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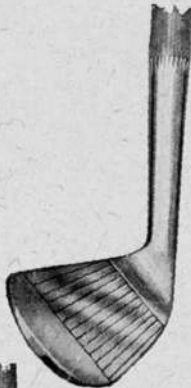
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The Annual Meeting of the Royal Canadian Golf Association

Every club, large or small, should make it a point to send a delegate to the Annual Meeting of The Royal Canadian Golf Association on February 6th in Toronto. Many matters of vital importance will come up for discussion and ratification. The 1925 President, Mr. W. E. Matthews, of Ottawa, his Executive and officials, have done yeoman service the past year in broadening out the activities of the Association and laying the foundation for a Dominion-wide participation in the major competitions and in the work of the important Green Section, so successfully launched last season.

The members of the incoming Executive, will find another exceptionally busy year ahead of them. The Governing Body of Golf in Canada, can no longer rest under the opprobrium, never really deserved, of being parochial. It to-day has conclusively demonstrated that it is anxious to meet the reasonable wants and wishes of golfers from Coast to Coast. The hands of the officials should be, and deserve to be, strengthened next month by a record attendance of delegates at the Annual Meeting. The R. C. G. A. has earned especially of recent years, by its broad-mindedness and energy, the warm support and encouragement of every Golf Club and every golfer in Canada, having the best interests of the Royal and Ancient, really at heart.

The Vogue of the Public Golf Course From returns recently compiled by the "Canadian Golfer," there will be no fewer than 24 Public Golf Courses in operation in Canada the coming season, compared with but four some five years ago. By Provinces these Public Links are distributed as follows: Nova Scotia, 1; Quebec, 2; Ontario, 10; Manitoba, 5; Saskatchewan and Alberta, 5, and British Columbia, 1. All these courses are not supported by the Municipalities. A few of them are privately owned Links where the general public is allowed to play at a nominal fee. However, they are to all intents and purposes Public Courses. This is a remarkable showing certainly, and testifies in no uncertain manner to the growing vogue of the game generally throughout Canada, amongst people who in the past, desired to play golf but were prevented from doing so on account of the expenses involved in joining private clubs.

U. S. G. A. Strongly Urges Observance of Rules For some time now The Royal Canadian Golf Association has been strongly urging the better observance of the rules amongst golfers throughout the Dominion. Now the United States Golf Association is out with a strong pronouncement. At the Annual Meeting of the Association held this month in Chicago, the Rules of Golf Committee, through its Chairman, Mr. Howard F. Whitney, one of the most prominent supporters of the game in the States, brought down the following forceful recommendation:

"With the unprecedented development of the game of Golf in America, we are more than ever impressed with the vital importance of the Rules governing the game, and the necessity for a more thorough understanding of them.

It is in no spirit of criticism, but merely by way of helpful suggestion, that the Committee advise all the clubs to furnish their members with books of Rules, either free or at a nominal cost, in order to bring about a keener appreciation of the game in all its phases.

No game can be played properly without a knowledge of its rules and an appreciation of its etiquette, the ignoring of either of which gives rise too frequently to unpleasant incidents."

That idea of all Clubs in 1926 providing members with books of the Rules is an admirable one and can be followed to advantage too, in Canada. Every player should know the Rules. In fact, should be compelled to know them and practice them.

THE GLENEAGLES TOURNAMENT

THE Editor is in receipt of the following communication from Mr. Alex. Ewing, Tournament Secretary of "The Glasgow Herald," a paper by the way, established 'way back in 1783:

"'The Glasgow Herald' One Thousand Guineas Golf Tournament for next season will be held at Gleneagles in the week beginning Monday, June 28. The date corresponds with that of the 1925 tournament and will follow immediately the Open Championship.

The 1926 Gleneagles Tournament will be the seventh held since the event was instituted by 'The Glasgow Herald.' From the outset it has been one of the most popular fixtures in the professional golfers' calendar, and it has had the loyal support of the greatest exponents of the game. The unrivalled attractions of Gleneagles have appealed to spectators as well as to players, and those who have come to watch the progress of the tournaments from year to year have witnessed golf which has added notable pages to the history of the Royal and Ancient game.

Up to the present time, although American and other overseas competitors have entered the lists, the Gleneagles tournaments have been won always by British golfers, the winners in rotation having been (1) George Duncan; (2) Abe Mitchell, (3) George Duncan, (4) A. G. Havers, (5) George Duncan (6) A. Compston.

On several occasions the tournament has taken place on an earlier date than that of the current year, but the later date has one important advantage, as owing to the high altitude of the Gleneagles course the greens come into their best condition towards the end of June. The professional golf season becomes more crowded every year, and the arrangement of the leading fixtures requires careful consideration to avoid the clashing of events."



(The Editor is always glad to answer questions about the Rules, and other golfing matters, but owing to so many of these requests coming in every month, he must ask in future that stamped-addressed envelope be enclosed with all such communications, otherwise they will not be answered).

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Mr. Greville E. Seon, of Oregon City, Oregon:

"The Canadian Golfer" is always full of news and articles of interest to everyone connected with the game."

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Mr. E. D. MacKenzie, of the Korry-Krome Shoe Company, Corry, Pa.:

"I read the last issue of the 'Canadian Golfer' from cover to cover, and it is full of the best kind of food for a golfer, and in fact for anyone who is not a golfer."

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In a recent issue of the Brooklyn "Times" Mr. W. E. Hicks pays a very fine tribute to the late Mr. Seymour Lyon, whose passing was so regretted in both the States and Canada amongst golfers.

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The "Canadian Almanac" (Copp, Clark Co., Ltd., Toronto, Publishers), has made its welcome appearance for 1926. It is a wonderful compendium of invaluable information for the business man, banker, lawyer, journalist, teacher and student. In fact, no one who wants to know "his Canada," can afford to be without a copy. The price is \$3.50, including a large coloured map of the Dominion, which is an added 1926 feature.

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"The Financial Post Survey, 1926," just issued from the press, is simply indispensable and invaluable for the Canadian business and financial man. It covers the whole gamut of the Dominion's commerce, investment, finance, manufacturing, farming, mining, fishing and forestry. It is, in fact, the standard work for Canada. The publishers, "The Maclean Publishing Company, Ltd.," Winnipeg, Montreal, Toronto, New York and London, are to be congratulated on this most valuable financial compilation. The Editors, Mr. Floyd S. Chambers and Mr. H. M. Cameron, M. A., in their foreword state: "Canada's situation gives promise of good sales and better profits in 1926."

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"The Olympian," an attractive monthly published by the Olympia Fields Country Club, Chicago, in recent issues has been discussing very intelligently the important question of handicapping. The views of many well known golfers are given, one of the most interesting being that of Mr. A. T. Packard, of the Chicago "Evening Post," who suggests in match play that a player start off with the number of holes to his credit called for by the difference in handicap between his opponent and himself. The only difficulty about such an arrange-

ment would be that a golfer entitled to say a handicap of ten strokes would be the winner of the match 10 and 8 before even a ball could be teed up. Many attempts have been made to improve on the present system of handicapping, but all said and done the Calkins System now generally in vogue, seems to stand the test the best of all.

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An estate of \$2,703,809 was left by Sir Henry Kelly Egan, a popular member of The Royal Ottawa Golf Club and The Canadian Seniors' Golf Association, who died in October. The inventory filed in the Surrogate Court recently indicated that the bulk of his estate was in bonds, the assets listed under this head totalling \$1,636,382. Other of the large items were stocks, \$175,920; mortgages, \$246,420; promissory notes, \$60,594. The bonds were chiefly Dominion of Canada issues, one block of Victory bonds is valued at almost \$700,000. Lady Egan is the principal beneficiary under the will, which provides for four trust funds of a life interest nature and the distribution of the residue of the estate among nephews and nieces.

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An event quite unique in Golf Club circles will be an International Whist and Auction Bridge Tournament at the Brantford Golf Club Thursday, Friday



Nelson Harding

and Saturday, May 27th, 28th and 29th. The affair is under the patronage of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario. There will be no whist games scheduled before 2 p.m., so the entrants will be able to play golf in the morning. A large entry is expected from all over the States and Canada and also some players from Great Britain. A very handsome prize list has been arranged for and altogether the event will be a memorable one. For further information and programmes "whisters" and golfers should write Mr. S. Alfred Jones, K. C., Box 182, Brantford, Ontario.

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Propheying that advancing civilization will destroy most of Nature's beauty spots, a writer in the U. S. Green Section Bulletin points out that golf courses may furnish opportunities for offsetting these losses. "With the advance of civilization and consequent destruction of woodlands and fields, due to agricultural and building operations," he says, "few beauty spots will remain in another generation or two except such as are set aside for that purpose in the form of parks, town forest, and plant preserves. An opportunity is here presented for making the unoccupied parts of country club grounds places of beauty, and at the same time furnishing refuge for many of our disappearing birds and flowers."

With the aid of illustrations he sets forth the merits of the different kinds of flowers, according to the geographical situation of the links, differentiating between flowers that have a brief life and those that hold their beauty for long periods.

CANADIAN WINS IMPORTANT SPANISH CHAMPIONSHIP

WORD comes from Spain, that Lt.-Col. Betts, O. B. E. R. E., has recently won the Championship of Barcelona, a very important golfing event in that country. He defeated in the Final, Mr. Williams, a well known U. S. amateur. Col. Betts had a masterly 72 on the first round, which gave him a six-up lead. His opponent made a plucky attempt to pull down this advantage, on the second 18-hole round, but the match ended on the 33rd green in favour of the former Canadian expert. Col. Betts, who is a son of Mr. F. P. Betts, K. C., London, Ontario, himself a keen golfer for many years, is now residing in Spain, where he is engaged in important Engineering undertakings and developments. Some years ago, before the War, in which he had a most distinguished career with the Royal Engineers, he was a well known player in both Toronto and London. In the morning round of the Barcelona Championship, Col. Betts pulled off a sensational stunt, when he drove the 18th green, 240 yards, over a deep and formidable "barranca" (ravine), a performance rarely if ever before accomplished on the Barcelona Links.

MITCHELL TO CHALLENGE THE WORLD

THAT "Abe" Mitchell, the celebrated British golf pro., may be induced to challenge the World is the wish expressed in England the last few weeks. Immediately after winning the Canadian Open for the second consecutive year, last August, Leo Diegel challenged the British title holder, Jim Barnes, and the American champion, Willie MacFarlane, to a match for the title of World Champion. Later an attempt was made to get Aubrey Boomer, the then French Open Champion, into the match, to make it a four-cornered International affair, but nothing came of the scheme, owing to the unwillingness of Barnes to enter such a competition when, as he said, it would not settle anything.

Some at first thought Diegel was a bit "fresh" in launching his defi, but when these critics came to consider the field which Leo had gone through at

Lambton, they changed their minds, for no Open Championship of 1925 had a higher quality of entrants with the possible exception of the United States at Worcester. Now comes J. H. Taylor, five times Open Champion of Great Britain, and one of the leaders of the "Old Guard," who wants Mitchell to challenge the world. "His chance," he writes, "would carry my humble half crown." The many times Amateur Champion, Mr. Harold H. Hilton, the only Britisher who ever won the U. S. Amateur Championship, is also prepared to back Mitchell in such a contest. "Abe" made hosts of friends in Canada during his two tours of this country with Duncanson, and quite a bit of Canadian money would be back of him if he did decide to challenge the acknowledged U. S. experts, the coming season. Immensely popular is this long-driving Britisher, who unlike Hagen, Sarazen et al., never for a moment poses for the gallery, but on the other hand, captivates everyone by his marvellous skill with wood and iron and his unassuming demeanour.

YOUNG PLAYERS OPEN SEASON AUSPICIOUSLY

Willie Klein Annexes the First Big Money Prize at Miami and a 16-Year-Old School Boy Pinehurst Tournament

ICE and snow may cover the majority of the Links throughout Canada, and Old Father Winter has undoubtedly put to flight General Par and Colonel Bogey for the next few months in this country, but in the Sunny South, golf balls are gaily clicking and the enthusiasts are playing their 36 holes a day and the big professional stars have incidentally started to clean up thousands of dollars.

The Miami Tournament staged a couple of weeks ago, brought into the picture quite a young professional in 24-year-old Willie Klein, of the Wheatley Hills Club, Long Island, N. Y. He is not by any means an unknown, but he has never before loomed large in a Tournament in which a number of top-notchers (Bobbie Jones, Leo Diegel, Gene Sarazen, etc.), were competing for prizes aggregating \$5,000. Nowadays it seems imperative, in order to land the big money, to break into the sixties in at least one round. And Klein rose to this supreme height at Miami. He had a 289 made up of a 71, 74, 75 and 69, and that last sixty-nine turned the trick, giving him a 3 stroke lead over "Jock" Hutchison, a former British Open Champion and one of the greatest veterans of the game. Klein has been knocking at the door for two or three years. It looks as though 1926 marks his arrival. He has never been seen in Canada.

Leo Diegel, Canadian Open Champion, after consistently good playing, slammed a shot against a tree forty feet distant and was almost knocked down when the ball rebounded to hit his chest. Diegel, forging into the lead, was unnerved by the incident, and erratic playing during the remainder of the day placed him out of the running. Sarazen, another favourite, led the field at the end of the opening day's play, but fell down on the second day.

And then, almost at the same time, in Pinehurst, N. C., a couple of young schoolboys were fighting it out to a finish, in the important Mid-Winter Tournament, and George T. Dunlop, Jr., a 16 year-old weighing 115 pounds, vanquished Walter Swoope, another school boy of Merion, Pa. Youth is off to a good golfing start already this year.

The following were the leading scores in the Miami Tournament: Willie Klein, 289; "Jock" Hutchison, 292; Gene Sarazen, 293; Johnny Farrell, 293; Willie MacFarlane, 293; Bobbie Jones, 293; Bob MacDonald, 295; L. Schmutte, 295; Bill Damen, 296; Eddie Loos, 296; Leo Diegel, 297; Dave Spittal, former pro at Scarboro and the Toronto Club had 302, as also had Cyril Walker, former U. S. Open Champion.

IMPORTANT CHANGES AT MONTREAL

Albert H. Murray, Twice Open Champion of Canada, Is Appointed to the Professional Position at Beaconsfield

ONE of the most important professional changes recorded for some time is reported this month from Montreal. "Jimmie" Black for some 20 years the pro at Beaconsfield, recently resigned and was given a handsome honorarium by the Club. Albert H. Murray, of The Country Club, Montreal, and formerly of Kanawaki, Montreal, has been appointed by the Directors of Beaconsfield to the vacant berth.

Murray is not only one of the outstanding professionals and players of the Montreal District, but of Canada. His name and fame are known from one end of the Country to the other. Twice has he won the Open Championship of the Dominion. In 1908 at Montreal and again in 1913 at Montreal. Then in 1924 he annexed the Canadian Professional Championship of Canada at Beaconsfield, now to be his home club, with the very fine score of 144 for 36 holes. In between he has had the Quebec Open and other important Tournaments to his credit. In fact has always figured well up in every event in which he has entered. He is a very finished player in

every department of the game and besides is an instructor, club maker and golf course constructor of distinction. He has planned and laid out many high-class courses throughout the Province of Quebec. Beaconsfield, one of the leading clubs of Canada, is fortunate in having retained his services for Montreal.

Murray reports for duty at Beaconsfield on April 1st. In the meantime he is conducting as usual, a most successful Winter School on the spacious ground floor of the Canada Cement Building, Montreal.



Albert H. Murray, Twice Open Champion of Canada, who is Appointed Professional at Beaconsfield.

OFF FOR SOUTHERN CLIMES

THIS month Canadian golfers by the hundreds have left or are leaving for the Southern and other winter resorts to follow the elusive sphere. California, Florida and the Carolinas are the most favoured places, but Bermuda is rapidly coming into its own and a large number of Canadians are enjoying the winter there. The Bahamas and Southern Europe will also be well

patronized by residents of the Dominion the next few months, whilst Jamaica courses will too find a fair sprinkling of Canadian golfers amongst their patrons. More and more, every year, golfers who are in the fortunate position to do so, are patronizing the Winter golf resorts. Amongst the favoured ones, the game is now really an all-year round sport.

INTERESTING LETTER FROM EX-AMATEUR CHAMPION

EXTRACTS from a letter received this month by the Editor from Mr. Frank Thompson, twice Canadian Amateur Champion, who for some months past has been in Jacksonville, Florida, on golf architectural work:

"At this time of year, my thoughts turn to Canada more than any other place. The first thing I want to mention is the sadness that has entered our little home here in Jacksonville, when we heard of the death of our good friend Seymour Lyon. He was more than just a friend to me. He had a charming personality, plus good sportsmanship, an asset very few men have. These and many other qualities that only his friends knew will stand out in our memory forever. I sympathize with Mrs. Lyon, his parents, brother and sisters, and my deepest regret goes forward. Canada, in my opinion, has lost a true sportsman and gentleman.

Golf courses are going up in Florida like ant hills. Some in my mind, will not be so prosperous, as some of the sharp shooting sub-division real estate men are just building them and care not as to the maintenance, so you see this type of course will never last.

I am getting my share of the better work and at present one of my contracts should prove to be the nearest to any real Northern course in Florida. This course is called Hyde Park at Jacksonville, Fla. Both Mrs. Thompson and I do so enjoy the 'Canadian Golfer' and always look forward to it as it is so newsy and so well edited."

LOOKING FOR FRESH FIELDS TO CONQUER

Hagen will the Coming Summer Visit India and Australia, and Willie MacFarlane Will Visit Japan

WALTER HAGEN is this year seeking new golfing fields to conquer. The "\$75,000 per annum professional" will take another fling at the British Open next June and will then proceed to tackle the French Open, and from there go on to India, Japan, Australia and the Hawaiian Islands in quest of fresh honours. This is easily the biggest golf tour ever undertaken. In Australia especially, Hagen will have a great reception and should pick up guineas aplenty. The golfers of the Antipodes have never had a visit from any of the players of world-wide reputation either amateur or professional. Vardon, Ray, Duncan, Mitchell and other great stars, although often invited to do so, have never played in Australia, where golf clubs and golfers are just about as numerous as they are in Canada, and besides the Australian is a lavish spender in all his sports. As a result of this long jaunt, Hagen will unquestionably return to the States with a largely augmented bank account.

Not to be outdone by the great Walter, "Willie" MacFarlane, the U. S. Open Champion, writes that he too will be in Great Britain this summer for all the big events, but instead of following in the footsteps of Hagen, he will then proceed to Japan "to introduce golf there in the same way that Vardon and Taylor came over here some years ago and gave the game the greatest boost it ever had."

The Japanese are taking up with the Royal and Ancient game most enthusiastically, from the Crown Prince down, and MacFarlane should have no difficulty in collecting "yens" ad galore.

OVERSEAS STAR PROFESSIONALS

Spring a Surprise at St. Augustine, Florida, When They Defeat Jones and Watts Gunn—Massy, the Frenchman, is the Star of the Match

JANUARY 3rd at St. Augustine, Fla., youth had to bow to age and experience when "Bobbie" Jones, U. S. Amateur Champion and Watts Gunn, both of Atlanta, were defeated by 33-year-old Archie Compston and 49-year-old Arnaud Massy, the British and French expert professionals, who only arrived in the States four days before this, their first match. Their victory came as a great surprise as Jones is considered by many the greatest player, either amateur or professional in the States, and Watts Gunn, who is his pupil, was the runner-up to him in the U. S. Amateur. The betting was 5 to 1 on Jones and his partner, as the experts naturally figured out that it would take the Britisher and Frenchman two or three weeks to become used to Southern courses and golfing conditions generally. It looks as though Compston, the "Manchester Giant," and the veteran Massy, are really going to pair up exceedingly well. They have a colorful programme ahead of them the next few weeks in the South, taking part in all the big money events and playing in many exhibition matches. They are off to a capital start and their future performances will be followed with unusual interest.



Arnaud Massy, who starred in the game at St. Augustine.

The largest gallery that ever paid to see a golf match in Florida flocked to the course to attend the game. Among the enthusiasts who followed the players around was one man on crutches and another carrying an infant in his arms.

Massy, the star performer of the day, and his giant partner from overseas, had a best ball of 68 and 66 over the hard par 73 course. Massy was positively brilliant, and his showing was all the more remarkable as for him it was the end of fifteen days of steady travelling. Despite his 49 years, this grand player produced a 144 for the 36 holes, the low ball of the day, and it was his sensational work around the greens that was mainly responsible for the defeat of Jones and Gunn.

Massy holed out almost a dozen times from incredible distances. Most of them were long putts and at the ninth hole in the afternoon he scored a 2 by holing a niblick shot from behind a mound. The other three players, all of whom had made the green on their drives, each took 3.

Gunn, the nineteen-year-old protege of Jones, scored better than did the American Amateur Champion. He had a 73 on each round for a total of 146. Jones had a 72, the lowest score in the morning, but took 75 in the afternoon.

Compston drove a very long ball frequently, being well beyond Jones, but he pulled his long iron shot too much to score well except in the outgoing nine in the afternoon, when he made the turn in 34.

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THE BRITISH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Full Details of World's Premier Golfing Event are Announced by The Royal and Ancient

A SPECIAL despatch from London says:

The Royal and Ancient Club of St. Andrews has recently issued the following official arrangements for the forthcoming British Open Golf Championship:

The qualifying rounds for the Open Championship will be held on June 16 and 17, on the following courses:

North Section—Western Gailes Golf Club and Glasgow (Gailes) Golf Club.

Central Section—St. Anne's Old Links Golf Club and Blackpool Golf Club.

South Section—Sunningdale Old Course and Sunningdale New Course.

In any section where only one course is required it will be the first-named. The sections are constituted as follows:

North—Scotland, Ulster, Northumberland, Cumberland, Durham and Westmoreland.

Central—Yorkshire, Lancashire, Cheshire, Isle of Man, Anglesey, Denbigh, Carnarvon, Merioneth, Shropshire, Stafford, Derby, Notts, Lincoln, Leicester, Warwick, Worcester, Hereford, Montgomery, Cardigan, Radnor, Rutland, Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridge, Huntingdon, Bedford, Northants, Flint and Irish Free State.

South—Bucks, Herts, Essex, Middlesex, Kent, Surrey, Sussex, Hants, Berks, Oxford, Wilts, Gloucester, Dorset, Somerset, Devon, Cornwall, Monmouth, Glamorgan, Carmarthen, Pembroke and Brecknock.

The number of players to qualify in each section will be proportionate to the number of entrants. Amateurs will compete in the section in which the club from which they enter is situated. Entrants from overseas will be distributed by ballot equally between the Central and South Sections.

All entries will close on May 15 next, the Championship proper will be played at Lytham and St. Anne's in the week beginning June 21.'

