greens to-day are in excellent condition, nature having been very kind to us this spring, but more rain

will be needed to have them in the condition expected in time for the Open on June 15th to 18th.

What is termed the Northern Golf Opening took place as usual at Lakewood, N.J., and although the course was not at its best, a large number turned out, and when the smoke had all cleared it found Percy Platt the winner, with the old veteran, Walter J. Travis, as runner-up.

Over the same course, the Shanley Memorial Cup was an interesting event. This tournament was open to all golfers who have reached the years of discretion, fifty-five. At first a tie resulted, then another, and was finally won by the popular senator, Charles Cooper.

The spring tournament at the Seaview Country Club was another opening event, and was won by Oswald Kirkby, with H. Canan of Harvard runner-up. The Seaview Club is the very latest up-to-date club house, costing about \$160,000, which probably has no equal in this country, and must be seen to be appreciated. It includes a swimming tank, 20 x 62, and many other conveniences. Clarence H. Geist, the president, is most enthusiastic, and looks forward to Seaview being the all-the-year-round golf course of America.

The Panama International Championship, which was played over the course of the San Francisco Golf and Country Club last month, was won by Harry K. B. Davis, with Heinrich Schmidt runner-up. The latter has just recovered from a serious operation, which made his golf all the more praiseworthy. In the morning round he was 4 up on Davis, but the latter in the afternoon played phenomenal golf, coming in the last nine holes in 33 and winning by one up. California has had a feast of golf this spring, tournaments being held on several of the courses, starting April 19th and running for a period of a month, under the auspices of the Exposition Committee.

[Note.—Vardon, Ray and other English professionals, who were coming to this country on the Lusitania, sailing May 15th, cancelled their trip after the torpedoing of that vessel, and will probably not be seen in America this season.—Ed. "Canadian Golfer."]

Iron Play in Canada

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IN preface to these few remarks on "Iron Play in Canada," I wish to state that it is not my intention either to criticize or to instruct. The former role is one which is at once thankless and uncalled for, as each golfer is entitled to enjoy the game in the manner which he thinks best, and it is no one else's business but his own. The latter has been filled already to overflowing by so many capable instructors, that he would indeed be a bold man who would try to add anything new.

No, I do not wish either of these roles. All I shall attempt to do is to put down a few ideas about iron play in Canada as they have impressed me at various times. To the player fresh from the Old Country, iron play strikes one as the weakest spot in the Canadian golfer's armor. Perhaps after a number of years' careful analysis he may change his point of view to a certain extent. It is certainly true that in comparison with the golfer brought up in Old Country conditions the average Canadian golfer does not seem to have as much familiarity with the half-iron shot in its infinite variety.

Now I have said that I am not writing with a view to criticizing. There is no question whatever that any golfer who takes the game at all seriously wishes to master as many different shots as he can. In fact, he knows that many "shots in his bag" are much more important than many clubs. At the same time, it is doubtful whether on the majority of our Canadian courses too much finesse in iron play does really pay. In saying this I am not making any indictment against our Canadian courses, which I think are wonderfully good, considering the natural disadvantages which a great many of them possess—disadvantages due not merely to the soil, but to the climate as well.

In spite of this, we do have one or two courses in Canada which reflect wonderful credit on the architect, the seedsman and the green-keeper, and on which, perhaps, the chances for study-

ing the fine points of the iron are as good as on most inland courses. On the majority of our courses, however, there are two types of "lie" which debar liberties with any iron club. The first of these might be termed the "foggy" lie, fog having nothing to do in this case with the condition of the atmosphere, or even with the mental vision, but indicating a very yielding, grassy turf. This type of lie can only be negotiated with a considerable amount of swing. In fact, to try to play a "half" shot for a distance where that would be considered correct in the case of a lie on firm turf mostly results in disaster. Indeed, in the early summer, if the grass has not been frequently cut, the growth on our courses is so rapid that the great majority of our lies resolve themselves into something of the nature of the lie I have indicated as the foggy lie. Perhaps the ground beneath may be firm enough, but if the ball nestles into about two inches of grassy growth, there is no hope for success without swinging rather full at the ball.

The other type of lie in my mind is one which is very frequently met with on a comparatively new course, especially if the soil is clay, and if, as is often the case, the management desires to improve this clay soil with a liberal covering of sand. Certainly this treatment has a very beneficial effect on such soil after a year or two; but while the sand is still on the surface, and before it has become properly assimilated with the soil, there is no harder shot to get away on the whole course. If the shot is attempted with an iron, there must be a good full swing used to get the ball up. Some players gifted with supernatural powers, might be able to play orthodox half shots off such a lie, but experience has shown me that more fozzles result from this method than from any other.

Now I have taken these two types of lies, which are not by any means infrequent on our courses, and there are others of the really bad lie variety

when it is quite impossible to do anything but "howk" with as much swing and power as the unfortunate victim possesses. But there are, on the other hand, many occasions when the playing of the orthodox half shot is quite possible on our courses, and though the percentage of these is somewhat less than on older courses with greater advantages than ours, yet the player who is to improve his iron play, and to get the full interest out of the game, would do well to cultivate every opportunity

he runs across.

After all, the test of really good iron play is by results. We have many first-class iron players in Canada, judged by that standard, the majority of whom use a somewhat fuller swing than Old Country players. Probably as the condition of our courses improves, and the need of swinging at so many shots is lessened, our Canadian players will adopt the more orthodox style of iron play, which, it has been proved, tends to greater accuracy.

Two Freak Shots

[Philip Gaudin, the Camberley professional, who captained the English team at Hoylake in 1913, is one of the most consistent players of the day. He comes from Grouville, Jersey, the same village as Harry Vardon, and his two brothers are also players of renown.]

THERE are few more intricate strokes in the game than the mashie pitch to the green, and yet how few amateurs assiduously practice the shot. I consider the shot up to the hole side is the most searching in the game, for it stands to reason the more deadly your approach the easier putting becomes. I have a peculiar way of playing my mashie that many golfers have described as "freakish," and although I depart slightly from the orthodox way of swinging the club, I invariably play this shot with success.

I grip the club well down the shaft, take a fairly open stance; I take a half swing, rather pushing the hands away from the body, and keeping the club head "out" instead of swinging it over the shoulder. On the downward swing I pull the club slightly towards me,

and stop almost dead after striking the ball. By this means I get a tremendous back spin on the ball. This enables me to play boldly for the pin, for the simple reason that once the ball reaches the green it will not run very far.

This shot is very effective if skilfully executed at distances up to, say, 150 yards. For longer distances I take my jigger, have a bigger swing and play the shot in almost identically the same way. The forearms and wrists must be kept perfectly rigid at the moment the ball is struck, and no follow through is necessary.

If amateurs persistently practised these shots they would immeasurably improve their game, and reduce their handicaps by many strokes in very little time.—The "Golf Monthly."

Golf in China

A UNIQUE and most gruesome golf course has been discovered by Major Palmer E. Pierce, U.S.A., who has returned from two years' service in China. Major Pierce has been active in promoting sports in the army; and announces that the golf course in Tientsin is unquestionably without an equal anywhere. It is laid out in a cemetery. The mode of burial in China is to place the coffins just below the ground, and build large mounds over them. These mounds dot the course,

and no additional bunkers are necessary. In fact, there are bunkers everywhere, and to golfers accustomed to playing on fairly open grounds, it takes some time to get used to the numerous bunkers and hazards. If a ball rolls into an open grave it may be lifted out without penalty. The greens are laid out between the grave mounds, and are as well kept and smooth as the greens in America. The Chinese caddies receive the magnificent pay of five cents for the eighteen holes.

Strenuous Golf

SAYS the "Golfer's Magazine" Tom Bendelow, of A. G. Spalding & Bros., has recently received from Mr. James Edmund, editor of the "Weekly Scotsman," Edinburgh, in answer to a query of his, some very interesting data with regard to some records established in an endurance test in golf which so far outshades anything we have any conception of in this country that it is very interesting. He states:

"H. B. Lumsden, of the Royal Aberdeen Golf Club, Balgownie, Aberdeen, in June, 1910, played 12 rounds of golf (216 holes) between 2.20 a.m. and 9 p.m. the same day. He holed out at every hole and covered a distance of about 40 miles. The full score for the 12 rounds was 990, an average of 82½ per round. The separate scores per round were: 85, 80, 81, 81, 77, 83, 84, 80, 88, 86, 85 and 80.

"The Aberdeen Golf Club minutes show another wonderful feat of endurance. It occurred in 1874, when W. G. Bloxom undertook to play 12 rounds of the Aberdeen links and thereafter walk 10 miles, all within 12 hours. He accomplished the feat with some hours to spare. The round at that time consisted of 15 holes only, measuring 2 miles 469 yards. This same Mr. Bloxom once played 16 rounds of the Musselburgh course (9 holes). On that occasion he played with Bob Ferguson, a professional, who won the match on scoring."

In Canada, and probably in America, the greatest golf endurance feat can undoubtedly be placed to the credit of Mr. Clement Leveson-Gower. At the time (1908) he was the Comptroller to Earl Grey, the Governor-General. He comes of one of the best-known sporting families in Great Britain—a family well known in cricket and every other amateur game.

Writing for the "Canadian Golfer" of Mr. Leveson-Gower's great record, Mr.

John F. Orde, K.C., of Ottawa, President of the R. C. G. A. in 1911, says: "He undertook to play 7 complete rounds and make an average of 95 per round, 'bogey' at the time being 85. By commencing at 4 a.m. he accomplished the 7 rounds, but only succeeded in making an average of 97 and a fraction. If I recollect aright, no round was made in more than 100, and as the day proved to be one of the hottest we had that summer, the feat was an extraordinary one. He came out of it well, but as a matter of fact, I believe the strain was greater than he thought, as he did not play such good golf again during the year. At that time the course from the first tee to the home hole was about four miles as the crow flies. Allowing for the fact that he would probably be occasionally a little off the course, he must have walked about thirty miles that day, the most of it in the blazing sun.

