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Mr. Balfour and the Game of Golf. It is stated very generally that Mr. Balfour attributes his good health and physical fitness to the fact that for many years now he has been a great believer in and devoted follower of golf.

If this is so, and Mr. Balfour has never contradicted the oft-repeated statement, then have all of us, golfers and non golfers alike, to be devoutly thankful to the Royal and Ancient for keeping fit a veritable Imperial asset.

Notwithstanding that the Secretary for Foreign Affairs is approaching the 70 mark; (in age—around the 80's is his best achievement on the links) notwithstanding that for weeks he has been under a strain that would have tried the energies and well nigh exhausted the physical and mental resources of even a young man; notwithstanding all this, he stepped forward well poised and alert on the Speaker's dais, on that memorable and history making May afternoon in the House of Commons at Ottawa and displayed a sprightliness of form and suppleness of figure, the possession of a clear and almost ruddy complexion and an undimmed eye that provoked the envy of the majority of the men many years his junior in that notable assembly. That his mental powers too are unimpaired, who can doubt or question, who had the inestimable privilege of listening to his masterly exposition of the tenets of Democracy as opposed to those of Autocracy?

The charming, well modulated voice too, shows absolutely no sign of the advancing three score years and ten. It is as far-carrying and as musically-rounded as it was 28 years ago when the writer in the Mother of Parliaments,

heard the castigation of Mr. "Tim" Healy, who had had the temerity to bait for some hours the then Irish Secretary, who upon occasions, throwing aside the role of the dilettante, could literally "unwind" himself from his sitting, sleeping posture on the Treasury benches, and unmercifully and with rapier-like verbal thrusts easily place hors-de-combat the most skilled Parliamentary opponent—let alone a Healy.

Yes, Mr. Balfour, "scion of a noble house," as Gladstone has it, philosopher and parliamentarian, the lover of music and all things beautiful, is one of the most shining examples to-day of the incalculable value of the Gospel of the out-of-door life. Descendant of the Lord Burleigh of Elizabethian times, perfect type of the man with the wonderful charm of an honoured past, he is well nigh as active and virile now as he was a score of years or more ago. If we have to thank golf largely for the physical Mr. Balfour of to-day, then golf has placed once again, the whole Anglo-Saxon world under a very deep debt of gratitude indeed.

As pointed out by President Butler of Columbia University, almost every public honour that Great Britain can bestow upon her most distinguished men, has been given to Mr. Balfour. He is an Honourary Doctor of Edinburgh, St. Andrews, Cambridge, Dublin, Glasgow, Oxford, Toronto and McGill universities. He has been President of the British Association for the Advancement of Science and for thirty years has held the coveted post of Fellow of the Royal Society. Five years ago, in a short volume, edited by Wilfrid M. Short, entitled "Mr. Balfour as a Philosopher and Thinker," a collection was made of the more important and interesting passages in Mr. Balfour's non-political writings, speeches, and addresses. To this volume one must turn who would gain any adequate conception of Mr. Balfour's versatility. Whether he is writing on Handel, on the progress of cancer research, on the humours of golf, or on Professor Bergson's philosophy, he is always learned, always interesting, always persuasive, and always delightful.

Mr. Balfour is in his sixty-ninth year and, thanks to his golf and his tennis, both of which he plays with admirable skill, he is in vigorous health, and ready to carry easily the heavy burdens that attach to playing a leading part in directing the politics of this Twentieth Century and much-troubled-world. The man who while First Lord of the Treasury and leader of the House of Commons, was also Captain of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, is to-day a distinguished member of the very small group of intellectual leaders in the Anglo-Saxon world. Great Britain could pay the United States and Canada no higher compliment than to send Mr. Balfour as her representative to the new world.

The Amateur Question and the Stymie.

That very radical and very powerful organization, the Western Golf Association, is out to defy the United States Golf Association, with a very big D.

Last year, the governing body of golf in the United States came to grips with the junior association and put the quietus on its acceptance of a free trip for its members to the Western Championship, which was staged to take place at Del Monte, California. The Western took the count and called off the free trip, but ever since has been biding its time. It has now "got back" at the U.S.G.A. and in two cardinal essentials, viz: the status of the amateur and the playing of stymies, has enacted legislation entirely at variance with the parent body.

The U.S.G.A., by an overwhelming majority, at its annual meeting decided that Francis Ouimet and other amateurs who sold golf goods or laid out golf courses, professionalized themselves.

The new rule of the Western Golf Association, which came into force May 1st, permits an amateur to sell golf goods, provided he does not offer such golf goods as a famous player, but simply as a dealer.

Another challenge to the older association is contained in a new rule that amateur golfers may accept transportation and other bona fide expenses incidental to playing in matches given by associations or clubs provided the expense account is submitted to the Treasurer of the Western Golf Association. The United States Golf Association has stood firmly against this plan.

Another departure is that any player whose amateurism is questioned, cannot be proclaimed a professional except by a two-thirds vote of the directors and then only after the player has had a hearing.

To bring matters to a focus, the Western has invited Ouimet to play in its championship on July 9th and the ex-champion has accepted.

The action of the U.S.G.A. in connection with this critical situation is awaited with the greatest interest by all golfers. It seems reasonable to suppose that the U.S.G.A. will again discipline the junior association and will rule-out all the participants in the Western Championships, including such golfing stars as the present dual champion, Charles Evans, jr., and the ex-champion, Robert Gardner, both Western men, should they take part. It is hard to see how they can escape such a decision—to be followed unfortunately it is to be feared by most regrettable and undignified recrimination heaped upon recrimination.

But not content with this radical action, the Western has recently followed it up by an edict abolishing the time honoured stymie, the following rule having been enacted:

When both balls are on the putting green, the ball nearest the hole must be played first. If a stymie exists, and the balls lie within a putter's length of each other, the ball farthest from the hole must be lifted on request until the nearer ball has been played, and replaced in its previous lie. Penalty for violation: Loss of hole in match play; two strokes in medal play.

Under no circumstances, except as above, shall a ball on the putting green be lifted. Players in all rounds must observe this rule, and ignorance of it will not be accepted as an excuse for its breach.

The U. S. G. A. in a most courteous manner decided that until after the war no action should be taken on this much debated question in deference to the Royal and Ancient of St. Andrews. The Western has here again thrown down the gauntlet, abolished the stymie and once more defied the governing body of U. S. golf.

In this connection a Chicago paper very erroneously stated that the new rule did away with the stymie "so far as three-fourths of the States and all of Canada is concerned." This statement was featured quite prominently in several papers in the Dominion—a statement which Mr. George S. Lyon, chairman of the Rules of Golf Committee of the R.C.G.A. very properly and promptly took occasion to refute. As Mr. Lyon very succinctly stated in his letter to the press. "The new rule does not have any effect on golf as played in Canada. Our game is played under the rules of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, and consequently we play stymies."

The Royal Canadian Golf Association is a very much older governing body than that of the Western and of course does not take its rulings from the association in any one particular. Golf in Canada is absolutely controlled by the Royal and Ancient rules in every essential and it is safe to wager always will be.

In the meantime there is a golf war looming large on the U.S. horizon. Surely we have enough of the real, raw thing just now without bringing forward contentious and vexatious questions and rules and fomenting strife generally in golfing circles. The present hardly seems an appropriate time for this. At any rate that is the generally accepted view of it in Canada where golfers look to the States to conserve the best interests and traditions of the "Ancient and Honourable" at all times and in all places.

Golf, the News- "This wonderful game of golf" is certainly very much in the public eye these days. There is not a leading paper in the papers and the Magazines. States that does not every issue devote a couple of columns or more to golf and golfers. Canadian editors also are commencing to "look up" (no, not a fatal fault in the game of journalism) and take notice a bit. In this connection special reference might very well be made to "Saturday Night," Toronto, "The Weekly Star," Toronto, "The Standard," Montreal, and the "Saturday Post," Winnipeg, all of which excellent weeklies, frequently give generous space to golf news.

The magazines too, are featuring the Royal and Ancient. Last month the "Saturday Evening Post," on two occasions, published golf stories by well known writers. The "Red Book" also did a little golfing on its own, whilst the "Delineator," between its gay fashion pages, alive with beauteous damsels, in various stages of dress and undress, sandwiched in a capital story of the links. Not to be out-driven, the "Fashion Review" let out a screamer from the first tee, by way of a glaring golfing cover, to attract the magazine buying public, whilst the "Canadian Courier" and the "Canadian Magazine" both featured golf illustrations and stories last month.

From a newspaper and magazine standpoint, golf is crowding baseball and other sports to the ropes with a vengeance. There is "large" money in it for any writer now-a-days, who can turn out really gripping golf "stuff."

The "golfing Kipling" however has not yet arrived. The big golf story has yet to be written.

Chip Shots

"Keep your eye" both on the ball and the 'tater. Be a collaborater.

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"Play up, Play up, and Play the Game," but resolve to remember the "Rules" and the "Red-Cross."

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A correspondent asks: "Can a record score of a course be made in a match play competition?" Strictly speaking, it cannot. A record score can only be truly made in a scoring competition with the holes and tees in their proper medal position.

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No! you still play the stymie in Canada. That new ruling of the U.S. Western Golf Association has absolutely no significance here. The R.C.G.A. is the governing body of golf in Canada and it follows without any deviation whatsoever, the rules of the Royal and Ancient of St. Andrews.

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Mrs. Reinehart, the brilliant writer in "Who's Who and Why," in the "Saturday Post," in a pen picture of her own versatile self:

"I have written a number of books, far too many, I am sure. I actually do not know how many. And I have travelled in strange places and play wretched golf. Also I love a horse and a dog. I am about dogs as I am about the books I write, a trifle given to overdoing it. And when I lay down my pen for good, I want to be remembered as a wife and mother, and not as the most prolific writer of my time. I am an Episcopalian, a Suffragist, a brunette, I cannot sing, and I use a fountain pen."

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Arthur G. Lockwood, the Boston Golf Architect, (vide "Golf Illustrated") has conceived lately the idea of fashioning traps and bunkers by means of dynamite. He has made a sufficient number of experiments to prove his contention that an eighteen hole course can be trapped in three days at a minimum expense by using explosives. The dynamite sticks are like stakes, curving from end to end, and are planted at the depth required. The explosion comes, the rough edges are planed off, sand is thrown in and there's the trap. For each bunker thirty minutes is the usual time required. Recently, this new scheme was tried out with success over two courses in Maine.

Mr. H. B. Martin, ex-President of the New York Newspaper Men's Golf Club and the well known golf writer and cartoonist: "I like your magazine very much. You have a way of getting a lot of news about golf in it that it is easy to read."

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Owing to the scarcity of hickory shafts, the question of the substitution of steel is being agitated in many quarters. It must be remembered however, that the Royal and Ancient at Sandwich, in 1914, decreed that steel-shafted clubs would not be allowed, although the published rules devoted to the "Form and Make of Golf Clubs," do not expressly ban such shafts.

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Dr. Dudley A. Sargent, of Harvard, famous as an authority on athletics, is opposed to the action of Harvard and other colleges in giving up sports since the declaration of war. He says that if an immediate clash of arms was expected, it would seem to be the only thing to do, but under the circumstances, the American colleges will gain from continuing athletic sports rather than abolishing them. President Wilson too, is out with the slogan, to keep fit by keeping up golf and other out-door games.

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The season has only just got into its swing, but already the "Hole-in-One" player has been heard from and the "Canadian Golfer" has started to hand out yearly subscriptions as a result. The competition lasts until October 31st and promises to be as interesting as in 1916 when sixteen good golfers and true, turned the trick, qualified for the noble clan of "One-Shotters," and incidentally got a year's free reading of this great family golfing journal. Vardon never made a hole in one, but you can, p'r'aps.

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Mr. P. A. Vaile, the well known golf writer, believes that the cleek is doomed, and that its place will be taken generally by the deep faced club. "The passing of the cleek" is not a dream, but an actuality," he claims. "And so it comes to pass that the cleek, the father of shallow-faced irons, the most venerated club in golf, has to go the way of all things that stand athwart the best development of the game; and thus it makes room for a whole array of deep-faced irons that cluster thickly round it in lie and loft, in weight and depth."

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Recently the "Canadian Golfer" was asked whether "Greens" Committee or "Green" Committee was correct and answered in the April issue, that "Green" Committee was the authoritative term, although in the States the custom has erroneously crept in of referring to the "Greens" Committee. In reply to a correspondent in the "American Golfer," Mr. W. J. Travis says:

"The correct term is green committee—not greens committee. The "green" is a very ancient term and means the whole course, including of course, the putting greens. The greater embraces the less. Strictly speaking, the "Greens Committee" has jurisdiction over the putting-greens only, according to a literal interpretation of the term."

It is to be hoped that the U.S.G.A., which has been the chief "Greens" culprit in the past, will now mend the error of its ways.

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The season which is now in full swing from the Atlantic to the Pacific, is bound to record some interesting occurrences on the links, calling for the interpretation of the Rules. The Rules of Golf Committee of the R.C.G.A is comprised of the following: George S. Lyon, Toronto, (Lambton Golf and Country Club,) chairman, T. B. Reith, Montreal, (Beaconsfield Golf Club,) P. D. Ross, Ottawa, (Royal Ottawa,) Vere Brown, Winnipeg, (St. Charles Country Club,) and Ralph H. Reville, Brantford, (Brantford Golf and Country Club,) Hon. Secretary. Any disputes or interpretation of the Rules will be gladly adjudicated upon by the Committee. A letter addressed to any member of the Committee will receive prompt attention and be carefully considered by the whole committee.

Comic Side of Golf "Production"

Mr. H. B. Martin Portrays a New Phase of the Game on the Links

THE fifty year old and upward golfer, the past few weeks, on many a Canadian links (all the "eligibles" are of course playing the "Great Game") has been going to it with a vengeance; wrestling with the wriggling water nozzle; trundling the musical mower; bending over the home-

ly hoe or ploughing his lonely potato furrow. He is determined to do his productive bit, let the back ache never so unkindly, the arm become nearly paralyzed if it will, and the hand take on callouses and blisters by the score if need be. Doggedly has he played the game; doggedly is he determined to make a record in the Thrift and Production campaign—a record which will be alike a credit to himself and his club. He is out to water the greens and mow their verdant whiskers off; to vermolize the worm both of the late and early mother dear variety; to raise a few bags of the festive "spuds," plus pecks of beans that satisfy and fill and generally deport himself as a "golfer and a gardener should" in this hour of scarcity and stress. Yes sir, begad!