GREAT BRITAIN AND OVERSEAS

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

PUBLIC golf has been developing rapidly, producing in some cases, very cheap golf for the local artisans and visitors. A comparison of fees at various courses shows the following charges: At the Braid Hills and at Craigtinny in Edinburgh the charge is 6d. per round. For the Glasgow courses at Deaconsbank and Little-

The Stoke Poges Club presented a remarkable scene during the December cold spell, when 150 skaters were counted on the lakes during a week end, whilst in spite of the frost, 200 rounds of golf were played. A number of ladies seeking a novelty conceived the idea of a putting match on the ice and secured a caddie to cut the nec-



An Old-fashioned Winter in England. Approaching the 17th Green at Stoke Poges, Showing the Frozen Condition and Skaters on the Ice!

hill it is 8d. per round, and for Blackhill, 6d. Manchester charges 2s. for a round of the Municipal course at Heaton Park, but this is reduced to 1s. after 5 p.m. and after 1 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays—i.e., at the hours best suited to the "artisan" player. At Temple Newsam, Leeds, the charge is 1s.6d. per day during the summer months, 1s. per day from October to March. Birmingham charges a green fee of 1s. 6d. for a round of its municipal course on the Lickey Hills, and this is also the charge on London's public courses at Mitcham and Richmond Park. All of these courses pay their own way, as they should, the low cost per player being the result of the great numbers making use of the facilities and the moderate cost of construction.

essary holes; they neglected to secure floaters, however, and the game was quickly abandoned after one of the players holed out.

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The famous old East Kent regiment, the "Buffs," have a most energetic golfing society, membership in which is eligible to all former officers of both Service and Territorial battalions of that regiment.

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Mrs. Braid, mother of James Braid, the noted golfer, died at her home in Earlsferry, at the advanced age of ninety-three years. Mrs. Braid had lived in her present house for over forty years, and spent her long life between the parishes of Kiltonquhar and Elie. She retained all her facul-

ties until the end. Endowed with a retentive and reliable memory, combined with the gift of narrative, she was an interesting and intelligent companion. She has lived during four reigns, and "sat under" six ministers in Kileconquhar Church, of which she was the oldest member. Mrs. Braid was predeceased by her husband some years ago.

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W. J. Jeffrey, professional to the Weston-super-Mare Golf Club since the war, fell dead on the course while playing in a four-ball match last week.

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The former heavy-weight boxing champion, Mr. W. T. ("Bombardier") Wells, won the "Barlow" Cup of the Merton Park Club on December 12th, defeating Mr. T. H. Baiden in the 36 holes final by 4 and 3.

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The President's cup of the Essex Union was again won by Percy Allis, the Wanstead professional, who was two down on bogey over 36 holes of the Rochford Hundred course.

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In the women's golf foursomes at Ranelagh this week the sisters Barbara and Phyllis Strohmenger, of Sunningdale, met the sisters Joan and Joyce Gow, of Prestwick. They lost in all six balls from one teeing ground. Each side hit three into a lake. Surely a record!

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Considerable effort is being made to revive the popularity of the foursome, which to a large extent has been replaced by the four-ball match. A prominent golf critic writing in the Edinburgh "Sports Despatch" says: "It seems a pity that the only form of golf which saves the game from the charge of selfishness should be consigned to the scrap-heap, but the times demand the sacrifice.

Why that should be so it is difficult to understand. Four-ball matches do not improve one's golf as the two-ball game does. If difficulties are met at any hole in the former, the sufferer knows he is out of it, and either picks

up or attempts some heroic stroke that he would not otherwise consider.

There is too much of the 'leave-it-to-your partner' about the four-ball game, and a slap-dash style of play that does not make for consistency. Under the old style, every stroke had to be played with the utmost care, and with due regard to the capabilities of one's partner. And after all, the team spirit in any game should always be fostered.

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The embargo on the Sitwell Park Golf Club, whose course was closed for three weeks owing to an outbreak of foot and mouth disease on a neighbouring farm has now been lifted. While the course was closed there were three burglaries at the club house.

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Mr. R. Scott Moncrieff, a Canadian freshman at Cambridge University, won the "Linskill" Cup in the annual University event held at Wildenhall. His score over the Royal Worlington course was 84, which was particularly good as a gale accompanied with heavy snow made low scoring impossible.

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Playing on a snow-covered course with a red ball at Coombe Wood on December 15th, Arthur Havers did the 4th hole, measuring 130 yards, in one stroke.

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Now on the high road to recovery, Sid Ball, the Heaton Park professional, has been seriously ill with pneumonia. It will, however, be some time before he is able to resume his duties.

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Owing to the heavy white frost at Coombe Wood, red balls were used by the players in the Croydon and District Professional Golfers' Alliance Stroke Competition. Despite the difficult conditions, P. J. Walsh, of North Surrey, won the event with an 87, net 73.

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Great satisfaction has been created throughout North Berwick at the information that Robert Murray, a native of this town, has won the open golf championship of Scandinavia. Re-



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ports state that Murray exhibited splendid form, especially in the second round, where he lowered the existing record by four strokes—and he finished his wonderful display by winning the championship sixteen strokes better than the runner-up. Murray, who first went to Germany as a golf professional eighteen years ago, is now stationed in Copenhagen.

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A new Club House, replacing the one burned down some three years ago, has been opened at the Hesswell Club. The building has cost £7,500, and it is intended to add a professional's shop, caddies' room and stewards' quarters.

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The reconstructed and extended Municipal Course at Meyrick Park, Bournemouth, was opened with a four-ball match between E. R. and C. A. Whitecombe and A. G. Havers and T. Williamson. The altered course, on which about £13,000 has been spent, was designed by H. S. Colt. It is now 6,160 yards in length.

During the long and eventful career of J. H. Taylor he has acquired some rare experiences, one of which he relates as follows:

"I have been fortunate, inasmuch as my professional wanderings have led me further afield than most. It has, I hope, given me a greater insight into the ways of the world and a tolerant view of the characters of many of the people who inhabit it. Mankind is little different wherever met, be the skin white or black. I had a curious experience in 1905, and perhaps the story is worth the telling. In January of that year I went to Cairo to lay out a course at Heliopolis, some few miles outside that cosmopolitan but delightful city of variegated wonders and enchantment. The site of the course was on the edge of the desert. Its limits were determined by a long sweep of boundary posts which marked the Government concession. I may here remark that the desert of Egypt is the most perfect ground for golf courses that can be imagined. Long, sweeping undulations and gradual depressions would lend themselves, without any architectural skill, to the demand for present play, if it were turf, and not oceans of repellant sand. I was taken out to the site of the new course by a kindly military gentleman, and told to get on with the job. Blue and red flags were provided, so that I could mark out the fairways and

greens. I started by trying to get a hang of the site, but as one part of it was so much like the rest, without any distinguishing features, it was not easy to make a beginning. I spotted a higher sandhill than the rest, and determined to map a route from its eminence. I was entirely alone and apparently miles away from civilization. It was isolation, complete and depressing. I slowly climbed the hill, and was nearly scared out of my wits when I reached the top. There stood a full-blooded Bedouin of the desert confronting me. He had a dirty blanket around his shoulders, and the rest of his apparel was in keeping and scanty. Slung over his arm was a murderous-looking double-barreled gun, and I fancied, he gave me a look that was not reassuring. I gesticulated, and he gibbered. I had some cigarettes in my pocket, and a brilliant thought prompted me to offer him a smoke. This was a masterpiece of diplomacy, as I was soon to discover. We parted on

the best of terms, and, when the military gentleman picked me up at night, I told him of the incident. He roared with delight at my discomfiture. It appeared that my Bedouin pal was engaged to guard the boundary posts, and he had stalked me. My offering him a cigarette was declared an act of great wisdom. The sequel proved that I had made another firm friend. Every morning afterwards my dusky frightener met me, insisted on relieving me of the flags, and followed me about all day like a faithful dog. He thought I was laying out a ground for polo, which he had seen played in Cairo, but when I brought a club along and drove a few balls, his delight was a real pleasure to witness. I was sorry when the time came for us to part, but I left with the hope that I had made another convert. But I shall never forget the fright he gave me when we met face to face on the hill-top."

GOLF IN 1925 IN UNITED STATES

LOOKING backward: A chart of golf's growth during 1925 in the United States, says "Golf Illustrated," New York, would resemble an architect's sketch of a stairway, with the lowest step for a start. Each month has marked a new top, with steady, step-like progress. The standing of golf in dollar marks is hard to prove, but the best estimates in 1925 show that \$1,300,000,000 was invested in property and that \$468,500,000 was annually spent in playing the game. Almost 2,000,000 individuals are players, and they support 3,900 clubs—250 alone in New York and 150 in Chicago.

Municipal golf, too, showed an upward trend, and a wholly new source of supply was developed during 1925 through counties and states making golf courses part of their park systems.

The great wealth which golf was instrumental in adding to real estate values during 1925 cannot be estimated. The outstanding beneficiary was Florida. For thirty years Florida tried by every known means to sell its climate, but when the golf courses were increased from four to thirty-five, the golfers soon discovered Florida, and a new Spain arose amidst the palms. The enhancement of real estate value is simply a by-product of golf.



THE BROADENING OUT OF THE R. C. G. A.

Manitoba Golf Association Appoints Mr. R. C. S. Bruce as its Representative on the Governing Body of Golf in Canada

A DESPATCH from Winnipeg, Man.:

"Mr. R. C. S. Bruce, former President and Honorary President of the Manitoba Golf Association, was chosen as Manitoba's delegate to the Royal Canadian Golf Association at a special meeting of the Manitoba body, held at the Fort Garry Hotel. The meeting was called as a result of the request of the Canadian Association to name a representative from this province, in accordance with their avowed plan of widening their activities throughout Canada.

Mr. Bruce is an excellent choice for the position, which will undoubtedly carry with it greatly increased responsibility. His unceasing interest in the welfare of golf, and his knowledge of the game, have enabled him to do much for the pastime in Winnipeg. His pet hobby is the placing of the administration of the good old game in Canada on a sound basis, so that he is sure to have his heart in his new duties.

The only other business discussed at the meeting resulted in a decision to call a meeting early in the new year to consider certain changes in the constitution, which will make possible the appointment of a permanent secretary and pave the way for more efficient administration."

The Manitoba Association has certainly made a very wise choice in appointing Mr. Bruce as a delegate to the R. C. G. A. The Editor can personally testify to his unfailing interest in the Royal and Ancient game. He has been a most valued contributor to our columns ever since the "Canadian Golfer" was first launched, and his counsel and advice has been of incalculable benefit.

Mr. Bruce, in writing the Editor in acknowledging congratulations on his appointment, and the broader stand taken by the R. C. G. A., says in part:

"The suggestions as outlined in Mr. Anderson's (the Secretary of the R. C. G. A.), letters are just what we in the West would like to see carried out. It is of course, quite a revolution of the R. C. G. A. constitution, but there is no doubt but that as presently constituted, it fails in its chief aim, viz., as a National concern. I think most golfers will agree on that point. This is no reflection in my mind on those gentlemen who have devoted so much time to its affairs in the past. Experience has shown the necessity of a change and a drastic one at that. I am sure that with the hearty co-operation of the Provincial Associations, and that is assured from the West, the desired end, a National Association both in name and in fact, will be attained. And we will then be able to have a thoroughly representative (of all Canada) Championship. Personally, I am prepared for any work I possibly can do to assist in making a success of the new venture. Here's wishing success to our efforts."

AMERICAN WALKER CUP TEAM NAMED

Robert A. Gardner Again Captains International Team

THE important task of selecting America's international team has been completed by the Executive Committee of the U. S. G. A. Mr. Robert A. Gardner will again captain the eight leading amateurs who will invade the British Isles this year in quest of many golfing honours. Bobbie Jones, the National Champion, is a member of the team, along with Watts Gunn, fellow Atlantan and friendly rival.

The complete team to compete for the Walker International Cup is as follows:

Captain, Robert A. Gardner; Robert T. Jones, Jr., Francis Ouimet, George Von Elm, Jesse P. Guilford, Jess W. Sweetser, Roland MacKenzie, Watts Gunn.

The team will consist of eight men, but in the event that any of the men selected are unable to make the trip, the following alternates have been selected in the order named: Max R. Marston, D. Clark Corkran, George Rotan, H. Chandler Egan, Harrison R. Johnston.

The International Matches for the Walker Cup will be played over the Old Course at St. Andrews on Wednesday, June 2nd, and Thursday, June 3rd. The team has received an invitation to take part in the competition for the St. George's Vase as well as the British Amateur Championship and several other

events. The American team will be the guests of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club during their stay at St. Andrews.

Captain Gardner expects that the team will sail from New York the first week in May, which will allow the players at least a fortnight to accustom themselves to British weather and course conditions. The selected team is a very formidable one, largely comprised of young men, and if they are able to overcome the strange conditions, Great Britain will have its own troubles in "lifting the cup."

AND NOW THE MINIATURE GOLF COURSE

THE "CANADIAN GOLFER" referred to the fact a few months ago, that Major John Inwood of Toronto, who a year or so ago was a well known representative in Canada of prominent manufacturers in Great Britain and the States, of golf clubs, balls and machinery, was contemplating the building of a miniature golf course, almost in the heart of Toronto, along the lines so successfully carried out in Great Britain.

The idea has become an accomplished fact and Stanley Thompson & Co., golf architects are now drawing up plans for the St. Clair Golf Club Ltd., which has acquired some 25 acres on St. Clair West on the ravine near Kendall Avenue. Here in a few months a most interesting 18-hole course will be put into play. The longest hole will be 237 yards. There will be clever short holes aplenty and the course will give every opportunity for perfecting mashie, niblick and other shots, not forgetting putting on perfect greens.

In the Old Country in many of the larger cities, these small courses centrally located, are immensely popular. There is no reason why the Toronto venture too, should not be a great success.

THE WESTON GOLF CLUB

Has a Record-attended Annual Meeting—Directors Unanimously Authorized to Improve Course Conditions the Coming Year—Fine Financial Statement

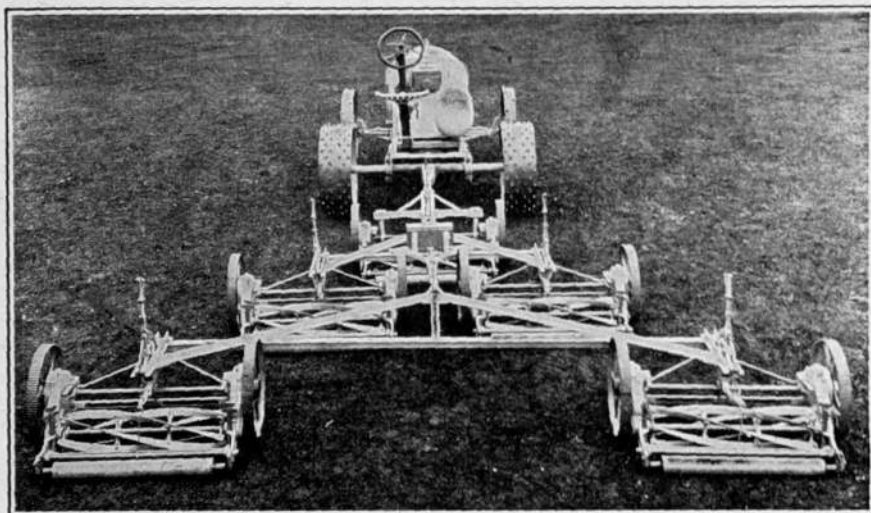
THE annual meeting of the Weston Golf and Country Club was held at the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, last month, and the attendance was the largest in the history of the club. Mr. George R. Donovan made an admirable presiding officer and in his presidential address referred to the highly satisfactory financial position of the club, as a result of the 1925 operations, revenue exceeding expenditures by the substantial sum of \$3,976. The total assets of the club now amount to \$249,659.

Mr. A. H. Birmingham, who presented the detailed financial statement during the course of his remarks, said: "For the past two years we have had no assessments. It is our hope we shall never have one again. We have been

successful this year beyond expectations."

The main business before the meeting was the question of the betterment of the course, and by a unanimous vote the Directors were empowered to pursue a more liberal policy in connection therewith. Directors who were elected to assist in carrying out the program of course betterment were: H. J. Church, John Love, George May, Dr. R. J. Gibson. The President, Mr. Donovan, stated he believed that an expenditure of \$5,000 would be all that is necessary for the work, including the tile draining of four greens, top dressing and for the purchase of the sharp sand, required to break up the clay soil on portions of the course.

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Speakers at the meeting included Mr. Wright, of the Toronto branch of the Federal Department of Agriculture, and C. A. Tregillus, Chairman of the Green Section of the Royal Canadian Golf Association. Mr. Wright recommended the use of bent grasses and opposed the use of a certain seed because the club had sowed it and the grass could not be found in its greens. Mr. Tregillus described the soil of the Weston Club as rich in plant food, but needing more efficient management. He stated that heavy soil called for progressive treatment.

Murray Stewart and J. M. Sheldon were elected Captain and Vice-Captain, respectively.

Included in the annual report of the Directors was a well deserved tribute to Mr. C. H. L. Knuth, Manager, and his assistants, "for their loyal co-operation throughout the year."

At a subsequent meeting of the Board of Directors Mr. George R. Donovan, the able President of 1925, was re-elected. Mr. F. R. Ewart was chosen as Vice-President.

The Committees and their chairmen are:

Green Committee, A. B. Cooper; Finance Committee, A. H. Birmingham; Membership Committee, John Love; House Committee, George E. May; Property Committee, H. J. Church.

The Directors of the Club is composed of the following: J. Love, D. Copp, J. H. Bone, N. L. McLeod, G. G. Dunning, Dr. J. R. Gibson and the chairmen of the different committees.

Officials of the Women's Section are: President, Mrs. D. Sutherland; Captain, Miss Dorothy Trimble; and Secretary, Mrs. F. McCurdy.

WINNIPEG GOLF CLUB

Had a Thoroughly Successful Year in 1925—Votes of Thanks Passed to Directors and Officers

THE annual general meeting of the Winnipeg Golf Club was held at the Marlborough Hotel, Winnipeg, December 21st. The meeting was one of the most enthusiastic in the history of the club, and augured well for a successful season next year. President T. H. Johnson was in the chair.

The report of last season's activities was presented to the meeting by Secretary Fred. Morton, showing that extensive work had been done on the course, mostly late in the fall, and that, despite a considerable decrease in the membership, the club's finances had been so carefully handled that it will enter the coming year in a comfortable condition. On the adoption of the report the President, Directors and the Managing Secretary, Captain Alan Hall, were given a vote of appreciation of their services by the meeting.

Considerable discussion took place regarding the fostering of good fellowship among old and new members, and Tate Thoresen was made Chairman of a Committee of fifty to organize and develop this idea among the present members who will be coming into the club this coming season.

Five of the Board retired on the expiration of their term of office, and the following were elected for a two-year term to take their places: Gordon Hunter, who was re-elected; James R. Milne, W. Reynolds, Fletcher Sparling and Bruce Thompson. The remainder of the Board is made up of Hon. T. H. Johnson, J. A. Acheson, T. E. Thoresen, Sam. S. Kennedy and Fred. Morton.

One of the senior members of the club were honoured when the by-laws

were amended to provide for the creation of the new office of Honorary President, which Mr. Manlius Bull was unanimously elected to fill for the first time.

The Budget for 1926 calls for an expenditure of \$23,000, of which some \$7,000 will be devoted to the maintenance of the course.

At a subsequent meeting of the new Board of Governors the following officers were elected:

Honorary President, Manlius Bull; President, Gordon E. Hunter; Vice-President, T. E. Thoresen; Secretary-Treasurer, Bruce W. Thompson.

The Committees will be in charge of the following Chairmen: Green Committee, W. Reynolds; Match Committee, A. J. Stevenson; Grounds Committee, T. H. Johnston; House Committee, J. A. Acheson; Membership Committee, T. E. Thoresen; Entertainment Committee, J. R. Milne; Roads Committee, S. S. Kennedy; Finance Committee, B. W. Thompson.

Captain Hall will again have charge of the club's operation under the title of Managing Secretary.

The winners of the principal events in 1925 were:

Club Championship—Won by F. G. Hale; runner-up, T. E. Thoresen. Ladies' Club Championship—Won by Mrs. G. T. Koester; runner-up, Mrs. R. M. Balmer. McLean's Trophy—Won by A. J. Stevenson; runner-up, R. G. Graham. Birks' Trophy—Won by F. G. Hale; runner-up, Dr. L. T. Ainley. Victory Trophy—Won by W. Reynolds. Manlius Bull Trophy—Won by Mrs. J. G. Ritchie; runner-up, Mrs. H. J. Duncan. Junior Championship—Won by Master Roland Scott; runner-up, Master Wm. Lawrence. Ringer Board—Won by F. G. Hale; runner-up, S. C. Trewitt.

BISHOP NOT ADVERSE TO SUNDAY GOLF

BISHOP MANNING, head of the great Episcopal Diocese of New York, has come out in favour of the playing of golf and tennis on Sundays, providing that the participants first duly observe their religious duties by attending morning services. This important pronouncement has excited much interest both in the States and Canada as Bishop Manning is one of the outstanding figures in America.

GOLF ON THE PACIFIC COAST

Vancouver Golf and Country Club had a Particularly Successful Season—
Officers Elected for 1926

ALL the reports presented at the annual meeting of The Vancouver Golf and Country Club, one of the prominent clubs on the Coast, were of a most satisfactory description. The past few years several new clubs have been launched in Vancouver, but notwithstanding, the Vancouver Club is still retaining its membership round the 600 mark and prospects for 1926 are of the very brightest. Officers for the coming year were elected as follows:

Honorary President, A. R. McFarlane; President, C. A. Welsh (second year); Vice-President, A. Z. DeLong; Captain, C. A. L. Payne; Vice-Captain, B. W. Tomlinson; Secretary-Manager, W. H. Watts.

Directors—F. A. Brodie, J. A. W. Bell, Brenton S. Brown, I. N. Bond, F. H. Clendenning, F. J. Coulthard, A. Z. DeLong, F. B. Lewis, T. J. Lewis, W. McLaren, Nels Nelson, C. A. L. Payne, A. C. Stewart, C. A. Welsh, H. P. Wilson.

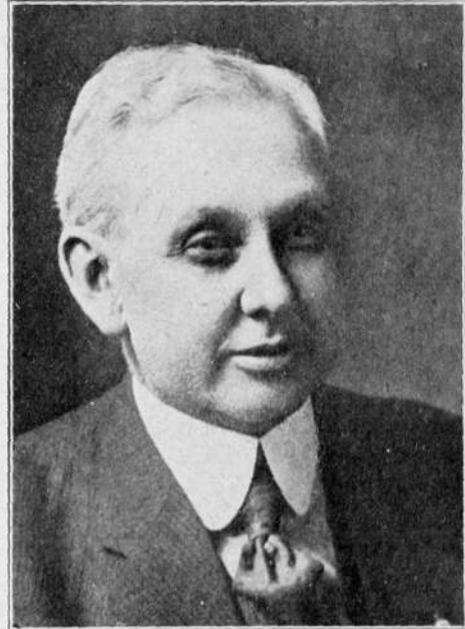
Chairmen of Committees—Finance, F. B. Lewis; House, A. Z. DeLong; Green, I. N. Bond; Membership, T. J. Lewis; Match, C. A. L. Payne; Publicity, C. A. Welsh.