"I believe that he is now serving in some special capacity on the general staff of the British army. He was quite a linguist, and I believe he is working as a special interpreter. Knowing him as we do, there will be no doubt that he will be somewhere in the thick of the present fight."

A hot day in Ottawa is a hot 'un—make no mistake about that—and as Mr. Orde states that Mr. Leveson-Gower played the 7 rounds on one of the hottest days of the summer, the feat can certainly be placed on record as one of the most remarkable ever chronicled. The measurements of the Royal Ottawa course, one of the stiffest in Canada, are as follows: No. 1, 480 yards; No. 2, 175; No. 3, 380; No. 4, 420; No. 5, 350; No. 6, 165; No. 7, 325; No. 8, 250; No. 9, 385; No. 10, 320; No. 11, 105; No. 12, 150; No. 13, 430; No. 14, 455; No. 15, 515; No. 16, 480; No. 17, 350; No. 18, 530; total, 6,270 yards.

Secretaries of Clubs will confer a favor by sending schedules of Club Fixtures and announcements of Special Events.

Municipal Golf Courses

I NOTICE that you have been giving a good deal of attention of late—and very properly so—to the ancient and royal game of golf. You have been telling us especially how much they play golf in the breezy and spacious West, where the holes should all be long and wide and deep. But, in any article on golf in Canada, we are bound to find pictures of the luxurious club house, and all the evidences that, with us, golf is usually an expensive and exclusive sport. What I take my pen in hand for to-day is to ask why it should not be in Canada—as it is in many American and British cities—a poor man's sport as well. There is no reason in the world why a man whose finances will not permit him to join a club should not be allowed to get the health and enjoyment which golf brings—especially to the middle-aged.

In many American and British cities they have what are called municipal golf courses. That is, they have fine 18-hole courses kept in order by the municipalities, and which are absolutely free to any man who chooses to present himself to the "caddie master" with a bag of clubs and ask permission to play. So popular are they that often the man desiring a game must put up his name in advance, when he is given an hour at which he must drive off the first "tee;" and if he is not there he loses his game. The official in charge starts off the pairs of players in quick succession behind each other, two minutes between each pair; and on holidays there is not a spare place on the course. Now this all means that there must be thousands of men who would like to play golf, but do not belong to any club. Under our exclusive system they could not play at all. Under the better system prevailing in the United Kingdom and the United States they may play frequently on a capitally-kept course, with no expense to themselves save for any balls they may lose.

Surely this is an excellent thing. I do not so much demand free golf for

the young—though it is a fine game for them, and one which they will be glad in after-life that they took up while still susceptible to instruction. But the young will usually get exercise in some form. There are plenty of things they can do, at little expense, which keep them in form. But when middle age comes on, then all the more violent forms of play are removed from the list of possibilities. Only the most imaginative can keep up with any regularity the practice of walking for walking's sake. The dull-witted find walking a very dull "sport." At such a point in a man's career golf comes as a god-send. It gives him an interest in walking; and keeps him at it long after he would have jumped on the street-car were he consciously taking a "constitutional." Men who could not walk half an hour along a street without feeling very tired, and who never dream of walking to their offices or from them, will trudge for three or four hours up hill and down dale after an elusive, exasperating, contrary-minded and wickedly perverse golf ball.

All this is splendid for the middle-aged. It pumps fresh air into their lungs—opens their skins to a copious perspiration—sends the blood racing through their veins—and winds up with all the joys of a shower-bath; and all without the smallest feeling of doing something for their health. The state of their health never crosses their minds. They are gloriously absorbed in playing an engrossing game, and their spirits are at the pitch they knew when, as boys, they "ran bases" or plumped a ball on goal. The years have fallen from their rounded shoulders, and they are in their 'teens again. They have forgotten stocks and markets and judicial rulings and microbes and "scoops" and all the stupid things which concern the middle-aged when they are most conscious of their infirmity, and are thinking only of how inspiring a thrill came up the shaft of their club when they got that clean shot off the "tee"—or, perhaps, mar-

velling with indignant astonishment at the perversity with which their "brassie" will "top" to-day.

I would not dare write this way about golf being a game for the middle-aged if my *nom-de-plume* were not impervious. Some husky golfer from whose jubilant mind a good drive had just driven—with the ball—the date of his birth, might remonstrate with me with his niblick. But it is true all the same that it is to the middle-aged that golf brings its most valuable gift. And that is why I should like to see all middle-aged people—women as well as men—enjoying the magnificent franchise of the links. It is not that golf really costs so very much. It is only that people who have not played it imagine that it must. It involves belonging to a club—something with which many worthy people have no experience, and so imagine to be a great extravagance—and the purchase of a small outfit. Then golf balls run to something. So the unknown keeps many a careful-living man and woman away from the game.

Of course, they make a mistake. Golf need cost but little—a mere trifle when

its benefits are weighed against it. But this is all the more reason why the municipality should undertake the small expense of keeping up a municipal golf course for the benefit of every citizen who desires to play. The land can be well out of the city limits, and so need not cost much. A convenient club house would not be very expensive, and ought to be pretty nearly self-supporting by the rent of lockers, the buying of refreshments and possibly even meals. The upkeep of the course would be the only steady outlay, and we should save that in the lessened civic expenditure on hospitals. That is not a joke. A gentleman was telling me the other day that the statistical tables on which the British army and navy offices have for centuries based their grants for pensions to retired officers of both services, have become useless and obsolete since the recent popularity of golf. Before golf came in these officers died off quickly after retirement through sheer inaction. Now they all play golf and "live forever"—at the expense of their grateful country.—The Monocle Man, in the "Canadian Courier."

It's Your Magazine !

The "Canadian Golfer" most cordially solicits Secretaries of Clubs and golfers generally to send in interesting items for publication. Your Golf Club matches and fixtures, a good story, a good score, an unusual occurrence on green or fair green—anything in fact that will interest your fellow golfer will be gladly published. There is not a Club that cannot contribute some time, something that will appeal to the readers of this magazine. The columns of the "Canadian Golfer" are wide open to you. They are yours to use. Criticism or suggestion, too, will always receive attention.



"When a Feller Needs a Friend"

Ladies' Golf Department

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THE following report of the C. L. G. U. Executive shows the result of the work done since the founding of the Canadian Branch of the L. G. U.:

When the Canadian Branch of the L. G. U. was founded at Montreal, October 4th, 1913, twelve clubs joined at

Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Connaught graciously consented to be Patroness, and Miss Campbell of Toronto accepted the Presidency.

The Dominion was divided into four sections, and a Vice-President appointed from each of these:



A Remarkable Group of International Lady Golfers, taken at the Championship at Portrush, a few years ago. No Championship, before or since, ever had such a representative field of Entries.

Top Row, reading from left to right, Miss Gilman Brown, U. S. A.; Miss Collins, New Zealand; Miss V. Pooley, Canada; Miss Fownes, U. S. A.; Mrs. Carrington Smith, U. S. A.

Lower Row, Miss Nesbitt, Canada; Mrs. Martin, U. S. A.; Miss F. L. Harvey, Canada; Miss Elkins, U. S. A.

once, and arrangements were made for the work of organization. It was decided the head office should be in Hamilton, and Miss F. L. Harvey was authorized to appoint officers and fully organize the C. L. G. U. Owing to the war, no annual meeting for 1914 could be held, but the following synopsis of the work done will give an idea of the progress of the C. L. G. U. since October, 1913.

Maritime Division—Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. Vice-President, Mrs. Leonard Murray, Halifax.

Middle Division—P. Quebec and Ontario. Vice-President, Mrs. J. H. Dunlop, Montreal.

Western Division—Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. Vice-President, Mrs. Philbrick, Regina.

Pacific Division—British Columbia,

Vice-President, Mrs. Ricardo, Victoria.

Executive at Head Office, Hamilton—Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. Mitchell; Hon. Secretary, Miss F. L. Harvey; Hon. Corresponding Secretary, Miss H. Bankier.

A circular was sent to every Canadian club pointing out the advantages of joining the L. G. U., with the result that at the end of 1914 the C. L. G. U. consisted of thirty-three clubs, and to date (March 31st) three more have been admitted to membership.

The next step was to make the Pars, and the thanks of the C. L. G. U. clubs is due to Miss Ravenscroft for a great deal of hard work and untiring interest regarding them. Since she returned to England a Pars Committee has been formed, consisting of a player from each division who thoroughly knows the play of the British champions. Each member of this committee works in conjunction with the Head Office in making the Pars for her division. The present Pars have been approved by the L. G. U. in London, England, and the idea of this committee so favorably commented on that a similar one may be formed in Great Britain.

To remove a misapprehension about these Pars being too low, it is well to explain that an L. G. U. "scratch" golfer is quite capable of going round a course in men's bogie, or a stroke or two less, and the L. G. U. Pars are what she can do a course in "under normal conditions playing her best."

The C. L. G. U. Pars Committee consists of Miss Bauld, Halifax; Miss Francis Scott, Hamilton; Mrs. Philbrick, Regina; Miss V. Pooley, Victoria.

One of the most important officers of the L. G. U. system is the handicap manager. The clubs are grouped together that are within reasonable distance of one another, and each of these groups is under a District Manager. To her the club secretaries make their reports of handicap reductions, etc., and she is responsible to the Head Office for the strict carrying out of the L.G.U. system. The splendid work that has been done by the C. L. G. U. district managers has been of the greatest assistance in explaining the system to the club committees. The present Man-

agers are: Nova Scotia (five clubs), Mrs. Stuart, Halifax, N.B.; P. E. I. (four clubs), Miss Mary Bartlett, Charlottetown; Quebec (two clubs), Mrs. Dobell, Quebec; Montreal District (four clubs), Mrs. Hathaway, Montreal; Ottawa and Eastern Ontario, Miss Mary Scott, Ottawa; Toronto District (five clubs), Mrs. Bailey, Toronto; Western Ontario (nine clubs), Miss F. Scott, Hamilton, and Miss Dawson, Waterloo; Manitoba, Mrs. Vere Brown, Winnipeg; Alberta and Saskatchewan, Mrs. Philbrick, Regina; British Columbia (four clubs), Miss V. Pooley, Victoria.