Mr. H. B. Martin, ex-president of the New York Newspaper Men's Golf Club,

and one of the cleverest cartoon producers on the continent, as a cartoonist should, sees the humorous side of this campaign. In a recent number of "Golf," he lilteth, and illustratith in this fashion:

"In time of peace prepare for war." In time of war prepare for more war, or

peace—which will you have it? Every golfer would prefer the quiet of a golf links to the excitement of war. Not that he is afraid to fight when the occasion demands it, but war at its very best hardly equals the fascination of golf.

Golfers will not shirk their duty to their country, and in the enlistments that have been made so far golfers were among the first to offer their services. But as the great majority of men who support the golf clubs are not

available for the trenches or the ships, on account of their age they are willing to do their bit, just the same, of whatever it may consist.

Just as soon as it was definitely settled that we were to have war many golf clubs offered their course to the government for training purposes. Some were even willing that their courses should be put under the plough.



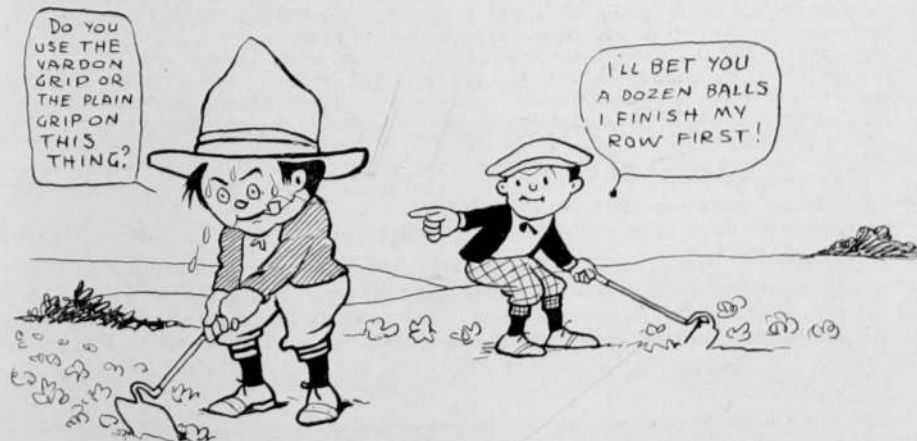


These were generous offers, but in neither case has it been necessary. What was asked of the golfers was that they cultivate a part of the links not needed for golfing purposes, and each member was requested to devote a small part of his time each week to raising vegetables.

The situation is not without its humor, after all, if you can imagine lining up a lot of duffers and sending them out to the cabbage patch. To begin with, most of them know as little about gardening or farming as they know about golf. Therefore it would be necessary to have a professional gardener on hand to teach them the proper stance and the proper grip of the hoe or spade. Some of them are no doubt qualified for digging, as this has been their principal pursuit for years. Digging up the soil is nothing new to the rank and file of duffers. If they are as expert at this sort of work as they are when there are no divots to replace, some of them will fit in very nicely.

The betting features of golf might easily be transferred to the potato field. For instance, a ball might be wagered on each hill or row hoed. Or a box of balls might be wagered on the most work done during the two hours. I'll venture to say that the golfer will get his fun out of it somehow."

Do you recognize yourself in any of the cartoons herewith?



"Hole in One" Competition

The Season of 1917 is Off to a Good Start

THE "Canadian Golfer's" "Hole in One Competition" has started early this season. While playing with Mr. John F. Orde, K.C., over the Royal Ottawa Golf course last month, Mr. George F. Henderson, K.C., made the 3rd hole of the ladies' course, (which in the spring is used as the 17th hole by the men,) in one stroke. The hole is about 180 yards in length and is over level ground, the only hazard being a road which crosses the fair green about 140 yards from the tee.

Mr. Henderson's feat was also witnessed by Commander Morres, R.N. and Mr. Russell Blackburn, who were just leaving the green and by Mr. A. B. Brodrick of Ottawa and Mr. Andrew Allan of Montreal, who were passing.

Mr. Henderson is an old and enthusiastic golfer and in addition to being one of Ottawa's leading barristers, is also well known throughout Ontario as the "Drainage Referee."

The Editor is particularly pleased to welcome an Ottawa player to the notable "one shot fraternity," as last year no representative of the Capital qualified. The "Hole in One" season is certainly off to a most auspicious start.

Who will be the next to emulate Mr. Henderson's example and join the elect?

"Love Your Clubs"

It's a Good Stunt to Name the Favourites in
Your Golf Bag

RECENTLY the "Canadian Golfer," referred to Harry Vardon's love for a couple of mongrel clubs in his bag—clubs that he can always depend upon in an emergency.

Here is a breezy article by "Hazard," in "The American Golfer" along similar lines, in which the Canadian amateur champion figures prominently:—

"A golfer who likes to call his clubs by name is not far from the road that leads to confidence. Commend me to the man who has a Sammy or a Billy or a Dick in his bag; who when he takes out his mashie says to it, 'Now, Billy, my boy, we'll just send the ball up dead this time.'"

This comradeship with one's clubs—partnership if you will—is most helpful. How do you feel on the other hand, when you take out a doubtful club—one that you have not become acquainted with, and cannot love enough to name?

Love your clubs and name them if you like. It can do no harm.

George Lyon, the grand old man of Canadian golf, carries an iron in his bag, made expressly to his order, which one could hardly buy, and woe betide the man who steals it. He fondly calls it Mike; a fighting name that, and in a tight place you can count on Mike's being right on the job. Mike will do for Lyon what a brassie will hardly accomplish for many a golfer. I was introduced to Mike at the seventh tee at Merion last fall. Lyon thought the carry to the green was about Mike's distance. Ah, but Lyon loves old Mike! Have you got a pet in your bag?

—And why not love your ball also? Why regard it as an enemy that is trying to thwart your efforts?

I once knew a minister who was said to have cultivated a kindly relation with his ball in words something like these: "Now little ballie, behave yourself, I'm one of the best friends you have, you know, etc." Not very vigorous language, but I'm thinking it will go a long way further than getting red in the face and swearing at the innocent little thing.

I once knew of an old book-seller who seemed to love his books so well that he hated to sell them.

Love your clubs that way. And if you have a club in your bag you can't learn to love, throw it out."

Common Sense in Clothes

A Royal Example—The Duke of Connaught
Casts Off the "Coat Fetish"

I READ considerable to Jim about kings, and dukes, and earls, and such, and how gaudy they dressed, and how much style they put on, and called each other your majesty, and your grace, and your lordship, and so on, " 'stead of mister; and Jim's eyes bulged out, and he was interested." "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn."

We in Canada all know the man—frequently an Englishman, often a Canadian—who, regardless of the weather, rain or shine, bitterly cold or blazing hot, plays golf in a coat. In warm weather, others may play in flannels, with coats off and shirt-sleeves rolled up, and be comfortable. But not he—it is not "good form"—no one in Britain must appear on the links otherwise than fully clad. And so in Canada, or in Equatorial Africa, loyalty to the "proper thing" demand that he should do as Britons do at home. All very laudable but rather foolish. And how some of them must long for an excuse to break with the tradition and cast the "coat fetish," like the rapidly disappearing cult of the silk hat, into the scrap heap.

The rigid rule of etiquette prevailing in the British Isles, which insists that while playing golf one must always wear a coat does not apply to the cricket field or the river, where flannels and shirt-sleeves are not only permitted but are de rigueur. It has been said that a Canadian golfing Premier, who appeared on an English course in his shirt-sleeves, was officially told that he would not be allowed to play without his coat. This story may be apocryphal but the following extract from an English writer on golf, makes the story quite believable. "Let him eschew flannels, and tennis shoes, and the baring of arms, for these things are an abomination, being utterly unnecessary and opposed to the best traditions of the game." The British climate is such that a coat, even in very warm weather, is not uncomfortable; but what is to be said of those who in Canada insist upon wearing coats with the thermometer at 100 degrees or higher in the sun? Is there any sense in it?

To those who lack the courage to break away from the so called tradition, it may be a relief to know that our late Royal Governor General, H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught, while playing over the Royal Ottawa Golf course, almost invariably played without a coat in warm weather. His Royal Highness had the good sense to make himself comfortable and apparently did not consider that the English convention, based upon the exigencies of climate, should be followed here. The Duke of Connaught's example may surely be followed by those who have heretofore allowed their adherence to what they considered "good form" to obscure their common sense. J.F.O.

Tune—"Keep the Home Fires Burning"

Keep the old club thriving,
For improvement striving,
See remorse don't spoil the course, we're proud to own.
Roll it well, and seed it,
Fertilize and feed it,
Do your bit to keep it fit, till the boys come home.

W.H.W.

Nicholls' Brilliant Record

Celebrated Professional Takes Four Tournaments

All in a Row.

NO U.S. Golfer has been so much in the limelight the past two or three months as Gilbert Nicholls, the brilliant professional of the Great Neck Golf Club, Long Island, N.Y. He recently came back from the South with the premier honours of no less than four consecutive tournaments, hanging to his belt, viz.: Jacksonville, Camden, St. Augustine and Asheville. And at the latter tournament he had the wonderful record of 277 for the four rounds, made up of the following uncanny figures:—Friday, March 23.—Morning Round, 68; Afternoon Round, 69. Saturday, March 24.—Morning Round, 71; Afternoon Round, 69. Total Four Rounds, 277 or eleven strokes under fours for the 72 holes!

Since the above tournaments, he has also won the tournament at Washington, over the Columbia Country Club course with a 77 and a 76.

Nicholls started his professional career in France in 1896, at the well known Cannes course, where his brother Ben was in charge. In 1898 he came over to the United States. For nearly 20 years now he has been annexing trophies and championships without number, but strange to say, has never attained the goal of his ambition—the winning of the U.S. Open. Twice has he been runner-up however, viz.: in 1904 and again in 1907. It is certainly most unfortunate for Nicholls that the U.S.G.A. has called off the Open championship this year as a result of the war. On his 1917 showing, Nicholls would have entered the contest as a prime favourite, in fact was generally "picked" as the most likely candidate for premier honours.

In the Metropolitan Open championship, he has always loomed large and in 1911 and 1915 carried off premier honours with scores of 281 and 292.

In a recent magazine article, Nicholls is quoted as saying that it is the soil in America that makes the difference between the English or Scotch pro who developed his game on the other side and the foreign born pro or homebred who learned his golf in America:—

"The soil over here is of a much different variety from the flaky or spongy loam that you find on English courses. The taking of turf there with the shot is the proper thing and the club in going through does not retard the force of the blow in any way. Taking turf on most of the courses in this country is fatal to one's game as the soil being heavy, does not permit the club to come through as freely. You must learn to overcome this condition and acquire the art of hitting the ball cleanly.

"On his first trip to America Vardon did not make the scores we expected of him, neither did Taylor, his companion. They won at Chicago that year in the open, to be sure, but the opposition was not as great as it would be to-day. The fact that the scores of the foreigners are not as low in this country as abroad must be accounted for in this way, viz.: the shots require a different sort of treatment through the fairway and the pitch shot to the pin, which is the most important shot in the game, is harder to accomplish here than on a green with a spongy turf."

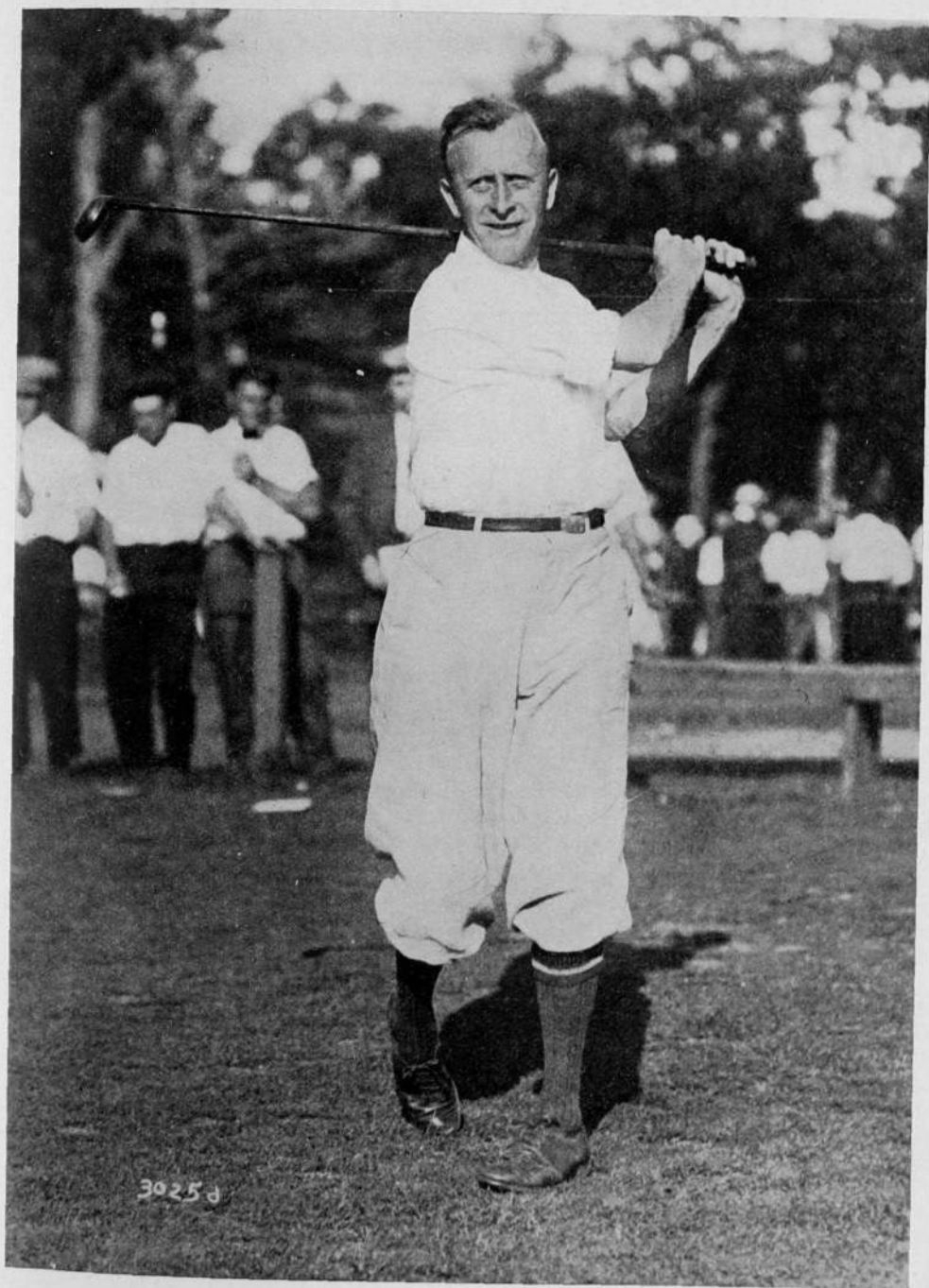
A great golfer is "Gil," popular alike with his brother pros and players generally, and a rare favourite with the gallery. The Britisher has made good in the States and no one begrudges him his well deserved fame.