It will be noticed that the popular President for the past year, Mr. C. A. Welsh, is again in the Presidential saddle. Extracts herewith from his interesting annual report:

“By reference to the financial statement as submitted by the Chairman of Finance, you will observe that the affairs of the Club are in a healthy condition, all current liabilities having been met to date. The statement shows that the mortgage has been reduced from \$64,000, as submitted September 30, 1924, to \$60,000, which loan expires December of this year. A renewal has been arranged with the Hudson's Bay Mortgage Co. for this amount, extending over a period of ten years. We have on hand in Savings Bank account \$3,000.00, which has accrued from the extra levy inaugurated in 1922 for the specific purpose of reducing the mortgage.

I would call your attention to the excellent work accomplished this year by the Green Committee, briefly referring to the splendid condition of all the greens. The work done

on No. 11 fairway this year will make this one of the best fairways on the course. Fifteen hundred feet of drain tile has been laid on 13, 14 and 16 fairways, a new barn 20 x 80 has been built by the employees, floors have been laid and repairs made to the old barn.



An Able Executive—Mr. C. A. Welsh.
Again in the Presidential Saddle of the
Vancouver Golf and Country Club.

A tractor has been purchased for the course, and also a power mower for use on the greens—which has proved very satisfactory and has made a great saving to the Club. A great deal of work has been done on all the Fairways, and they are very much improved.

Considerable improvement has been made in the club house in different ways, adding to the comfort of the members, which is enumerated in their report, though there is still an urgent need for many more improvements. Favourable comments have been offered from various sources upon the social atmosphere attendant upon the several functions held by the Club, as is also the case with the Menus and Dining Room service.

The Membership Committee's report will show that the Club is holding its own as regards current membership. The organization recently of several new clubs in Vancouver has had a material effect upon our securing new members. However, I do not think this should cause the Club any anxiety as I feel

sure our membership will increase considerable in the very near future. In view of the growing popularity of the game and the increasing numbers of golf courses being opened up, we shall have to keep abreast and improve our course, Club House and Grounds in general each year as much as we possibly can."

Mr. F. B. Lewis, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported that the ordinary revenue for the year amounted to \$29,926.00, and the operating expenditure to \$28,520.96, leaving an excess of revenue over expenditure of \$1,405.04, which has been carried to Surplus Account. The established policy of keeping the expenditure within the ordinary revenue has been preserved. As illustrating the policy in this connection it is worth mention-

ing that the average cost of the upkeep of 18-hole golf courses in the United States, from data obtained by the United States Golf Association, is \$20,680.00 per year, while the cost of upkeep for the Vancouver Club course the past year was \$7,861.61.

Mr. Lewis concluded: "I may say that the club is in an exceptionally strong financial position, with every reason to look forward to a prosperous future, with full confidence." The total assets of the club are placed at the very substantial figure of \$194,383. Captain C. H. Perkins, the new professional, commenced his duties on January 1st. He is assured of a very busy season.

THE WALKER CUP TEAM AND EXPENSES

MR. B. L. ANDERSON, Toronto, Secretary of The Royal Canadian Golf Association, writes under date of January 12th:

"In my November letter the following paragraph appeared:

"The British Walker Cup Team on visiting this side of the water in 1924 were individually under no expense for travelling."

The facts are as follows: The expenses of that team were paid only until the day after the International Match. The whole of the subsequent hotel and travelling expenses were paid by the members themselves until the end of the American Amateur Championship, and if the members of the British Team had contemplated playing in our Championship during their stay they could not have accepted our hospitality while in Canada. This is a very important ruling direct from St. Andrews in reply to our query as to the possibility of paying the expenses of a select group from the various provinces to compete at the Amateur Championship, which, under this plan, will swing across the continent.

All these matters will be discussed at the Annual Meeting in February.

I shall appreciate it if prominence be given this letter in the next issue of your valuable paper."

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE R. C. G. A.

THE Annual Meeting of The Royal Canadian Golf Association will be held in Toronto on February the 6th, and promises to be an epoch making one, as the Executive is expecting to bring down recommendations which will make for a much greater interest in the Association and the Amateur Championships, especially by the golfers of Provinces other than Ontario and Quebec. Heretofore, the last two named Provinces have virtually monopolized the Dominion events, the big and ever increasing body of players in British Columbia, the West and the Maritimes, rarely if ever being represented. The R. C. G. A. officials want to see and are anxious to see, the "Confederation" of all golf interests in Canada, making the Championship really representative of the whole Dominion. This is a most laudable ambition and it is to be sincerely hoped that a workable scheme can be thrashed out and put into operation this year.

At the Annual Meeting the Executive will recommend that the Amateur this year shall be held at the Toronto Golf Club, in July, and the Open at The Royal Montreal, in August—two ideal settings for these major fixtures of 1926, which unquestionably will meet with the unanimous endorsement of the delegates.

RANKING OF U. S. AMATEURS

For the Third Year in Succession "Bobbie" Jones, of Atlanta, Heads the Pack; in Second Place is G. Von Elm, of Los Angeles

(By William Everett Hicks, Golf Editor, Brooklyn "Times")

Player	District	Chief Feat	Ranking.					
			1925	1924	1923	1922	1921	1920
Bobby Jones	Atlanta	U. S. Amateur..	1	1	1	2	5	2
G. Von Elm	Los Angeles..	So. Cal. Open..	2	2	..	5	10	..
W. Gunn	Atlanta	U. S. Run-up..	3	..	..	..	..	..
K. Carter	Oklahoma	Western	4	..	..	..	..	..
F. Ouimet	Boston	Mass.	5	6	3	7	4	3
J. Sweetser	Metropolit'n.	Metropolitan..	6	0	5	1	8	6
J. Mackie, Jr.	Metropolit'n.	N. Y. State	7	..	..	..	..	..
G. Lamprecht	New Orleans	Intercollegiate	8	..	..	..	..	..
R. MacKenzie	Washington	U. S. Medal	9	..	..	..	..	..
C. Wolff	St. Louis	Transmiss.	10	..	..	..	..	..

THE task of picking the leader of the best ten golf amateurs of the United States in 1925 is as easy as the selection of the best pro last week was difficult. Bobby Jones, of Atlanta, sits in unchallenged serenity on the topmost rung of the season's ladder. He would indeed be an audacious soul who should dispute his supremacy. To win the National Amateur title and carry the Open Champion to a double play-off was an achievement greater than has been placed to the credit of any other American amateur except Chick Evans, who in 1916 won both Amateur and Open titles.

It is not so easy to assign the second place, as young Watts Gunn, also of Atlanta, who was runner-up to Jones, is closely pressed for the honour by George Von Elm, of Los Angeles, whose achievements in both Open and Amateur title play, were of a high order. Gunn, though rising out of obscurity, proved his quality by taking the measure in the U. S. play of the Metropolitan Champion and the 1922 National Champion and 1923 National runner-up, Jess Sweetser, by the surprising margin of 10 and 9.

Sweetser had qualified with the third low of 151 to the medal winning 145, and might be considered as fairly on his game during the Championship, but there was no denying the victorious march of the 20-year-old Gunn, who early in the Championship ran off 42 holes in 163 strokes, or five strokes under fours.

Against Gunn's one performance, that of runner-up in the National, are to be placed two amateur championships and one open, and the semi-final status in the National to the credit of Von Elm. The latter captured the California State and Southern California titles, winning the final of the latter against the noted Norman Macbeth by the crushing margin of 12 and 10.

If it be argued that the Southern California Open which Von Elm won, was only a district affair, it may be answered most effectively that it was raised far above a district competition by the participation of Abe Mitchell and George Duncan, the British pros. As Mitchell by his defeat of Barnes and Compston during the season in special matches, has been called the best pro in Great Britain for 1925, Von Elm's triumph was a very impressive achievement. These were the low scores in the Southern California Open: Von Elm, 289; Jimmy Duncan, 291; Willie Hunter, 293; Abe Mitchell, 296, and George Duncan, 298. Thus Von Elm was seven strokes better than the famous long hitter from over the seas and was 8 ahead of the British Open Champion of 1920.

Furthermore, both Von Elm and Gunn faced the same player in the National, Bobby Jones, and the margin by which each was beaten favours the Californian. He lost to the champion by only 7 and 6, while Gunn fell by 8 and 7. The difference in these margins

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is not very marked, of course, but where players are so closely matched, every little bit has weight.

For the reason that Von Elm's fine golf ran through a series of months, while Gunn made only a single bid, we are going to give second place to George, the position he held in 1924. This places Gunn at No. 3, and there can be no serious question of the legitimacy of that award. However, some may wish to rank the 19-year-old Keefe Carter, of Oklahoma, in front of Gunn because of his victory in the Western Amateur.

This appeal might find favour had not Carter fallen outside the breastworks in the National Amateur by failing to qualify. Still the strength of the Western field assures Carter the fourth niche and there we leave him to pass on to No. 5, for which position Francis Ouimet makes a powerful claim through scoring the second low in the National Open and winning the Massachusetts Amateur title for the sixth time. It is a close fight between

him and Sweetser for the place, but we are favouring Ouimet because of his brilliant showing in the Open.

It is true he did not qualify in the national amateur, while Sweetser did, but he would have qualified if he had taken advantage of the local rule to lift out of a hole made by a burrowing animal. He refused to do so and lost several strokes getting clear. As he fell out only in the play-off he would have qualified but for his exaggerated idea of his duty in ignoring a rule of which others took advantage. We regard his Gold Mashie tournament victory as offsetting his defeat by Sweetser in the Lesley Cup singles, as Jess competed in the former event.

Sweetser gets into the next place through his capture of the Metropolitan Amateur Championship, where he not only won the final, but also annexed the qualifying medal. The merit of this was somewhat dimmed a few days later when he allowed himself to be defeated in the Greenwich tournament by Lloyd, whom he had beaten in the Met. final.

However, Sweetser had to his credit also the Gibson Island tournament in the Baltimore District late in May, where he went through a strong field, embracing two former National Champions, Marston and Herron; the two Corkrans, Roland Mackenzie, who became National medalist in September, and Arthur Yates, Rochester's best golfer after Hagen. In this Jess had a 2 up margin on D. C. Corkran in the final. His 10 and 9 defeat by Gunn in the National hurt his standing.

To young Jack Mackie, another golfer in his teens, goes the No. 7 position through his triumph in the New York State Amateur Championship at Lido. The field was fairly strong and the weather bad, a circumstance that means much at that difficult seaside course. But Mackie surmounted the wind and rain conditions with the skill of a veteran, defeating Eddie Driggs, the 1923 New York Champion and 1924 Metropolitan runner-up in the semi-finals with a 3-hole margin. Mackie got into the match play division of the National Championship, and won the

Long Island Junior Championship for the second consecutive time.

For the last three places there is an interesting race among G. Fred. Lamprecht, Roland Mackenzie, Clarence Wolff, Eddie Driggs, H. Chandler Egan and Richard A. Jones, Jr. These were their chief performances: Lamprecht, National Interscholastic; Mackenzie, National medalist; Wolff, Transmississippi; Driggs, Long Island Amateur; Egan, Pacific Northwest; Jones, National Semi-finalist. Additional achievements were the semi-finalist status in the Western by Lamprecht, the Middle Atlantic title by Mackenzie, National qualifying by Wolff, Cherry Valley tournament by Driggs, and runner-up status in the Westchester County Amateur by Jones. To the three first named we are giving the preference for the last positions in the order named.

Jones' three straight No. 1 ratings are noteworthy. Not even Hagen among the pros has had that distinction. Taking the six seasons of ranking, Jones has an average of 2 flat against Hagen's 2.16. As in the pro list of last month only two players have unbroken ratings since 1919. They

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are Jones and Ouimet. The latter's average is 4.6. No other season's ratings have seen so many new men on the list. Six of the ten were never rated before.

VIRDEN ON THE MAP

Dr. Irwin Fryer Elected President—Extensive Plans for This Season

THE annual meeting of the Virden Golf Club, Virden, Manitoba, was held in the council chamber, Dr. Clingan, Vice-President, occupying the chair in the absence of President Brownlie.

The season's activities were reviewed by the Chairman, and ways and means were discussed of renewing interest in the club, which showed a considerable falling off in the matter of membership this year. There would appear to be no justification for this condition and it was the feeling of the meeting that every effort should be made to get the club on a more active basis.

Plans were laid for more club competitions in the future. The formation of a joint stock company was dis-

cussed, which would undertake considerable reconstruction work. A special committee, consisting of Messrs. Hay, Clingan and Kidd, was appointed to devise ways and means of financing the purchase of a mower, to do away with the real handicap of long grass in June and July, and, if possible, to arrange for the construction of a club house.

The Secretary-Treasurer's report showed that the finances of the club were on the right side, a small balance being carried forward. The following officers were elected: Honorary President, Arthur W. Brownlie; President, Irwin Fryer, M.D.; Vice-President, Murray Ames; Secretary-Treasurer, J. A. McLachlan. An Executive Com-

mittee was appointed, consisting of the officers, together with the following: W. P. Beveridge, Wm. Brammal, Geo. E. Clough, C. A. Carscadden and Dr. Clingan.

It was decided that Messrs. Brownlie and Reverley, the winners of the Swaizland Shield in 1924 and 1925, respec-

tively, should be fittingly honoured by the club, and this matter will be taken up by the officers.

With the proposed improvements put through, it was felt that interest in the game would be greatly increased locally and the prospects for a good season in 1926 are bright.

"MANCHESTER GIANT" TO STAY IN U. S.

A DESPATCH from St. Augustine, Florida.

"Archie Compston has decided to remain in America as a playing professional at a golf club in the East. The British champion to-day tentatively accepted terms under position in New York, with the provision that he be permitted to return to compete for the British Open Championship.

Compston is assured of a post in Florida next winter. He is here with Arnaud Massy, French open titleholder, for a series of international matches. The British professional champion has no club connection in England, and will be at liberty to join the Metropolitan Club beginning April 15."

THE SCIENCE OF GREEN KEEPING

The Royal and Ancient Committee makes its First Report, which is of a Most Instructive Character

AN important step in the science of green-keeping was taken last June, when the Royal and Ancient Golf Club appointed a Scientific Advisory Green Committee and the first report by this Committee has now been issued. The members of the Committee are all eminent men in their respective departments, and they have undertaken their interesting, but also onerous duties solely out of love for the Royal and Ancient game. The following are the members of the Committee: Sir Robert B. Greig, M.C., LL.D., M. Sc., F.R.S.E., Chairman, Board of Agriculture for Scotland, Chairman; Sir Daniel Hall, K.C.B., M.A., LL.D., Chief Scientific Advisor, Ministry of Agriculture; Sir John Russell, O.B.E., D.Sc., F.R.S., Director, Rothamsted Experimental Station; Professor R. A. Berry, Ph.D., F.I.C., Professor of Agricultural Chemistry, West of Scotland Agricultural College; Professor R. G. Stapledon, M.A., Professor of Agricultural Botany, University College of Wales; A. D. Imms, Esq., M.A., D.Sc., Chief Entomologist, Rothamsted Experimental Station.

At the special request of the Committee, the R. and A. Club has appointed its Secretary, Mr. Henry Gulen, Secretary to the Committee.

The Committee have been asked in the first instance to prepare a scheme for experimental and research work in connection with grasses, manures, the eradication of weeds and pests, and green and fairway maintenance generally.

The Committee desire to report that any scheme for the improvement of golf courses is not likely to be effective unless it is approached on scientific lines and on a comprehensive scale. They make the following observations and suggestions for the consideration of the Green Committee:

1. Very little is known in this country of the botanical characters of golf courses. Soil, climate and elevation affect the species, prevalence and growth of the plants which compose the herbage of greens and fairways. The main types of golf courses from the botanical standpoint are seaside or dune courses, inland sand, inland clay, inland chalk and heath or moorland

courses. Each of these has a typical flora requiring treatment according to its type. Suburban courses, subject to smoke contamination, also require special treatment.

2. In view of these facts, the Committee recommend that the first step in the search for improvement is to make a botanical survey of certain groups of courses. The following groups suggest themselves:

Scottish Seaside—Dornoch, St. Andrews and Fife area, North Berwick and Gullane area, Troon and Prestwick area, suburban—Edinburgh and Glasgow courses.

English Seaside and Sand—Silloth, Liverpool Bay area, Harlech and Welsh Coast, Westward Ho!, Newquay and Cornish Courses, Rye group, Sandwich group. Branceaster (for low rainfall area).

Inland—Raynes Park (London, clay), Woking (sand), Royston (chalk), Liphook (heath), Coventry (Birmingham group), Ilkey (typical Yorkshire), Hopwood or Newcastle (smoke area).

3. To make such a survey it would be necessary to employ a specialist in grass and herbage problems for at least two months. On the completion of the survey, the data obtained would enable the Committee to prepare a scheme of experiments in association with the surveyor.

4. Until a survey is made, it would be unwise and unprofitable to suggest a detailed scheme of experiments. Subject to the examination of the data, the general lines of the experiments should be as follows:

5. Establishment of Putting Greens.—(a) Tests of seed mixtures involving rates of sowing, time of sowing, simple versus complex mixtures; (b) methods based on vegetative propagation; (c) relaying turf and manuring of underlying soil.

Renovation and Treatment of Existing Putting Greens—(a) Seeding; (b) manuring, soiling, sanding; (c) mechanical treatment, i.e., rolling and forking; (d) patching; (e) eradication of daisies, starweed, moss, etc.; (f) eradication of insect and fungoid pests;

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Bunkers—Methods of maintaining bunkers, rivetting or turfing.

Teeing Grounds—Establishment and maintenance of teeing grounds by turfing, seeding, manuring, etc.

6. In order to carry out this programme it will be necessary to provide facilities for permanent trials on at least two golf courses, one seaside and one inland. From 2 to 3 acres of land would be required at each centre. St. Andrews is suggested for the former, and an inland course in the London area for the latter. Further facilities of a temporary character will, it is anticipated, be obtainable at such courses as the surveyor may indicate as most suitable.

7. The Committee desire to emphasize the necessity for a preliminary botanical survey, and they suggest the appointment—for, say, two months—of a fully qualified scientific man with special experience of herbage problems. For this work it may be possible to obtain the services of a member of the staff of one of the Agricultural Research Institutes or Colleges. The Committee are prepared to look for and recommend such a man who would make the survey under their direction.

8. In carrying out the survey the specialist would make full inquiry in regard to the various experiments which had been undertaken by the Clubs visited, and the suggested scheme of experiments outlined above would be kept in mind during the inspections.

9. The second step of the work of investigation is to appoint a permanent whole-time official of full scientific training to supervise and control, under the direction of the Scientific

Committee, the general scheme of experiments at the permanent stations. It is probable that a suitable young man could be found who would accept a commencing salary of £300 a year, rising by annual increments of £50 to a maximum to be decided upon.

10. If the above suggestions are adopted, the permanent official would accompany the specialist in the survey of the golf courses. This experience would be invaluable to him.

11. It is estimated that the whole cost of carrying out these proposals during the first year would not exceed £1250, made up as follows:

Salary of permanent official	£300 0 0
Travelling expenses	200 0 0
Fee to temporary surveyor	150 0 0
Travelling expenses	200 0 0
Equipment, seeds, manures, etc.	200 0 0
Extra labour	100 0 0
Travelling expenses of Scientific Committee	100 0 0
	£1250 0 0

As the scheme is extended the additional cost of manures, seeds, etc., would be offset by the saving of the cost of the first survey, so that the annual expenditure for some years should not exceed £1200 to £1500.

12. Apart from the comprehensive scheme outlined above, it is desirable that Green Committees who are attempting to improve greens and fairways by applications of manure should fall in with a general scheme from which comparable results could be obtained, and from which information of wide importance could be derived. For the guidance of Committees a scheme of trials can be obtained from the Secretary of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club. There is no reason why these trials should not begin next spring or late winter. The Committee would point out, however, that while such work would be valuable, it is not of such fundamental importance or so promising in results as the wider scheme.

13. With regard to advisory work, no definite recommendations can be made by the Committee until data have



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been accumulated and the permanent official has acquired experience. It is possible, however, to issue some general statements as to the treatment of greens

which might be useful to green-keepers, and if desired, the Committee will consider the feasibility of preparing one or more leaflets on the subject.

TRIBUTE TO ERNEST PENFOLD

Popular Winnipeg Pro. Who is Leaving for the U. S. This Season

MR. J. T. CUTHBERT, the Golfing Editor of the Winnipeg "Free Press," pays this altogether well deserved tribute to Ernest Penfold, who is leaving this season to take up professional duties at the prominent Minneapolis Golf Club and who is a distinct loss not only to Western, but Canadian golf:

"Many local golfers will hear with regret of the intended departure from the city of Ernest Penfold, professional at the Winnipeg Golf Club, and present Manitoba Open Champion. He has accepted the appointment of professional at the Minneapolis Golf Club, one of the premier clubs in the Twin Cities,

and will leave to take up his new duties next spring.

Penfold came here from England in 1920 to take up the position at the Winnipeg Club, which he has held continuously ever since. This was his first professional appointment, as he was formerly the assistant at the Leatherhead Club in Surrey, and he has made good in it in no uncertain manner. In the past five years he has made a host of friends among the golfing fraternity in Winnipeg who, while glad of his success in his adopted profession, will deeply regret his departure. He has always been a sound performer on local courses and his game has steadily im-

proved with his increased experience, but most of all he has owed his popularity to his sunny disposition and good sportsmanship in the game, whether things were going well or badly for him.

Penfold has always been a serious contender in Western Championships, and has on several occasions made a good showing in the East, particularly in the Canadian Professional Golfers' Association tournament. It was not until this year, however, that he broke into the titleholders' class, when he came through with some spectacular golf in the last two

rounds to win the Manitoba Open Championship from a strong field by two strokes.

While his plans for the coming winter have not yet been definitely made, Penfold has announced that he will not again conduct his popular winter school in the Fort Garry court, which has now been in operation for five indoor seasons. He will not undertake his new duties in Minneapolis until the beginning of next season. He will take with him the best wishes for success of all Winnipeg golfers who know him."

THE FIRST "ONE-SHOTTERS"

THE first "Hole-in-One" in 1926 in Canada is already announced and it was made too, very appropriately on the first day of the year. Mr. J. F. M. Pinkham of the Shaughnessy Heights Golf Club, Vancouver has the honour of being the first performer in 1926. He turned the trick at the 8th hole at Shaughnessy, 150 yards in length. It is certainly a good start for the "One-Shotters." Mr. Pinkham also made a "Oner" in 1923.