As the Canadian Championship was cancelled owing to the war, a circular was sent to the clubs dealing with a number of points to be decided. All of these were passed by the vote of the clubs, and as each club retained a copy of the circular it is not necessary to repeat the items here.

In September a circular was sent out asking for subscriptions for the British Women Golfers' Patriotic League, and the sum of \$993.87 was realized, which was very gratifying considering the many calls at this time, and the fact that only eighteen clubs were able to contribute. One of these, Windsor, Nova Scotia, sent as its contribution the entire amount which had been set aside for improvements to the ladies' locker room at the club house. A generous act, which those of us that belong to larger clubs where we have ample accommodation, cannot appreciate too highly.

Two other clubs, Stratford and Belleville, which had not yet joined the C. L. G. U., also sent generous donations to the fund, consequently the Executive voted unanimously that when the Queen's Work for Women Fund Medals were sent out that these two clubs should also receive a medal each.

By the vote of the Executive forty Queen's Work for Women Medals were purchased from the C. L. G. U. balance on hand at the end of 1914. One of these has been sent to every C. L. G. U. club in the hope the clubs will be induced to purchase more. An entrance fee of 25 cents must be collected from every competitor for these medals and these fees forwarded to the Corres-

ponding Secretary C. L. G. U., Miss H. Bankier, Aberdeen Avenue and Bay Street, Hamilton, through whom extra medals are also to be ordered. Each medal costs two shillings and sixpence (plus customs duty). For each dozen medals ordered the Sussex Goldsmiths of Brighton, England, donate a silver spoon to be played for. Each club is urged to buy a dozen for its own use, or combine with some neighboring club to do so, and so have the spoon for competition, as well as aiding this splendid charitable work among the British women and refugees left destitute by the war.

"The Canadian Golfer," published in Brantford, Ont., has been appointed by vote of the Executive, the official organ in Canada of the C. L. G. U. Secretaries are requested to send in reductions in C. L. G. U. handicaps and results of competitions, for publication in this magazine.

In regard to the progress made by the C. L. G. U. since October, 1913, the letters received from clubs all over the country have been a great source of gratification to the Executive. All those clubs that have really tried to learn the system thoroughly and carry it out strictly have written of the tremendous improvement in the play of their members and their great relief in the solving of the handicap problem. The few clubs that have failed to improve have apparently neglected to carry out the system thoroughly, with the natural result that they are being left behind. Like every other thing worth while, the L. G. U. system needs a good deal of hard, patient work before it begins to show results, but in the four years I have made a study of it I have never yet met a person who had really tried to learn it thoroughly who had not become enthusiastic over it. If every club member would take the trouble to try to understand it a little and co-operate with the club committee in enforcing the Rules, the system would run itself in a very short time, and the standard of the club begin to improve at once. If since October, 1913,, we have had such encouraging results from the L. G. U. system in Canada in spite of these dark days in our natural history, surely it is not too much to hope that when hap-

pier times come again that the L. G. U. may have reason to feel proud of the progress of its Canadian Branch.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FLORENCE L. HARVEY,
Honorary Secretary Canadian Ladies'
Golf Union.

CANADIAN LADIES' GOLF UNION Treasurer's Statement to March 31st, 1915

Receipts—	
Cheques, etc., for fees.....	\$549 37
Bank Interest.....	4 57
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Expenditure—	
Entrance fee to L. G. U., and Annual Fees 1914 and 1915.....	\$ 42 36
Postage	33 15
Printing and Office Supplies.....	86 10
Exchange on Cheques for Fees..	1 37
C. L. G. U. Medals.....	95 00
Queen's Work for Women Medals	25 01
Insurance on L. G. U. Handicap	
Challenge Cup.....	5 00
Handicap Managers' Postage.....	10 16
Balance in Bank.....	255 79
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	\$553 94

Secretaries' Statement

From October, 1913, to December, 1914, inclusive, the C. L. G. U. Secretary sent out 202 letters, 99 circulars, 38 postcards and 25 registered packages of medals, or score sheets.

From January 1st, 1915, to March 31st, 1915, she has sent out 32 letters and 14 registered packages.

The Corresponding Secretary sent out 105 letters and circulars, from October, 1913, to March 31st, 1915.

...The clubs affiliated with the C. L. G. U. up to May 10th are:

Maritime Division.

Nova Scotia—Amherst, Halifax, Truro, Yarmouth, Windsor.

New Brunswick—Humphrey Club of Moncton, Moncton, St. John.

Prince Edward Island—Charlottetown.

Middle Division.

Province Quebec (Montreal District)—Beaconsfield, Kanawaki, Royal Montreal, Montreal C. C., Quebec, Three Rivers.

Ontario—Belleville, Brantford, Hamilton, Guelph, Grand River Club of Berlin, London G. C., London Hunt, Picton, Royal Ottawa, Sarnia. (Toronto District) Lakeview, Lambton, Mississauga, Rosedale, Toronto Club; Waterloo C. C. of Galt, Oxford C. C. of Woodstock.

Western Division.

Manitoba—St. Charles C. C. of Winnipeg.

Saskatchewan—Wascana C. C. of Regina.

Pacific Division.

Vancouver District—Jerico C. C., Shaughnessy Heights, Vancouver C. C. of Burquitlam.

Victoria Golf Club.

Some of these clubs have not yet paid their 1915 fees and are hereby requested to either pay them immediately or send in their resignation from the C. L. G. U. Those clubs which did not make use of their 1914 medals will use them for 1915.

C. L. G. U. Annual Medals for 1914
Maritime Division—

Halifax—Par 74; silver medalist, Mrs. Wylie, average 73 net; bronze medalist, Mrs. Frazee, average 70 net.

Truro—Par 78; silver medalist, Miss Bigelow, average $82\frac{3}{4}$ net; bronze medalist, Mrs. Crowe, average $75\frac{1}{2}$ net.

Windsor—Par 76; silver medal, no competitors; bronze medalist, Miss Dimock, average 74 net.

Yarmouth—Par 74; silver medalist, Mrs. Creighton, average 79 net; bronze medalist, Miss M. Eakin, average $73\frac{3}{4}$ net.

Charlottetown—Par 80; silver medal, no competitors; bronze medalist, Miss M. Bartlett, average $84\frac{3}{4}$ net.

Humphrey—Par 72; silver medalist, Mrs. Cooke, average 75 net; bronze medalist, Miss Shannon, average 71 net.

St. John—Par 74; silver medalist, Miss J. Barker; bronze medalist, Miss A. N. Christie.

Middle Division—

Quebec—Par 76; silver medal, no competitors; bronze medalists, Mrs. Handsombody and Miss M. Williams, tie.

Beaconsfield—Par 78; silver medalist, Miss K. Robertson; average $82\frac{1}{2}$ net; bronze medalist, Miss M. Draper, average 79 net.

Montreal C. C.—Par 80; silver medal, no competitors; bronze medalist, Mrs. E. S. Jaques, average $86\frac{1}{4}$ net.

R. M. G. C.—Par 78; silver medalist, Miss Henry-Anderson, 77 net; bronze medalist, Mrs. A. E. Musson, average 88 net.

R. Ottawa—Par 75; silver medalist, Miss K. Christie, average 74 net; bronze medalists, Miss M. Burn (average 74 net), Miss G. Burn, Miss H. Hughson.

Guelph—Par 76; silver medalist, Mrs. Dixon, average 79 net; bronze medalist, Miss M. Winlow, average $71\frac{1}{2}$ net.

Hamilton—Par 79; silver medalist, Miss F. Scott, average 79 net; bronze medalist, Mrs. Robertson, average $81\frac{3}{4}$ net.

London Hunt—Par 76; silver medalist, Mrs. Hunter, 96 net; bronze medalist, Miss H. Marshall, 98 net.

Lakeview—Par 80; silver medalist, Mrs. Goodearle, $83\frac{1}{2}$ net; bronze medalist, Miss L. Oliver, $87\frac{1}{4}$ net.

Lambton—Par 81; silver medalist, Mrs. Ridout, $86\frac{3}{4}$ net; bronze medalist, Mrs. Garvey, 89 net.

Rosedale—Par 79; silver medalist, Miss Ogden, $84\frac{1}{2}$ net; bronze medalist, Mrs. Ashworth, $79\frac{1}{4}$ net.

Toronto—Par 79; silver medalists, Mrs. More (average 79 net), Miss Hutton; bronze medalist, Mrs. Duncan, 87 net.

Waterloo—Par 78; silver medalist, Miss Dawson, 75 net; bronze medalist, Miss H. Laing, $76\frac{3}{4}$ net.

Sarnia—Par 76; silver medalist, Miss Taylor, $84\frac{1}{2}$ net; bronze medalist, Miss G. Symington, $76\frac{1}{4}$.

Woodstock—Par 72; silver medalist, Mrs. Parke, $79\frac{1}{2}$ net; bronze medalist, Miss White, $74\frac{1}{2}$.

Victoria, B.C.—Par 78; silver medalist, Mrs. Langley, 78 net; bronze medalist, Mrs. Goward, 84.

It will be seen that even though it was the first year of the L. G. U. in Canada and many of the clubs were just beginning to run the system properly by the end of the season; that the net scores were not very different from the Pars, which shows that the Pars themselves were very nearly perfect and that the handicaps are getting fairly well adjusted. At the end of 1915 Canadian Golfers will be astonished at the equality of the standards thus established, and those clubs that have not been working will find themselves left very much behind.