Mary and Her Garden

Mistress Mary, volun-tary, is making her garden grow
A capital line of tubers fine, in a very uneven row,
For the sake of the humble prate, she's given up golf, you know,
And now she dubs, with different clubs—

The spade and the rake—what—hoe!

HUSKIE



AT THE TOP OF HIS GAME

Gilbert Nicholls, the well known pro, who has been winning a string of tournaments recently. He is an Englishman, but a resident of the States for some 20 years.

Golfers and the Red Cross

Messrs. Howard Smith and J. Hill are
Circularizing All Clubs

MR. C. Howard Smith, a well known Montreal golfer, who last season did such splendid work in getting clubs throughout the Dominion to conduct Red Cross competitions, will again this year superintend this laudable and patriotic movement. This season he will have associated with him Mr. James Hill, Captain of the Royal Montreal, Dixie. The following is the copy of the letter, which will be sent out to every golf club in Canada by Messrs. Smith and Hill:

GOLF COMPETITIONS TO AID THE RED CROSS

Dear Sir:—

Last year the writer undertook a campaign in aid of the Red Cross by having competitions in the different golf clubs. A large amount of money was realized which of course was a great benefit to the Red Cross Association.

The war is still on; the fighting is just as hard and the Red Cross is in urgent need of funds. We who are left behind can only do our bit by helping to pay.

Captain James Hill, of the Royal Montreal Golf Club and C. Howard Smith, have appointed themselves a Committee of two to endeavour to raise funds for the Red Cross. The plan that is to be followed out will be the same as last year. That is:—that the different clubs spread over Canada have one member donate a box of balls each week. These balls are to be put up for competition and every person that enters for them pays \$1.00, the total amount of money to go to the Red Cross. There are something like one hundred golf clubs in Canada and the amount of money realized from these should be large.

We would also suggest that the money be held until the end of the season and then given to the Red Cross committee in the locality in which your golf club is located, but send us particulars of the amount that is being sent in, so that we can keep track and see how much the subscription amounts to.

We feel sure that the golfers in Canada will be only too glad to do this. We are satisfied that if this is carried out, each club can contribute from \$20.00 to \$40.00 per week without any hardship on any-one's part.

Will you kindly acknowledge this letter to 139 McGill Street, Montreal; and let us know if we can count on your co-operation in this matter.

The "Canadian Golfer" most heartily endorses this worthy scheme. Every club in Canada should see that these competitions are put successfully into force

Roll of Honour of Links

"Canadian Golfer" Tells of Many Deaths in Anniversary
Number

(New York Times" May 27th)

STARTING some two years ago as a war bride among periodicals, "The Canadian Golfer," in the second anniversary number, which appeared this month, shows on two black bordered pages how closely allied has been a great sport in the Dominion with the conflict being waged so bitterly overseas. "The Golfers' Roll of Honour" shows that, far and wide throughout Canada, the men of the links have responded to their country's call, and that of 3,000 who enlisted, over 150 have paid the supreme sacrifice. From the Atlantic westward the golfers have rallied to the colors.

But everything in the anniversary number is not of sombre complexion. Some of it is given over to the chit chat of the game; some to special features of merit, interspersed at frequent intervals. If for no other thing the "Canadian Golfer" has endeared itself to the devotees of the Dominion links because it has always stood for fostering and encouragement of municipal golf. When it started its campaign there was only one strictly municipal course in Canada. Now, in spite of war conditions, there are five. Illustrations of some of the private courses, that of the St. Charles Club at Winnipeg, for instance, show a spaciousness and completeness that might well make them the envy of many of our own homes on the links.

The Well-Balanced Course

What Should be the Length of a Modern Golf Course, and the Length of the Holes?

IN a recent issue of the "Canadian Golfer," Mr. Walter J. Travis, the famous U.S. golfer and golf architect is credited with the statement that if he had his way he would never sanction a hole of more than 480 yards in length and the writer is rather inclined to agree with the distinguished U.S. authority.

At any rate he is convinced that very long holes on any links are to be avoided as much as possible and the recent trend of the work of all golf experts is certainly along these lines.

What constitutes a perfectly balanced course? That is a very difficult question to answer. A study of the "lay out" of some of the best of the courses of recent years however demonstrates, in the first place, that more and more the leading golf architects are standardizing their work.

For instance, it is generally conceded to-day that a nine hole course must have a length of 3,000 yards or more and an 18 hole course double that length, or 6,000 yards and upwards.

It is generally conceded too, that a well balanced course should have at least four (never less than three) short or "long short" holes of from 120 to 200 or so yards; that there should not be more than two or three, or four at the most, three shot or long holes and that two shot holes or holes of 300 and 400 yards odd, which are the best holes on any course should account for the remainder. Nine hole courses divide

these figures by two, viz.: two one shot holes, etc.

A study of the seven championship courses in Great Britain is a most interesting one.

Take first, historic old St. Andrews. The championship course here is 6,487 yards. Here we find three 3-shot holes, the 5th, the 14th and 17th. Prestwick, (6,122 yards) has the same number, the 3rd, the 9th and the 12th. Hoylake,

(6,480 yards) boasts four, the 3rd, the 8th, the 14th and 17th. Sandwich (6,594 yards) three, the 7th, 13th and 14th. Muirfield (6,448 yards) three, the 5th, 8th and 16th. N. Devon (6,403 yards) three, the 4th, 9th and 17th. Deal (6,581 yards) five, the 3rd, 5th, 8th, 11th and 16th.

The longest of these "long" holes is North Devon's 17th (542 yards) and St. Andrews' 5th (533 yards.)

It is worthy of note that Muir-

field and Deal, two of the latest constructed championship courses, have no hole of 500 yards, although the 8th at Muirfield, 497 yards, hugs the now generally accepted maximum very closely. Deal's longest hole is the 16th, 483 yards—approximating Mr. Travis' idea.

These three shot holes on the seven championship courses average exactly 485 yards or just about the length that Mr. Travis would like to make the maximum.

The shortest hole on any of the courses is Prestwick's No. 2, 109 yards. Then comes Muirfield, 138 yards (No. 14); North Devon, the same 138 yards,

Some Championship Course Figures

The average length of the 7 championship courses in Great Britain is 6,445 yards.

The average length of the longest hole on the championship courses is 485 yards.

The average length of the shortest hole is 142 yards.

The average number of holes 300 yards and less is four per course.

The average number of holes from 300 yards to 450 yards is eleven per course.

The average number of holes over 450 yards is three per course.

(No. 16); St. Andrews, 142 yards (No. 8); Deal, 150 yards (No. 4); Hoylake, 155 yards (No. 4); Sandwich, 160 yards (No. 6.) The average of these seven shortest holes is 142 yards—a splendid length for a “one shotter.”

So much for the championship courses.

In Canada the trail of the amateur golf architect (the doctor, the lawyer, the journalist, the banker, the manufacturer) who has done service on the average Green Committee, is very much in evidence. Conscientiously no doubt they have each and every one given of their time and best endeavours to the laying out of the local course, but unfortunately, as a general thing they have laid up a mighty heritage of deficiencies and shortcomings to be rectified and overcome later on at much expense and inconvenience.

Take for instance, the total length to be found on Canadian courses and in going over some one hundred cards a really remarkable divergence is revealed.

For example there is one 9 hole course which is content with a length a trifle less than 2,000 yards, whilst there is another one which manages to get in 4,530 yards for nine holes, or a difference between the two courses of well nigh 2,600 yards. The majority of the 9 hole courses in the Dominion average about 2,500 yards. There are few, very few 3,000 yards or more.

The eighteen hole courses measure up much better to standard lengths. The shortest is 5,044 yards, but the majority range from 5,700 yards to 6,350 yards, the latter an ideal championship length.

Now it is not possible for every links with the acreage at its disposal to secure the desired length, but it is a pretty safe wager that with an intelligent “lay out” there is not a course that could not be brought up more to standard in this respect. The trouble is that many courses have been the work of amateurs without any idea of balance or length and the result is often a “hotch-potch” of the worst description.

When it comes to length of holes, glaring misfits are again very much in evidence. There is one course in Ontario where a 70 yard short hole is made to do service. Even in the old gutta days, a hole less than 100 yards was not a good short hole. With the advent of the rubber cored ball anything less than 100 yards or so is a minimum length. Better still, 135 yards to 160 yards.

Then as regards long holes. One 18 hole course has a 600 yarder, another one of 570 yards. These are altogether too tedious and strenuous. They could be well replaced by holes 445 to 500 yards in length and the distance lost made up by extending some other holes, so that the length of the course would not be impaired.

It is a very satisfactory sign that in the laying out of the newer courses much more intelligent work is being done.

The French-Canadian course at St. Dorotheé, opened up this spring is a particularly clever nine hole production, the work of Albert Murray of Kaniwaki. The length is 3,075 yards (to be developed into 18 holes later on.) There are two snappy one shot holes of 120 and 145 yards and two testing long holes of 480 and 500 yards.

London's new 18 hole course, which will be put into play this summer, is an eighteen hole course of great merit, for which George Cumming is responsible. The length is 5,916 yards. There are three one shot holes and three three shot holes, none of them exceeding 500 yards.

Then there is that wonderful recent creation of Mr. H. S. Colt's at Ancaster—the Hamilton golf course of 6,350 yards from the back tees with four one shot holes (2 in each 9) and three three shot holes, the longest, 500 yards. Ten holes here from 300 yards to 435 yards—which are the backbone of every well balanced course.

These three links are particularly mentioned because they are the most recent creations and show indisputably that the modern idea of a golf course is receiving every consideration to-day in Canada.

To emphasize again. It is not contended that every course can be brought up to reasonable length and balance. Acreage and situation often will not permit but undoubtedly much can be done to improve existing links and to quote from a well known authority: "There should be no one, who unselfishly plays the game for the pure love of it, regardless of his golfing ability, that desires his course to remain in or deteriorate to the level of the undesirable."

After the war especially, many new courses will come into existence; many more will be revamped and improved. No Green Committee, no matter how intelligent or zealous, can properly superintend this work. No member of a Green Committee, it is safe to say, if he contemplated building a \$10,000 or \$15,000 house, not to mention a \$35,000 or \$50,000 one, would think of going ahead without plans prepared by an expert architect. A golf course, a nine hole on the one hand, and an 18 on the other, is very liable to call for an outlay approaching these figures or more. And there is this difference. An individual is planning for himself and family only. A golf course is for the enjoyment of the many. A few hundred dollars spent at the outset in securing the services of a first class golf architect is the wisest and best expenditure that can possibly be made by any club and a big money saver in the years ahead.

Golf promises to be such a tremendous vogue in the years to come that it behoves every one who has the interest of the game at heart, to see to it, that the glaring mistakes of the past in regard to the laying out and proper bunkering of courses are not duplicated in the future.

You can't have good golf without a good golf course. A well balanced links is a delight and a joy day in, and day out. A badly balanced one? Well you know what Sherman is reputed to have said about war!

Another Club for Edmonton

Strong Organization Formed to Play Over the
Municipal Links

EDMONTON, Alberta, which has the honour of establishing the first municipal golf links in the Dominion, and which has besides, one of the finest golf and country clubs in Canada, situated six miles from the city, has formed another golf club. Mr. T. Coates, the Hon. Secretary Treasurer of the new club, writing under date of May 18th, says:—

"I have the pleasure to inform you that at a meeting held last evening in this city, (Thursday, May 17th,) the Edmonton Golf Club was formed; the total number of players so far agreeing to join the club is 61 and there is no doubt but that the club membership will exceed 150 ladies and gentlemen before the season is much older.

The following officers were elected:—Honorary President, Mr. A. G. Harrison; President, Mr. Percy W. Abbott; Vice-President, Mr. James Ramsey; Ladies' Committee, Mrs. Beart, Mrs. McKinnon, Mrs. Skattebol; Men's Committee, Messrs. J. M. Hunter, S. J. Thorburn, J. A. Lowry, A. E. Whitehouse and J. MacPherson; Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Mr. T. Coates.

Arrangements were started to provide eight events during the coming season, commencing with a stroke handicap for ladies and gentlemen on June 2nd.

I shall have pleasure in sending you a copy of our membership card in due course together with further information regarding the club. All matches will be played on the municipal links. The membership fee is nominal one and all members will pay the usual green fees charged by the city.

Mr. J. Munro Hunter, chairman of the Men's Committee, is the present champion of Alberta and a player of many year's experience.

The meeting was well attended, considering that the first 'guns' of the Provincial election campaign were being fired in Edmonton on the same night by the Premier and other political speakers."

Here's wishing the Edmonton Golf Club a successful season—and many of 'em.