Then to close up the 1925 season in good and proper style, reports came from Duncan, B. C., of a fair golfer performing the stunt. Mrs. W. H. Harper playing over the Cowichan Course on Dec. 18th, with Mrs. W. Morten, made the 5th hole, 120 yards, in one. Hearty congratulations. The editor particularly welcomes "the dear ladies" to the "Canadian Golfer's Hole-in-One" Club.

THE LONDON HUNT CLUB

Ladies' Golf Section has a Particularly Successful Closing—The 1925 Prize Winners in Both Sections

THE official closing of the London Hunt Club ladies' golfing season of 1925 was celebrated last month by a buffet luncheon at the club, and was largely attended.

The Championship Cup, a beautiful antique rose bowl, was donated by the President, Mrs. E. B. Smith. Each year's winner will be presented with a miniature replica of the cup, and a shield upon which will be engraved the name of the winner will be attached to the base on which the permanent trophy stands.

After luncheon the President, Mrs. E. B. Smith, presented to the winners the trophies for the various events of the season of 1925, which were as follows:

Championship Cup—Miss Helen Baker, winner (donated by Mrs. E. B. Smith, President). Smart Cup—Mrs. Sterling, winner. Junior Handicap Cup (donated by Mrs. Marshall Graydon)—Mrs. Archie McMahan, winner. Green Section Tournament—Mrs. W.

C. Falls, winner (clock donated by Mrs. R. W. Puddicombe). Putting Competition—Mrs. Sterling, winner (cup donated by Mrs. Ronald Harris). Ringer Competition, Silver Division—Mrs. Marshall Graydon, winner (cup donated by the pro, K. Marsh). Ringer Competition, Bronze Division—Mrs. Ernest Williams, winner (cup donated by Mr. Frank Gordon). Monthly Medal, Silver Division—Mrs. Farncomb, winner. Monthly Medal, Bronze Division—Mrs. E. H. Nelles, winner.

The cup donated by Mrs. Hugh Niven for the Adam and Eve Competition was not played for owing to unfavourable weather conditions.

The winners of the Men's events were as follows: Sommerville Shield—Winner, J. M. Hunt; runner-up, W. A. Mitchell. Mixed Foursome, Men's—Winners, F. Gordon, J. N. Hunt; runners-up, A. McPherson, B. H. Higgins. Cairncross Cup—Winner, E. D. McNee. Left Handed Players' Tournament—Winner, J. S. Brown; runner-up, D. B. Weldon. Husband and Wife—Winners, Mr. and Mrs. F. Gordon; runners-up, Mr. and Mrs. A. McPherson. Club Championship, Rolph Cup—Winner, Ross Somerville; runner-up, F. Gordon. Hobbs Cup—Winner, A. McPherson; runner-up, J. E. Farncomb. Ringer Contest—Winner, Ross Somerville.

"HEARD ON THE LINKS"

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

A SCOTTISH professional home from America, says "Golf Illustrated," was telling his experiences to some of his old acquaintances. "Ye've been awa' a long time," said one, "how will ye be daein'?" "Fine," was the reply. "I went out in 99, ye ken and—'Eh, but that's a pair score," said a newcomer, who had not caught the gist of the conversation, "an' what did ye tak' to come hame?" "The 'Berengaria," was the unexpected reply.

LESSONS IN RHYME.

If you press to excess,
Do not expect success.
Never up, never in,
Play the ball for the tin.
If you swing and lift your dome,
The darned ball is sure to roam.
A well-balanced, easy stance,
Will help your game to advance.
Take a lesson now and then,
Just to cure your golfing sin.
Practice to improve your game,
Else it will remain the same.

—Charles Herndon.

COOLIDGE LOSES FAVOURITE GOLF BALL IN ROUGH— NATION MOURNS.

(By Barrie Payne).

(The story of the missing ball as it would be flashed to editors on the news wires).

BULLETIN.

Washington, D. C.—To-day, while playing his first game of golf, President Coolidge lost the famous Dubblop golf ball presented to him by the Prince of Wales. He sliced it to hellangone into the whiskers.

CORRECTION.

Editors: In Washington bulletin make it read, "sliced the ball into the rough" instead of "sliced it to hellangone into the whiskers." Slang.

KILL.

Editors: In Washington bulletin kill word "Dubblop." Advertising.

BULLETIN.

Baltimore, M.D.—(Follow Washington)—The Governor was asked to order out state troops to-day to aid in the search for President Coolidge's golf ball.

CORRECTION.

Editors: In last bulletin Baltimore make it read "golf Ball," not "golf ball," as sent. Error in transmission.

BULLETIN.

Washington—(Add Correction)—Grave concern over the fate of the lost ball is felt at the White House. Foul play is suspected. The President blames his caddy, it is alleged.

CORRECTION.

Editors—In last bulletin in Coolidge instead of "The President blames his caddy, it is alleged," make it read "The President blames his caddy, it is alleged to have been reported, so it is said." Libelous and not verified.

BULLETIN.

Washington—(Follow golf ball)—The President says he has given up golf, now that he has lost his ball, and gives out the following long interview.

Kill it. Kill it.

FLASH	FLASH	FLASH
President's	Golf Ball	Found
KILL.		

Editors: Kill Coolidge. Incorrect. What searching party thought was ball turned out to be a dandelion.

FLASH	FLASH	FLASH
Coolidge finds missing ball in his pocket.	Admits he forgot to drive it.	

QUERIES AND ANSWERS.

"Worried" writes from Oak Park:
How can I stop a garrulous player from talking when I make my shots?

A—Stay away a few days and then appear at the club wearing an ear trumpet.

"Old Cuss" writes from Hinsdale:
How can I break off swearing after I miss shots?

A—Swear before you miss 'em.

"Both Hands" writes from Southmoor:

What do you consider the best grip?

A—Alligator Gladstone.

"Honesty" writes from Edgewater:

How can I shoot low scores without reducing my handicap?

A—Shoot them over neighbouring courses.

"Henpecked" writes from Old Elm: Elm:

Can a husband and wife play 18 holes without bickering?

A—If they can, it's a miracle.

"Edith" writes from Evanston:

I am 28, a blonde with a big bank roll, but weigh 287 pounds. How shall I reduce so as to capture a husband?

A—Stop playing the short holes and tackle some of the 500-yarders.

"Sarah" writes from Mid-City:

I am tall and thin and shoot around 140. What do you suggest?

A—Cut off about 40 from your score and put it on your bones.

—"Chicago Golfer."

MIKE KELLY WASN'T EVEN KNOWN.

They are telling this one of a Londoner who was leaving to spend a week golfing at St. Andrews. A Scottish friend told him to be sure and look up McCrummock, a Prince of good fellows, who would give him a grand time on the links and socially. "You had better write down his name," said the Scot, "or you'll forget it, as it is rather an odd one, before you are two hours out of London."

The Englishman refused to do this, stating that he prided himself on remembering names. He had a little system all his own. He always rhymed them up. For instance, "McCrummock" would immediately bring to his mind, "my stomach." "McCrummock, my stomach!" Could there be anything easier?

Shortly after his return the Londoner met his Scottish friend and told him he had the greatest golf and the greatest time of his life. "The hospitality of the golfers of St. Andrews," he said, "was overpowering, but funny thing, old chap, no one there even seemed to have heard of your friend, Mike Kelly."

SHORT SWING FOR ORDINARY PLAYERS

MR. CHARLES EVANS Jr., the many times champion, is of the opinion that the shorter the swing the more accurate the shot should be, and also the less distance for the average player. For most players this means that distance is more or less sacrificed to accuracy. One must count the cost. The heavy bunkering and trapping of the present day courses are a good argument for the shorter swing because the penalty just now is very heavy for off-direction shots. Moreover, a properly prepared golfer of the very first class can get just as far at championship play with a short swing as with a full one.

THE WINTER SCHOOLS IN MONTREAL

THE Indoor Golf Schools in Montreal are again this Winter immensely popular and are catering to the wants of thousands of golfers and golfers-to-be. Here is the quite imposing list and locations:

Albert H. Murray, Canada Cement Building.

Red. Mackenzie, Forum Building, St. Catherine Street West.

Jock Brown and Frank Glass, Keefer Building, St. Catherine Street West.

Frank Grant and Paddy Grant, Insurance Exchange Building.

Jimmy Black and Aimie Desjardins, T. Eaton Co.

Arthur Desjardins, National A. A. A.

Arthur MacPherson, Mount Royal Hotel.

Harry Black, Somner Building.

SIXTY YEARS OF THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

(*"Golfing," London*).

IT seems to have escaped general observation that 1925 was in some sort the Diamond Jubilee of the Open Championship. True, the five years of the War caused a suspension of activity, but there have been precisely sixty championships since the fixture was inaugurated in 1860.

Sixty Open Championships, but just half that number of Open Champions! Exactly a score of Scots have among them won it 39 times. Four Englishmen have recorded 9 victories; and two channel Islanders are responsible for 7 others. Three Americans have between them won on 4 occasions. One Frenchman boasts a single Championship. But the Scots had a long start. They had had fourteen Champions and 29 Championships before Mr. John Ball scored the first English success.

Harry Vardon holds the record with six championships; James Braid and J. H. Taylor have each five. Willie Park, senior, "Old" Tom Morris and "Young" Tom Morris could all boast four victories, the last named in fact being so successful that he stopped the competition. For by three successive victories he won the original Championship Belt outright, so that the authorities found it necessary to pause and consider for a year before providing a new trophy, and there was therefore no Championship in 1871.

That first meeting was not strictly speaking an Open Championship, since it was confined to professionals only. It was not till the second year that the amateurs competed along with the pros. Only three times have amateur players won the event—Mr. John Ball in 1890, Mr. Hilton in 1892 and 1897—but one or two of the earlier Scottish artisan winners were not technically professionals at the time of winning.

That first meeting in 1860 attracted a field of only eight, of whom but one, and he a Scot, travelled from the south of the Border. Last year at Hoylake the entry was 277.

"Young Tom" Morris won four successive championships, before he died at the age of twenty-four, the second Open Champion to join the great



J. H. Taylor, Dean of the Professional Corps and Five Times Open Champion.

majority, for Andrew Strath had died a couple of years after his victory in 1865. After Bob Martin's victory in 1876, the next three championships were won by Jamie Anderson, and the next three by Bob Ferguson—a remarkable performance, seeing that it meant

winning once on each of three different courses. In point of fact, Bob Ferguson just missed winning his fourth championship in succession, being de-



Miss Joyce Wethered and James Braid from a recent photo. Braid, who won the Open Championship five times, is now playing little competitive golf. He devotes most of his time to laying out new courses and improving old ones. Old golfing friends will hardly recognize the former Champion of years lang syne, either as regards dress or general appearance.

feated at Musselburgh in 1883 by Willie Fernie after a tie. These are the only examples of the Championship being won more than twice in succession.

Apart from these the most striking series of successes is that of James Braid, who won all his five championships between 1901 and 1910. The longest stretch is the nineteen years of J. H. Taylor, who won for the first time in 1894 and for the fifth time in 1913. Harry Vardon's list of Championships stretches over eighteen years. Willie Park, senior, the winner of the very first championship of all, won his fourth in 1875—exactly fifteen years afterwards.

Ties have not been frequent. There was one in 1876, although it is not recorded in the Year Books, possibly owing to a disputed ruling. David Strath did not turn up at the replay and Bob Martin "walked over." The next was in 1883, when Willie Fernie won after a tie with Bob Ferguson. Willie Park, junr., won in 1889 after a tie with Andrew Kirkaldy and Harry Vardon's first Championship, in 1896, was won after a tie with J. H. Taylor. Vardon also won his 1911 Championship after a tie,—this time with Arnaud Massy, and in 1921 Jock Hutchison won after finishing level with Mr. Roger Wethered, who would have won outright had he not incurred a penalty stroke by accidentally treading on his ball.

All the eleven contests for the Championship Belt were held at Prestwick, but with the institution of the Championship Cup a rota of three greens, Prestwick, St. Andrews, Musselburgh was introduced. In 1892 Muirfield took the place of Musselburgh and in 1893 the Championship was played for the first time on an English course—Sandwich, and was won for the first time by an English born professional—J. H. Taylor.

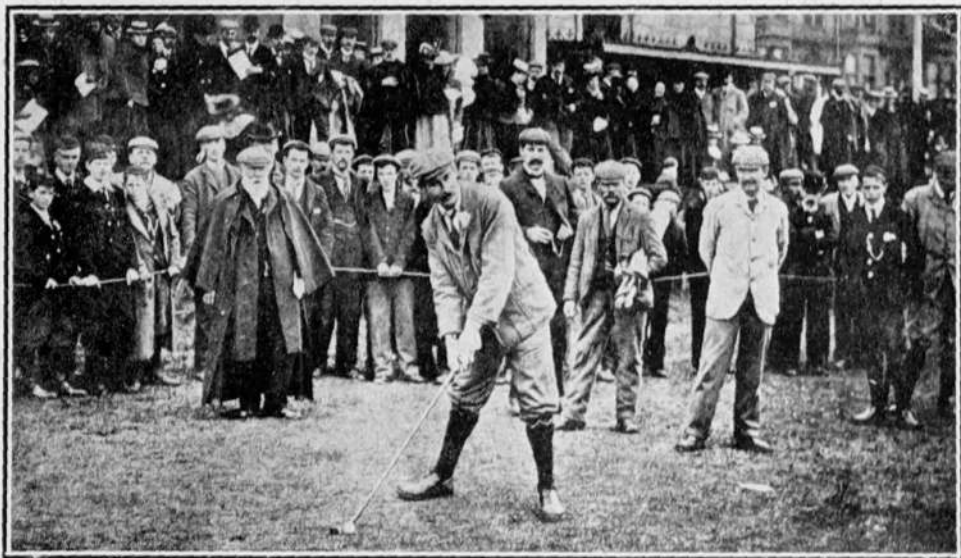
In modern golf the most wonderful record is that of James Braid in the first ten years of the present century. It reads, 1901, first; 1902, second; 1903, fifth; 1904, second; 1905, first; 1906, first; 1907, fifth; 1908, first; 1909, second; 1910, first. Strangely enough Braid won on each of the

three Scottish greens then in the rota, but never on any of the English ones.

Such a resume as this naturally suggests a comparison between the present and past champions, a subject which

easier to putt on, they are better guarded.

On the whole, it is probable that courses like Prestwick and St. Andrews are not very much easier than they were fifty years ago. And in this



An interesting photo taken a quarter of a century ago of "Auld Tam" Morris (on left), Open Champion, 1861-62-64 and 67, Harry Vardon (driving), and Alex. Herd (on right), Open Champion 1902. Vardon is the only player to have won the Open Championship six times, 1896-98-99, 1903-11 and 1914, a feat which probably will never be equalled. It will be noticed then as now he was always very particular about his golfing togs. In the old days professionals generally were not.

is pleasant in discussion but profitless in result. The scores are not much help, for if the rubber-cored ball has made driving easier, yet the courses are rather longer. If the fairways are broaded than they used to be, they are only so in proportion to the length of the stroke. If greens are truer and

connection it is interesting to notice that Young Tom's score of 154—made when he won his first championship in 1868—remained the best championship score till 1898, when Harry Vardon did the four rounds in 307, or one-quarter a stroke per round better.

GOLFING CONDITIONS IDEAL IN MEXICO

"WILLIE LAMB," the assistant professional of the Toronto Golf Club, who is filling the professional position for the Winter at the Monterey Country Club, Mexico, writes the Editor most enthusiastically about this charming course, which he says is "nicely situated in the mountains and has some very pretty views. It is easily reached from any part of the city and is only ten minutes from the centre. Caddies are always available and Sunday golf is permitted. The green fees are: Week days, \$2.00; Saturday, Sunday and Holidays, \$4.00. Weekly tickets, \$10.00 (Mexican dollars).

The par of the course, which is the excellent length of 3,050 yards, is 36, made up as follows: 4,4,3, 4,5,5, 4,3,4. Considering the course has only been in

operation for two years it is really in lovely shape. Everything has been done to retain all the natural features. Anyone wishing to holiday under delightful conditions and surroundings, will find Monterey an ideal spot. The climate is very mild. It never gets very hot here, as the city is so high up (1,600 feet above sea level). It is very popular with invalids. There are various good hotels, and one would not make a mistake in going to any one of them."

COMPSTON AND MASSY WIN AGAIN

THAT Compston and Massy are really great players was again demonstrated a few days ago when in an exhibition match they defeated "Long Jim" Barnes and John Farrell, one of the U. S. top notchers, one up, on the 39th hole. This was a much more impressive victory than the one they registered against the two amateurs, "Bobbie" Jones and Watts Gunn, and stamps them as among the world's greatest golfers. Massy's putting is especially of the highest order, whilst both are driving a very long ball and approaching well. It looks at this writing as though their first tour in the United States was going to be an unqualified success.

UP GOES THE PRICE OF GOLF BALLS

MOTOR car users are not the only ones this year who will pay for the soaring price of rubber. The golfer will also be taxed. Already some of the prominent manufacturers of golf balls have announced that owing to the greatly enhanced price of rubber, which forms a very important part in the manufacture of balls, an increase of ten cents per ball will have to be charged the coming season. In other words, the 75c ball will be advanced to 85c and the 50c ball to 60c. This new price for higher grade balls does not by any means create a record. It was not so very long ago that the best balls sold for \$1.00 each and in some instances even \$1.25 or \$15.00 per dozen was charged.

Owing to improved methods of manufacture and "quantity production," prices the past two or three years have been very much less for all grades of balls than previously listed.

NEWS FROM PINEHURST

Famous North Carolina Resort Is Having a Great Season

(Special Correspondence, "Canadian Golfer")

THERE are some incidents in connection with the recent Fathers' and Sons' Golf Tournament held on the links here that were especially colorful. Not the least of these were the disputes among the sons as to who would play with dad in the big event.

H. B. Swoope, of Madera, Pa., was faced with the biggest difficulty. Among his talented offspring were several capable golfers, one of whom, Hewitt, had played so well with him this last summer in Philadelphia that the pair had won the Father and Son Event. Young Walter Swoope, how-

ever, insisted that he was fully as good a player as his brother. The day before the match Swoope decided the two had better fight it out over the long championship course, in spite of the fact that it was raining. There was consternation as the match ended all even. Swoope then decided to give Walter his chance, and his name replaced Hewitt's on the big scoreboard.

No sooner did Donald Parson, of Youngstown, O., see that Swoope made a substitution than like a football coach or a baseball manager, he sent for his son William, youngest player

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In April the new main building at Hotel Del Monte will be opened!

THE NEW \$2,000,000 main building at Hotel Del Monte will open in April. Of rich Spanish architecture and embodying every luxurious detail of modern hotel appointment this newest addition will be a revelation to even the most sophisticated globe trotter.

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internationally famous golf courses (one at the hotel; one at Pebble Beach), its polo ground, Roman plunge, tennis courts and a 20,000 acre private sports preserve, Hotel Del Monte offers you every sport at its best. Another golf course is now being laid out and will be opened in May. The hotel itself and Del Monte Lodge provide every facility for colorful entertainment. It would be well to make reservations now for April and the Spring season.

PRIOR to the opening of the new main building guests are being accommodated in the reconstructed wings of the Hotel and in picturesque Spanish cottages. The Winter season is in full swing NOW!

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in the tournament, and told him to go out to the practise tee and warm up. When it was time to tee off William was outitting his older brother and walked to the tee as his father's "first-string" partner.

Golf is not all for the young, according to John R. Towle, 83-year-old Civil War veteran. The other day the finals of the Season Members' Tournament was called off because of rain, and when Towle came into the club house dripping, but happy, after his daily round, he soundly berated the

softness of modern youth. Towle thinks that the modern young men do not take the game seriously enough and thinks that older men would do much better if they took up the game.

Towle did not take up the game here until 1902, when he was sixty years old, being before that an enthusiastic bowler and billiardist. He gets around in just a little over a hundred, occasionally under.

Towle, who lives in Chicago, served in the Civil War under Capt. Rufus Dawes, father of the Vice-President.

"A POOR EXCUSE IS BETTER THAN NONE"

CECIL HADLEY, in the London publication, "People," has rather a caustic article on "Why Do United States Sport Visitors Always Have Excuses?"

He refers to several incidents in International sports last season and pays his respects as follows to Maedonald Smith, a Scot by birth, by the way:

"The next golfer to go 'home' to America with a bee in his bonnet was Maedonald Smith, who said the crowd robbed him of the 1925 golf title at Prestwick.

Maedonald suffered no more inconvenience than any other player would have in the final;

had it been Duncan, his popularity is so great in Scotland, the pressure would have been still greater.

The fact, of course, is that Macdonald Smith has not the nerve strength to do four rounds against the collar. He had before failed at a crisis in the last lap after three brilliant rounds.

Who was Macdonald Smith blaming? They were mostly 'brither Scots,' who pressed round him in their eagerness to watch the play. Golf is Scotland's own game, isn't it?

It must always be the same until a new kind of course is invented with a spectators' gallery along each fairway and round each tee and green. Macdonald Smith, a Scot who has chosen America as his home, must have known what to expect.

He suffered no hardship because he was Mac. Smith. It was because he was one of two finalists."

THE PASSING OF A WELL KNOWN GOLFER

Prominent Montrealer Dies Whilst on Business Trip to Coast

MR. C. O. CLARK, one of Montreal's well known golfers, passed away at the MacDonald Hotel, Edmonton, early Wednesday morning, December 9th.

Mr. Clark had been to the Coast in connection with the business of Canadian Carbonate, Limited, of which, for some years he had been an active director. He had enjoyed very much a game of golf which he had played at the Colwood Golf and Country Club at Victoria. On the trip from Victoria to Vancouver he contracted a slight cold which was aggravated when he played golf at the Shaughnessy Heights Course in Vancouver the following day. Later, on the train between Vancouver and Edmonton, pneumonia developed and from then on, Mr. Clark continued to fail.

Mr. Clark was 67 years of age, having been born at East Hampton, Conn., December 4th, 1858. He had been a manufacturer of sleigh bells all his active business life, succeeding to the business established by his father, the

late O. L. Clark. In recent years his brother, Major W. B. Clark, had joined him in the business and the business was conducted under the name of C. O. Clark and Bro.

Since the close of the war Mr. Clark had taken a very keen and active interest in golf. He was a member of the Kanawaki and Summerlea Golf Clubs in Montreal and of the Riddles Bay Golf Club in Bermuda. He was the winner of many trophies at these clubs and because of his exceedingly kind and genial personality his "wins" were always popular.

Mr. Clark was also a member of the Engineers' Club and the St. George's Snow-Shoe Club of Montreal, where he will be greatly missed by a very large circle of friends.

The funeral took place in Montreal on Sunday afternoon, December 6th, and the large number of people attending from all walks of life testified to the very high regard in which Mr. Clark was held by his friends and associates.