Queen's Work for Women Medals— Results to May 14th, 1915

Victoria, B.C.—Q. W. for W. medal, presented by the C. L. G. U., won by Miss Young, 117—30—87. (Par 78.)

Hamilton—Q. W. for W. medals, purchased by the club. Ladies' foursomes (12 holes), Mrs. Robertson and Miss Meta Gibson.

Hamilton—Q. W. for W. medal, presented by the C. L. G. U.; Mrs. Bostwick, 94—17—77. (Par 79.)

There seems to have been a slight misunderstanding re these medals, which were given each club as an inducement to have them purchase more. The sample one sent costs the club nothing, but the entrance fees for the competition for it must be sent to the Head Office, specially marked as resulting from competition for the Q. W. for W. medal donated by the C. L. G. U.

Q. W. for W.

Extra Medals Ordered to Date by Canadian Clubs.

Brantford, 1; Berlin and Guelph combined, 14; Halifax, one dozen; Hamilton, one dozen and a half; Kanawaki, 4; Royal Montreal, 3; London Hunt, 6; Woodstock, one dozen; Royal Ottawa, 6; Rosedale, one dozen; Toronto Club, 6.

Women Golfers' War Fund

In regard to the contribution which was made to the British Women Golfers' Patriotic League (now called the Women Golfers' War Fund) we are in receipt of the following letter:

Dear Miss Harvey:

Your very kind letter and most welcome enclosure arrived safely last mail.

The Executive Committee of the Women Golfers' War Fund wish me to express to the Executive of the Canadian Ladies' Golf Union, and to the clubs that contributed, their most grateful thanks for the splendid contribution they have sent. They were especially touched by the action of the members of Windsor, Nova Scotia, and their self-denial; would be glad if you can send that club a very special message of appreciation.

I am enclosing herewith a little report of our work which we issued to the British clubs at the beginning of March, as it may interest your clubs who contributed to know what we are doing.

At the workrooms which we have established we are able to keep in regular employment 12 to 14 gentlewomen, all of whom have suffered in consequence of the war.

The work which is being turned out now is of a very excellent quality and design, and

we hope before long that our little industry will become self-supporting, and any profits made after running expenses are paid will go to benefit the workers.

It is not easy to gain a footing in the markets, and it takes considerable time to train expert workers and experiment in the best way of producing good things at a price that will tempt the trade, but we have made a beginning with orders from several London houses, and look forward confidently to the future. We are having a stall at the British Industries Fair to be held next month, the largest trade exhibition of the kind in this country.

Before your letter arrived last week our Committee was faced with a serious financial situation, having only enough funds in hand to carry on our work for about another month, but now, thanks to Canadian generosity, we are enabled to carry on and extend with no anxiety for some time to come.

As we are not at present in touch with any Belgian women, we are arranging to hand over the £5 5s earmarked for that special purpose to one of the other committees engaged in that special work.

Very sincerely yours,

ETHEL G. LEWIS SMITH,

Hon. Treas. Women Golfers' War Fund.
London S. W., April 27th, 1915.

The eighteen Canadian clubs that contributed to this very worthy cause were: Belleville, Ont.; Charlottetown, P. E. I.; Guelph, Ont.; Hamilton, Ont.; Halifax, N. S.; Humphrey, Moncton, N. B.; London Golf Club, Ont.; Moncton, N. B.; Royal Ottawa, Ont.; Quebec, Que.; Rosedale, Toronto, Ont.; Sarnia, Ont.; Stratford, Ont.; St. Charles Club, Winnipeg, Man.; Toronto Club, Ont.; Waterloo Club, Galt, Ont.; Windsor, N. S.; Woodstock, Ont.

There is a way in which we may be of further assistance. This toy making industry is a serious business proposition, and from small beginnings many great industries have arisen. Everyone knows that in the past the bulk of the toy trade was in German hands, and this little band of British golfers, working to help their less fortunate sisters, have shown sound judgment. It is not good business to force people to buy things they do not want in order to help on a charitable work, but to furnish the public with something it does want. This is what they are doing. War or no war, the children should be considered, and though people may not be so foolishly extravagant as in the past, buying toys that are far too ex-

pensive, still toys are needed and should be given, even if the grown-ups do without presents just now. Therefore if any of our readers have any influence with the big stores or wholesale firms in Canada or United States, we ask that they will exert it to have this most deserving Toy Industry given orders for the coming Christmas trade. There is no motive power so great as that of personal influence, and if the shops purchase these toys through the influence of our golfers, surely it is not too much to expect that they may rely on the same influence to help sell them in Canada, and "Empire-made Goods" is, as we all know, a true patriotic principle.

In a personal letter from Miss Grainger, who is the President of the Scottish Ladies' Golf Union, and who is affectionately known throughout the British Isles as the "Shepherdess of the Scottish Team," she says: "I must send you a line to thank you and all the Canadian Clubs for your splendid donation to the Women Golfers' War Fund. The money came at a most opportune moment, as our funds were getting rather low and the toy-making had not yet come to be a paying concern. It is doing very well, and will pay its way, I am sure, in a very short time."

In a recent number of "Golf Illustrated" Miss Helme writes: "It may not be out of place to mention here the various funds in which the lady golfers have been specially concerned. First amongst these may be placed the Women Golfers' War Fund. This was inaugurated in the early days of the war by Miss M. E. Stringer, with the object of relieving distress caused by the war amongst that class which is particularly difficult to help, the working gentlewoman. One of its first works was to employ workers thrown out of place making a particular kind of glove for the men of the destroyer flotillas. The designer was Mr. Hector Creswell, of the destroyer 'Nymph,' engaged to Miss Katherine Stuart, the Scottish International, who was responsible for the placing of this order. The initial supply was so much appreciated that Miss Stuart subsequently collected money for ten thousand pairs of these 'Fearnought' gloves, which were sent

to all the destroyer flotillas in the North Sea. Since then more definite work has been undertaken in the establishment of a workroom at 251 Brompton Road, where a dozen ladies thrown out of work by the war are kept in employment making toys—and excellent toys they are—which are sold wholesale to shops or retail to individuals. A selection of these was on show at the last Ladies' Golf Union 'At Home,' and were not a little admired. Miss Elsie Grant-Suttie in particular has been an indefatigable member of the Executive, and the list of the committee certainly justifies the opinion that the golfers are really interested in the enterprise."

The following statement has been received of the work done to March:

WOMEN GOLFERS' WAR FUND

(In Co-operation with the "Women's Emergency Corps")

Committee

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Report of the Committee for the First Six Months

The Fund was instituted immediately on the declaration of war; a strong and representative Committee was formed, and the object of the Fund clearly defined, i.e., to relieve, and, if possible, find employment for middle-class women thrown out of work by the war.

The Committee have been able, by grants, to relieve many sad cases of distress, but it was felt that a far more satisfactory plan would be to institute some industry, and thereby give employment. Accordingly, opportune and mutually agreeable arrangements were made with the "Working Ladies' Guild" (251 Brompton Road, S.W.), and at the end of November a Toy-making Industry was started, where a number of gentlewomen are working regularly and being trained by a properly qualified teacher.

Appended is a financial statement, and the Committee take this opportunity of thanking those who have already kindly subscribed. It will be seen that in order to carry on, and if possible extend, this industry, thereby fulfilling the object for which the Fund was instituted, more money is urgently needed, and we shall be very grateful if you will bring this letter before your committee and the members of your club, post up the enclosed card, and help by every means in your power in whatever way seems best to you.

Total Receipts			Payments		
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
372	12	3	Grants	88	6 6
			Printing, etc.....	11	14 4
			Toy-room expenses, wages, etc.....	137	18 11
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£372	12	3	£237	19	9

Balance in hand. £134 12 6

Subscriptions and donations should be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, all other communications to the Hon. Secretary.

R. M. CHURCH BLISS,

March, 1915.

Hon. Secretary.

The above statement is previous to the Canadian contribution of £204 10s. I may add that the work undertaken by this league in no way overlaps that done by the Queen's Work for Women Fund, which we are trying to assist by playing for the medals designed by Lady George Neville. I will refer to this later. Enough has been said to prove to the Canadian players that the British Women Golfers' War Fund is excellently managed and doing a splendid work, and though we Canadian women golfers have no special organization for war work, as there are already plenty of such organizations and we are all interested and working for some one or more of them, still anything we can give, either in money or influence, to help these fellow-golfers of ours in their noble work of assisting others to earn a livelihood is utterly inadequate to express what we owe to the Mother Country for what it has done and is doing for us. The C. L. G. U. will be ready at any time to forward any further donations to this splendid fund.

The 1915 L. G. U. Year Books have arrived, and may be ordered from Miss M. Scott, 25 Robinson Street, Hamilton. Price (including duty and postage), 30 cents.

The Executive of the C. L. G. U. has

accepted with much regret the resignation of Mrs. A. N. Mitchell as Hon. Treasurer. She has made a splendid treasurer, and her departure from Hamilton will be a distinct loss to the C. L. G. U. Head Office. We have been fortunate in securing the services of Miss Margaret Scott as the new Hon. Treasurer of the C. L. G. U.

Memorial to Miss Madge Neill Fraser

The following letter will be read with interest. It is being sent to the secretaries of all the lady golf clubs in Canada:

Dear Sir or Madam:

Though you may have realized the absolutely appalling state of affairs in Serbia—the whole gallant nation in danger of being wiped out by rampant typhus and typhoid, with cholera impending, unless immediate and very great help is given—people in England generally are not yet awake to the critical situation of Serbia. This has been driven home to us by the recent death from typhus at Kragnievatz of our friend, Miss Madge Neill Fraser, the well-known lady golfer, who went out with the Scottish Women's Hospital as nurse, dresser and chauffeur. We have heard from those who worked with her how men, wounded in September, have not yet received attention; how the whole of Serbia is one immense hospital, lacking nurses, lacking drugs, lacking everything necessary to cope with the horror.