Kingston's New 18-Hole Course

The Limestone City Successfully Launches a Golf and Country Club

KINGSTON is the latest city to "get into the golf game" in an energetic manner. The Limestone City has had for many years a golf club on the Barriefield side of the Harbour, but since the outbreak of the war and by reason of the fact that it was always more or less a military club, as befitting such a military centre, the membership has suffered a good deal, although the club is still "carrying on."

The new club is off to a splendid start and the first issue of \$30,000 worth of stock in shares of \$100, has been quickly taken up by some one hundred subscribers.

A correspondent from Kingston writes—"The new club is located on what we call the Front Road adjoining the Provincial Asylum property, and will have street railway connection within a very short distance of the club house. There will be a magnificent view across the lake and the surrounding country on every side.

A long lease has been secured of the property from the Government at a nominal rental and the club's finances will not be impaired in any way through the necessity to purchase property.

No person may become a member if there is any man in the family that would be eligible as a stock holder.

I expect the fees will be about \$25.00 per year for playing members and less of course for non-playing members.

There has as yet been no meeting of the stock holders, only the committee, that has been fostering the project, has met from time to time.

Provincial directors were named recently and are as follows:—The Honourable Senator Richardson; P. C. Stevenson; Geo. E. Hague; A. B. Cunningham and T. J. Rigney.

A charter has been applied for and as soon as the formalities have been complied with, a general meeting will take place and I will be glad to send you further information as to what transpires at that time.

I might state the course has been laid out by a golf expert, who tells us that it will be one of the sportiest courses in the country when finished. We shall have six holes by the autumn and next year complete the balance of an 18 hole course."

The "Canadian Golfer" extends a hearty welcome to the new Kingston Golf and Country Club. That it will meet with an abounding success does not admit of a doubt. Kingston was one of the first cities in Ontario to play golf and is such an old and wealthy centre, that the Royal and Ancient should flourish there as it does in every city of consequence.

Eighty Thousand Dollars in One Day

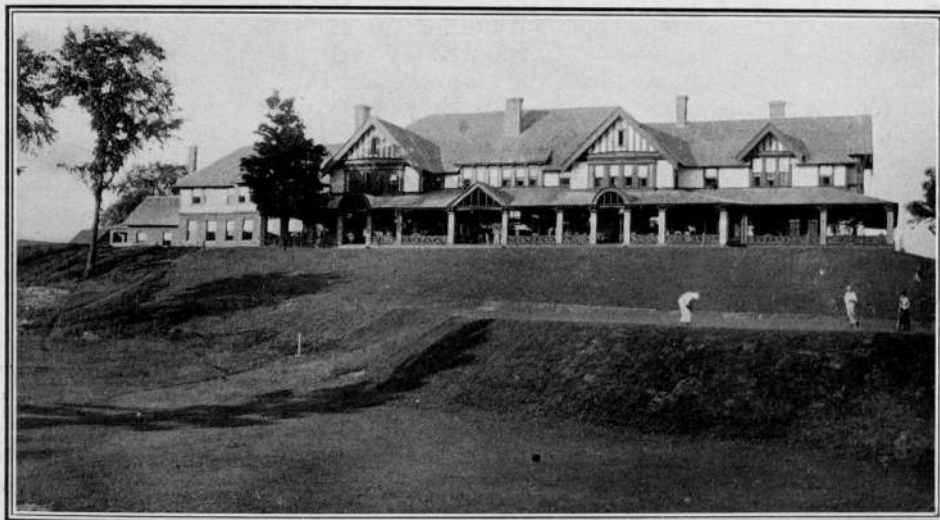
GREAT is the United States. Great are the golfers of the United States. A despatch from New York, May 30th, says:—"More than \$80,000, sufficient to purchase and equip 50 ambulance units, was raised through the medium of the Red Cross Benefit Tournaments held to-day under the auspices of the eighty clubs of the Metropolitan Golf Association. Approximately 9,000 golfers took part in the tournaments."

Here is a superb example for the golfers of Canada to follow. If one association in the United States can raise \$80,000 in one day, there is no reason why the golf clubs scattered throughout the length and breadth of the Dominion should not raise an amount approximating this sum during the whole season.

Golf in Canada's Capital

Ottawa Golfers Have Exceptional Advantages for Enjoying the Royal and Ancient. Fine Links of the Royal Ottawa and Rivermead Clubs

A VISIT to Ottawa—the centre of the political and legislative life of the Dominion, with its commanding public buildings, its beautiful drives and parks, is always a pleasure. A golfing pilgrimage there during the unfolding days of spring, from the standpoint of the player of the "Universal Game," is even a more delightful experience. When to this can be added the charming atmosphere created by the presence in the city of one of Great Britain's greatest statesmen and most cultured sons, and the English "Grand-master of Golf"—the Right Honourable Arthur J. Balfour, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs—a visit to the Capital under such unusually favourable conditions, takes on an added interest and delight.



The charming club-house of the Royal Ottawa, overlooking the beautiful 18th plateau green—one of the finest in Canada.

And that was the fortunate experience the last week in May of the Editor of the "Canadian Golfer."

Ottawa itself, under ideal weather conditions, was gay with bunting in honour of one of the most distinguished scions of the House of Cecil. Ottawa golf links were in verdure clad, carpeted here and there, near tee and fair green with violets and other wild flowers, whilst on the club house lawns were gaudy splashes of colour flung out by bed after bed of tulips run riot. And in the back-ground, through the budding trees, were "vignetted vistas" of the fast flowing Ottawa river and the Laurentian Hills beyond. The lot of the Ottawa golfer has certainly fallen upon pleasant places.

Two eighteen hole courses, the Royal Ottawa and Rivermead, cater to his wants and every diversity of hole, from the laborious long one to the snappy short 'un, are his to play, his to master.

For a little more than a quarter of a century has golf been played in Ottawa—a mere hand span in comparison with the vogue of the game in Great Britain, stretching back to the vasty past—but from a Canadian standpoint, quite a long and honourable record. There were only some half dozen clubs in the whole Dominion, when in 1891, Mr. Hugh Renwick of Lanark, Scotland,

keen follower of the "wee bit gutta" in the Homeland, coming to Ottawa, induced a number of his fellow countrymen to start a golf club.

About 50 acres of fine rolling land was secured overlooking the old Rideau rifle ranges on the west side and here a course was laid out with the first tee on the top of the hill and the last green near the Protestant General Hospital. The links was only one of 9 holes, but it was very convenient to the city and many natural hazards in the shape of sand bunkers made it quite a good test of golf. An unpretentious club-house was built and in a very short time the game became quite popular with an active membership of some fifty, including a number of ladies. Mr. John Thorburn was the first president of the club, then General Ivor Herbert and then Lt.-Col. D. T. Irwin for three years.

It was at this course, known as "Sandy Hill" that the first amateur championship of Canada was played, for a valuable silver challenge cup, presented by His Excellency, the Earl of Aberdeen, then Governor General of Canada. A tournament was arranged by the club to be held on the 5th, 6th and 7th of June, 1895, which included several events besides the championship. For the latter event there were but eight entries, and it was won by Mr. T. Harley, Kingston Golf Club, who thus had the honour of becoming the first amateur champion of the Dominion. The runner-up was Mr. A. Simpson of Ottawa.

It is a very interesting incident that this first championship year witnessed the longest season of golf ever recorded in Ottawa, viz.: April 6th to December 25th. A record kept by the club, covering a period of many years however, shows that the average golf season in the Capital is eight months—an average which will certainly surprise golfers in other cities, who had an idea that Ottawa's golfing days hardly extended the six months.

Many enjoyable matches were played on the old links. Here too, the first professional in Ottawa, Alfred Ricketts, an Englishman of considerable note in golfing circles, gave much careful attention to the course and did much to lay the excellent foundation of Ottawa golf. But the game was rapidly outgrowing its swaddling clothes, and an increased membership, and an increased demand for more elbow room, necessitated the giving up of the old links, fragrant with memories of many social games and matches and the introduction of many prominent men and women to the fascinating sport, which in later years was destined to sweep the continent. To-day some of the finest residences in Ottawa occupy the land which echoed of yore to the call of Fore! and on which the first golf championship of Canada was staged.

Messrs. A. B. Brodrick and R. C. Douglas were two of the members who had been casting round for another course and eventually hit upon a most admirable bit of territory on the Chelsea Road, a mile north of Hull. In the spring of 1896, the club under the presidency of Mr. A. Z. Palmer (who has done much for the game in Ottawa) took a lease of this ground, known as the Bingham property. A substantial stone farm dwelling on it was converted into a comfortable club-house. Three years later, the whole property, comprising the house and 108 acres of ground was purchased for about \$8,000. In this purchase the club was fortunate, and indeed must be said to owe much of its present prosperity to the enterprise and energy of the members who originally decided on the Chelsea road venture. For, partly of course by good luck, a discovery was subsequently made that the club territory contained the essential ingredients for the manufacture of first class cement, and as a result the club in 1903 received an offer from the International Portland Cement Co. of \$20,000 for its property—within four years after a price of \$8,000 had been paid.

The Chelsea links were a great improvement on those of Sandy Hill, still they only admitted of 12 holes, varying from 160 to 470 yards. Six of these holes were repeated in play to make a full round of 18 holes, totalling about 5,200 yards.

At these links the membership, both of ladies and gentlemen, was largely

increased, and in the home and home matches played annually with the Royal Montreal and Kingston Clubs, the Ottawa Club was well able to hold its own. The club was now affiliated with the Province of Quebec golf clubs—and was duly incorporated by the Provincial legislature.

The professional at the Chelsea links was J. Devine.

The presidents during the seven years at the Chelsea links, after Mr. Palmer, were Mr. Alex. Simpson, Lt.-Col. Irwin again, and Mr. G. H. Perley, (now Sir George Perley, Canadian High Commissioner, London.)

The discovery in 1903 that the rocks on the south of Chelsea links, and the clay on their northern side, were valuable for cement manufacture, lead, as already said, to a sale to the International Company, and the necessity of a move to new quarters. Here again club members had been active and far-seeing, and a splendid natural golf territory had been located on the Aylmer road, two miles west of the Chaudiere Falls. This belonged to the Moore estate, and under President George H. Perley and an energetic committee, an area



The very attractive first green of the Royal Ottawa. The finals at the amateur championship in 1911. The late lamented Mr. "Bert" Austin, one of Canada's most brilliant young golfers is putting; the late Dr. Anger (umpire) is holding the flag. To the right, Mr. George Hutton, who won the championship at the 39th hole.

of 115 acres was purchased, and a fine club-house built. The club now numbered about 300, including lady members.

The summer saw the completion of the new club-house, costing, including furnishing, \$25,000. The entire furnishing and equipment were for the requirements of a country club. The installation of a water plant, the erection of a caretaker's lodge, were also admirably carried out.

The draining, clearing and improvement of a full 18 hole course of 6,280 yards was also put through. The Royal Ottawa was now fully equipped as one of the leading clubs in the Dominion.

Then on October 20th, 1909, came a staggering set-back, in a fire which started in the locker house, a separate building and spread to the club house where it could not be checked owing to lack of water. Nothing was saved except a couple of thousand dollars worth of furniture.

With characteristic energy however, the directors of the club called a general meeting of the members the following day and immediately steps were taken to replace the building on even a more extensive and more ambitious

scale. Bonds were liberally subscribed for and on Saturday, December 3rd, 1910, the present dignified club house was formally opened, costing with furniture and equipment some \$70,000.

There are very few golf clubs on the continent that have a finer "home" than the members of the Royal Ottawa. The smoking, reception, reading and dining rooms are flooded with light, are most artistically furnished, and have a charm and comfort all their own, that leaves nothing to be desired. Upstairs the many bed-rooms are splendidly situated, whilst quite a feature of the club is the excellent locker rooms on the ground floor, where the shower baths and ventilation are also of the most up-to-date description.

The broad verandahs, the beautiful terrace overlooking the links where afternoon tea is a pure delight, and the general "atmosphere" of the whole club and its surroundings makes the Royal Ottawa a social centre worthy in every respect of the Capital of the Dominion, and a social centre it is both summer and winter, its club house and course graced by Governor-Generals, Statesmen and the leaders in the professions and the financial and business life of Canada, whilst the ladies are also very much in evidence, golf being the most popular game in Ottawa with them.

The Executive of the club under whom the new club house was built and who also gave much time and thought to the improvement of the course, was composed of the following well known residents of Ottawa: President, P. D. Ross; Vice-President, J. F. Orde, K.C.; Honorary Secretary, J. A. Jackson. Committee: C. E. Read, Dr. J. D. Courtney, Lt.-Col. A. L. Jarvis and J. A. D. Holbrook. The club house is a very lasting memorial to Mr. Ross and his co-directors and the members generally are under a deep debt of gratitude to this committee for giving them such a particularly well laid out and attractive building in every respect.

But after all, although a well appointed club house is a very great desideratum, the golfer demands more than anything else, a testing course and in this respect the Royal Ottawa is especially equipped.

Originally laid out by the well known golf architect, Tom Bendelow of Chicago, the links have of recent years been stiffened up a good deal, although in this respect they can still be further improved, by the placing in of additional traps and bunkers. The soil is sandy and dries rapidly after rain, whilst a particularly valuable asset is a brook which traverses the course and which is an admirable natural hazard.

In 1909 the increasing membership and strength of the club, and perhaps even more the desire to preserve a fine bit of woods on the north of the links, led to the purchase of 96 acres of land additional, making a total of 209 acres of club land.

The course has the excellent length of 6,270 yards—2,930 yards out; 3,340 yards in. The following is the card: No. 1, 480 yards; No. 2, 175; No. 3, 380; No. 4, 420; No. 5, 350; No. 6, 165; No. 7, 325; No. 8, 250; No. 9, 385. Total, 2,930 yards. No. 10, 320; No. 11, 105; No. 12, 150; No. 13, 430; No. 14, 455; No. 15, 515; No. 16, 485; No. 17, 350; No. 18, 530. Total, 3,340 yards.