THE ROYAL AND ANCIENT AND PROPOSED NEW BALL

A DESPATCH from New York:

"Denying that a larger and lighter golf ball recommended by the United States Golf Association has been rejected by British officials, W. Norman Boase, Chairman of the Championship Committee of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, who has been touring the States and Canada, to-day asserted that there was 'no difference of opinion' on the subject between the ruling organizations of Britain and the United States.

Mr. Boase declared that the Royal and Ancient Club had not approved the suggestion that the new ball be played exclusively in 1926 championship events in both countries: It was deemed unfair, he said, to use the championship tournaments for experimental purposes.

The proposal of the U.S.G.A. would increase the diameter of the present ball from 1.62 inches to 1.68 inches, while its weight would be reduced from 1.62 ounces to 1.55."

BULLETIN

OF THE GREEN SECTION OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN GOLF ASSOCIATION

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THE EDITOR of the Bulletin recently attended by invitation the Annual Meeting of the United States Green Section held in Chicago the early part of January. Many able addresses were presented and interesting discussions followed. The great impression gleaned from the conference was that while tremendous strides have been made in the last four years in the development of golf turf, yet the work has only got fairly into its stride and that there is an immense field of work yet to be covered. The diversity of climatic conditions throughout the varying sections of the North American Continent establishes the fact that no

definite plan or set of cultural methods can be laid down at one point as being suitable for all circumstances. While the basic principles underlying turf maintenance are essentially the same everywhere, yet variations in system, species of grasses, control of fungus diseases, weeds, etc., must be followed in different geographical locations.

It is pleasant to record that with the common objective of the improvement of golf turf and the cordial interest taken by the United States Green Section in the work of the Canadian Green Section and vice versa, that the happiest relations exist between the two organizations.

Lectures on Practical Greenkeeping

Following the practice inaugurated last year, the Royal Canadian Golf Association will hold a series of lectures on Greenkeeping and course maintenance during March. Last season's conference was a splendid success, and this year following the summer's work of the Green Section and the Greenkeepers' Association, it is hoped that even greater good will come of them. With the help of the Provincial and Dominion Departments of Agriculture, it is possible to arrange a three or four day meeting that will ensure good live addresses and discussions. These meetings will be open to all who are interested and it is hoped that there will be a good attendance

of Greenkeepers, Club Managers, Course Superintendents, and others. Golfers in general who take an interest in the turf conditions of the game are invited to any or all of the sessions. Here is an opportunity for Green Committee members to get a little extra information that may be useful in the administration of the department that comes under their jurisdiction. Further information in detail will be distributed later. It is hoped that every Club within a reasonable distance of points where the lectures are held will make an effort to have at least one representative in attendance.

The Science of Greenkeeping

(Address before the Annual Meeting of the Weston Golf and Country Club)

It is not my intention to go into a deep technical discussion of the management of soil and grass for golf course requirements, that is the special department of the Green Committee, Course Manager and Greenkeeper, but to present in a few words the conditions that exist and must be aided, abetted or controlled so that turf requirements of the game may be as nearly perfect as human ingenuity can make them. You will note that I said

as nearly perfect. Dr. Piper, of Washington, considered the best turf authority on this continent, says that a perfect Green turf has yet to be produced and maintained. But we are striving towards an ideal and getting nearer to it by improving the species and variety of grass and improving the soil conditions and methods of caring for the turf once it is established.

The problems of the Greenkeeper are dif-

ferent from the caretaker of bowling greens, tennis courts or cricket pitches and other sports turf, since the Green has practically no rest from the first of Spring till the close of the season, week in, week out, rain or shine, the putting green is subjected to more or less tramping, resulting in the padding and packing of the closely cut turf. Playing through and just after rain and when the ground is sodden, is an abuse that turf other than putting greens are rarely subjected to, yet the green must strive to live under these conditions the summer long, especially so where heavy watering is necessary to keep the green in good soft playing condition.

Many golfers do not understand why it is that the fairways often are so excellent and the greens fall behind by comparison. I have had the fact pointed out and have been asked why it should be since the putting green has been getting all the attention, fertilizer, etc. The general explanation is that the extra length permitted on the fairway provides a nearer approach to the natural condition of growth, allows more leaf and more root, consequently, the grass is stronger and tougher. One must remember that the natural function of grass is to mature and bear seed and if we prevent the completion of this life cycle, we immediately create artificial conditions. To carry on the process of stunting the plant and yet persuade it to live and appear to thrive, is the science of greenkeeping.

The effect of close cutting as practised on the putting green is to induce the plant to expend all its energy in restoring its lost leaf surface. Since the leaves are both the stomach and lungs of the plant, its ability to assimilate or digest food is seriously curtailed and its ruggedness and aggressiveness in forcing down a large and healthy root system is seriously curtailed also. And again, since the soil is the feeding round and permanent home, weakened and dwarfed roots mean restricted food supplies, general weakening of construction and susceptibility to disease, inroads of weeds, coarser grasses, etc.

This brings us to the controlling factor of successful green management, that is, the intelligent understanding of the soil that makes up the green and so handling it that the roots will be encouraged to reach toward their maximum range and to ensure enough nourishment within their depth to satisfy all the needs of the turf. Were all soils alike, it would be a simple matter to outline a plan of action and follow it by rule of thumb methods, but such is not the case. Not only are soils in different courses widely divergent, but there is in nearly every case a marked individuality throughout any one set of eighteen greens built of soil surrounding the green site, consequently, every green requires individual study and treatment.

What soil conditions are required for maximum root growth? In the first place, it should be sufficiently loose and friable that the roots can penetrate it easily. Air is just

as essential to the underground part of the plant as the upper, so the soil must be porous enough to permit air to reach the roots. In my opinion, on many of the courses I have seen, this factor has been largely responsible for poor turf, especially where grasses of an upright habit of growth have been used, as they usually have the deeper root system. Soils that are habitually sodden do not produce a healthy stand of grass unless the free water in the soil can move away. Many grasses can grow quite well in running water because there is a certain amount of air carried along, but when the current is checked and the water becomes stagnant, the supply of free air is cut off, so leaves and roots below the water line will eventually die. Hence will be seen the advisability of making provision when building new greens that excess water can drain off easily and allow the air to penetrate. Some types of soil, as gravelly, sandy, and sandy loams, permit ground water to move away easily, but on heavier soil running to sticky clays that are more or less impervious, it is found beneficial to improve conditions by incorporating sand into the soil and putting a system of tile drain in the subsoil. Sand has a marked effect upon the character of growth and physical condition of topsoil bringing about a finer texture of verdure and greater porosity of root bed, and for this reason its use has increased enormously during the past few years.

So much for the physical condition, which, if the grass were animate, corresponds to housing or stabling and occupies such an important place in the functioning of a putting green, but if we are to fulfill all the duties of the husbandman, we must feed and water our stock with a balanced ration that can be quickly assimilated and easily digested. It was considered sound practice in years past to build a green according to an elaborate plan, which left the finished structure with a layer of rich, highly fertilized topsoil, perhaps 18 inches deep. As the roots of the closely cut turf seldom go beyond one and a half inches, about 90% of this expensive mixture was outside of the root range. It may not all be lost, as some plant food may be brought up in solution, but if heavy watering is practised, it is more likely to go the other way and be lost by leaching. Modern practice follows the principle that since the roots are shallow, it is best to hold the nourishment to within the root range, and as by heavy watering, rains, and so on, it is likely that this shallow stratum may soon become impoverished, we take the rich materials formerly buried beneath the green and apply them to the surface by periodic topdressings. I mentioned earlier that on many courses I have noticed cases of grass failure resulting from lack of drainage, but the most general cause of failure, to my mind, is poverty of the soil. The drain upon the soil resources of a putting green is very heavy indeed, particularly so where the mower carries a grass box. No

farmer or gardener would think of cropping his land so severely, even with the advantage of being able to cultivate and rest the land between crops. This is a point often missed and it is a very important one, namely, that if we want continued vigorous growth, we must replace the fertility we are taking away. An eminent authority on golf turf once stated that he judged the efficiency of a course management by the provision made for compost. The point is indeed worthy of consideration. Compost is a mixture of top-soil, manure and sand that has been piled in a heap and allowed to rot. In the process of decomposition, the organic content of the heap is broken down by bacterial action into forms used by the grass plant, and numerous weed seeds are destroyed. The roots of grass derive their food largely from the products formed by the bacteria in the soil working upon the decaying vegetative matter. Under natural circumstances, the summer growth of leaves and stems that die each autumn supply this organic matter, but under the conditions obtaining in green management, this has to be supplied artificially. We must apply compost to keep up the supply of "humus", as this vegetative matter is termed, as by bacterial action it is consumed like wood in a fire. To secure the best results, the compost is further supplemented with a chemical fertilizer, chiefly ammonium sulphate. This material carries a high content of nitrogen, very necessary if a green, luscious growth is desired. There are other chemicals also used, but this one under the majority of conditions fills the requirements. Its particular asset is the fact that it leaves an acid residue in the soil which

discourages the growth of clover and many weeds.

Weeds are a problem responsible for much worry in the minds of greenkeepers. One fact we keep in mind is that in plant life as in animal life, it is largely a case of the survival of the fittest, and a soil that is too poor to grow a good crop of highly developed grass, might do very well for a hundred different species of weeds. Given as near ideal conditions as it is possible to make them, turf will of itself keep up a stiff fight against weeds, but once the fertility slips behind, many of our good golf grasses give up the struggle. The campaign against weeds is best fought with the right kind of turf on a well fed and properly managed soil.

Regarding rolling, it is a popular idea that the only way to secure a good true putting surface, is to roll frequently, and when the ground is moist. One hears occasionally the remark, "now is the time to get out your roller while the ground is wet and will iron out". It certainly will flatten out, but in the same fashion and according to the same principle followed by the brickmaker, and will produce a similar result in the form of a brick hard surface, not all conducive to a healthy growth of grass or favorable play. Heavy rolling is quite in order at special times, but as a regular practice is not to be condoned. It is preferable to true up the surface by supplying a material to fill in the inequalities. This is one of the important functions of periodic topdressings, and in this way we naturally accomplish what rolling will do artificially.

A Few Facts Regarding Grass Seeds

Kind of Seed.	Weight per Bu. in lbs.	Approx. No. of Seeds per lb.
Redtop (re-cleaned seed)	35 (approx.)	4,000,000
Bent Grass (re-cleaned seed).	35 (approx.)	4,000,000
Canadian Blue ...	14 (legal)	2,300,000
Kentucky Blue ...	14 (legal)	2,300,000
Timothy	48 (legal)	1,225,000
Fine-leaved Sheep's Fescue	10-15	1,250,000
Sheep's Fescue ...	10-15	800,000
Red Fescue (Chewings)	10-15	600,000
Various-leaved Fescue	10-15	400,000
Perennial Rye	25-35	230,000

The average percentage of germination varies greatly with different species. The following figures are general averages as given by the Seed Laboratory: Redtop and Bent Grasses, 85-90 per cent.; Canadian and Kentuck Blue Grasses, 70-80 per cent.; Timothy, 85-90 per cent.; Fescue Grasses, 70-75 per cent.; Chewings Fescue, which is imported from New Zealand, falls off very rapidly in germination both in transit and in storage on arrival in this country. Small quantities of this seed grown in British Columbia have run 85 per cent. and over, so in the event of this seed being produced in Canada, the figures given above will have to be revised.

Greenkeepers Competition

A public spirited member of a Toronto district Golf Club has donated a handsome prize to be awarded to the Greenkeeper who most successfully answers the questions asked in the Metropolitan Examination test for Green-

keepers. Space does not allow the questions to be repeated here in full; they cover a closely typed sheet of foolscap, but it may be said that they range pretty well over the practical field of course maintenance. The

club whose Greenkeeper can make a pass mark on this paper need not fear for the health of the course under his management. Competitions of this nature are a wonderful boost for the Ontario Greenkeepers' Association, it being limited to its members, and will give the organization an added zest. At the last meeting of the Association, interest ran high over

this new feature, and probabilities are that there will be a one hundred per cent. entry. The Green Section feels a very warm appreciation of this encouragement shown to the men who are to a very large extent responsible for the enjoyment of the Royal and Ancient game.

Checking Grass Growths on Drives and Walks

The only practical way to keep the paths and driveways around the Club free from weeds and grass growth is to treat occasionally with a chemical that will effectively kill all vegetation. Either of the following formulae will be found inexpensive and satisfactory:

Formula No. 1—White Arsenic, 5 lbs.; Sal Soda, 10 lbs.; Water, 10 lbs. Boil for fifteen minutes. This is the stock solution from which dilutions of 1 to 15 or 30 can be made for use.

Formula No. 2—Caustic Soda 2 lbs., or Concentrated Lye, 3 lbs.; White Arsenic, 4 lbs.; Water, sufficient to make one gallon. Mix solid ingredients in a wooden or earthen vessel. Add water slowly and at the same time stir vigorously. The chemical action will develop enough heat to self boil the mixture, but should any of the arsenic be left undissolved, it must be reboiled. After boiling, add enough water to make up that lost in the preparing. Use within a week at the rate of 1 to 50 of water.

Both of these formulae are essentially the same, but it might suit the convenience of the Greenkeeper to prepare the solution one way rather than the other.

The chemical can be applied with a watering can, but it will go farther and will be more effective if sprayed on with pressure and a more perfect distribution will be made this way. The writer has seen cases of treating the drives and walks around large institutions where the poison was applied through a power or traction potato sprayer. With such methods, it is usual to have a man draw along the ground a large piece of metal or a board shield to protect the edge of the turf, as any chemical falling on the grass would of course injure it. Applications as this are made in a rapid and effective manner. About three treatments during the summer generally suffice. Care must be taken to wash out the containers and sprayers after using, as the poison is very corrosive and would in time eat away the metal.

As a straight chemical killer, not requiring any preparation, Calcium chloride, commercial quality, is used extensively. Tennis Courts are commonly managed in this way. An added benefit from the use of Calcium chloride is that it is an excellent dust layer. It is used in varying quantities up to one pound per square yard.

Course Expenditure

One observant individual remarks that he frequently notices that the average club member holds two policies regarding the amount of money that he thinks the clubs should spend on the maintenance of the course. At the annual meeting when comfortably seated in the meeting room and golf as a game seems much farther removed than the Christmas bills, a righteous feeling of thriftiness makes itself apparent in an attempt to pare down the expenditures to the lowest minimum. This is a most worthy and honest desire to avoid

any unnecessary waste of money. On the other hand, when the playing season is in full swing, the policy is likely to turn around in the other direction and a hang the expense, let us have things as we want them and as they ought to be done attitude creeps in. The logical idea is to combine both these ideas and essay to keep the course in as good a condition as the funds of the Club will permit, avoiding all useless expenditure but realizing the fact that it costs a penny or two to do things properly.

MEHLHORN WINS \$2,500 EVENT

A DESPATCH from Virginia Country Club, Long Branch, California, January 3rd:

“William E. (Wild Bill) Mehlhorn, of Chicago, ambled in winner of the \$2,500 open golf tournament here to-day with a score of 215, having played both second rounds of 18 holes each in par 71. He won on the consistency of his game, showing great steadiness when others weakened.



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HAMILTON, CANADA

Dick Linares, Long Beach professional, who led at the end of the qualifying round yesterday with a 70, and broke the course record with a 68 this morning, blew up this afternoon in the final round over the wind-swept course, and took second place with a score of 216.

MacDonald Smith, of New York, took third, 72-75-70=217. Al. Espinosa, of Chicago, finished fourth with 72-72-74=218."

Mehlhorn is well known to Canadian followers of the game. In the Canadian Open Championship at Mount Bruno, Montreal, in 1924, he was in fifth place with a score of 293.

LAMBTON'S ANNUAL MEETING

Prominent Canadian Club has a Splendid Year in 1925—Mr. George S. Lyon Suitably Honoured on Resigning from the Captaincy—Great Improvement to Course in the Alteration of the Sixteenth Green

THE annual meeting of the Lambton Golf and Country Club was held last month at the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, and was attended by a large number of the members, who listened to the usual gratifying financial and other reports of this outstanding Toronto club. Mr. E. E. Palmer, the capable 1925 President, occupied the chair, and gave a resume of the many activities of the club the past season.

Those elected as Governors of the club were: A. A. Allen, E. L. Consins, Dr. J. A. Roberts, Frank Matthews, B. H. Harris, John Westren, Victor Harding and E. E. Palmer. A report presented by the retiring Green Committee dealt with changes made to the course during the season, and also an improvement which was decided on after the open championship. The sixteenth green has now been built in

on the slope of the hill, and should be ready for play next spring. In moving the green the club met with the endorsement of many members who were opposed to the old blind green, and believed that the hole would lose none of its characteristics.

There has always been a warm discussion pro and con about this difficult blind 16th. The Green Committee has been well advised to make the change, as it will relieve congestion and greatly add to the enjoyment of the majority of the members of the club.

Mr. George S. Lyon, who for 21 years has been the active Captain of the Club, or ever since its formation, and has spent much time in arranging for the season's matches asked to be relieved in 1926 of his onerous duties. This was regretfully acceded to and Mr. Lyon made "Honorary Captain" of the club, a graceful and

well deserved tribute to Canada's oldest and most famous Golf Captain. His position will be filled by Mr. J. Harold Firstbrook, the Vice-Captain last year, who is one of Lambton's best and most popular players. He will worthily follow in the footsteps of "The Daddy of 'em All." Mr. John Chipman was elected Vice-Captain.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board of Governors Mr. E. E. Palmer was re-elected President and Mr. B. H. Harris was elected Vice-President. Mr. Palmer made a most admirable President, in 1925, and Lambton is to be congratulated on securing his services again for 1926.

THE PASSING OF MR. H. H. SUYDAM

Particularly Popular Toronto Business Man and Golfer Plays Last Game of All

IT is with sincere and personal regret that the Editor is called upon to record the passing of Mr. H. H. Suydam, of 34 Chestnut Park, Toronto, prominent alike in the business, social and golf life of the Queen City. He slept peacefully away on Sunday, January the 10th, in the Wellesley Hospital, after an illness of a month's duration. He was 68 years of age.

Mr. Suydam was born in Lebanon, Ohio, later going to Toledo, where he married the daughter of James Coldham, M. D., who predeceased him in 1924, greatly beloved and greatly regretted. They moved to Toronto thirty years ago.

Mr. Suydam was one of the men instrumental in organizing the Toronto Real Estate Board. He was a member of the Toronto Club, the Toronto Hunt

Club, the York Downs Golf Club, The Canadian Seniors' Golf Association and the Ontario Jockey Club.

He is survived by two sons, Harold Coldham Suydam, of Ottawa, and James Coldham Suydam, of Toronto. A sister-in-law and brother-in-law are Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Barnard, particularly well known Toronto golfers.

The funeral which took place on Tuesday afternoon, January 12th, to St. Thomas' Church, was attended by a large number of prominent residents of Toronto. Mr. Suydam will be sorely missed by business and other associates. Of him it can be truthfully said:

"His life was gentle,
And the elements so mixed in him
That Nature might stand up
And say to all the world,
This was a man."

YOUNG ENGLISH PROFESSIONAL

Wins \$10,000 Tournament at Los Angeles with the Phenomenal Score of 279
—Canadian Professionals Well Up in Big Event

THE \$10,000 Los Angeles Tournament held at Los Angeles, January 7th-10th, has passed into history and a young British professional, Harry Cooper, who as a boy resided in Hamilton, Ont., and played his early golf in that city and who recently took a position with the Tenison Park Golf Club, Dallas, Texas, romped home an unexpected but decisive winner and annexed the first prize of \$3,500, which constitutes a record "purse" in any golf competition ever held either in Great Britain

or America. A gallery in the thousands witnessed the final day's play.

Cooper, who is a particularly long driver, early established himself a prime favourite and he justified the confidence of his well wishers and backers by winning the Tournament with the marvellous score of 279, made up as follows:

70, par on the south course; 68, four under par, on the north; 74, two over par, and 67, five under par on the north course, over which the final 36 holes were played.



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Mr. George Von Elm, Los Angeles amateur, another dapper youth, full of pep, but not quite possessing the vigor and self-confidence of Cooper, ambled in second, taking the honours, but passing over the \$1,500 purse, not wishing to turn professional.

Al Espinosa, Chicago, and Joe Kirkwood, New York professional, with cards of 285, split the \$1,500 second and \$1,000 third prize.

William Creavy, Oklahoma City; Willie Hunter, Santa Monica; MacDonald Smith, Great Neck, N. Y., and John Golden, Patterson, N. J., with scores of 290, divided the next four prizes, \$750, \$500, \$350 and \$350.

Bobby Cruickshank, Oklahoma City,

and Vic Dalbert, Los Angeles, with 291, each take \$200.

Prizes of \$100 each went to the following: John Black, Wichita, Kan., 292; Phil Taylor, Victoria, B. C.; Joe Lally, El Paso, Texas; Al Watrous, Grand Rapids, Mich., and William E. Mehlhorn, Chicago, 294 each; Fred Morrison, Ojai, Cal.; Joe Turnesa, New York, and Jack Hart, Fresno, each with 295; Ernest Martin, Corona, Cal., and John Rogers, Pittsburg, with 296; George Kerrigan, Pasadena; Frank Walsh, Appleton, Wis., and Harold Sampson, Burlingame, each with 297.

The winner's tournament record was 70-68-74-67=279.

Cooper's cards, last day:

Morning round—

Out .. 5,4,4, 4,4,4, 3,4,3=35

In 6,4,4, 6,3,4, 4,4,4=39=74

Afternoon round—

Out .. 4,2,4, 4,5,4, 3,3,4=33

In 4,3,4, 6,3,4, 4,3,3=34=67

Cooper, until his appearance at Los Angeles this month, was virtually an "unknown." Once again has youth triumphed against a galaxy of older stars.

Four Canadian professionals figured in the competition, viz., A. Kay, Lambton; Phil Taylor, Victoria; Davie Black, Vancouver, and Davie Ayton, Vancouver. Taylor, it will be seen, was in the prize money, winning \$100 with 294; Black had 298 and Ayton 300.

Cooper also the day before the \$10,000 Tournament, with a brilliant 66, also headed a big field in the amateur-pro tournament, so he was a double winner at Los Angeles.

The following is how he made his sensational 66, which smashed all records for the southern course of the Los Angeles Country Club:

Out .. 3,3,3, 4,4,4, 4,3,4=32

In 5,3,4, 4,4,4, 3,3,4=34=66

Pretty work, certainly.