A new unit is being formed to go out as soon as possible to join the Scottish Women's Hospital; there are plenty of willing nurses to go, but the difficulty is that of funds to provide beds, the cost of each bed being £25. It has been suggested that if golfers could be informed of the tragic and pitiable condition of Serbia, they would be only too ready to raise a practical memorial to the first British woman to give her life for the Serbians, and that this memorial should take the shape of more beds for the Scottish Hospital there.

The energetic furtherance of the merciful mission in which she laid down her life would be a most sincere and appropriate tribute to the memory of Miss Neill Fraser.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Secretary of each Golf Club in the United Kingdom; and we trust that you will do everything in your power—by calling meetings, by use of local papers, or by other means—to induce your club to respond generously and at once to this appeal for succor to our gallant and much-tried Serbian Allies.

We are all aware that the public has responded liberally to the numerous war calls already made, but we venture to point out that even small donations from individual members of such a large and influential section of the community as golfers form would mount in the aggregate to a very substantial sum. We are,

Very truly yours,

Issette Miller (Hon. Sec. Ladies' Golf Union), Mary E. L. Ross (nee Hezlet), Dora Cruickshank (nee Jenkins), Cecil Leitch, Gladys Ravenscroft, Muriel Dodd, Mabel Harrison, Frances S. Teacher, H. W. Forster,

THE UPKEEP OF GOLF COURSES.

MR. W. B. LANNIGAN, Assistant Freight Manager of the C.P.R., Winnipeg, Vice-President of the St. Charles Country Club in that city, and Chairman of the Grounds Committee, writes a most interesting letter to the "Canadian Golfer." He says in part:

"I have just received the first number of your magazine and must congratulate you not only on its appearance, but on the subject matter. I am especially interested in the Up-keep of Golf Courses by George Cumming. An article of this kind from one who is not only a green-keeper but a golfer, is of great value, as he combines a knowledge of how a green should be built and kept, with a knowledge of what a green should be, from a good golfing standpoint. A large majority of those entrusted with the upkeep of greens have only a knowledge of one of these elements. New clubs should get the advice of a man like Mr. Cumming before they start building their greens at all. Much unnecessary expense will be saved by building greens right, from tile draining at the bottom to the top dressing on the surface. They can also save very materially in getting pro-

M.P. (ex-Captain, Royal and Ancient Club), John Ball, Harold H. Hilton, James Braid, J. H. Taylor, Harry Vardon.

For Canada—Mabel G. Thomson, Edith Bauld, Violet Pooley, V. Henry-Anderson, Florence L. Harvey.

Canadian contributions to this fund should be sent as soon as possible to Miss Harvey, 40 Robinson Street, Hamilton, Ont., as we earnestly desire to add to this memorial. The sacrifice of Miss Neill Fraser will touch the hearts of golfers everywhere, even if few out here had the pleasure of knowing her, and the call of unhappy Serbia should not be left unanswered by Canadians, whether they be golfers or not. We who have to stay at home may also serve by giving of our means, however limited, to enable others who can, and are ready, to follow the brave example of one who counted not her life too much to give to the cause of humanity and the Red Cross.

fessional advice as to the class of seed suitable for their climatic conditions, and by getting an analysis of the soil, find out what it requires. If this is not done, a great deal of expense will be undertaken before a costly experience demonstrates how much time and money has been uselessly invested. A free interchange of knowledge of this kind would make your magazine extremely valuable to Canadian golfing clubs generally. I hope we may have the pleasure of further articles from Mr. Cumming's pen and other well known professionals."

Mr. Lannigan is quite right. "The Canadian Golfer" heartily agrees with him that grounds committees throughout the country have made a great mistake; have wasted hundreds—yes, thousands—of dollars, in the past in not calling upon the services of a first-class professional. A local grounds committee cannot have the same experience and knowledge. By all means, in trapping a course, in laying down or changing greens, call in the services of an expert. And fortunately, to-day in Canada, we don't have to go far afield to secure a good man. They are to be found in half a dozen or more centres.

Five Times Lady Champion

An Appreciation—by Florence L. Harvey

TO have five times held the women's national golf title of her own country is a distinction gained only by Miss Mabel Thomson in Canada, and Miss Duncan in "gallant little Wales." Miss Thomson adds to this the further record of having won the championship of the Maritime Provinces nine times, and the tennis championship of those Provinces almost as often.

In 1900 a large tournament for ladies was held at the old Toronto Club, this being the first open competition of the sort in Canada. A medal round was played, Miss Mabel G. Thomson, of St. John, N. B., winning, with Mrs. Dick of Toronto coming second. Since then these two names have been closely connected with Canadian golf tournaments. The next year saw the first Canadian ladies' championship held at Dixie under the auspices of the Royal Canadian Golf Association. This was won by Miss Lilly Young of Royal Montreal, who defeated Miss Thomson in the final.

When I went to my first championship, that of 1901 at Toronto Club, Miss Young had not come to defend her title, but the runner-up was there, and I can remember the agony of nervousness I went through before my match against her in the semi-final. I have said before my match, because

from my first drive, which happened to be a rather useful one, and was greeted by my opponent with a cordial "Good shot!" through all the tournaments we have played in, in Canada and abroad, I have never been afraid of Miss Thomson again. Of her game—Yes! No one

could have a greater respect for it than I, and many a time has she beaten me; but of her as an opponent—never!

There is one thing about Miss Thomson which I discovered in that first game with her, and which she is more to be envied than her long, raking wooden club shots and all the rest of her golfing skill, or her collection of championship medals,—and that is her gift, by some mysterious means, of making her defeated opponent feel that she forced her to play her best to win. My own experience in being beaten is most varied and extensive, so I should be something of an authority on

how it feels. There are many kinds of winners, and we will not for an instant consider those who gloat or those who become unduly uplifted; and there are very, very few among good players who cannot stand success. Still it is much easier to lose cheerfully than to win gracefully. On those occasions when she has lost Miss Thomson has scorned excuses; when she wins she



On the right, Miss Mabel G. Thomson, of St. John, N. B. Five times Women's National Golf Champion of Canada. On the left, Mrs. Fred Ashe, whose death last year is deeply regretted as she was a most popular visitor at tournaments.

does so in her own tactful way. Every one is not so gifted. There is the opponent who, when she gets about seven up, becomes sorry for you, and out of mistaken kindness proceeds to "let you down" a little more easily, so, with the best intentions in the world, makes you feel worse than before. There is the patronizing player, who leaves you with the feeling she thinks you have a possible future if you work hard and do not let yourself grow discouraged, or that you have done much better than she expected. Then there is the thorough sportswoman who frankly hates to put you out; but Miss Thomson always makes you feel, though she does not put it into words, as though she said: "Well! I did manage to win—it is true; but how you made me work to do it." Incidentally, she may have beaten you by 6 and 5 or so, but you have that nice feeling just the same.

How she does it is indefinable. It is her secret; but I think it arises from an outstanding quality of hers—a genuine appreciation of any one who can do a thing well. An expert herself in any branch of athletics she has taken up, she does not often meet a girl who excels her, but no matter if it be only in a small point, perhaps one special golfing shot, she is generously outspoken in her admiration of it. I have been beaten by all sorts of players in my golfing career, but I have always found that it is the best players who are big enough to remember the difficulties to be overcome, and so are less critical, and generous enough to admire another person's skill in surmounting them.

Owing to a very serious injury to her ankle, Miss Thomson has not been

with us regularly at recent championships. No one could be more missed than she, and all of us who have known her in the tournaments assure her that when Championships are held again a warm welcome awaits her as one of the most modest and generous sportswomen that ever handled a club.

It has not been necessary to go into details of her game itself; her graceful swing and splendid wrist action, with the resultant long, low shots with both wooden clubs and irons, are too well known to Canadian galleries to need description here. Her record speaks for itself:

- 1900—Winner Medal Round, open to all Canada.
- 1901—Runner-up, Canadian Championship.
- 1902—Winner, Canadian Championship.
- 1903—Semi-finalist, Canadian Championship.
- 1904—Winner of Qualifying Round, Canadian.
- 1905—Winner of Qualifying Round and also Championship, Canadian.
- 1906—Winner of Championship, Canadian.
- 1907—Winner of Championship, Canadian.
- 1908—Winner of Qualifying Round and Championship, Canadian.
- 1909—Did not compete.

As the Canadian ladies' championship has been won ever since by a British champion, in 1910, 1911 and 1912 going to Miss Dorothy Campbell and in 1913 (the last tournament held) to Miss Muriel Dodd (Miss Thomson was not able to compete), the British ladies' golfing standard being the highest in the world, Canadian players have been faced with an exceedingly difficult task in striving to capture the title of their own country. We all hope Miss Thomson will give future Canadian championship galleries many an opportunity of seeing more of the really brilliant golf she has so often played in the past.

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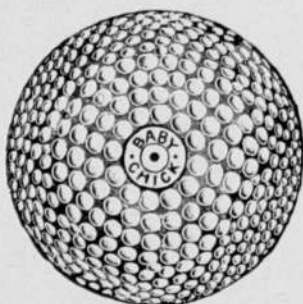
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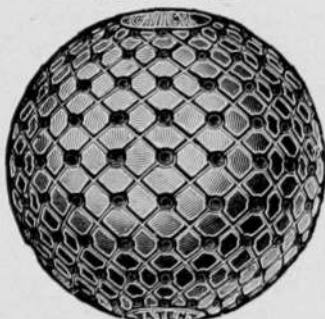
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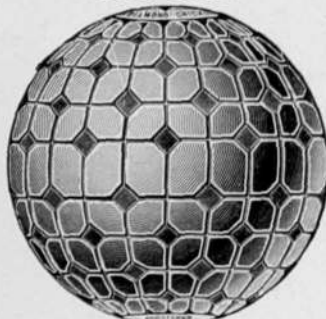
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"Canadian Golfer's" Celebrities

Mr. F. R. G. Martin, Twice Amateur Champion of Canada

BESIDES Mr. George S. Lyon, the eight times Amateur Champion of Canada, two other Canadian golfers have landed the premier event more than once, viz., Mr. W. A. H. Kerr, of the Toronto Club, in 1897 and 1901, and Mr. F. R. G. Martin, of the Hamilton Golf and Country Club, in 1902 and 1910.