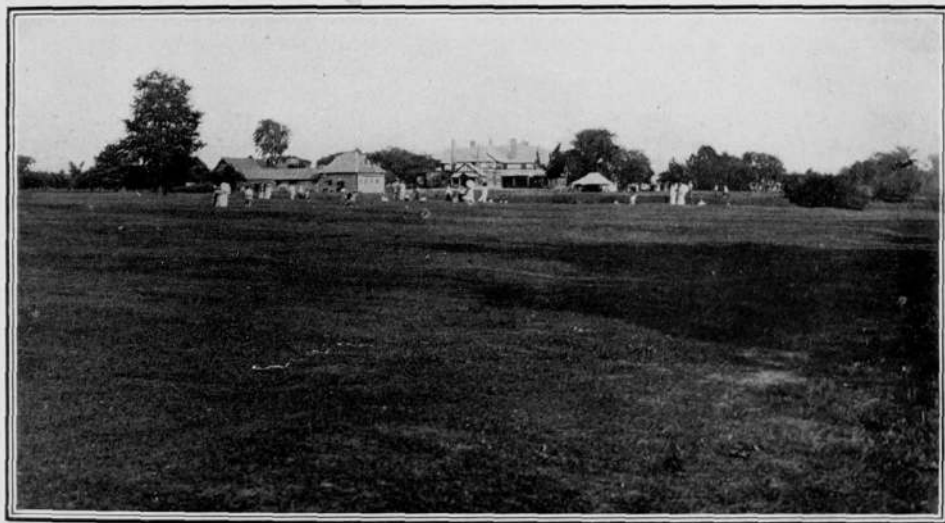
The card's par is 75—36 out and 39 in. Under the new system, this would be reduced to 34 out, 38 in, or 72—a figure which it would take perfect going to accomplish. The professional record of the course, by the way, is held by Karl Keffer, open champion, who has a 71 to his credit; the amateur by Mr. George S. Lyon, amateur champion, with a 73. Keffer, who is the club's pro, is now in khaki and recently left for overseas to do his bit.

It will be noticed that there are four one shot holes, nine two shot holes and five three shot holes. The latter make the course especially favourable to the long driver, notably in coming in the last five or six holes.

No. 1 is a particularly fine "get-a-way hole" with a well placed green. No outstanding trouble here, but a par 5 is well earned. No. 2 is an excellent one-shotter, followed by a capital two shot hole of 380 yards.

No. 4 is especially well trapped to the right and to secure a four, calls for the straightest kind of play. No. 6 is another clever one shot hole, with a formidable sand pit to be carried. No. 7 is a corking fine hole—one of the finest on the course and well merits a rather detailed description. The length is 325 yards. Drive must be straight on pin, bunkers or natural hazards to right and left. Second shot must be very straight for same reason, and in length neither a fraction over or under, the approach being made particularly ticklist by the fact that the green is just beyond a drop from the approach plateau. A ball played short stays on top of the ridge; a ball at all overplayed shoots over the ridge and the green into a ditch just beyond the green. There is nothing like a "sporting proposition" to end up the first nine and the Royal Ottawa has it in a dog-leg hole which is quite one of the features of the course. A sloping green round the bushes has to be negotiated and altogether a par 4 here is well earned. Fortunate the course that has a good "dog's-leg."

Coming in, No. 11 is a snappy little one shot hole. No. 14, 15 and 16 are



The Royal Ottawa Golf Course. Looking towards the 14th green and the 10th and 15th tees. Club-house in the distance. This view gives an excellent idea of the fine fair greens of the "The Royal."

three shot holes, all of a most diversified character however, which does away with the monotony that would otherwise distinguish three holes one after the other of a length of 455 to 515 yards. And then the 18th—one of the finest home holes in Canada. The length here is 530 yards, running through a capital fair green and ending up with a generous sized plateau green right at the club house—a green which requires a perfectly placed approach to hold on the 3rd and secure a par 5. More than once, championship honours have been shattered on the 18th at the Royal Ottawa. It provides a splendid test of high class golf.

Both fair green and green from the first hole to the last leave little to be desired. The course is a diversified one and possesses many "character" holes of great merit and altogether provides a capital test of high class golf, and at the same time is not so strenuous but that the ordinary player can thoroughly enjoy his round. Make no mistake about it however, anyone who breaks the "eighties" at the Royal Ottawa has to play golf—good golf.

In addition to the regular 18 holes, the ladies have a well balanced 9 hole course.

The club shares the honour with the Royal Montreal, Dixie, the Toronto Club, and Lambton of being recognized as championship links. The only time the premier event has been played on other than these four links was in 1896 when Quebec was the battle-ground. The Royal Ottawa, as previously noted, had the opening championship in 1895 and the last championship played before the war was also over its course, namely in 1914, when Mr. George Lyon defeated Mr. Brice S. Evans of Belmont, Mass., 9 and 8. In 1899 at Ottawa, Mr. Vere C. Brown, then playing for Rosedale, now of the St. Charles Country Club, Winnipeg, and a valued member of the Rules of Golf Committee of the R.C.G.A., was the winner, defeating Mr. Stewart Gillespie, of Quebec 5 up and 3. In 1906, Mr. George Lyon defeated Mr. Douglas Laird, Toronto, now also of the St. Charles, Winnipeg, 5 and 4 and in 1911, Mr. G. H. Hutton, of Montreal, won from the late Mr. A. E. Austin, of Lambton, on the 39th hole, after the closest match ever witnessed in a Canadian championship.

The meetings held at the Royal Ottawa have always been of a thoroughly enjoyable character and the participants have generally voted them amongst the best of the championship gatherings, the directors and members vying with one another in extending every courtesy and every hospitality to the visiting players.

The following members of the Royal Ottawa have filled the Presidential chair of the R.C.G.A.: 1899, Lt.-Col. D. T. Irwin; 1906, Sir George Perley; 1911, Mr. John F. Orde, K.C.; 1914, Mr. C. E. Read. Mr. A. Z. Palmer was Vice-President in 1900 and Mr. P. D. Ross in 1914, whilst the club contributed the R.C.G.A. Secretary-Treasurer in 1899, Mr. A. Z. Palmer; 1906, Mr. J. A. Jackson; 1911, Mr. N. C. Sparks and in 1914, Mr. Thomas Mackarell.

In the club house there are many trophies won by members but perhaps none that is so valued as the handsome Team Shield of the Royal Canadian Golf Association, which was carried off by the Royal Ottawa representative in 1914, the last time it was competed for. And the names of the winning team inscribed on the shield are: Gerald Lees, A. G. Fraser, H. C. Monk and Alan Palmer.

Gallant Captain Lees and gallant Lieutenant Fraser, both in their time, club champions, are among the dozen members of the ninety representatives of the Royal Ottawa, who having donned khaki, have paid the supreme sacrifice. Their two names are engraved upon the R.C.G.A. Team Trophy Shield hanging on the club house walls, but what is more, they are engraved upon the hearts of hundreds of the followers of golf throughout Ontario. No more loveable, clean cut golfers e'er teed a ball or swung a club.

The Royal Ottawa has always been fortunate in having the leading men of the city take a keen interest in the club and act upon its Board of Directors. Among its past Presidents (besides those mentioned previously in this article as conducting its affairs in the early days) have been Sir George Perley, Mr. E. J. Chamberlin, the Hon. A. G. Blair, Mr. A. B. Brodrick, Mr. P. D. Ross, Mr. John F. Orde, K.C., Mr. C. E. Read and Mr. J. A. Jackson.

The present occupant of the Presidential chair is Mr. A. E. Fripp, K.C., a leading lawyer of the Capital and one of Ottawa's representatives in the House of Commons. He is a worthy successor to many able predecessors. He is assisted by the following very strong Board of Directors: Vice-President, Lt.-Col. J. D. Courtenay, M.D.; Directors: J. F. Orde, K.C., Dr. J. W. Robertson, C.M.G., A. F. May, J. E. Macpherson and E. Linton.

The House Committee is composed of J. F. Orde, K.C., (chairman) and E. Linton. Green Committee: Dr. J. W. Robertson, C.M.G., (chairman), A. F. May, J. E. Macpherson. Handicap and Match Committee: A. E. Fripp, M.P., M. G. Powell and P. J. Baskerville. Captain, M. G. Powell. Vice-Captain, P. J. Baskerville.

Mr. E. M. Hurn is the very capable Secretary. He gives to the management of the house and the comfort of the members and guests, much intelligent

thought and consideration. He has been with the club many years and has proved quite invaluable.

The officers of the Ladies' Branch of the club are: President, Lady Egan; Vice-President, Mrs. J. S. Ewart. Committee— Mrs. P. J. Baskerville, Mrs. Alan Palmer, Mrs. C. E. Read, Miss Mary Davies. Honorary Secretary, Mrs. E. A. LeSueur; Captain, Miss L. McGee.

The club professionals at the Aylmer Road links have been in succession as follows: John Oke, who won the Canadian Championship in 1904; then G. Sargent, an even finer player, who had at one time the record for the links of 75, made June 10, 1908, and who subsequently, after leaving the Ottawa club, won the championship of America; then G. Burrow in 1909, and J. Blair in 1910 and for the past few years, Karl Keffer, twice open champion of Canada and one of the finest of our "home brews."

Well officered, well managed, with an ideal club house and course, the Royal Ottawa (the Royal Montreal is the only other club in Canada that has the honour of the Royal prefix) runs true to name. One of the premier clubs of Canada, it well deserves its premier position in Canadian Golfdom. The Royal and Ancient and its traditions has no more worthy representative to-day in the Dominion.

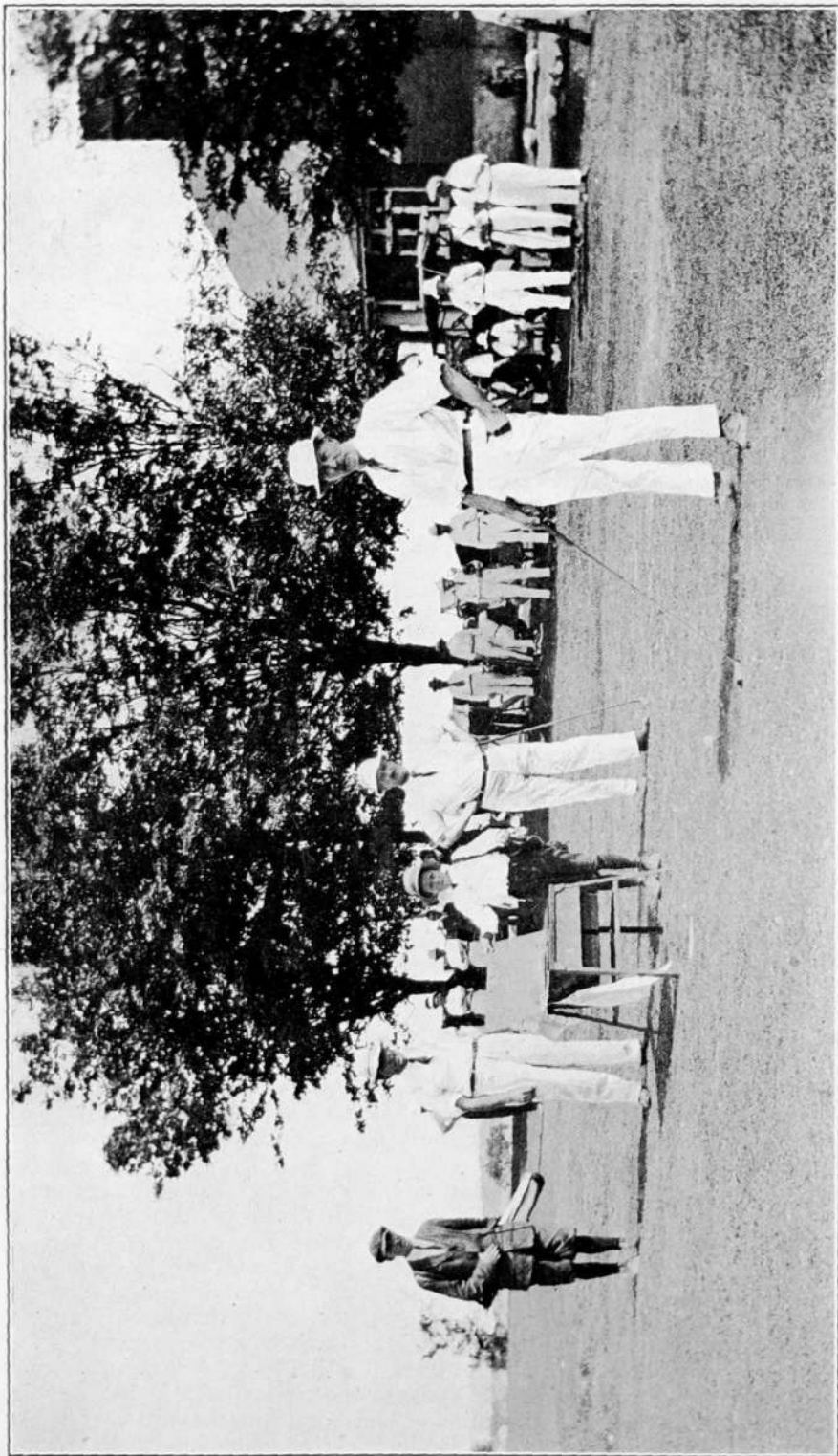
THE RIVERMEAD GOLF CLUB

Ottawa is unique in this respect. Not that a city of its size has two courses of championship calibre which it undoubtedly has, but that both links are within a few minutes distance of each other and one can almost play continuous 36 hole golf, of most diversified character. The Country club is also in this splendid sporting zone and as many residents of the Capital belong to all three clubs, their facilities for the enjoyment of the out-of-door life are unequalled and unexcelled on the continent.

Golf had developed into such a popular sport in Ottawa, that a decade or so ago it was generally conceded that to accommodate the budding aspirants for fame with club and ball, it was absolutely imperative to provide an additional links. And so in 1910 the Rivermead Golf Club came into being, and for several successful years now, has justified in every sense of the term, the aims and claims of its sponsors. A very virile club is Rivermead, with the most beautiful natural surroundings; with a turf mat through the fairway that leaves little to be desired and with generous greens, all over 30 yards square, that have a putting touch to them that is a joy and delight to the man who depends upon his short game. There is no excuse at Rivermead to take more than the regulation two on any of the greens. A good putter is never punished. All he has to do is to play firmly for the back of the hole and the greens will do the rest.