NOTED GOLFER AND NOTED NEWSPAPER

Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Ross Entertain Some 300 Employees of the Ottawa "Journal" at a Fortieth Anniversary Dinner

A NOTABLE "journalistic" event was properly celebrated last month at the "Chateau Laurier," Ottawa, when the "Journal's" Fortieth Anniversary was observed. The staff and all the employees to the number of 300 were upon this memorable occasion the guests at a dinner given by the proprietor of the paper, Mr. P. D. Ross and Mrs. Ross. The toast to "The Journal" was proposed by that brilliant after-dinner speaker, the Hon. Martin Burrell, and was suitably responded to by Mr. Ross, who as all the golfing world knows, is one of the most enthusiastic supporters of the Royal and Ancient game in Canada. He is the Hon. President of The Canadian Seniors' Golf Association, an ex-President of The Royal Canadian Golf Association and of The Royal Ottawa Golf Club. Not the least interesting feature of this wonderful dinner was the publication of a special paper called the "Fortieth." All libel laws were declared off for the edition, and to say the least it was a lively sheet replete with quip and quibble. Even "The

Chief" himself was not spared, as witness the following extracts from the "obituary" underneath a particularly striking photograph on the front page of the "one and only original":

"Philip Dansken Ross. Believed to have been born on a golf course. Graduated from McGill in football, rowing, hockey and other intellectual callings in the 80's. Became an engineer. Left engineering for journalism in 1885. Left journalism for golf in 1905. Started Ottawa Journal with Harry Flatters and a \$5,000 note in the bank, in 1886. Kept it going until 1917. Has been practically in retirement since. Is a strong protectionist. Thinks, however, burden on masses might be lightened by reducing duty on Silver Kings. Is consulting expert of the Rideau Club auction bridge group, but scouts the idea that he knows how to play whist and admits he knows nothing at all about poker. Runs private Welfare Bureau and Loan Company on sixth floor Journal building. Although not now in journalism contributes occasionally to Journal editorial page articles of the milk and water type calculated not to run counter to the opinions of anybody. Writings very popular in Ottawa, especially signature on notes. Publications: 'When I golfed with Rockefeller,' 'A Million Times Across the Bridge,' 'Keep Your Eye on the Ball,' and 'How I Try for a 78.'"

MISSISSAUGA GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

One of Toronto's Leading Clubs Had a Most Successful Year in 1925—Mr. Macmillan, Retiring President, Accorded a Hearty Vote of Thanks

MISSISSAUGA, Toronto, can always be depended upon every year to present gratifying annual reports for the consideration of its members. And the operations of 1925 witnessed no exception to the general rule. In fact, they were perhaps the most encouraging in the history of this particularly interesting Toronto Club, which has its charming club house and course on the picturesque banks of the River Credit, where the Red Man camped and hunted and fished, in years gone by.

The Annual Meeting, presided over by Mr. Wm. Macmillan, the President, was held January 9th at the Prince

George Hotel, Toronto, and was very largely attended.

Without doubt the club has had one of the most successful years in its history. The Operating Account for the year just ended shows a favourable balance of \$1,240.35.

The Surplus Account has been added to by the sum of \$4,415.35, and now stands at the sum of \$83,563.14. Depreciation to the amount of \$4,000.00 has been provided for, and charged, as in former years, against the Surplus Account. All charges for improvements and renewals have been charged against the Revenue Account, and \$3,000.00 has been paid on account of

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Bond Principal. Cash on hand at the 30th November, Accounts Receivable and Inventories amounted to \$12,161.39, and the Liabilities to the Public, including Bond Interest to the 30th November, 1925, to \$3,410.00.

The President, Mr. Wm. Macmillan, in his address, gave thanks to the Captains, Messrs. W. J. Thompson, John E. Hall and H. L. Symmes, for the splendid manner in which the program of events was arranged and carried out; to Mr. Herman Fletcher for his activities in the Century organization; to Mr. Arthur Donaldson for the interest he had taken in all matters in connection with the general welfare of the club; to Mr. J. P. Bickell for his assistance on the Entertainment Committee; and also to Mr. H. Donnelly, the extremely efficient Secretary, for his work and co-operation during the year.

The Board for 1926 was elected by acclamation as follows: Messrs. T. J. Agar, H. W. Crossin, George Crawford, Dr. J. W. S. McCullough, J. W. McFadden, H. McGee, George Oakley, Lyman Root and Wm. Inglis.

Mr. Macmillan, who is retiring this year, has been a member of the Board for five years, the past two years as President. During his term of office the Club has shown marked progress, and a special vote of thanks was extended to him and most deservedly so too, and the retiring members of the Board for the manner in which the affairs of the club have been conducted. The retiring members of the Board were Messrs. Macmillan, Sprutt and Denton, the new members being Messrs. George Oakley, J. W. McFadden and

George Crawford. The election of Captains for 1926 resulted in last year's trio being re-elected, Mr. W. J. Thompson as Captain, and Messrs. John E. Hall and B. H. L. Symmes as Vice-Captains.

At a subsequent meeting of the Directors Mr. Wm. Inglis was elected President and Mr. Harry McGee Vice-President. The members of the two important Committees are:

Green Committee—Messrs. Lyman Root (Chairman), T. J. Agar, George Oakley and J. W. McFadden.

House Committee—Messrs. Harry Crossin (Chairman), Dr. J. W. S. McCullough, George Crawford and Harry McGee.

The Club competitions for the year resulted as follows:

First Flight, Martin Straith; runner-up, Frank Scott. Second Flight, J. M. Rutherford; runner-up, Thos. B. Allen; Third Flight, H. J. Dingman; runner-up, C. E. McHardy. Highland Trophy, J. DeLury Barber; runner-up, D. G. Higgins. Herbert Trophy, Earl Gibson. Robins Trophy, Dr. Gordon Armstrong and W. E. Radcliff. Forester Trophy, H. H. Hørsfall. Meikle Trophy, Miss Ireland and De Lury Barber. Fletcher Trophy, A. E. Eckhardt. Father and Son, C. L. Owens, Scott Owens. Junior Championship, J. DeLury Barber; runner-up, Gordon Gunn.

Mr. W. J. Thompson won the Ontario Amateur Championship at Summit. Miss Ada Mackenzie won Ladies' Canadian Open Championship at Ottawa. Mr. J. DeLury Barber was runner-up in the Ontario Junior Championship.

SCARBORO GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

Hold Fifteenth Annual Meeting—Outstanding Season Reported and Important Announcements Made Regarding Completion of Course

IN the absence of Mr. J. H. Riddel, who has been the efficient President during the important constructive period of 1925, the chair was occupied by the genial Vice-President, Mr. Thomas Fairlie, at the annual meeting held this month in the King Edward

Hotel. The report presented was of a highly favourable character and showed that:

Revenues of the year amounted to \$75,614, and was derived from the following sources: Fees, annual and locker, \$35,451; dining-room and bar,

\$32,076; house, \$4,412, and green tickets, \$3,674. Maintenance of the club house and expenses connected with the operation of the dining-room amounted to \$46,000. Other expenses were: Course, \$10,507; administration, \$8,218, and maintenance and general, \$9,762.

It was announced that all changes being made to the course would be completed this season. The new course, which is expected to be one of the finest in Canada, should be ready for play in 1927.

The retiring members of the directorate were J. H. Riddel, G. C. Moore and C. S. Robertson. Those elected were C. M. Jones, J. G. Parker and H. G. Ratcliffe. Other members of the Board are A. J. Doherty, H. T. Fairley, L. P. Howe, Dr. Dennis Jordan, C. S. Parsons, C. W. Ricketts, T. Wibby and W. E. Young.

W. B. Kinderdine and J. R. Curry were elected Captain and Vice-Captain, respectively.

Mr. J. Ingleson, the capable Secretary, was given the hearty thanks of the officers and members for his energetic work of the past season.

Following are the winners of the club competitions during the season:

MEN

Ames Trophy, club championship—C. M. Jones; runner-up, K. Doll.

Kerr Trophy—E. E. Firth; runner-up, F. S. Corrigan.

McConkey Trophy—J. R. Curry; runner-up, H. Dennis.

Miller Trophy—W. A. Lydiatt; runner-up, J. N. Cunningham.

McCaffrey Trophy—Dr. W. C. Givens; runner-up, Dr. J. J. Healey.

Parsons Century Trophy—Scott Turner; runner-up, Earl White.

Brunke Trophy—J. Hallam.

Ryrie-Birks Trophy—Dr. C. F. Wright.

LADIES.

Club Championship—Mrs. E. E. Firth; runner-up, Mrs. W. E. Young.

Mrs. McConkey Trophy—Mrs. E. J. Buckel; runner-up, Mrs. H. S. Reive.

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Mrs. Mutton Trophy—Miss D. Lyon; runner-up, Mrs. W. Brandham.

Mrs. Northwood Trophy—Mrs. W. E. Young; runner-up, Mrs. Sadie Heron.

President's Prize—Mrs. A. J. Doherty; runner-up, Miss Sadie Heron.

Ringer Competition—Silver medal division, Mrs. A. J. Doherty; bronze medal division, Mrs. J. J. Carriek.

Donald Carriek, a Scarborough member, also added to the club's laurels by the winning of the Canadian Amateur Championship, and carried Scarborough's golfing fame to foreign fields.

DIGBY, N.S., ON GOLFING MAP

Popular Nova Scotian Summer Resort Contemplates Further Improvements in 1926—Golf Club a Great Asset to Town

AT the annual meeting of the Digby Golf Club held in the Town Hall, Digby, N. S., January 5th, a committee consisting of O. C. Jones,

Fred. McHugh, F. W. Nichols, Fritz Dakin and Lockward was appointed to devise ways and means for the future development of the golf course.

T. E. G. Lynch, President of the Club, occupied the chair, and after the minutes of the last annual meeting, as well as Directors' meeting, had been read, the Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. W. F. Read presented his report.

During the past year the club had authorized the Directors to expend the sum of \$1,000 on new grounds and repairs, but after starting the work the Directors found that this was not sufficient and thereby had to spend approximately \$2,000. To-day Digby has one of the best courses in Nova Scotia, and one in which the tourists visiting the town last year greatly enjoyed.

The Secretary also read a very pleasing report of the work done since the Golf Company was organized in 1918, when, at that time some 43 players registered, and the revenue for the year 1918 amounted to \$615.13. In 1925, 453 players registered and the revenue was \$2,664.00.

The past year had been a decided success from the player standpoint, declared the Secretary, and eleven years of golf in Digby had been an improvement to the community. What was needed at present was a new and commodious club house, and to provide for this, he believed, some ways and means should be thought out by the shareholders.

Dr. Read then read the Treasurer's report, which showed total receipts from all sources of \$4,165.51, and ex-

penditures \$3,978.83, leaving a balance to the credit of the Club of \$186.58. Regarding expenditures Dr. Read explained that \$1,955.24 had been expended in improving the links and several new greens had been made as well as permanent fairways.

To-day the club enjoyed a longer and better course, and one that met with the approbation of the numerous players who visit Digby during the months of July and August.

It was decided to join the Canadian Ladies' Golf Union and Dr. Read, the Secretary, who has done so much for golf in Digby, was instructed to make the necessary application.

Mr. O. C. Jones, Manager of the "Pines Hotel," very well expressed it when he said: "As a tourist proposition, we have the very best thing in the Maritimes." He and all others at the meeting were heartily in accord with the proposition to have a more modern and commodious club house built in the near future.

H. T. Warne, J. L. Peters, H. E. Jones and O. C. Jones were re-elected Directors for three years.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, T. E. G. Lynch; Vice-President, F. W. Nichols; Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. W. F. Read; Auditor, Fritz Dakin; Green Committee, C. Fred. McBride, Mayor Frank Anderson, T. E. G. Lynch, Alfred Boden, Dr. W. F. Read.

THE WINTER SCHOOLS IN TORONTO

As usual now, Toronto golfers and would-be golfers have no lack of Indoor golf Schools this Winter. The following well known professionals have opened up schools, all of which are extremely well patronized:

A. Hulbert and J. Johnston at the Granite Club, Church Street.

Frank and Willie Freeman in the old Toronto World Bldg., Richmond Street West.

P. Barrett, the Wilson Bldg., Adelaide Street West.

W. T. Brazier, Corner Yonge and St. Clair Avenue.

N. Bell at the Victoria Rink on Huron Street.

J. Martin, of Lambton, and A. E. Cruttenden, of Summit, are at Eaton's School.

Eddie McNulty, of Uplands, and Dick Holden, are in the old Murray Kay Bldg., on King Street.

D. A. Ferguson, Ladies' Golf School, Simpson's Departmental Store.

ANNUAL MEETING OF U. S. G. A.

Following Example of Great Britain, Medal Play to be done away with in Amateur Championship—Other Important Changes—Ball Question Still Under Discussion

NEW methods of qualifying golfers for the National Championship, a change in golf balls and better ways of maintaining golf courses were subjects of discussion at the annual meeting of the United States Golf Association this month in Chicago. New officers, headed by William C. Fownes, Jr., of Pittsburg, as President, and Charles O. Pfeil, of Memphis, as First Vice-President, were installed.

The plan of qualifying only 16 players for the Amateur Championship, tried last year, was abandoned because of dissatisfaction among players and golf writers. A scheme to try regional qualifications and to use courses with two or more links was mentioned by President Fownes.

The most radical and probably best liked suggestion was to do away with medal score at the Championship, as is done in Great Britain. Mr. Pfeil, who fathered this idea, suggested that golfers who stood out for performance on the links in state and other regional events, should be selected by an eligibility committee. All those selected would be drawn for match play and fight it out man to man.

President Fownes said the limitation on golf balls was still under discussion between Great Britain and the U. S. G. A., and possibly some action would be taken this Summer.

The Executive reported that analysis of reports received as to new club and course developments throughout the United States during the year discloses a total of nearly six hundred. With the single exception of Nevada, every state in the Union has some new club or course under construction, or consideration. Tentative plans have been reported for over 250 new courses, 200 new clubs were organized or projected and in 33 states public officials have either approved or are considering the construction of 125 public courses.

The financial report showed total receipts of \$34,371 and expenditures of \$25,286. Excess of receipts over disbursements, \$9,084.



Mr. W. C. Fownes, Jr., New President of U. S. G. A.

The Rules of Golf Committee reported:

"During the past year we have been in communication with the Rules of Golf Committee of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, with the view of coming to an understanding upon certain rulings in order to make them uniform. There are many situations that arise under the Rules of Golf that are not thoroughly understood by many of the players. The two committees are clearing up these points of misunderstanding as rapidly and consistently as possible.

1. *Smoothing over foot-prints in a hazard after the ball has been played and still lodges in the hazard.*

The ruling of the two bodies on this point is as follows:

"There is no penalty for the player smoothing irregularities in the hazard made by his footprints or the soil displaced by his stroke providing nothing is done that improves the lie of the ball for his subsequent play of the hole."

2. Out of Bounds, Unplayable and Lost Ball.

The following ruling has been agreed upon by the two bodies:

"When a player plays a ball from the tee which is either out or deemed out of bounds, lost or unplayable, the player does not immediately play again but his opponent must then play."

This ruling has been misunderstood on account of the words "at once" that appear in Rule 22, Section 2, and Rule 23, Section 2, covering Lost or Unplayable Ball, and Ball Out of Bounds.

The following note will be inserted in order to clarify the Rules and, at the same time, it renders the words "at once" redundant. Accordingly these two words will be omitted from Rules 22 and 23 in the next reprint of the Rules.

"A player must play a provisional ball before he leaves the spot at which his last shot was played."

In other words—he cannot leave the spot at which he played his shot and return to play a provisional ball.

From the tee, a provisional ball is played after the opponent has played.

3. Water hazard.

A ball that has lodged in a water hazard may not be considered under the Rule governing Unplayable Ball. Rule 27 is a specific rule covering the conditions under which a ball in the water hazard must be played. A provisional ball may not be played under Rule 27. If a player decides to drop a ball and play it, he must continue with this ball and is not allowed the privilege of playing his original ball if found to be playable in the hazard.

Mr. Fownes, who has been elected to the Presidency, is one of the best known players and Executives in the United States. In 1910 he won the U. S. Amateur Championship. He is well and favourably known in Canada. In 1919 he captained the International team which played in Hamilton.

MACDONALD SMITH WINS TEXAS OPEN TOURNAMENT AND \$1,500.

MACDONALD SMITH, of Great Neck, L. I., won the big Texas Open Winter Tournament with a score of 288. Only the missing of a one footer on the home green prevented Bobby Cruickshank, of Chicago, from tying Mac Smith for the handsome prize money. Cruickshank was also in second place at the end of the first day, but three strokes behind Smith, who had two dashing round of 69, two under par for each round. The final result was a reversal of form as compared with last year's results, for in 1925 he lost to Joe Turnessa by one short putt.

Coming from behind on the last of the 72 holes played for the crown, Smith did par three on the 175-yard eighteenth, while Cruickshank fell down on his putting and took five, giving him a total of 289.

Harry Cooper, who had just won the big California \$10,000 event, tied for third place with Jack Burke, of Houston, Texas, and Abe Espinosa, of San Francisco. They scored 292. Andy Kay, of Toronto, finished in Twentieth position, with a score of 302. Cruickshank drew down \$800 as second money, and Burke, Cooper and Espinosa took \$400 each.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP OF PALM BEACH

ANOTHER decided attraction for golfers visiting Palm Beach has been added in the form of the Palm Beach Championship Tournament, which will be played over the links of the Palm Beach Country Club the week of March 1st to 5th. The prize list is a very generous one and Canadian golfers wintering in the South should arrange their itinerary to include this important event.

THE PASSING OF A GRAND OLD GOLFER

The Demise of Mr. Andrew Forgan, Who Played the Game in Scotland Over Sixty Years Ago

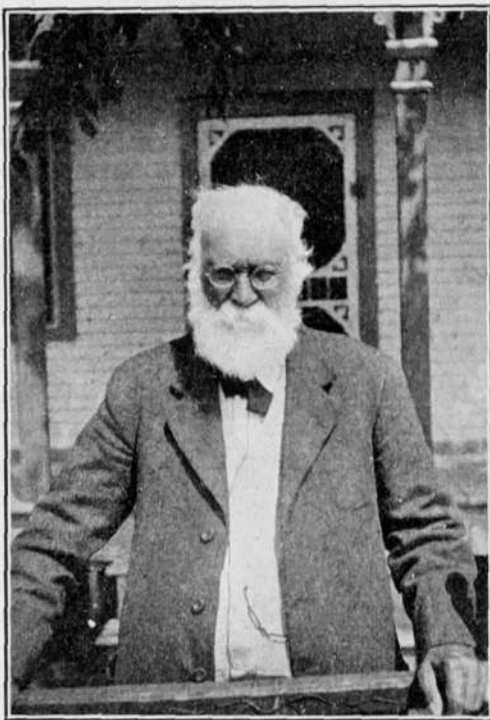
ONLY last Fall the Editor of the "Canadian Golfer" received a letter from Mr. Andrew Forgan, recalling the fact that he first played golf in Scotland sixty years ago, and had continued to do so until within the past three years. A member of the famous Forgan family of St. Andrews, he was born in Fifeshire in August, 1846, and at an early age was professional of the Glasgow Golf Club and became famous as a maker and authority on club making. Writing to the "Canadian Golfer" in 1917, he gave the following interesting derivation of the brassie:

"To Mr. Gilbert Mitchell Innes, golfers are indebted to the brassie. About the year 1866 he got one made at Musselburgh. My brother made short spoons with brass soles, also the mid-spoon with brass sole, which long held the market. These were made for the late Mr. Wm. Gordon, of Blackheath, London. They crossed over gravel walks at Blackheath in those days, thus the brass soles were handy."

He had a fund of golfing lore and when in the mood could relate many an interesting tale of the Ancient game in the days when the Open Championship was in its infancy. He became well known in golfing circles on both sides of the Atlantic and it is with profound regret and sympathy that the "Canadian Golfer" records the death of this "Gran' old mon of gowff."

The end occurred suddenly at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. James T. Aitken, of Montreal. Mr. Forgan

came to Canada for a visit in the summer of 1914, but was prevented from returning to Scotland by the breaking



Mr. Andrew Forgan, Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, Celebrated Golfing Authority and Veteran Professional, Whose Death Took Place in Montreal This Month.

out of the war, and finally decided to remain here. Mrs. James Barelay, of Kitchener, Ont., is a daughter. Interment will take place at Perth, Scotland.

TORONTO GOLFERS ESTABLISH WINTER SPORTS CLUB

THE establishing of facilities for winter sports marks another step in the progress golf clubs are taking in community life. In the Montreal District, long noted as the centre of Winter sport in Canada, many clubs have always gone in for skiing and tobogganing events. This year Toronto is showing a greater interest in outdoor sports during the winter season and several clubs are benefiting from the natural advantages of their property for winter activities by the establishment of winter sports clubs. Among the latest to do so is the

Bayview Club, the Executive of which has decided, in response to requests from a large number of the members, to inaugurate a Winter sports club, as the natural layout of the property, with its steep hills and rolling slopes, provides an ideal location for toboggan slides, ski jumps, etc., and the club house will remain open for the purpose of providing refreshments, having dances, card parties, etc. Everything possible is being done to make this section attractive.

“VARYING METHODS”

Chapter XIII. from Barnes' Great Book, "A Guide to Good Golf"

HAVE you ever heard a golfer remark that he had about given up hope of ever correcting some fault in his game because one instructor told him to do one thing and another something else? If you have not, you probably will, sooner or later. It is a rather common remark. Also it is quite true, at least that part of it about getting different versions of the correct remedy to be applied.

At first glance this may appear strange. There must be, one might reason, a right way to swing the club and many wrong ones, and the competent instructor ought to know the right ones from the wrong ones. He does so far as his own game is concerned, but generally speaking the instructor teaches his own methods. And it may very easily happen that, while his own game is suited to his build, it is not suited to that of the player he is trying to teach. It may be that the instructor's own game is somewhat unorthodox in certain respects, and that he has succeeded in overcoming some peculiarity by a certain compensating change in some other direction.

Let me illustrate with a very striking example. Nearly all capable critics are agreed that a reasonably straight left arm at the top of the backswing is one of the safest guides toward hitting the ball straight. Some of the best players permit a slight bend in the elbow, but keep the joint quite firm and free from any tendency to wobble. Others keep the arm quite straight. Practically all aim at keeping it as straight as comfortable; that is, all except Harry Vardon, six times winner of the British Open Championship and once winner of the United States Open.

Vardon bends the left arm very noticeably at the top of the back swing, and really does not concern himself in the least in keeping it straight. How does he get away with it? Simply in this way. Vardon pointedly slings the club back on the backswing, the movement being a two handed one, with both hands taking as nearly as can be told, an equal part in the operation, instead of having the left hand dominate the movement as nearly all other well known players do. But Vardon teaches—and practices too—what he describes as a throwing of the hands backward and to the right in starting the club down from the top of the swing. What this amounts to is to straighten the left arm as soon as the down swing is started. With his method this must be done, because, regardless of how the club is gotten to the top, the left arm must be straight and firm at the elbow as the clubhead is swung down to the ball. Hence, players who are familiar with Vardon's method of slinging the club back, and who try to follow it, are practically sure to meet with trouble unless they also acquire the practice of throwing the hands out to straighten the arm as he advises.