Mr. Martin—"Fritz" to the golfing world—is generally conceded by experts to be the greatest left-handed player on the continent. His raking shots with iron and wood, and his deadly approaching and putting, are known on all the leading courses. Very few men have such a variety of clever shots in their bag. He is always a man to be reckoned with—always a player who will take the match to the last hole and to the last putt, for he has skill and perseverance plus.

Mr. Martin was born in Seneca Township, Haldimand County, on the banks of the Noble Grand, where, many years ago, a number of prominent Irish families settled and kept up the best traditions of the Emerald Isle in amateur sport. His father was Mr. Frederick Oliver Martin, and the family has always been well known in Hamilton and other centres.

Mr. Martin went to the public school at York, and from there to Upper Canada College, that nursery of all that is best in Canadian sports. He was always very keen on games and quickly made his mark on the school cricket and football teams. Leaving Upper Canada, and going to Hamilton, he followed his favorite games with great success. Especially he made his mark in the grand old sport of cricket, from which so many fine golfers have graduated. Many a win of the Hamilton Cricket Club was largely due to his prowess with bat and ball and in the field, and three times he earned his "blue" in being chosen on the International cricket eleven—the highest honor that can befall the "wielder of the willow."

In the spring of 1898 he took up golf, but in a perfunctory way, only playing in the spring and fall, for some three

years cricket claiming all his spare time in the summer. He first attended the Amateur Championship meeting at the Toronto Club in 1901, and was beaten in the first round by Mr. A. H. Campbell, of the Toronto Club.

The following year, however, the famous left-hander devoted all his time to the Royal and Ancient, and was very much in the limelight. At the Championship held at the well-known Royal Montreal Golf Club, Dixie, he played fine golf and won out the premier event—from Mr. R. C. H. Cassels, of the Toronto Golf Club, 1 up in 36 holes. This was the first time that the Championship had come further west than Toronto, and was a very popular win in Hamilton and neighboring cities.

In 1907, at Lambton, Mr. Martin was runner-up to Mr. George S. Lyon in the Championship, losing by 3 and 2, and in 1908, at Montreal, was again the runner-up to Mr. A. Wilson, Jr., of Montreal, who won a very exciting match by 1 up. In 1910 Mr. Martin, at Lambton, captured the championship for the second time, defeating Mr. Geo. S. Lyon in one of the best matches of his notable career, the struggle being taken to the 37th green. A curious incident in connection with this year is contained in the fact that in the Lambton tournament of 1910 Mr. Lyon turned the tables on his brother-in-law, beating Mr. Martin on the 37th green for that event.

These old Lambton tournaments, by the bye, were productive of very fine golf. They always brought out a big international field, and it was with genuine regret that golfers everywhere heard of their discontinuance. Mr. Martin was always to the fore at Lambton. In 1906 he won the tournament from Mr. Tillinghast, of Philadelphia, after a most interesting match, and in 1908 and 1910 was also runner-up each time to Mr. Lyon; in fact, the "Johnny Ball" of Canadian golf and Mr. Martin have had more battle royals than perhaps any two players on the continent, and it speaks volumes for the Hamilton man's sterling game that

he has lowered the colors of Mr. Lyon more often, perhaps, than any other player.

Mr. Martin's best score is a 67 on the far-from-easy Hamilton course. He was for three years captain of the Hamilton Club, and has done more to raise the standard of golf in that city and vicinity than any other golfer. The Hamilton Club can put a team in the field that the biggest and best clubs find "hard to beat," and the popular

head of that team for so many years deserves a great deal of the credit for that pleasing golfing condition of affairs in the Ambitious City.

Mr. Martin, who is a barrister by profession, is still in the prime of his golfing career, and further victories a-plenty are undoubtedly in store for him on the courses of this and other countries, where his golf and golfing personality are alike so well known and so greatly admired.

Seed vs. Turf

Geo. Cumming

ONE reason which may be advanced in favor of seed in preference to turf is the facility with which it may be obtained. Turf of good enough quality for the construction of a golf green is very difficult to find—that is, good turf, composed of fine grasses and free from clover and weeds and growing on suitable soil to match the locality in which it is to be laid down. The question of soil is an important one. It is useless to expect success with turf moved from a heavy, tenacious soil on to a light sandy soil or, as frequently happens, on to pure sand itself, and vice versa. Even turf imported from a distance and from a locality noted for the quality of its turf rarely does well. Change of soil and growth under different conditions generally kill out the finer and more desirable grasses and leave the surface weak and coarse. It seems to me to be scarcely worth while running the great risk of failure from turf when success can be assured by sowing the green with seed. One of the reasons which the advocates of turf usually put forward is that the turfed green can be played on in less time than the sown one. There is certainly something in this, but not much.

As far as my experience goes, there is little to choose between the two in this respect. Given a green where the constructive work had been done properly and the seed sown at the right time, the sown green would present a true putting surface as quickly as a turfed one. Most of the turf procurable is composed of fine and coarse grasses. The coarse varieties certainly grow more quickly and cover the surface

more rapidly than the finer grasses of the sown green, though with a very inferior turf, and however carefully the turf is laid, some considerable time must elapse before it presents a true putting surface, which is, after all, the time to reckon by, and not the date when it is possible to putt (in any form) on it. Another advantage of seed is its freedom from weed seeds. If reasonable care is used in preparing the seed-bed few really bad weeds will appear. The annual surface-rooting weeds are easily dealt with, and the others can be got rid of with the hand-fork. We now come to what is perhaps the most important point in favor of seed over turf—the cost. Although little difference will be noticed in the cost of preparing the ground (for this operation is as essential in the one case as the other), the difference afterwards is very marked. The price of seed of the best quality to sow, say, an acre would not be one-half the cost of turf for the same area, and labor to sow and rake in the seed not one-tenth of the cost of laying the turf. The cost of carting, beating and rolling after it is laid down is an item to be debited to the account of the turf. There is also another reason against a turfed green. Should prolonged dry weather prevail, however well laid, some of the turfs will part and make a lot of work to fill them up with fine soil to the level again. This will make watering both difficult and wasteful, as once a new-laid turf becomes dry it is next to impossible to wet it by artificial means. These are some of the reasons why seed is preferable to turf for putting greens.

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Yours faithfully,

(Signed) E. A. STAUNTON,
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Ralph H. Reville, Esq.
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CANADA

Ottawa, Ont., 3rd May, 1915.

Dear Mr. Reville,

Your letter of 30th April is before me. The "Canadian Golfer" has just come to hand and I shall peruse it with much interest at the earliest opportunity.

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Golf in the Eastern Provinces

By Niblick

GOLF in the Eastern Provinces has now been earnestly set a-going for another season, and the Empire Day holiday saw all the courses in this district busy. The comparatively mild winter had its advantages, as well as its disadvantages, for the golfer. Probably never before has golf been played to the same extent so early in the season as this year, and many of the enthusiasts had played their first round by Good Friday.

Perhaps the courses suffered from an insufficient covering of snow, and a few of the putting-greens have been slightly "winter-killed" as a result. Temporary greens are meantime being used as substitutes, and the green-keepers are busy curing the frost-bite.

The professionals and green-keepers, however, have a problem which gives them more worry than the effects of the frost, and this is the dandelion pest. The fair-way on many of the courses is a mass of yellow bloom, and apart from the anxiety this causes the green-keepers, it is a source of much irritation and loss of temper to the golfer, as it is the cause of much waste of time and many lost balls.

The weather conditions for fully two weeks have been most unfavorable. Rain has fallen nearly every day in a greater or less degree, and has dampened the ardor of some budding champions. However, the sun will again shine, and their aspirations will again seek to manifest themselves. The professionals feel that they have a real "kick," and many lessons have had to be cancelled. With the possible cancellation of all professional competitions this year, they very naturally are anxious to make the most of the ordinary channels of business.

On all the more important courses around Montreal, the same well-known instructors are again at their posts. Harry Piddick, who has been acting as

pro. at Outremont since the opening of the course at Kaniwaki, has gone down East to Grand Mere, to take up the position of professional and club-maker on the new course there, which has come into existence principally through the energy and enthusiasm of the golfing element in the Laurentide Paper Co. Piddick has formed a good opinion of the paper-makers and, judging from the supply of golfing materials that are finding their way down there, he has good cause to keep smiling.

Empire Day was the occasion of much activity on all the courses, and very appropriate advantage was taken to help along some of the work on behalf of the soldiers. At the Beaconsfield course a competition was carried through and the entry money devoted to the Soldiers' Tobacco Fund.

At the Country Club, St. Lambert, the regular weekly fixtures were inaugurated with the playing of a stroke competition.

Royal Montreal course, at Dixie, is at present in fine condition and there have been large numbers of week-end golfers. Empire Day was also a busy day here.

The latest reports from Kaniwaki indicate that the weather has had the effect of preventing the members travelling to the South Shore, and they have not yet got into their usual stride.

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Elgin Golf and Country Club, St. Thomas.—J. W. Ritch and J. A. Wallace.

London Golf Club.—Major W. G. Coles and officers attached to No. 1 Military District. All the officers attached to No. 1 are honorary members of the club.

Norfolk Golf and Country Club.—W. D. Powell (in addition to list previously published).