Added to a superb natural course with a view environment unsurpassed, a thoroughly "comfy" club house with up-to-date reception, dining and locker rooms and it will be easily understood why the "Rivermeaders" who are blessed with an enviable esprit-de-corps are so loyal to their colours and why the visitor is always anxious to pay a return visit to club house and course.

The members at first played over 9 holes, but on Dominion Day, 1915, the full eighteen were formally opened by a big match between teams captained respectively by the Honourable Martin Burrell, Minister of Agriculture, a keen golfer, and the President, Mr. J. A. Ruddick, the well known Dairy and Cold Storage Commissioner for the Dominion. And right here it may very well be mentioned that Rivermead is under a lasting debt of gratitude to the Commissioner for the very great interest he has taken in the affairs of the club. His



The Honourable Martin Burrell, Minister of Agriculture, preparing to drive off the first ball at the formal opening of the Rivermead Golf Club's eighteen hole course at Ottawa, July 1st, 1915. To the right of the Minister is Mr. J. A. Ruddick for several years President of Rivermead.

name will for all time be linked with that of Rivermead. For many years its President, it was with the greatest regret and reluctance that the members this year accepted his resignation of that office, owing to the great demand officially made upon his time during these anxious days of Food Production. As "Ruddick of Rivermead," he will always be known in golfing circles.

Another member of the club, in fact the founder thereof, who has done much to place it high on the golfing roster is Mr. Wm. Foran, Honorary Secretary of the club since its formation. Seven years of most valuable service is Mr. Foran's notable contribution to Rivermead. He is Secretary of the Civil Service Commission of Canada.

George Cumming, the Toronto golf architect, laid out Rivermead, and



Rivermead's Picturesque Club House

he is responsible for an exceedingly well balanced course of 5,935 yards—a course that when all the bunkers and traps called for in the plans are placed in, will be well worthy of championship recognition.

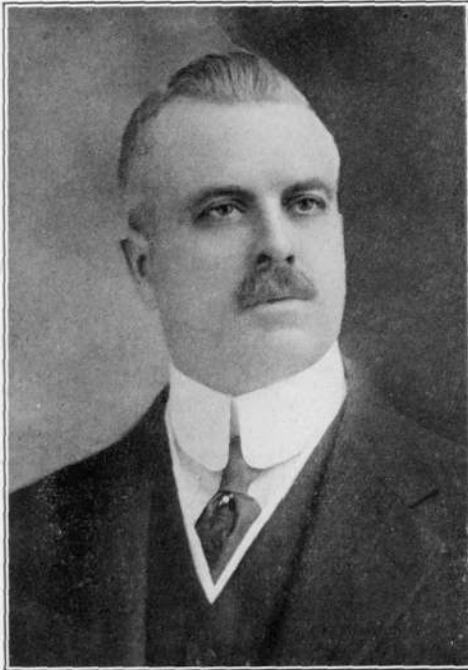
The holes and their distances are: No. 1, 380 yards; No. 2, 390 yards; No. 3, 245 yards; No. 4, 410 yards; No. 5, 300 yards; No. 6, 145 yards; No. 7, 320 yards; No. 8, 475 yards; No. 9, 235 yards. Total out, 2,900 yards. No. 10, 260 yards; No. 11, 510 yards; No. 12, 300 yards; No. 13, 420 yards; No. 14, 210 yards; No. 15, 125 yards; No. 16, 290 yards; No. 17, 530 yards; No. 18, 390 yards. Total in, 3,035 yards.

It is not the long walloper, so much as the man who keeps straight down the course, who has a chance to beat the eighties at Rivermead. The par is 34 going out and 36 coming in. Davie Black, the club pro has an uncanny 63 to his credit, but sometimes professionals are not human. The majority of players will find the bogey 84 very comfortable going indeed.

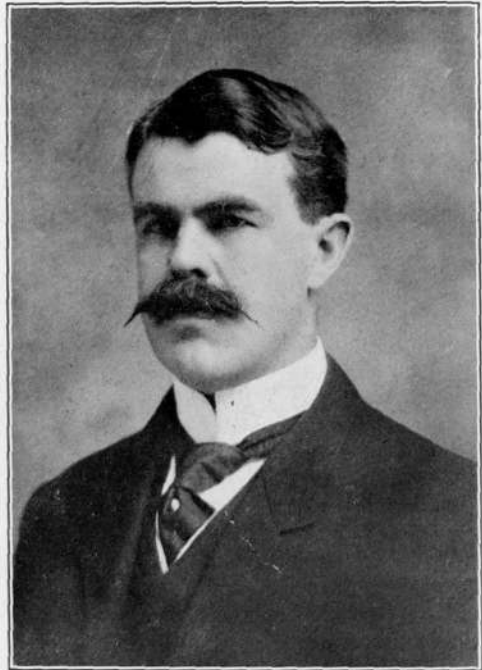
The second hole going out is 390 yards, with a tricky carry over roadbed and fences; No. 4 is a grand hole of 410 yards with a particularly well placed green; No. 6 is the first one shot hole to be encountered, and it is a beauty. It measures only 145 yards, but to reach the green a yawning young crater, thirty feet deep has to be carried. Bush and trees fringe the pit, leaving a

fifty foot opening to successfully negotiate the green. Nerve, plus skill, is required to get a 3 at this very sporting hole. The green at the 7th is a most attractive one, whilst No. 8 has a flat green on a high elevation, 475 yards from the tee—a very interesting hole, the longest encountered on the outward journey. The ninth, 235 yards, is chiefly notable as a graveyard for lost balls. A sliced ball here ends up in a veritable jungle. "Hew to the line" however, and it is quite a comforting long-short hole of 235 yards.

Coming home, a splendid 3 shot hole is negotiated in No. 11—510 yards. No. 13 is featured by an extremely well placed green, near the club house. No. 14 is a 210 yarder, guarded by stately elms, where the straight and narrow path has to be followed with exactitude. No. 15 is a sweet little pitch-shot hole through the trees, with a sloping green, which requires wrist work to hold



Mr. Wm. Foran, Founder and Honourary Secretary, 1910-1917, Rivermead Golf Club.



Mr. Harold Fisher, Mayor of Ottawa, and President of Rivermead Golf Club.

from the tee. No. 16 is only 290 yards, but well entitled to its par four. A very clever hole this, guarded by a fork in the creek and sentinel like trees. No. 17 is the long hole of the course—530 yards. On the left is a heavy wood; to the right, bushes and a creek catches the erring slicer. Altogether a very fine three shot hole indeed.

The course itself is a thoroughly interesting and attractive one whilst commanding views are to be obtained from many coigns of vantage. At various points along the three and a half mile route stretches of the Ontario shore and a full sweep of the Ottawa River are in focus. Standing on the teeing ground going to the seventh hole, or the long seventeenth, the view gathers a landscape reaching from Britannia to the Parliament Buildings. As a local writer has it: "Speeded up to his best form, there is a certain inspiration at almost every tee for the player to cut loose one of his best efforts. It's a sort of a world-is-mine sensation—when you're hitting them right."

Yes, "hitting them right" at Rivermead is a delight and leaves one with

the mouth sweet as the Italians say, but the duffer and dubber too, can get all sorts of enjoyment out of a round of this attractive course, framed in a superb setting of river and hill and dale—a landscape and waterscape rarely equalled, seldom surpassed.

Like its elder brother, the Royal Ottawa, Rivermead also went through its baptism of fire, the original club house being destroyed at the end of the first season. A very graceful and picturesque building is the new structure, as will be readily admitted by a glance at the accompanying photo.

Flower and vegetable gardens are a feature of Rivermead and altogether its members have a property of which they are proud and have every reason to be proud.

The club is ably officered for 1917 as follows:—Honorary President, J. S. Ewart, K.C.; President, Harold Fisher, Mayor of Ottawa; 1st Vice-President, Alex. Fleck; 2nd Vice-President, C. S. Smith; Honourary Secretary, William Foran; Honourary Treasurer, C. K. Lough; Chairman of House Com-



The beautiful 7th green, Rivermead Golf Club, Ottawa.



The sporting short 6th hole, Rivermead Golf Club, Ottawa.

mittee, J. N. Brownlee; Chairman of Green Committee, F. Jarman; Captain, Robert Gamble; Vice-Captain, J. M. Skead.

Ladies' Committee:—President, Mrs. Nelson Porter; Secretary, Mrs. John Bryson; Captain, Mrs. Frank Jarman; Vice-Captain, Miss Edith Brownlee; Handicap Committee, Miss Bertha Wallace and Mrs. J. E. Taggart; Social Committee, Mrs. (Judge) Gunn, Mrs. Alex. Fleck, Mrs. C. K. Lough, Mrs. O. B. Shortly and Miss Bradbury.

Mr. Ewart, K.C., the Honourary President of the club, was also its first President. He has always taken a very keen interest in golf and has done much for the game in Ottawa.

Rivermead is fortunate in having such an able successor to Mr. Ruddick in the Presidential chair, as Mr. Harold Fisher, Mayor of Ottawa and a member of the legal firm of Murphy, Fisher and Sherwood, of which the Honourable Charles Murphy, Secretary of State in the Laurier Cabinet is the senior member. His Worship finds time from his multitudinous professional and civic duties to "recreate at the game of gofff," and incidentally keep fit for the many important issues he is called upon to grapple with.

The first meeting to organize Rivermead was held in September, 1910. The first club house was formally opened by His Excellency, Earl Grey, on the 11th of June, 1911. Up to the present time the club house has not been kept open during the winter months, but, at the last annual meeting, the advisability of using the club during the winter months was referred to a committee for consideration. It is probable that a decision favourable to the winter

club idea will be reached and that the club will be kept open during the next winter.

You don't know your Canadian golf courses, if a visit to Ottawa has not been in your itinerary. The Capital has nothing to fear in a comparison with the links of the Dominion, East or West, North or South. She measures up, and measures up exceedingly well with the best of 'em. Traps and still more traps, are the only requirements of the Capital's courses twain. They have everything else in Royal and Ancient reason.

Radical New Rules

Western Golf Association's Legislation on Amateurism and the Szymie

Mr. Brice S. Evans

THE Western Golf Association, by its new ruling as to amateur eligibility has discarded the interpretation given by the U.S.G.A., and has declared Francis Ouimet as bona fide an amateur as any other golfer. Not only have they invited Mr. Ouimet to participate in the Western amateur championship, starting July 9th, but they have received Mr. Ouimet's acceptance.

Ever since the decision reached some time ago by the executive committee of the U.S.G.A. to debar Mr. Ouimet from amateur events and augmented by the refusal of that body to permit the Western Golf Association to hold their championship at Del Monte, the latter organization has been on the verge of a clash with the U.S.G.A.

The Western Golf Association is a most prominent factor in the national golfing world, its membership being larger than any other sectional organization, and includes in its handicap list a large number of low handicap men, including the present open and amateur champion, Chas Evans, Jr., and "Bob" Gardner.

When Mr. Ouimet first participated in a few invitation amateur events, held under the auspices of the Massachusetts Golf Association, by request of the club committees at a time shortly after official notice of his ineligibility, word was sent to the various clubs, to the effect that members participating in these competitions in the future, would render themselves liable to suspension, if the entrants included any of those named as ineligible by the U.S.G.A. So that none of their fellow golfers would suffer from this edict, Messrs. Ouimet, Sullivan and Tewksbury gracefully withdrew from all further competition.

Doubtless had the resolutions offered to expedite Mr. Ouimet's return to amateur standing, been offered in a different form last winter at the U.S.G.A. meeting in New York, he would have been re-instated, but the efforts were undertaken so crudely that the delegates had no other alternative than to vote the way that they did.

It will be interesting to note the action, if any to be taken by the U.S.G.A. against the members of the clubs that participate in the W.G.A. championship when Mr. Ouimet tees up for his first play under amateur auspices for some time. This time, however, he is backed solidly by a substantial body of clubs and men who have declared themselves so thoroughly against the amateur lines as defined by the U.S.G.A. as to draw up another entirely different set of eligibility rules claiming them to be more general and less liable to personal lines of interpretation.

The U.S.G.A. can openly do one of two things; either ignore the action taken by the W.G.A. on the grounds that the Western body is in no way affiliated with the parent association, and that what is done in a sectional championship has no value or bearing on the interpretation that they themselves placed on Mr. Ouimet's standing, or, they will have to state that all

the participants in the W.G.A. championship have affected their amateur standing, by playing, in strict defiance of the U.S.G.A. laws, against Mr. Ouimet. If they take the latter course it will doubtless mean a serious clash between the two organizations.

However there is still another manner by which the U.S.G.A. can eliminate all the strife that seems bound to occur, that is by holding a special meeting of the executive committee, and re-establishing Mr. Ouimet's standing previous to July 9th.

I can see no apparent permanent solution to that which is bound to be thrashed out so thoroughly, until the method of voting at the U.S.G.A. meetings is so arranged that each club affiliated with that organization is entitled to a vote equal to that of its brother. At present only 5% of the clubs belonging to the national body have recognized voting power.

It might be interesting to the readers of the "Canadian Golfer" to know that the President of the Massachusetts Golf Association stated to the writer not long ago that one of the officials who had given birth to the ruling and interpretation that included Mr. Ouimet among the "ineligibles," had since investigated the matter further and was now ready to aid in every possible manner to pave the way for his re-instatement.

The Western Golf Association has also taken one other decided step away from previous radical lines in the abolition of the stymie. This bugbear has been argued pro and con for a good many years, but nothing definite has been done up to the present time. The greatest element of luck in golf has always been the stymie in match play. It has been the means of winning and losing more matches than any one feature connected with the golfing world to-day, that there is a possibility of eliminating. Before the advent of the fast rubber cored ball and keen putting greens there was more of a possibility of circumventing it, but under the present conditions it is not only unfair and unjust but practically unplayable. How many golfers can conscientiously say that they can negotiate a 5 foot putt with their opponent's ball nestling in a direct line about six inches away from the cup? The number is few you will admit.