Nearly every champion has a certain amount of individuality in the way he takes the club back to the top of the swing, and brings the clubhead down to the speed area of the swing, that is where the extra speed begins to be introduced with the hands and wrists. From that point on they hit the ball pretty much the same. These little peculiarities have grown up with them from the time they started the game, and will remain with them frequently

throughout their careers. Sometimes these little mannerisms may appear to make control of the stroke more difficult, but in each case the player has succeeded in adapting his general swing so that whatever he does fits in with it all right.

For the most part slight differences in method of this type are inconsequential. Obviously they can not be fundamentally wrong to any serious extent, otherwise the player would never build up his game to championship caliber. The fact that these differences do exist accounts to some extent at least for the different methods employed in teaching. They also establish the fact that there can be no exact set model for teaching. Different physical types, different methods of handling the club and the like render it hopeless ever to hope for any one closely-defined standard of instruction.

Methods vary with different players also in what is usually described as the "open" face and the "shut" face. These are commonly distinguished by saying that in the case of the shut face, the face of the club at the top of the back swing faces slightly upward toward the sky; while with the open face, the toe of the club points straight down to the ground, the face of the club being

vertical. The actual difference in results, however, is that the shut face comes down to the ball in such a way that the club head is being turned forward, thus tending to offset the loft on the face as it reaches the ball. With the open face method, there is little, if any turning of the clubhead in this way. The player who inclines toward a flat swing generally shuts the face. The upright swinger is more apt to keep the face open.

Another matter that I have frequently found players puzzling about is whether the hands should start before the clubhead, or the clubhead before the hands. It should not cause the player any serious worry. I know some very fine players who start the hands perceptibly before the clubhead. Others start the two together. It makes little or no difference so long as the player gets the club to the top position with a feeling of comfort, a sense of balance, and the muscles of the body, shoulders and arms fairly relaxed, and the left arm firmly straight. If he is so situated, and then keeps his head still, starts the club down smoothly, and hits out after the ball, he is fairly sure of getting a reasonably well timed stroke and of hitting the ball about on the chosen line.

"DOWN BY THE SOUNDING SEA"

Progressive Sydney, N. S., Golf Club Elects New Officers for 1926—Financial and Other Reports Most Satisfactory

MR. JOHN A. YOUNG was elected President of the Langan Country Club, Sydney, N. S., for 1926, at a meeting of the Board of Directors held last month in the Sydney Board of Trade rooms following the annual meeting.

Other officers elected were: L. G. Mackay, Vice-President; E. L. Coleman, Secretary-Treasurer, and A. C. Oulton, Captain.

Judge Walter Crowe was elected Chairman of the Green Committee; P. G. Hall, Chairman of the House Committee, and A. C. Oulton, Chairman of the Handicap Committee.

The annual meeting, which was attended by a large number of the club members, was presided over by H. H.

Jost, the retiring Vice-President, in the absence of Dr. J. J. Roy, the retiring President.

The President's report was read by Mr. Jost, while reports were also given by Judge Crowe, for the Green Committee; J. A. Young, for the House Committee, and M. C. Smith for the Handicap Committee.

The financial report, read by the Secretary-Treasurer, showed the club to be in good standing.

New Directors elected by the members are: Judge Crowe, G. A. Hault, Rupert Parker and P. G. Hall, to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of C. B. Smith, K. C.

H. H. Jost and A. S. Taeman were appointed Auditors.

APPRECIATION OF MRS. HUTCHINGS

Winnipeg Expert Will Again Try for the Pebble Beach Championship at Del Monte

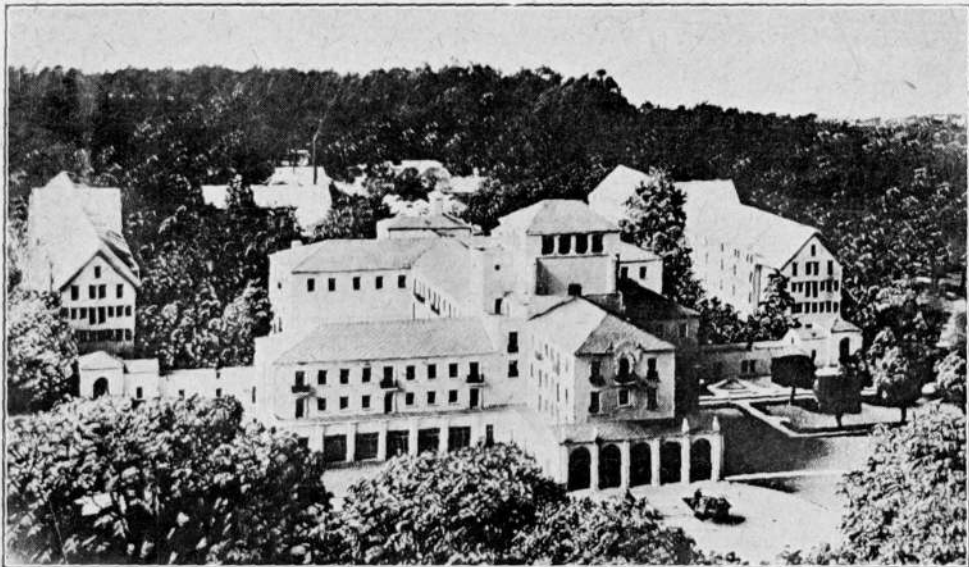
(Special Correspondence for "Canadian Golfer" by Darsie L. Darsie.)

THE annual Pebble Beach Golf Championship for Women, to be played over the picturesque seaside links at Del Monte, California, February 15-19, this year will without question draw one of the finest fields in the history of the event.

Heading the list of Canadian entrants will be Mrs. H. G. Hutchings, of

her golf has suffered. She is now at Del Monte and it is certain that she will get into shape before the tournament starts, but even so her lack of tournament play in the past twelve months cannot but count heavily against her.

No visiting player to California courses has made a finer impression



The beautiful new Del Monte Hotel, Del Monte, California.

Winnipeg and Victoria. Mrs. Hutchings has for the past two years ruled one of the outstanding players in the tournament and has each year been reckoned one of the strongest opponents the victor, Miss Marion Hollins, of New York, has had to face.

But each year Mrs. Hutchings has returned to her home disappointed in her quest for Pebble Beach laurels. Her play has been courageous and steadily brilliant, but in each tilt with Miss Hollins she has found the former American National Champion at the very peak of her game and she has been forced to bow in defeat.

Miss Hollins has been unusually busy this year with the natural result that

than Mrs. Hutchings. She has proved herself such a splendid sportswoman, such a fine, courageous loser and such a pleasant personality of the links that if she can manage to come through a winner this year thousands of California golfers will be delighted.

Both in the Del Monte district and farther south in Los Angeles, Mrs. Hutchings has made herself a host of friends. She invariably gives the game her best and time after time has endeared herself to the galleries which follow her in all tournament matches in which she competes.

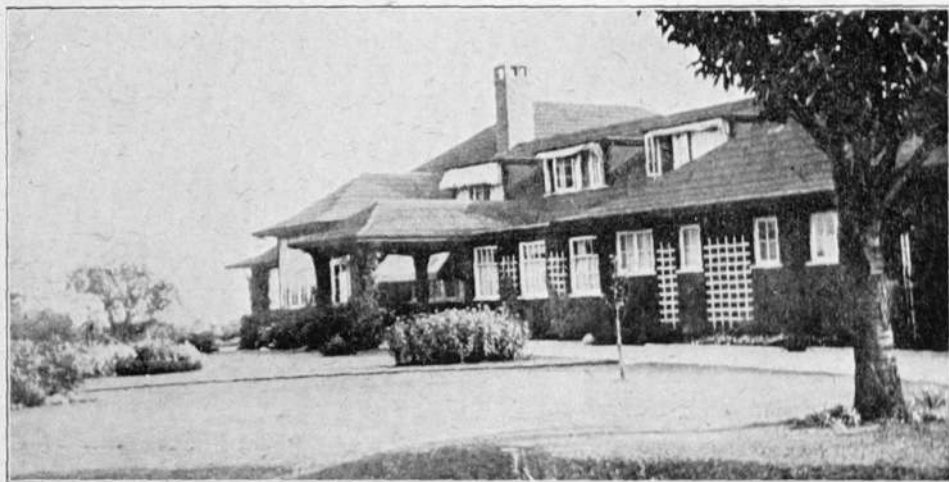
She must be reckoned one of the strongest competitors in the coming Pebble Beach Championship.

THE BRITISH COLUMBIA GOLF ASSOCIATION PLANS RECORD SEASON FOR 1926

Tournament Will Be Held at the Jericho Country Club During Easter Week,
with Open Championship as an Added Event

THE B. C. Golf Association was formed in 1922, when the Provincial Championship was opened up so that members of clubs outside British Columbia might enter. This much improved the standard of golf and the events now are well worth winning. The Bostock Cup is the

The Ladies' Championship was played over the links of the Colwood Golf and Country Club during May, 1923, and was won by Mrs. S. C. Sweeny, formerly Miss Violet Pooley, against some well known invading golfers, Mrs. F. F. Jackson and Mrs. Cary, of Seattle, and Miss Harley, of



The Attractive Club House and Beautiful Surroundings of the Jericho Country Club. It will be the scene of the 1926 Tournament of the British Columbia Golf Association.

trophy representing the Men's Amateur Championship and was given by Senator Bostock in about the year 1905. The Flumerfelt Cup was presented by A. C. Flumerfelt for the Ladies' B. C. Championship in 1905. The donors of these Cups very generously agreed that the deed of gift be changed so that they would still represent the B. C. Championships, and the Victoria Club, being the trustees, concurred in this.

The first Tournament to be played under the auspices of the B. C. Golf Association was held at the Victoria Golf Club during Easter in 1923. In the first year golfers of the calibre of Bon Stein and Clark Speirs appeared on the scene and Clark Speirs walked off with the first B. C. Association Championship.

Tacoma, being among them. Mrs. Sweeny has won this cup seven times.

These two competitions were not played during the Great War, 1914 to 1920.

In 1924 the Men's and Ladies' Championships were played simultaneously during the Easter Holidays over the links of the Shaughnessy Heights Golf Club. Again there were several invaders. Jack Fraser, of the Shaughnessy Heights Golf Club won from Bon Stein in the third round, also put out C. D. Hunter, Jr., of Tacoma, in the second round, but was beaten by H. A. Jones, Shaughnessy Heights Golf Club, in the final.

In the Ladies' event Mrs. V. G. Hutchings of Winnipeg, appeared on the scene and just managed to get the

Championship away from Mrs. S. C. Sweeny.

In 1925 the men's event was played at Easter over Colwood and along came Bon Stein for the third year very de-



Mr. H. C. Chiene, President of the British Columbia Golf Association.

termined to get hold of that cup, which he eventually did, but had the best field to conquer that the Tournament had produced to date.

The ladies' event was played during May over the links of the Victoria Golf Club and was again captured by Mrs. H. G. Hutchings, but this year her entry went in from the Jericho Country Club. In the qualifying round Mrs. Hutchings had a very well played 79. There were many entries from over the line, including Miss Tidmarsh, of Seattle.

The 1926 Tournament is to be played over the links of the Jericho Country Club, Vancouver, during the Easter Holidays, when both the Men's and Ladies' events will be staged at the same time. A new departure has been arranged in an Open event to be played March 31st and April 1st, 72 holes, the qualifying round for the Amateurs taking place on April 2nd. This is the first Tournament, except the City Championship, to be played over these links, although the club has been going in its present location for over thirty years. The nine holes were started in 1907 and played over until 1913, when eleven new holes were built, and the links now have the rare distinction of some holes inland and some real old-fashioned seaside holes. The length is 6,272 yards, with a par of 72. Although the bunkering is not yet quite completed, all the holes are interesting and real golf must be played to get round in par figures. Any competitor who can consistently get round in par during the Tournament will take away several prizes. The course was laid out by the club's professional, Alex. Duthie, and all visitors who have played over it are loud in their praise of the general layout and of Duthie's ingenuity. Duthie having been with the club since 1910, was the recipient of a handsome silver salver and a generous purse donated by the members of the club on Christmas Day last.

The club is using the tournament as a sort of official opening of the full eighteen hole course, and all visitors will be given a thorough welcome and may depend upon having a really good time. The club house is only fifteen minutes by motor from Vancouver on a good paved road. It can also be reached conveniently by street car. There are no bedrooms, but all other accommodation is available.

The handicap for men is limited to 14, and for ladies 21.

The President of the Association is H. G. Chiene, and the Secretary, H. P. Taylor, both of the Jericho Country Club.

Both of these Executives can be relied upon to make 1926 a banner year in the history of the Association.

IN AND ROUND THE CLUB HOUSE

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

Mr. Walter J. Faulkner was unanimously chosen for his fourth term as President of the Alerest Golf Club, Winnipeg, at the annual general meeting of the club held recently at the Fort Garry. Mr. L. Rumford was re-elected for the fourth successive year as Vice-President, and both of these officials came in for much praise for the untiring work they have done for the club during the past few years.

The report of the President showed that the club had enjoyed a most successful season, although the total membership had shown a slight decrease over the preceding year. The financial statement, however, was most encouraging, showing a favourable balance of a substantial amount as a result of the season's activities. The total indebtedness of the company was reduced by approximately \$2,000.

Several important matters were brought up at the meeting, for the attention of the incoming Board, chief of which was a suggestion that the possibility of acquiring additional property for the purpose of extending the course should be taken into consideration. Suitable ground to the west of the present course was suggested as available at very favourable terms, and the time was considered opportune for such a move.

W. J. Faulkner, L. J. Rumford and W. Lindal were unanimously re-elected

to the Board of Directors, and new Directors were elected in the persons of K. Ewart, C. E. Herge, W. W. Hicks, S. Lamont, W. J. Macdonald and J. H. Wells. The appointment of a Secretary and Treasurer will be undertaken by the new Board.

Golf's Great Secret

According to my analysis the swing, or stroke, is a movement working from the left wrist and left shoulder-socket. The left arm must be kept perfectly straight, and this straightness must be maintained until the club-head is at least two feet through the ball in the follow-through. Power and the speed of the stroke are gathered from the legs and waist movement in the backward swing. Trouble begins when, having gathered up all your available power, you need to time power for the subsequent blow.

The great "secret" of golf is to deliver the blow late. That is, there must be no hurry, and the blow itself must be at the ball and through the ball. There you have it in a nutshell. It is the "secret" of straight hitting.

—Archibald Compston.

The Olympia Golf Club, Chicago, took in \$32,000 in green fees on its four courses last season, which must by the way, be a bit of a world-record.

At a meeting of the Board of Governors of the Elmhurst Golf Club, Winnipeg, the following committees were formed:

Finance — A. F. Emery, chairman; R. J. Fry, A. E. Lewis, J. A. McCulloch.

House — Robert Jacob, chairman; O. F. Lightcap, A. F. Emery, Matt. Thompson.

Green—Col. J. E. Semmens, chairman; R. P. Halliday, D. W. Griffith, W. H. Smith.

Match and Handicap—W. A. McKay

Chairman; Matt. Thompson, R. Robertson, T. S. Taylor, J. A. McCulloch.

Membership—E. H. Smith, chairman; O. F. Lightcap, R. J. Fry, Matt. Thompson, R. P. Halliday.

Transportation (good roads)—R. P. Halliday, chairman; Robt. Jacob, A. E. Lewis, Col. R. H. Webb.

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H. Bain on Windsor Park Municipal Golf Course, Winnipeg, was omitted from our lists published in the December issue. Mr. Bain also made a "oneer" in 1924 on the St. Charles Country Club, Winnipeg, so he is quite the champion "one-shooter" of the Western Metropolis. In the final summary the name was also omitted of Mr. J. Thordarson, of Winnipeg, and the name of Mr. John H. Meikle, of Ottawa, was wrongly spelled. Apologies to all three.

A despatch from Auburn, California:

"Golf may yet be placed in the category of the dangerous sports.

Dr. G. H. Fay swung at a golfball with such force during a close match on the local course that two of his ribs were cracked."

A despatch from Collingwood, Ont.:

"This morning Judge Vance, of Barrie, gave his judgment in the case of the Wasaga Beach Golf and Country Club v. Longhurst and Webster. The learned judge gave the full judgment asked for by plaintiffs, \$1,700, against Longhurst, and \$300 against Webster,

both with costs. The judgment will be appealed by the defendants."

A despatch from Rye, England:

"Golfers from all over Great Britain have sent donations to the Vicar of the Parish Church of Rye to be used in repairing the church clock. The clock for more than 400 years has told time for the inhabitants of the town and the thousands of golfers who annually visit the famous course near by.

Donations were sent by Abe Mitchell, George Duncan, Archie Compston and many other stars of the hickory shafts. The \$625 necessary for the repair work was received in less than a week."

Powell River, B. C., "Digester":

"What is easily the most noteworthy golfing feat of this season—and probably one of the most spectacular since the opening of the course—was achieved by J. S. Hide in negotiating the No. 5 hole in a birdie 2. As every one of our membership has found to his sorrow, this hole is an extremely difficult par 3, as the driving of the green is in itself an extraordinarily rare accomplishment. On this one occasion, however, Hide's ball cleared the front bank and actually struck the far slope beyond the green—to the complete astonishment of the members of the match ahead, who were putting at this time—and then rolled back to within six feet of the pin. When Hide arrived at the scene of the excitement he completed his golfing triumph by sinking the putt."

The past season has been the most successful in the Brandon Golf and Country Club's history. The competitions brought out considerable talent and developed many new players. The trophies were well distributed no one golfer winning two events. A. J. Hatcher won the open title, G. R. Reid, the club handicap, E. Knapp the group championship, Miss G. Mathieson the ladies' club championship, and Mrs. A. R. Hurts the ladies' group championship. The financial report submitted by the directors at the annual meeting showed a substantial surplus on operating expenses. Features of the season was the defence made by the Brandon Club in the Hutchings Challenge Trophy against the St. Charles Club of Winnipeg; the win of the Swaisland Cup by W. Revley, of Virden, and the team medals in the same event being annexed by the Souris players. The elected directors of the club for 1926 are: D.

E. Clement, John Jones, Dr. A. R. Hurst, S. Laughton, C. W. Harrison and Dr. L. J. Carter.

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A despatch from Montreal:

"A case of unusual interest to golfers is pending before the local courts, the defendant being the Hampstead Golf Club, whose course is located in the Town of Hampstead, near here. The club has played for some years by 'courtesy of various proprietors,' across vacant land to which it had no legal title. One proprietor has now come forward alleging that he not only did not give permission to the club to use his lots, but frequently demanded that they cease to play across them unless they paid him, as rental for their use, the amount of the annual taxes thereon. He claims that the members of the club have used his lots for two years against his will and without paying him any compensation, and he is asking the courts to condemn the club to pay him at least the annual rental value for two years.

The club, by way of defence, urges that 'owing to the tenure of occupation of the land played upon it is impossible to obtain from the members large fees and subscriptions for membership,' and that 'other proprietors in the vicinity have allowed the club to use and enjoy the land free and without payment.' The club acknowledges trespass to a trifling extent through error, and offers plaintiff a sum of 60 cents, which it declares is the annual rental value of the property used."

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A despatch from Gladstone, Man., December 18th:

"The Gladstone Golf Club held their annual meeting in the community hall on Thursday evening, President D. G. Adamson in the chair. Secretary-Treasurer L. W. Smith read the financial statement for the year, showing the club to be in a flourishing condition, with a credit balance of \$150.00. Considerable discussion took place regarding the improvement of the course during the coming season, and plans were made for the enlargement of the club house. The question of securing a suitable mower for the fairways was left with the Executive, who were urged to have this on hand for the opening of the 1926 season. The following officers were elected: President, J. C. Veit; Captain, R. McAskill; Secretary-Treasurer, R. C. Fahrni; House Committee, Mrs. J. C. Veit, Mrs. Bryant and James G. Crawford. Ladies' Captain, Mrs. L. W. Smith; Ladies' Secretary, Miss Dodds."

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Compston and Massy, the golfing stars who are so successfully touring the Southern States this winter and who are outdriving so many of their American competitors, are using ex-

clusively the New Black Recess Silver King ball, which is assured of a great sale in Canada the coming season.



Bride of Prominent Professional Wins Prize in Annual Carolina Golf Tournament.

The above photo shows Mrs. Emmett French, the bride of the well known Youngstown, O. pro., who won the qualifying round of the annual Carolina Tournament at Pinehurst, N.C. She scored 45-42-87, or three strokes better than her nearest rival.

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Duncan Sutherland, professional at the Edmonton Golf and Country Club, is spending the winter in Scotland. Sutherland has had a very successful

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season on western courses, finishing in a tie for second place in the Western Canada Open Championship, and winning the Western Professional event. He also gave Walter Hagen the toughest battle of his western tour in July, losing out at the last green, after leading for most of the way.

A despatch from Dauphin, Man., last month:

"The Dauphin Community Golf Course was a busy place over the past week-end, several golf enthusiasts taking advantage of the mild weather and the absence of snow on the course to play. The course was in good condition and though no records were broken, several nine-hole games were played and one twosome essayed an 18 hole game, but broke off at lunch time, after accomplishing 16 holes. The course of the country club also witnessed some play which constitutes a record for December so far as Dauphin is concerned."

The Ladies' Section of the York Downs Golf Club held their annual meeting at The Diet Kitchen Tea Rooms, Toronto, when the following

officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Z. G. Lash; Vice-President, Mrs. D. M. Robertson; Secretary, Mrs. Philip E. Boyd; Captain, Mrs. Duncan Coulson; Vice-Captain, Miss Evelyn Mills. Handicap Committee, Mrs. Bryce Hunter, Mrs. E. F. Coke; General Committee, Mrs. J. F. Hobkirk, Mrs. Torrance Beardmore, Miss Willo Gage, Mrs. A. W. McLennan, Mrs. J. S. Douglas, Mrs. Cecil Cowan.

A most instructive address was given by Mrs. Leonard Murray, President of the C. L. G. U., after which the President, Mrs. Lash, presented the following prizes: Club Championship, won by Miss Evelyn Mills, donated by Miss W. Gage; runner-up, Miss Cecil Smith, donated by Mrs. Grant. Second Flight, won by Mrs. Hobkirk, donated by Mrs. C. Cowan; runner-up, Miss M. Reamsbottom, donated by Miss E. Mills. Ringer Competition, Silver Division, Miss E. Mills, donated by Mrs. Hobkirk. Bronze Division—Miss Cecil Smith, donated by Mrs. Duncan Coulson.