Peterborough Golf and Country Club (complete list).—Arthur Ackerman, C. H. Ackerman, E. B. Boswell, G. Brisco, C. R. Cameron, C. P. Fee, A. F. Field, Dr. E. V. Frederick, Elliott Greene, Beresford Hamilton, A. T. LeFevre, Harold Matthews, S. T. Medd, G. K. Rackham, H. Ritchie, C. H. Rogers, John S. Watson. Of this list Pte. E. B. Boswell is reported killed. Sergt. A. F. Field, who was reported killed, has since been heard from and is a prisoner in a German hospital. Pte. Boswell was formerly of the Bank of Montreal staff, but latterly conducted an insurance business. He was very popular in Peterborough. Sergt. Field was also on the Bank of Montreal staff and an enthusiastic golfer.

Royal Montreal Golf Club (additional list of members on active service).—Dr. J. G. Adami, Dr. E. W.

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Tragic Death of Mr. J. M. Young.

The news of the death of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Young of Hamilton, who were passengers on the ill-fated *Lusitania*, torpedoed by a German submarine, came as a great shock to friends throughout Canada. Mr. Young was a well-known golfer, one of the chief supporters for many years of the game in Hamilton. The following eloquent appreciation is from the pen of Mr. T. S. Haslett, K.C., of Hamilton, a lifelong friend of Mr. and Mrs. Young:

It is with deep sorrow and regret that we record the death of Mr. James M. Young of Hamilton, who was one of



Mr. James M. Young

the passengers on the *Lusitania* when she was destroyed by the most diabolical and dastardly act in the history of modern warfare. It is particularly sad to relate that Mr. Young was accompanied by his wife, and both lost their lives while on their way to England to look after their son, Lieut. Young, of the First Canadian Contingent, who was wounded in the trenches in France, and is now slowly recovering therefrom in a hospital in England.

Mr. Young was born in Hamilton in the year 1853, and was a son of the late Mr. John Young, one of its most prom-

inent citizens. He was educated at the school of the celebrated Dr. Tassie in Galt, and in the early part of his business career founded and organized the Hamilton Cotton Company, of which he was practically the owner at the time of his death, and was also connected with many other business enterprises.

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Captain Gerald Lees

active interest in all matters of a charitable nature, and was at the time of his death President of the Hamilton Red Cross Society, and an officer in many other charitable institutions. He was a great admirer and supporter of all manly sports, particularly golf, and was one of the organizers and directors of the Hamilton Golf and Country Club.

A good citizen, an upright business man, a kind father, and a sympathetic and warm friend, he has passed to his eternal rest deeply beloved and lament-

ed by all who knew him. To the members of his family we beg leave to extend our heartfelt sympathy in their great bereavement.

Captain Gerald Lees

The "Canadian Golfer" for May referred briefly to the gallant death, at Ypres, of Captain Gerald Lees, one of the best-known golfers in Canada, runner-up for the Championship in 1913.

Captain Lees was born in England about 36 years ago, his father, William Lees, still living at Tettenhall, near Wolverhampton. He came to Canada some twelve years ago, entering into business in Montreal, joining the Outremont Golf Club, of which club he was Captain and Golf Champion for several years. In 1909 he came to reside in Ottawa, and immediately joined the Royal Ottawa Golf Club, where he

soon achieved the distinction of being Club Champion, holding the title for 1910, 1911 and 1912. In 1913 he lost the title to Lieut. Alex. Fraser, who is now in training with the 38th Regiment for service abroad. Captain Lees was a member of, and represented in Ottawa, the brokerage firm of McCuaig Bros., of Montreal. At the time of his death he was engaged to be married, his fiancee being Miss Elsie Cotton, a daughter of the late General Cotton of the Headquarters Staff, Ottawa. He was an expert figure skater, being a member of both the Minto and Rideau Skating Clubs of Ottawa. He was also a member of the Rideau Club of Ottawa. The sympathy of golfers throughout Canada will go out to the bereaved relatives in England and the fair bride-to-be.

Canadian Golf Club Officers

THE following clubs and their officers were not reported in the May number of the "Canadian Golfer," which, it will be remembered, contained a very complete list of officials:

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tie; Vice-Captain, J. K. H. Pope; Greens Committee, Ernest Williams, M.D.; House Committee, Dr. J. Alex. Wright.

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In and Around the Club House

On account of the war it is probable that the Montreal and District championship meetings will not be held this year.



The annual Osler Trophy competition at the Toronto Club has brought out a good field of players. At Lambton, too, the Austen Trophy has attracted a large entry.



One of New York's big fashionable hotels is said to contemplate laying out a golf course indoors, and having some expert English player as instructor. Harry Vardon, it is stated, would have been offered the position if he had come to this country this year.



There will be no Canadian Amateur, no Canadian Ladies' and no Open Championships this year in Canada. The directors of the Royal Canadian Golf Association have very wisely decided, during the war, on the cancellation of all three events. The Amateur has been played continuously since 1895, the Ladies' since 1901, and the Open since 1898.



The Rosedale Golf Club, Toronto, has made two or three changes in the greens this season which will have a tendency to prevent congestion, and yet at the same time not militate against the value or sportiness of the hole. On a popular course like Rosedale the changes made were advisable. No course which is liable to be congested should cater too much to greens which are liable by difficult placing to hold up the whole field.



The London Golf Club this season are in the same quandary as the Niagara-on-the-Lake Club. The military have "commandeered" their courses, and the members are temporarily out of a golfing home. The Secretary of the London Club, Mr. B. T. Ferguson, informs the "Canadian Golfer" that his club still retains its organization and will be glad of out-of-town games, which, however, they will not be able to return this year.

The Elgin Golf and Country Club open the club playing season with a match at Simcoe on the King's Birthday, June 3.



The Calgary St. Andrew's Golf Club is one of the most active organizations in Sunny Alberta. The club has a membership of over 300 and a lady membership of 125.



This is the first season of the Orillia Golf and Country Club on their new links, and in a short time they promise to be very attractive. The club has had great difficulties to surmount, and deserve much credit for the excellent state the course is in already.



T. R. H. the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, Patron and Patroness of the R. C. G. A. and C. L. G. U., during their recent visit to Montreal played over the Royal Montreal golf course at Dixie. His Royal Highness and Princess Patricia, when in St. Catharines, also played over the St. Catharines links. The Royal Family are very fond of the Royal and Ancient game.



The Brantford Club opened the season most enjoyably with a match on Empire Day with St. Catharines, who were defeated by 31 points. On Saturday, May 29th, the Park Club players of Buffalo were guests of the club. Brantford was again victorious by 7 points. This match was for the cup presented for competition between the two cities by Colonel Wilkes. The return match will be played in Buffalo July 1st



Judge Ermatinger, one of the best-known members of the Elgin Golf and Country Club, St. Thomas, has ordered a year's subscription to the "Canadian Golfer," which he intends presenting as a prize at one of the club competitions. His Honor has struck an excellent idea—at least the "C.G." thinks so. This great family golfing journal wishes there was a Judge Ermatinger in every golf club. Here's hoping there is.



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The Mississauga Golf and Country Club opened the season on May 24th with a club match, in which an entrance fee was charged for the Soldiers' Fund. Over \$70 was realized for the worthy object.



At the annual meeting of the Edmonton Country Club the following three retiring members of the Board of Governors were re-elected for a further term of three years: J. H. Morris, J. E. Wallbridge and E. G. Palmer. G. S. Hensley was also elected to the board to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of E. H. Simpson, who has joined the forces. The board will be required to elect further members to fill the places of F. C. Jamieson and F. B. Somerville. The former is now in France and the latter is on his way there.



The Royal Montreal Golf Club has had an unusually early season. Not previous to 1915 were the members on the permanent greens prior to May 10th. This year they were opened on April 26th. From all over Canada comes word of a record early season for the game. Reports are also now coming in that drought in many places is already showing its effects on the fair greens, whilst the dandelion pest is paramount everywhere.



A well-known golfing member of the London Hunt Club makes an amusing suggestion to the "Canadian Golfer" along the lines of improved "goffi." He would have all the holes of different size. For instance, start off at No. 1 with a hole as big as a bushel basket. Then gradually reduce the dimensions until at the 18th the hole would be of a diameter just large enough to allow the ball to drop in. He thinks this change would make putting far more enjoyable and interesting, and add much needed diversity to this important branch of the game.

The Rivermead Golf Club, Ottawa, has now a membership of 375, and there are pending quite a number of applications for membership. The course is in excellent shape this season, and the game is very popular.



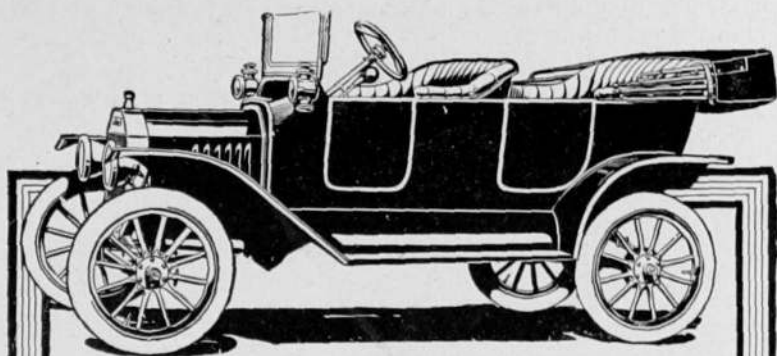
The Lambton Golf and Country Club a few weeks ago had a medal round, which netted no less than \$425 for the Belgian Relief Fund. On Empire Day a match against par was played by both ladies and men. The entrance fee was for the Soldiers' Tobacco Fund, which was replenished to the extent of \$75. Lambton is certainly setting a good example to all golf clubs.



The Waterloo Golf and Country Club of Galt observed Arbor Day, May 5th, by having a tree planting. Some one hundred members donated trees and shrubs. Each tree was "tagged" with the name of the donor who paid for it and its planting, and will also look after its proper upkeep. All along the Preston main road, which runs along the links, trees were planted, and also on several other parts of the property. There was an excellent variety of trees planted, among others birch, soft and hard maple, spruce, Douglas fir, Austrian pine and walnut. The idea, which met with a most enthusiastic reception from the members of the club, is an excellent one and is worthy of emulation throughout the Dominion.