The ruling of the W.G.A. says that "the ball nearest the hole shall be played first, and the further one lifted upon request."

I believe that the ruling is yet far from sound. Let me cite an example: A and B are lying alike on a sloping green. A is about 15 feet from the hole, and B, eight. Under the new ruling B is obliged to putt first over the deceptive ground. B, who has made the better approach, is therefore obligated to show the "roll of the ground" to his opponent, A. B just misses his putt by miscalculating the slight roll off to the right and A takes advantage of it by playing farther to the left, holing his fifteen footer and winning the hole.

True A's putt was the better, but why give the player of the poorer approach the chance to survey the putt of his opponent when his approach did not entitle him to it? Instead of lifting the ball farther away and have the nearer one do the calculating, why not reverse matters and putt the ball farther away first, to show the way to the nearer one?

I am sure that under the latter conditions the ruling will be far more equitable, and prove to be the ultimate permanent solution of the stymie problem.



"A Deep
Student
of
the Game"

"Canadian Golfer's" Celebrities

Mr. John F. Orde, K.C., President of the Royal Canadian Golf Association, 1911-1912

THE Royal and Ancient game in Canada as elsewhere, has always attracted to its ranks of devotees, men prominent alike in the professions and the mercantile and financial walks of life.

Perhaps in no city in the Dominion is this fact more marked, more noticeable than in Ottawa. Upon the splendid links of the two clubs in the Capital, the leading residents are to be found during the season playing the "game of games" and playing it too, with great zest and with no mean ability as visiting players can testify.

And there is no more prominent golfer in Ottawa and Ontario, no one who has done more for the upbuilding of the game and the placing of it upon a sure and safe foundation than Mr. John F. Orde, K.C. He is recognized in many ways as one of the leaders of the Capital's golfing corps.

Mr. Orde was born in 1870 and is a grandson of the late Capt. Geo. F. Orde, a member of an old North of England family, who settled in the County of Peterborough, Ontario in the early part of last century. His mother was a daughter of His Honour Judge Hall, of Peterborough. He was called to the bar at Osgoode Hall, Toronto, when 21 years of age, and has since practised in Ottawa. He has had a very brilliant professional career and is to-day the senior member of the well

known Ottawa firm of Orde, Powell, Lyle and Snowden. He is counsel for several large corporations, including The Bank of Montreal, The Merchants Bank of Canada, The Royal Trust Company, The E. B. Eddy Co., (of which he is also a director) The Bronson Company, The Imperial Realty Company,

The Standard Life Assurance Company and The Canadian Bankers' Association.

In 1908 he was created a K.C. He is also a Knight of Grace of the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England.

Mr. Orde has not confined his activities by any means to his chosen profession (he is by the way Hon. Treasurer of the Canadian Bar Association) but has devoted much time and attention to many and varied interests. He was for instance from 1908 to 1912 Chairman of the License Board, Ottawa. The St. John Ambulance Association has always found in him a warm friend and

he is now on both its council and Executive Committee and is its Honorary Solicitor. He has given much time to the work of the Anti-Tuberculosis Association and the Children's Aid Society. He is a director of Ashbury College and was appointed by Earl Grey a life governor of the Victorian Order of Nurses for Canada.

He has also taken a particularly prominent part in Anglican Church matters and in Y. M. C. A. work. He was



Mr. J. F. Orde, K.C., Ottawa.

Honourary Lay Secretary of the Synod of the Diocese of Ottawa for nineteen years, 1896-1915, and now occupies the very honourable position of Chancellor of the Diocese. He is a member of both the General Synod of Canada and the Provincial Synod of Ontario and is recognized as one of the foremost laymen in the Anglican communion. He was for several years a Church Warden of Christ Church Cathedral, Ottawa.

Mr. Orde is a director of the Y. M. C. A., Ottawa, and filled the Presidential Chair in 1912-1913. He is the Honorary Secretary of the Ottawa Branch of the Canadian Patriotic Fund and was chairman of the Management Committee, which during the war has raised in Ottawa, \$1,500,000 for the fund.

Mr. Orde has not allowed these manifold activities to interfere with his support and enjoyment of clean, amateur sport. He believes thoroughly in fostering and catering to the physical as well as the mental.

He has found time to enjoy canoeing and fishing and billiards and best of all, he has found time to devote to golf. In fact, in the Ottawa District, the Royal and Ancient has in this very versatile King's Counsel, one of its most ardent and influential supporters.

For the year 1911-1912 he was the President of the Royal Canadian Golf Association, the highest honour that can be attained in Canadian Golfdom,

comparing with the position in Great Britain, of Captain of the Royal and Ancient of St. Andrews.

In 1907, 1911 and 1912 he was President of the Royal Ottawa and members of that ranking club one and all bear testimony to the splendid work he accomplished during his tenure of office. He still fortunately retains a keen interest in Ottawa's premier golf club and is at present Chairman of the House Committee. It was during Mr. Orde's presidency in 1912 that His Majesty, the King, honoured the Ottawa Golf Club by permitting the addition of the word "Royal" to it.

Mr. Orde's wife and three children all play golf. His eldest son (now Captain Reginald Orde, in command of the 67th University of Toronto Battery at Petewawa) enlisted as a gunner with the 1st Contingent, received a commission in the Royal Field Artillery, fought in France during 1915 and in Mesopotamia in 1916, was wounded in France and invalidated to India from Mesopotamia and thence home last autumn. Mr. Orde's youngest son is a cadet at the Royal Naval College, Halifax.

As long as golf attracts and continues to attract men of Mr. Orde's calibre, there need not be the slightest fear for the future of the game in the Dominion. It cannot help but occupy the paramount place in the amateur sporting life of the country.

A Hole in One From Rochester

ON Saturday, June 2nd, in a four-some at the Oak Hill Country Club at Rochester, N.Y., where so many Canadian golfers have often been hospitably entertained, Mr. George W. Robeson, at the 5th, a hole of 150 yards, with a beautiful jigger shot, bagged a "One-Shotter." His witnesses in crime were Mr. John Kavanagh, often a popular visitor to Canadian courses and Messrs. A. H. Swan and W. E. Dugan. And they have a perfectly appointed 19th hole too at Oak Hill, where the one-hole penalty can be liquidated in an adequate manner. Mr. Robeson is a

member of one of the best known golfing families in the State. The "Canadian Golfer" Hole-in-One-Competition does not extend to our Allies, but Oak Hill has been such a generous entertainer of Canadians and Mr. Robeson and his brother Irving, formerly an out-of-town member of Lambton, are such "Princes of good fellows" that the Editor is only too pleased to inflict upon Mr. Robeson a punishment to fit the crime and award him a year's subscription to this great family golfing journal.

Many Well Known Golfers

In the King's Birthday Honours

CANADIAN Golfdom figures largely in the King's honours, recently announced.

Upon J. W. Flavelle, Toronto, chairman of the Imperial Munitions Board, is bestowed the very high honour of a Baronetcy. Sir Joseph is the only Baronet in Ontario. He is a well known philanthropist and a leading layman in the Methodist Church. He has very large financial interests and one of the most beautiful homes in Toronto. The new Baronet is a member of the Lambton Golf Club.

The General Manager of the Bank of Commerce, now Sir John Aird, is a member of both the Toronto and Lambton Golf Clubs. He is one of the leading financiers of Canada.

Sir A. M. Nanton, the well known stock broker of Winnipeg and very prominent in financial circles in the West, is a member of the St. Charles Country Club and the Hunt Club, Winnipeg and plays golf on the courses of both these clubs.

Major General Sir Ivor Herbert is created a Baron. During his residence in Ottawa many years ago, he was an enthusiastic member of the Royal Ottawa Golf Club and one of the club's first Presidents, viz.: in 1892.

Another member of the Royal Ottawa to receive a well deserved Knighthood, is Sir George Burn, for many years the General manager of the Bank of Ottawa and a keen follower of the game. He

ranks as one of the Dominion's most brilliant bankers.

Among the D.S.O.'s is Major C. B. Lindsay of the Lambton Golf Club, who went overseas in May, 1915, as Captain of the 19th Battalion. In England he was offered, and accepted, the position of bombing officer of his battalion. In September, 1915, he went to Flanders, since which time he has been continuously at the front. There he was appointed O. C. of the Bombing School of his brigade, and later of the Bombing School of a division. Later he returned to his battalion, going with them to the Somme, where his battalion lost 17 officers. Shortly afterwards he was appointed Intelligence Officer on the Staff of the 4th Brigade, where he remained till appointed last month Staff Officer on the 3rd Division. In April he was advanced to the rank of Major. Speaking of the raid made by the Canadians on the 17th of January last, a raid described in the press as "the most brilliantly planned and executed of these operations, of which the Canadians are the inventors," a telegram sent by a commanding officer on January 18th said: "Success of yesterday's Canadian operations due to Lindsay's energy and resourcefulness." Major Lindsey is a son of George G. S. Lindsey, K.C. In November last he was married in London to Wanda Casmira, youngest daughter of Casimir Gzowski, Toronto.

Golf for Returned Soldiers

A Portion of the Bequest of the Late Captain Richardson, of Kingston, to be Devoted to Building Golf Course

It will be remembered that that sterling all-round athlete, Captain Richardson of Kingston, who was killed at the front left a large sum of money to be devoted to the men of his command. His sister, Miss Richardson, is faithfully administering the trust and has purchased a fine island property near Kingston where shell shocked and wounded soldiers to the number of 50 or 80 are being looked after. Miss

Richardson conceived the idea that golf would be especially efficacious for these returned heroes and this season, Mr. D. W. Baxter, Secretary of the Rosedale Golf Club, at her request, went to Kingston and laid out a six hole course. Mr. Baxter has also been instrumental in securing a large number of old clubs and balls for the men. Such actions as these are beyond all praise.

Another Golfing Champion

Enters the Great War Game in Europe

CANADA is represented overseas by some of her best known golfers and the latest addition to the fighting ranks is Captain Alec Wilson, of Kitchener's Own, who last April left for England, preparatory to going over to France. He was on the Lapland, which was torpedoed, but fortunately was able to limp into port.

Captain Wilson started playing golf when still at school and has therefore that nice easy style that seems to come to only those who start early in life. He had too the exceptional advantage of playing a great deal with his father, Mr. Andrew Wilson, the well known stock broker and a former President of the Montreal Stock Exchange, than whom there are few steadier players in the Montreal district.

Captain Wilson, who is 29 years of age, holds with Mr. G. H. Turpin (ex-amateur champion) the amateur record for the Royal Montreal, viz.: 71—a very fine record indeed. He has won the scratch medal at Dixie and many other trophies, but his most notable accomplishment was the annexing of the amateur championship of Canada in 1908, when he defeated so formidable an opponent as Mr. Fritz Martin of Hamilton, amateur champion 1902 and 1910, in the finals at Dixie, by one up, after a thoroughly interesting match and after playing exceptionally consistent golf throughout the championship.

Capt. Wilson married Miss Alice Thompson of Montreal, two years ago.

A sterling golfer in every sense of the word; fairest and most delightful of companions on the links, host of golfers throughout Canada will wish the ex-amateur champion all kinds of luck in the great game of all and a safe return to loved ones and friends.

Midland to Play Golf

This golf club vogue is getting quite epidemic this year. New clubs at Kingston, Edmonton and Copper Cliff and now not to be outdone along comes Midland, the progressive Georgian Bay town, noted for its superb harbour and shipping facilities generally.

A couple of weeks ago, Nicol Thompson, the Hamilton expert, laid out an attractive 9 hole course there and he reports excellent possibilities for a first class links.

Mr. James Playfair and other prominent people are back of the venture which assures it of success. Some one hundred members have already been secured.

Midland plus Penetang and a big tourist travel, should be able to make the new course a distinct "go" from the start. It is certainly a great tribute to the popularity of golf that notwithstanding these war days the game is finding new converts throughout the Dominion by the hundred. The reason undoubtedly is that men and women alike find it absolutely necessary to go in for some form of recreation and golf supplies the ideal means in that respect.



Capt. Alec Wilson, ex-amateur champion, with "Kitchener's Own."

News from Great Britain

Interesting Items of the Royal and Ancient
from Overseas

THAT golf is a prolonger of life is very well exemplified by the longevity of the open champions. The recent death of Bob Martin, recalls the fact that with the exception of Old Tom Morris and Jamie Anderson, the ranks of the old timers are still intact. "Play golf and live," is a well proved axiom.

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Word comes from Nice that the course there is in tip top shape and many invalided officers are playing it. The game too is becoming very popular with the French soldiers. Next season it is thought will be the best in the history of the club.

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The exhibition match season has opened under most favourable circumstances. In a match in aid of the Lord Kitchener Fund over the well known Sidecup course, James Braid partnered with J. H. Taylor, opposed Harry Vardon and Edward Ray. Each of the four famous professionals displayed brilliant golf in the two rounds which were played, but Braid's performance in the morning round was the outstanding feature of the day, the 5,829 yard course being covered by him in 69 strokes. The five times open champion never played better golf during his whole distinguished career. He and his partner won the match easily. A good sum was realised for the fund. Braid has certainly started the season under most favourable circumstances.

It was with general regret that golfers heard of the death recently in a Kent Hospital, of Private David Watt, the holder of the Scottish Professional Championship and probably the finest left handed golfer in the world. Watt had been wounded in the leg and died after the limb had been amputated. He was born in Dunbar in 1885 and was

therefore 32 years of age. He won the Scottish Championship in 1911 and was runner-up in 1912. He held the record for Mertonhall, with a 64 and had done the 12th hole on that course in one stroke. He was a very fine player and a good teacher and his death will be mourned by golfers generally in Scotland.