At the annual meeting of the St. Thomas Golf and Country Club, held this month, Dr. F. O. Lawrence, the very capable President of 1925, was re-elected to that office. Mr. R. M. Anderson is the new Vice-President, whilst Mr. S. G. Perry, one of the oldest golfers in the district, was elected to the Honorary Presidency. Other officers elected were: J. B. Davidson, Second Vice-President; W. J. Whiteside, Treasurer, and D. E. Gerrard, Secretary. Dr. J. P. Curtis was re-appointed Chairman of the Green Committee; R. M. Anderson, chairman of the House Committee, and Dr. P. G. King, of the Handicap Committee.

The Club is in excellent financial condition and announcement was made that five additional holes would be put in play during the season.

William Preston was chosen President of the Stratford Country Club at the organization meeting of the Board of Directors. Charles Farquharson is Vice-President and R. J.

Moffatt Secretary. The Green Committee is composed of N. F. Babb, D. M. Ferguson and W. H. Gregory, and the House Committee H. G. Rankin, D. M. Ferguson and Chas. Farquharson. D. M. Ferguson is the retiring President.

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Leo Diegel, Canadian Open Golf Champion, won the Middle Atlantic Open Tournament at Burning Tree Country Club with a score of 290 for seventy-two holes. Glen Spencer, Baltimore; James Thompson, Richmond; and Johnny Farrell, Quaker Ridge, tied for fifth.

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The St. Catharines Golf Club, one of the oldest in Ontario, is preparing the coming season to greatly improve its course. Stanley Thompson Co., Ltd., of Toronto, golf architects, are preparing plans which will add materially to the standard of these well known links.

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The annual meeting of the Lake Shore Golf and Country Club was held this month in the King Edward Hotel, President Joseph Powley presided, and in covering the season's activities, dealt with improvements to the club's property, which will enable it to start the season of 1926 under excellent circumstances.

The following Directors were elected: Dr. J. M. Dalrymple, Professor L. Gilchrist, James Gilchrist, Charles Neilson, Joseph Powley, Charles E. Walsh and E. R. Willard. The new members of the directorate are Professor Gilchrist and Messrs. Neilson and Willard.

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The date of the annual meeting of The Royal Canadian Golf Association is Saturday, February 6th, not Friday, February the 5th, as previously announced. The annual luncheon will be held as usual in the Yellow Room of the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, preceding the Meeting, which this year will be of particular importance.

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Mr. D. N. Finnie, the well known Winnipeg golfer, attended the last

meeting of the Executive of The Royal Canadian Golf Association held in Ottawa. This is the first occasion a Western member has been present at such a meeting. It is to be hoped in future it will be a regular occurrence.



A Clever Young Pro. Fred. Hunt, of Shreveport, La., who takes up professional duties at the Brantford Golf and Country Club April 1st next.

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Mr. Ernest A. Purkis, Toronto, representative in Canada of the Slazenger and Silver King Ball interests, has returned from a successful business trip to England.

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Fred C. Fletcher, professional of the Wascana Country Club, Regina, has just received word from the Patent Office that a patent has been granted him on a Putter Guide which he has invented and which should be of great benefit in enabling a player to master the art of putting—one of the most essential requirements of the game. From the diagrams received of this new invention the "Canadian Golfer"

is inclined to think that Fletcher has evolved a worth-while and valuable device.

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Mr. W. P. Harlow was recently appointed manager of the new Preston Springs Hotel, Preston, Ont. Mr. Harlow was the popular manager of



the Country Club, Montreal, for many years. On his retirement the Club presented him with a beautifully engraved gold watch and chain. As a member of the Galt and Waterloo Country Club Mr. Harlow has already established himself as a sound golfer capable of occasionally entering the sacred seventies.

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Mr. Ralph Connable, Toronto, the "Father of Municipal Golf," in Ontario, offered \$500 reward for the arrest this month of the motorist who killed a newsboy on the streets of Toronto and then sped away. It appears he was a truck driver only 18 years of age and two days after the

tragedy was arrested by two detectives who will therefore participate in the liberal reward, the Police Department also offering \$500.

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Mr. W. H. C. Mussen, the well known Montreal golfer, is spending a few weeks in England, where his mother and sister reside.

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The Office Specialty Manufacturing Company, Limited, of Toronto, has just issued a particularly attractive little metal bound tag to tie on a golf bag with the picture of an eye in the centre, surrounded by the inscription, "Keep your eye on the ball." Accompanying the tag is a card reading as follows:

"We have all read a lot about golf and tried a hundred different theories, but after all there is nothing that seems to get you further than the old advice to KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE BALL. It's not as easy as it sounds, so here is a tag to tie to your bag, so you won't forget every time you address the ball."

Altogether a very clever little device which every golfer will want.

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Miss Glenna Collett, in an article in the "Southern Golfer" on "Golf Galleries in Britain," writes:

"In my match with Miss Wethered the crowd was enormous, although it was not as big as the throng which saw Miss Wethered play Miss Leitch in the final. I shall never forget the thrill or the excitement I felt when I stood on the first tee and saw the Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes flying together a few yards away, and the fairway all the way down to the green lined black with people. Every green was also surrounded and when any shot was hit which approached the green the crowd started on a dead run barely a second after the ball was hit. This caused the ball to fall behind a mass of people each time and left the player in complete ignorance as to where the ball fell or what kind of a roll or kick it took. The only difficulty, which was not a large one, was getting through the wall of people, usually six deep everywhere, to play one's next shot. When a player made a shot or putted there was never a sound, and the gallery always cheered a good shot, whether it was their favourite's or not. I am anxiously looking forward to returning this year not only to play in the championship, but more particularly to continue my friendship for the host of English golfers who did everything in their power to make us feel 'at home.'"

John Peacock, professional at the popular summer resort, St. Andrews, N. B., is another fortunate Canadian pro who every Winter has a fine position at Pinehurst, N. C. He writes that the courses there are in particularly fine shape this season and that many prominent golfers are spending the Winter months there.

Another British professional coming to Canada this season is young Hunt, assistant to Wingate at Castle Bromwich, Birmingham, and a brother of Fred. Hunt, who has just been appointed professional at the Brantford Golf and Country Club. He is a particularly good player and club maker.

The annual meeting of the Alerest Ladies' Golf Club, Winnipeg, was held at the Y. W. C. A., Winnipeg, Miss E. Hindle presiding, in the absence of President Mrs. W. N. Ragland. The meeting was well attended by members. Mrs. W. W. Hicks, the retiring Secretary, presented a report which showed that the club had enjoyed a very satisfactory season, there being 72 active members. A new constitution, which has had the attention of the club for some time, was laid before the meeting. After considerable discussion it was passed upon. Mrs. W. J. Faulkner was unanimously elected Captain, this being her fourth term in charge of the affairs of the

club. Mrs. W. W. Hicks will be vice-captain, Mrs. L. J. Rumford, secretary-treasurer, while the following ladies were elected to the council: Mrs. T. Coulling, Mrs. George Findlay, Mrs. H. C. Howard, Mrs. A. W. Daly, Mrs. W. J. Lindal, and Miss Pearl Driscoll.

Danger in Long Driving

It is the fashion nowadays to strive at all costs for length, especially off the tee. It is not sufficient to complete a hole of 400 yards in four by means of a drive, a brassie, and two putts; you must be able to get your four by means of a very long tee shot, followed by a very long mashie, and then your two putts.

You are not considered to be a fashionable player unless you can come in from your round and say: "Oh, I was driving so far to-day that I never had to use anything but a mashie for my second shots. I simply made the course look silly, you know!" Now I am the last person in the world to despise the long shot, indeed, to be able to hit the ball a long way, providing you can hit it straightly, is of vital importance to any player who wishes to become really first-class.

One may be able to indulge in his blind swiping for days and weeks with complete impunity, but suddenly, and without the slightest warning, the machine begins to crack and creak, and then comes disaster.

—James Ockenden.

"Joe" Kirkwood last month underwent a slight operation at Los Angeles, but made a rapid recovery. He is taking part in all the big Winter Tournaments.

Genial Peter Hay, for years professional in charge of the Del Monte Golf Course, has long had his eye on the "68" professional record for the course, a record set some time ago by swarthy little Abe Espinosa, of San Francisco. And last month Peter found himself, clicking off birdies right and left and came in with a 67 and new professional record for the course to his credit. He was playing in a foursome with Joe Mayo, Pebble Beach pro, and Archie Sanchez and Earl Fadden, of Monterey. He played phenomenal golf on the first nine, rounding the turn five under par with a 32. His wonderful card:

Par:

Out .. 4,4,4, 4,3,5, 4,4,5=37
In 4,3,4, 5,3,4, 4,3,4=34=71

Peter Hay:

Out .. 4,4,3, 3,2,5, 4,3,4=32
In 4,3,4, 5,3,5, 4,2,5=35=67

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A bad slice on the part of a contestant in one of the big Southern tournaments may cost the unlucky player, a title and a few thousand dollars, but a stroke which has the earmarks of constituting a record as the most expensive slice in golfing history is reported from Milwaukee: “Charging that his daughter, Mannie, has been permanently blinded in one eye by a golf ball driven onto a public highway. James H. Morton, of Port Washington Road, has filed suit for \$30,000 damages against Robert H. Lindeman, the unlucky golfer who sliced his shot when driving off the second tee in Lincoln Park. Lindeman’s shot smashed the windshield of Morton’s car, the ball striking the child in the eye.”

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Despatch from Rye, Sussex, Jan. 8:
“Roger Wethered and Cyril Tolley, both former British amateur golf champions, met in the second round of the Oxford and Cambridge Society’s annual tournament here today. Wethered beat Tolley 7 up and 6 to play.”

Dr. R. H. MacKendrick, of Galt, and Mrs. MacKendrick, are leaving the beginning of the month for Bermuda, where they will enjoy the golfing, swimming and sailing.

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The Humber Valley Golf Club opened its Winter season New Year’s day with skating, skiing and tobogganing. A new rink has been constructed on the tennis courts, while the club has toboggans and skis for the use of its members.

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Alfred C. Binks, pro. of the Sarnia Golf Club, sailed on the 11th to spend a couple of months with relatives in England. Golfing friends will be glad to hear that his son, who lost a foot in an accident two months ago, is making a satisfactory recovery.

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Jim Barnes, British Open Golf Champion, and Johnny Farrell, ranking medal player, scored an impressive victory over Gordon Gibbons, Florida State amateur titleholder, and Law-

rence Sherrill by six up and four to play in an eighteen-hole match at Tampa, Florida. The professional duo had no trouble in winning from the home bred, losing but one hole, the fifteenth, where Gibbons scored a birdie two. Farrel had the low ball of 72.

The nomination by the Executive of The Royal Canadian Golf Association, of Mr. C. A. Bogert, General Manager and Vice-President of the Dominion Bank, for the Presidency of the Association the coming year, will meet with the hearty endorsement from the delegates at the Annual Meeting February 6th in Toronto. He has for many years been an outstanding Executive and unlike most of clever golfing Executives, really plays a very sterling game. He is President of the Toronto Golf Club and a Vice-President of The Canadian Seniors' Golf Association. He is also a member of the Seniors' International team and has given the Canadians many points against the U. S. Seniors in the Duke of Devonshire matches. The R. C. G. A. Presidential chair has been occupied for a quarter of a century or more by some of the outstanding men of Canada. The 1926 occupant of the position, will measure up to the most brilliant of his predecessors.

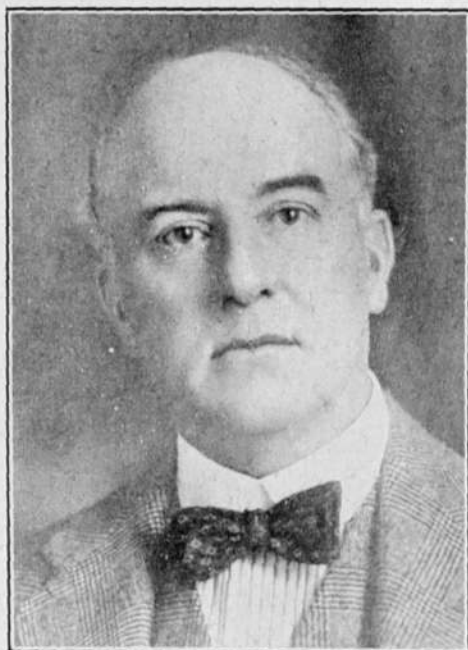
An appropriate New Year's Eve greeting card from Mr. W. E. Hicks, of Brooklyn, N. Y., the well known golf writer:

"Here's something that I wish for you
And think it rightly is your due:
Oh- may the year just coming into view
See every drive with perfect follow-through.
And every putt that you may try to sink,
Drop in the cup with cheerful, merry clink;
And every pitch shot that you dare essay
Leave but a single putt for you to play.
I'd wish you more, but think that's quite
enough,
To make your game of golf next year, hot
stuff."

With a wonderful score of 66, Leo Diegel, Canadian Open Champion, broke the course record at the Bay Shore Club, Miami Beach, Fla.

There is one Canadian Amateur anyway, who has every reason to feel

proud of his performances last season in the States and that is Mr. A. A. Weir, of Winnipeg, formerly of Saskatoon and a winner of more than one Western Championship. He took part



Mr. C. A. Bogert, Outstanding Financial and Golfing Executive, Nominated for the Presidency of the Royal Canadian Golf Association in 1926.

in the North West Pacific Tournament at Tacoma and in the Open Championship was the fifth amateur with 76, 81, 74, 76=307. He was ahead of both Bon Stein and Dr. Willing, two of the leading amateurs of the Pacific Coast. This was Mr. Weir's first experience in a really big Open Tournament. He should be heard from the coming season. On the second day of the Tacoma Open with 150 he was in second place—a particularly creditable performance in such a strong field of amateurs and professionals.

It is reported that while playing over the Beira Golf Course recently, Senhor Carmo, Chief of the Public Works Department, shot a young crocodile, measuring 6 ft. in length, on the

14th teeing ground. Some years ago a lion was killed on the same links.

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Mr. Harry W. Phelan, a particularly well known Toronto golfer, last season won the championship of the



Mr. Harry W. Phelan, who after many trials, at last wins Championship of the Lakeview Golf and Country Club.

Lakeview Golf and Country Club, which for seven years was held by Mr. J. N. Lang—a record quite unique in Toronto golfing annals. Mr. Phelan has several times reached the finals, only to be defeated by Mr. Lang. However last year he had his revenge. Mr. L. Bedell in the semi-finals defeated the many times Champion and then in the final Phelan won from Beddell 3 and 2 and at last annexed the Lakeview Championship; the goal of his ambition for so many years. Mr. Phelan had a particularly good golfing year in

1925. He qualified for the Canadian Amateur Championship last summer at Ottawa and in the First Round had the honour of defeating so formidable an opponent as Mr. George S. Lyon on the 39th hole.

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A despatch from New York, January 7th:

“Asserting that he has reached the best physical condition of his career at 215 pounds, ‘Babe’ Ruth to-day said he proposed to carry his training campaign from a New York gymnasium to the golf courses of Florida next month in his effort to regain his home-run hitting honours he lost last season to Rogers Hornsby of the St. Louis Cardinals.

Four weeks of intensive exercising here has not only reduced the waistline of the slugger seven inches, but has made him one of the most skillful handball players at the gymnasium. Calisthenics and boxing have also been included in his daily routine.”

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Most encouraging reports were submitted at the annual meeting of the Riverview Golf and Country Club, Galt, on January 8th, with prospects that 1926 will be the best year in the club's history. The following were elected to the Board of Directors: M. M. Todd, Dr. D. Buchanan, R. O. McCulloch, John R. Blake, Dr. H. F. Mackendrick, J. A. McIntosh, R. L. McGill, A. F. Knight and T. T. Aitkin, Galt; Dr. W. Hutchison, Hespeler, and Jas. Gillies and M. H. Smith, Preston. R. L. McGill was elected Captain for 1926, with Dr. M. Hagey, Vice-Captain for Preston, and Reid Hunter, Vice-Captain for Galt. The officers elected at the following meeting of Directors were: President, M. M. Todd; Vice-President, Dr. Buchanan; 2nd Vice-President, T. T. Aitken; Hon. Secretary-Treasurer, Forbes Knight. The important committees being named: House Committee, P. G. Wright, James Gillies, Bert Roberts; Green Committee, George Hancock, John McIntosh, D. M. Henderson; Finance, Forbes Knight, John R. Blake and J. M. Smith.

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only with the members of the York Downs Club, where Willie Freeman is professional and the Thistledown, where Frank is to be found during Summer, but with golfers as a whole. Already many old pupils have rejoined for the season and new ones can book lessons at any time at the school, located on the fifth floor of the Bond Bld., 66 Temperance Street, Toronto.

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Harry Vardon and Sandy Herd were beaten by the terrible weather English golf is suffering under this

winter. For the first time in thirty-five years Harry Vardon capitulated to the elements in the play of the Herts County Alliance at Radlett. Of thirty-two pairs which started, only ten completed the eighteen holes. Herd's record of forty years was ended because his partner lost their last red ball, but even then "Sandy" completed the round in the blinding storm, acting as a marker for another pair. When they reached the 18th hole the ground was covered by the snow to a depth of two inches.

COMPSTON AND MASSY SUFFER FIRST DEFEAT ON AMERICAN SOIL

A DESPATCH from Winter Haven, Florida, January 17th:

"Playing their third match in two weeks, Archie Compston and Arnaud Massy, European golf champions, were defeated here to-day by Cyril Walker, 1924 U. S. Open titleholder, and Eddie Loos, professional at Cleveland Heights Golf Club. It was a 36-hole affair, but the end came on the thirty-fourth green, the score being 3 up and 2 to play.

Compston and Massy showed the way to their American rivals at the end of the morn-

ing round of 18 holes, going to lunch with an advantage of one hole.

Loos played a steady game all the way through and was easily the best of the quartet. His 67 in the afternoon clipped one stroke off the course record set last year by Walter Hagen. Massy and Compston played good golf in the morning, but both appeared fagged in the afternoon play.

An outstanding feature of the match was that all holes, with the exception of the eighteenth and twenty-fifth, were won with eagles and birdies. No holes were over par."

RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THORNHILL

Dr. A. D. A. Mason Again Heads a Very Progressive Toronto Golf Club—
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THE annual meeting of the Thornhill Golf and Country Club was held in the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, January 9th, with a record attendance of both women and men

members, who had the pleasure of listening to most interesting and successful reports of the past season. Thornhill is comparatively speaking one of Toronto's latest clubs, but the Presi-

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dent, Mr. A. D. A. Mason, was able to report a membership of 864, of which 345 are lady playing members. This shows an increase over the previous year which, considering the number of new clubs constantly being added in the Toronto District, is quite remarkable.

The total revenue in 1925 amounted to \$47,262; annual and locker fees, accounting for \$35,753 of this total, and green fees \$3,220. A small sur-

plus was reported on operating expenses.

Mr. T. U. Fairlie, chairman of the Green Committee, stated that in spite of a late Spring and a cold, early Autumn, 15,800 registered players played over the long course. It has been decided to reconstruct three or four greens each season as conditions warranted, and all the expense for this work will be borne out of the normal operating account. During the past year there have been a number of improvements to the property; water has been laid to nearly all the greens and tees, five steel bridges have been constructed, and over 200 trees planted about the course. Ten new tees were built during the year, three new greens built and planted with creeping bent, and another is ready for seeding in the Spring. The treasurer, F. J. Buller, reported a very favourable financial condition. The meeting passed votes of thanks to T. U. Fairlie, Chairman of the Green Committee, and G. C. Hurdman, Chairman of the House Committee, both of whom were included in the four retiring Directors, for their services to the club.

The election of officers resulted in the following being chosen to act for the next three years: H. G. Hocken, W. C. Hodgson, W. E. Ireland and F. J. Neale, the continuing Directors being F. J. Buller, Ross Humphrey, W. J. Kernohan, Dr. A. D. A. Mason, H. F. Parkinson, J. P. Patterson and Ross Ritchey. At a subsequent meeting of the Directors, Dr. Mason was re-elected President of the Club, and F. J. Neale Vice-President.

Thornhill members are to be congratulated on again having at the head of their affairs in 1926 such an outstanding Executive as Dr. Mason.

OSHAWA OFFICERS ELECTED

AT a meeting of the Oshawa Golf Club held this month the following officers were elected for 1926: President, H. P. Schell; Vice-President and Honorary Secretary, Major E. C. Hodgins; Treasurer, F. J. Reddin; Directors, J. H. Beaton, Dr. D. S. Hoig, Robt. Henderson, W. P. Knight and Major H. E. Smith.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PROFESSIONAL (Scotch), age 27, desires position; trained with Cochrane's, Edinburgh, and Tom Auchterlonie, St. Andrews; first-class Clubmaker and qualified Instructor. Address "H. L." "Canadian Golfer," Brantford, Canada.

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

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

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

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PROFESSIONAL with long experience, desires position with good club for season 1926. First-class player and club maker. Specially recommended as teacher; A1 Canadian and English references. Apply W.P. care "Canadian Golfer," Brantford, Ont.

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FORTHCOMING IMPORTANT FIXTURES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Feb. 20-22—Washington's Birthday Tournament, Del Monte, Cal.

Feb. 20-22—Annual California Intercollegiate Championship, Pebble Beach, Del Monte, Cal.

Feb. 23-26—Seniors' Tournament, Pinehurst, N. C.

Feb. 23-27—Fourteenth Annual Amateur Championship of Cuba, Country Club of Havana.

Feb. 24-27—Women's South Atlantic Championship, Ormond Beach, Fla.

Feb. 26-Mar 1st—Women's Championship of Miami, Miami Country Club, Fla.

Mar. 1-6—Annual Spring Tournament, Pinehurst, N. C.

Mar. 2-6.—Women's Florida East Coast Championship, St. Augustine, Fla.

Mar. 8-13—Championship of Volusia, Ormond Beach, Florida.

Mar. 17-21—Dixie Championship, Miami Country Club, Fla.

Mar. 18-20—Winter Professional Championship of America, St. Augustine, Fla.

Mar. 23-27—Winter Championship of Florida, St. Augustine, Fla.

Mar. 25-30—North and South Amateur Championship for Women, Pinehurst, N. C.

March 31-April 5.—British Columbia Golf Association Championships, Jericho Country Club, Vancouver, B. C.

April 1-2—North and South Open Championship, Pinehurst, N. C.

April 5-10—North and South Amateur Championship, Pinehurst, N. C.

April 13-17—Mid-April Tournament, Pinehurst, N. C.

May 17-20.—Irish Amateur (Close) Championship at Portrush.

May 22.—International Match, England vs. Scotland, Muirfield.

May 24, etc.—British Open Amateur Championship, Muirfield.

June 2-3.—Irish Professional Championship at Malone, Belfast.

June 2-3.—Walker Cup Match, Great Britain vs. United States, St. Andrews.

June 16-17.—Qualifying Rounds, British Open Championship at Various Sections.

June 21, etc.—British Open Championship, Lytham and St. Anne's.

Sept. 6 to 10.—Irish Amateur (Open) Championship at Portmarnock.