Medicine Hat Golf and Country Club opened the season with a gala day on May 24th. Twenty-six of the players were on hand to take part in the President vs. Vice-President match, which resulted in a victory for Mr. Drake, the Vice-President, over Mr. Chudleigh, the President's side. The Vice-President himself made the best score of the day. He, however, relinquished his claim upon the prize. J. C. Beveridge and R. R. Evans tied at 55 for the next lowest score and will play off to decide the winner. While the men were on the links the lady members played bridge, Miss Annie McPherson winning a handsome Crown Derby cup and saucer as first prize. Unfortunately, the rain prevented the playing of mixed



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foursomes, but several hours were pleasantly passed in playing cards and dancing. Dainty refreshments were served. Mrs. Chudleigh, Mrs. McNeely and Mrs. R. R. Evans fulfilled the duties of hostesses for the day.



The "Canadian Golfer," in an article on Club Competitions in the May number, quoted Mr. Darwen, the eminent English authority, advising playing club matches in fours. Several Canadian clubs have tried out the idea and find it works admirably. It greatly adds to the sociability of the club match.



The Pater et Filius (Father and Son) Tournament will be held at the Sleepy Hollow Country Club, Scarborough-Hudson, June 21st. Fathers will play with their sons as partners, and the event will be one of the most interesting of the season. Mr. Frank Presbrey, the well-known New York golfer, is the chairman of the committee. This should attract two or three good Canadian entries.



The Lakeview Golf and Country Club at Port Credit is, at any rate, not feeling the stress of war times. This season the club has added no less than 70 players to its membership. A very keen lot of golfers belong to Lakeview. The course this year is in splendid shape. A. S. Russell, formerly of Lambton, is the pro. and has made many improvements in the lay-out of the holes.



The Alberta Golf Association, of which Mr. E. G. Palmer, of Edmonton, is Secretary, consists of the following clubs: Calgary Golf and Country Club, Calgary St. Andrews Golf Club, Edmonton Country Club, McLeod Golf Club, Lethbridge Golf and Country Club, Medicine Hat Golf Club. There are some capital players in the Association. It has not been definitely decided as to whether a tournament will be held this year or not, but if it is held, it will be at the usual time, Sept. 2nd to 6th inclusive, so as to take in Labor Day.



The editor of the "Canadian Golfer" was a visitor to the progressive town of

Simcoe recently, and was simply amazed and delighted with the wonderful improvements made in the golf course there and at the attractiveness of the new club-house. Really any "nine-hole-course" club, or any new club contemplating improvements to their property, could not do better than visit the county town of Norfolk and see what a progressive club committee really can do with a few thousand dollars. And golf was virtually dead in Simcoe a couple of years ago! To-day the Norfolk Golf and Country Club has a membership of over 300. The whole property is one of the best assets of a progressive town. Well done, Simcoe! There was a most successful opening at the new club-house on May 24th, with a record attendance.



In the list published in the May "Canadian Golfer," the well-known Toronto Hunt Club was omitted from the associate members of the Royal Canadian Golf Association. The Toronto Hunt has one of the best kept courses in Ontario and golf is very popular with a large number of its members.



After all those two past masters of the art of golf, Vardon and Ray, may be at Baltusrol this month (June 15th to 18th), to compete for the U. S. Open Championship. They were to have sailed on the Lusitania for this country on Saturday, the 15th of May, but the dastardly sinking of that ship altered all their plans. However, a later despatch states they may yet make the trip.



An interesting four-ball match was recently played at the Toronto Club. The partners were Mr. George S. Lyon and W. Freeman of Lambton and Mr. R. C. H. Cassels and George Cumming of the Toronto Club. The Lambton players were one down in the morning round, but squared the match in the afternoon eighteen. Geo. Cumming got a 72 in the first round and 79 in the second; total, 151. Mr. Lyon bagged a 78 and 76; total, 154. Mr. Cassels and Freeman both played good steady golf. A return match of 36 holes will be played in Lambton in a week or so.



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The Hon. Gerald Ward of the Rose-dale Club is reported among the wounded.



Miss Margaret Neill Fraser, of Rockville, Murrayfield, Edinburgh, the well-known international player, an appreciation of whom, by Miss Harvey, appeared in the May number of the "Canadian Golfer," and who died at Kragujevatz, Serbia, of fever whilst on nursing service on 9th March, younger daughter of the late Patrick Neil Fraser, left unsettled personal estate—£2,519.



Reference was made in the May number of the "Canadian Golfer" to the fact that Dr. Charles Hartley, a former resident of Brantford, now in Berlin, with a number of other Anglo-Americans, was much interested in the Berlin Golf Club, which was to have opened up a splendid new course this summer near Potsdam. The club had a cash fund of 250,000 marks (\$62,500) in the bank, and the German Imperial Treasury has expropriated the entire amount and invested it in German war loan securities. Another sample of Kultur vandalism.



One of the best short holes in Canada is the 6th on the links of the London Hunt Club. It is guarded by a nasty water hazard, and calls for a very clever shot to hold the undulating green. This season, too, the sides and back of the green have been bunkered and the hole is now one of the cleverest in the country. The London Hunt Club course generally suffers quite severely from spring freshets as a result of the overflowing of the river running through the property. This year there was no trouble from this source and the members have been able to start playing unusually early. There are a capital lot of golfers in London, although this year the ranks have been sadly thinned by members volunteering for the war—no less than 28 officers going from the Hunt Club alone. The London Golf Club also sent a full quota. Golfing population considered, the Forest City, perhaps, holds premier honors in Canada, when it comes to golfers at the front.

Lieut. Ransome Wilkes, one of the best golfers in Brantford, whilst training in England, as a result of a motorcycle accident, was quite seriously injured, and will probably, as a result, miss the chance of going to the front. He has two brothers with the forces.



The Calgary Golf and Country Club, notwithstanding a large number of members gone to the front, is still keeping up its membership well on to 500, a number of new shareholders and other members having been elected this spring. The various committees are working enthusiastically, and all indications point to a successful year. The club is very wisely substituting grass greens for a number of sand greens. The present 18-hole course was laid out by the well-known golf architect, Tom Bendelow. There is an inner and outer course, each starting and finishing in front of the club-house.



The formal opening of the Weston Golf Club's course, on the northern confines of Toronto, on May 24th, proved a most successful and delightful function, about 300 people being gathered together for the occasion, and the weather being all that could be desired. The first ball was sent off by the honorary president, D. C. Hossack, with a clean and powerful stroke, and the course was then declared open for play. The playing event of the day was a putting competition on the green, for which a prize was provided for the successful lady and the successful gentleman. The first was won by Mrs. (Dr.) E. F. Irwin, while the gentleman's competition resulted in a tie between Messrs. Rickie and Lawson.

After the play an enjoyable Pierrot show was staged in the open air by the members of the club, the flowering trees and shrubs proving a most effective background. The course will now be open for general play, and a monthly competition will be held throughout the season. A trophy cup has been donated by H. F. Strickland for yearly competition among the members, to be awarded at the close of the season's play.

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James Aitchison is the professional this year at the Norfolk Golf and Country Club, Simcoe. He comes from Uddington, near Glasgow, Scotland, and last year was with Nicol Thompson, the well-known Hamilton pro. The Simcoe course is being rounded into fine shape under his care.

Percy Barrett, the well-known Lambton pro. for so many years, is now with the new Weston Club, which had such an auspicious opening May 24th. Barrett is one of the best-known professionals in Canada. As a player he ranks very high indeed. He won the Open Championship in 1907 with a score of 306, George Cumming being the runner-up.

Archie Simpson is the professional in charge of the Detroit course, where the American Amateur Championship will be held in August. Archie, who was one of our very finest players when Taylor and Vardon were raising the banner of the English school, is doing excellently in the States, although in a letter to friends he says business generally has been backward in America, although sport of all kinds, and golf especially, is booming. He is making a lot of improvements on the course, which he hopes will be in the very best order by championship time.—Golfers' Monthly, Scotland.

Sergt. W. A. Roderick Badger, of the 9th Field Battery, is reported wounded. At the time he was called to the colors he was steward of the Lambton Golf Club. He is a native of Sheffield, England, and has lived in Toronto for several years. The sergeant is 33 years of age, and with the 13th Hussars passed through the South African war, and wears the Queen's medal and the

King's medal for active service. Sergeant Badger was on the editorial staff of the Ottawa Citizen before obtaining the position at the Lambton Golf Club.

Cuthbert Britchart, who was professional at Berlin, is now a prisoner in a German detention camp, and the Huns, not content with incarcerating him, have burnt down his private premises on the golf links. Britchart loses a valuable stock of clubs, balls, boots, etc.

T. S. Warner, professional of the London Golf Club, is another golfer who has given up his life for King and Country. He decided to enlist at the beginning of the spring, and left on the ill-fated Lusitania for England. He lost his life when the ship was torpedoed. He was very popular with the members of the London Golf Club, and his untimely death is greatly regretted in the Forest City.

Fifteen days after Acting Sergeant Herbert E. Hawke, of the Princess Patricia's, wrote a card to his sister, Mrs. James Moffat, 887 Woburn Avenue, Bedford Park, Toronto, that he was well, and one day after she received it, word came from Ottawa that he had been killed in action. Sergeant Hawke wrote the card on May 5, from France, and on Thursday. Mr. Moffat received it. Friday morning a wire came from Ottawa. Sergeant Hawke came to Toronto three years ago from London, England. Before enlisting he was employed at the Rosedale Golf Club.

This was the second war that Sergt. Hawke fought in. He served with the Imperial Yeomanry Sharpshooters, through the South African campaign. Hawke left Toronto as a private, and was promoted at Winchester, when the Pats. were quartered there.

A hen sat on a putting green;
Then ambled slowly by me;
And when I tried to make my putt—
I found she'd laid a stymie.

—Yale Record