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Another fine golfer to "pay the price" is Second Lieut. F. C. Carr of Birmingham. He was first reported missing, but is now reported dead. Joining the British section of the French Red Cross in the



The World's greatest left handed player, Pte. David P. Watt, Scottish Professional, who has made the supreme sacrifice.

early days of the war, Carr was at Verdun throughout the German offensive in that region. On returning to England he received a commission in the Machine Gun Section. A prominent international golfer, he has represented the Handsworth Club in many Midland Challenge Cup competitions, and reached the fourth round of the 1913 amateur championship. On eight out of the nine occasions on which Handsworth won the Midland Challenge Cup Mr. Carr was a member of the team. He

won many silver medals in the same competition, and in 1906 tied with Mr. Edward Blackwell for the gold medal, but was beaten on the replay. In 1911 he played in the Coronation Foursomes against Scotland. Mr. Carr was also a member of Little Aston and Royal St. David's.



Lieut. "Pat" Jenkins too, brother of Lieut. "Larry" Jenkins, the amateur champion, is reported killed by a shell. Just before he passed out he was gaily singing the "Auld Scotch songs." He came of a great golfing family—a father, five sons and daughter all prominent on the links.

Pte Harry Burgess, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, who has been killed in action, was professional to the Bramhall Golf Club, Cheshire. Another professional golfer, Pte. Walter S. Hill, of the Royal Scots, who before enlisting was attached to the Menaggio Club, in the Italian Lake district, has been wounded.



Capt. George V. M. Boyd, who is among the many notable golfers who have nobly "paid the price," was a very fine player indeed. He was a member of the Royal and Ancient, Troon and Prestwick. In 1912 he was the winner of the South of Ireland championship. He was 37 years of age. Capt. Boyd was very popular both on and off the links and his death is a distinct loss to championship golf.

Mr. Harry Leach, the well known golf writer, in the "Sporting and Dramatic," has the following in reference to the influence of America on golf:—"The great future of golf is assured by the American entry into the war as it could have been by no other means. Immediately after peace is made such a keen, bustling, intense era of international golf will set in as we could never have imagined before. Almost of a certainty the laws of the game will be affected by it, and the laws of golf will be changed for its accommodation. Already cabled messages have been received by golfers here from golfers in New York and Chicago expressing their gladness at the new alliance. America has inherited the English love for sport, and particularly she has experienced this passion for golf as no other nation but ourselves has done. Our friends of France, again, are next in order, the first of non-English speaking people to take keenly to the game. An




Capt. G. M. Boyd, ex-Irish Open Champion.

international competition, team or otherwise, open only to the countries of the Allies might be called the Tournament of the Allies. The idea is as great as it is simple. The queer old question of the stymie, upon which we and America so much differ, the Americans hating the thing, and wishing it dead, will quite likely be settled as the result of America coming into the war."



The following golfing anecdote of Great Britain's Foreign Secretary, is



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going the rounds of the links here. "Once, Mr. Balfour having driven the ball into a clump of long grass, asked his caddie's advice, and followed it with good results. "Ah, sir," said the boy, regretfully, "if I'd your strength and ye'd ma brains, what a capital pair for a foursome we should mak'!"

The "Passing Show" has a cartoon depicting the Kaiser and Lloyd George "on the last green," the Kaiser's "Bluff Electoral Reform" ball being stymied by L.G.'s "Men, money, and munitions."

Jack Morris, professional to the Royal Liverpool Club, Hoylake, has received official word of the death of his son, Corp. J. P. Morris, of the Bidston Golf Club.

The death is announced at St. Andrews, of Major-General Stuart James, C.B., R.A., Secretary of the Royal Artillery Golf Club and a keen golfer.

A large number of prominent British women golfers are driving ambulances in France, among others, the internationalists: Miss Chambers and Miss Barry. The former has on more than one occasion worked for 24 hours at a stretch, attending to wounded soldiers.

Among the famous golfers recently reported among the fatalities in France is Arthur G. Gray, formerly professional of the Port Elizabeth Golf Club and open champion of South Africa. He died of wounds received at the Somme. He was a very fine golfer indeed.

Royal Portrush had a most successful opening at Easter. A foursome bogey competition was held with a large entry. A ladies' foursome competition also brought out a large field.

The Clontarf Golf Club has contributed £200 to war charities. Derbyshire Golf Club has sent 100,000 cigarettes to the boys at the Front.

News from New England

Wonderful Driving by Messrs. Guilford, Brady, and Tellier.
Special Correspondence, Mr. Brice S. Evans.

Acting through a practically unanimous vote of the executive committee, the Massachusetts Golf Association has decided to omit, for this year at least, any open or amateur championships for their organization. The reason for

this since the advent of the United States into the war has become apparent, as many of the scratch players have enlisted and others are filling positions that eliminate them from any chance at practice or the playing in any championship events. However the golfing spirit is predominant in the majority of the clubs, not only from the standpoint of the sport, but because of the physical and mental benefit obtained. The M. G. A. then wisely adopted and confirmed the question that was uppermost in many of the golfers' minds: "Whether or not the schedule of the previous years in playing open events throughout the golfing season would be continued for 1917?" Instead of the winners of these events

displaying sundry articles of silverware upon their mantelpieces as has been the custom hithertofore, they will more proudly point to certificates denoting their supremacy in the event. For among the majority of clubs it has been their vote to do away with the medals and plate and turn over the monies accumulated from the entry fees to the American war fund, either in the shape

of donating to the Red Cross service or to some special military organization to further their efficiency. This idea has not only been confined to open events, but has enlarged itself in many of the various club handicaps and the result is certain that the greater the effort that Massachusetts takes in golf this year, so much more will the funds of various organizations, all devoted to one cause, grow.

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The three day open event held at the links of the Woodland Golf Club attracted over ninety starters, the prize for the best gross being a tie at 81 between Paul Tewksbury of the home club and L. B. Paton of Homestead. The feature of the first round of match play was the elimination of the State Champion, Jesse Guilford, by "Pipe" Follett of Scarborough, in a 19 hole match. Follett was put out of play by Paton in the second round and the latter succumbed to the ultimate winner, Fred J. Wright of Albemarle; the schoolboy champion, who in turn defeated C. W. Broecker of New York in the final match.

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More than \$500.00 was realized for the American Ambulance fund on Saturday, May 19th, at the Brae Burn C. C., when the leading amateur team in the state took into camp the two



Mr. Ouimet starts the season brilliantly.

premier professionals before a gallery of 1,500 enthusiasts, in a 36 hole match. Francis Ouimet and Jesse Guilford were paired in a four ball match, against M. J. Brady, the Massachusetts open champion, and Louis Tellier of the Brookline Country Club. The course was in excellent condition and the event took place on one of the few fine golfing days that this spring has produced.

The play was remarkable throughout with the possible exception of the putting, which was only mediocre due possibly to the irregularities on account of such a late spring. Brady was attacked with cramps on the 13th hole in the afternoon play, which doubtless affected his game from that period on, but this should not take any credit away from the amateurs fine play as they were three up at that time. The driving indeed was interesting to follow as Brady, Ouimet and Guilford are rated as three of the longest drivers in the country to-day and Tellier gets a prodigious ball considering his size. The honours went to Ouimet, whose drives

averaged a few yards further than the others. At the end of the morning's play, the professionals, who were the favorites, were leading by one up. Ouimet increased in steadiness in the afternoon, and the final result was a victory for the Guilford-Ouimet team by four up and three to play. The ability of the amateur players to hold their older opponents having been as-

sured, and the eagerness of the professionals to wipe out this set back will in all probability result in another match between the same four at a later date. To point out an example of the length of the tee shots of the four players, I will cite the 17th hole of the afternoon play. This hole is 225 yards long, slightly downhill, but with little or no roll, owing to the soggi-

ness of the turf. Ouimet used a cleek and landed on the green and ended up about 20 feet from the hole, Guilford with a spoon was on about 20 feet away, Brady with a spoon was on the near edge, and Tellier with his wood rolled into a sand trap guarding the side of the green within 25 feet of the pin. The cards follow: Ouimet and Guilford, Out, 4,4,4, 5,6,3, 4,3,5-38 and Brady and Tellier, Out 4,4,4, 4,6,5, 4,3,4-38. Ouimet and Guilford, In, 5,4,4, 3,5,4, 5,3,4, -37. Total 75. Brady and Tellier, In, 5,5,4, 4,4,4, 4,3,4-37. Total 75.

Afternoon: Ouimet and Guilford, Out, 4,3,4, 4,6,3, 4,3,4,-35. Brady and Tellier, Out, 4,5,5, 4,5,4, 5,3,4, -39. Ouimet and Guilford, In, 5,4,4, 3,6,4, 4,3,4-37-72+75=147. Brady and Tellier, In, 5,5,4, 4,5,5, 4,3,4,-39-78+75=153.

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The three day tournaments held under the auspices of the Massachusetts Golf Association, have so far been in the nature of a close corporation. L. B. Paton, of Homestead after having won



Mr. J. Guilford, State Champion, is put out the first round.

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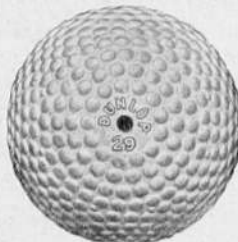
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the best gross score in the qualifying round at Woodland, repeated his medal play superiority at the recent Oakley tournament. The chief honours in the match play events in both competitions have been taken by F. J. Wright, jr., of the Albemarle Club. Mr. Wright is playing better golf than ever before and with his added experience he should provide the sensation for this year's tournament events. A feature of the match play at Oakley was the uphill fight that Mr. Wright made in the semi-final match after being 5 down at the end of the first seven holes to W. F. Hunt, of Oakley, the schoolboy finally emerging victor by 2 up.

Playing as an amateur in competition for the first time since 1915, Francis Ouimet won the open tournament held at the Belmont Springs C. C. on Memorial Day. The play was for 36 holes medal play and the majority of leading amateurs in the state, entered for the event. Mr. Ouimet is now playing better golf than at any time in his career, his driving being far and straight and some of his irons border on the uncanny. The results of the first 5 gross scores follow:

Francis Ouimet, Woodland	76	74	150
Jesse Guilford, Woodland	79	78	157
Chas. Skehans, Woodland	81	84	165
B. S. Evans, Wenham	80	86	166
F. J. Wright, jr, Albemarle	79	78	168

Snappy Shots From Lakeview, Toronto

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Membership:—We have admitted fifty-eight new members to the "Roll of Royal and Ancient followers."

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The bunkering of the course will be taken care of by the members to a large extent.

Annual Match:—On Victoria Day the annual President vs. Vice-President Match took place and resulted in a victory for the Vice-President by 5 points. There were forty entries which speaks for itself as being a very popular event.

The Red Cross:—The Captain, Mr. E. G. Thedford, has completed arrangements whereby a number of special competitions will be played off by the members for the benefit of the Red Cross.

Ladies' Competition:—The lady members held their annual Opening Day, on Thursday, June 7th. There was a very large turn out of the ladies. Miss Snell gave a tea after a very enjoyable afternoon on the links. The following were the results of the competition:—1st Driving, Mrs. Goodearle; 2nd Driving, Mrs. Forsyth. Longest Drive, Miss B. Boland, 175 yards. Approaching and Putting, Mrs. Goodearle.

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A despatch from New York, June 12th, says: "Billy Sunday can beat the devil at any game he plays, but he can't beat John D. Rockefeller, sen., playing golf. The 53 year old evangelist, and the 78 year old Standard Oil billionaire, crossed clubs on the links at Pocantico

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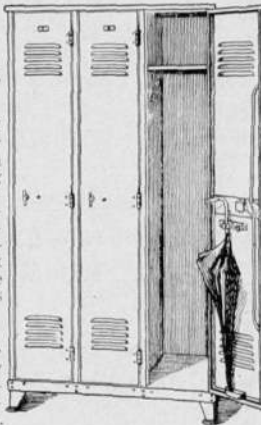
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Ladies' Golf Department

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LADY Lyman Melvin-Jones, who last month was called upon to mourn the loss of her distinguished husband, Senator Lyman Melvin-Jones, has resigned the Presidency of the Ladies' Golf Club of the Toronto Hunt, much to the regret of the members.

Special Competition for Madge Neill Fraser Memorial Fund (Ambulance)

The Hon. Secretary of the Canadian Ladies' Golf Union will personally donate a silver spoon to every Canadian Ladies' Golf Club that guarantees to raise ten dollars (\$10) or more by twenty-five cent entrance fees for three competitions (handicap) against C. L. G. U. Par, between July 1st and October 31st (inclusive) 1917. Each competition is to be under the C. L. G. U., handicaps in force at date of play. The two best NETT results to determine the winner.

In the case of any Canada Ladies' Club not at present a member of the Canadian Ladies' Golf Union, will the Secretary kindly furnish the following information:—Length of yards for each hole, condition of fair green, whether greens are large or small, good or rough. A par according to the requirements of the C. L. G. U. will then be made and forwarded. The ruling of the club committee re handicaps will be accepted in such cases.

The decision of the C. L. G. U. in regard to any disputes must be accepted.

At the close of the competition proceeds and names of winners must be mailed to the Hon. Sec. C. L. G. U., not later than Nov. 10th. Results will appear in the December issue of the "Canadian Golfer,"—winner and the amount from each club.

On receipt of the printed application form and signed guarantee the spoon will be forwarded to the club. Any club wishing more than one spoon may obtain extra application blank by writing for it, but the guarantee of "\$10

or more" MUST be furnished for EACH spoon.

Proceeds will be used to wipe out the balance of \$210.05 advanced on purchase money for the Motor Lorry Ambulance given to Dr. Elsie Inglis' unit of the Scottish Woman's Hospitals for Foreign Service. All money received over and above this amount will be turned over to the maintenance fund contributed by the clubs.

Application for Madge Neill Fraser.. Golfers' Memorial Fund Spoon.

The Ladies' Branch of the the
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hereby applies for one of the above designated spoons, to be won by the two best results of three handicap competitions against the Canadian Ladies' Golf Union par of the course, each competitor for each competition to pay twenty-five cents entrance fee. The club agrees to observe the conditions of the competition, and guarantees that the total proceeds of the three events shall amount to ten dollars (\$10) and that any proceeds exceeding this amount will also be forwarded to Miss F. L. Harvey, Hon. Sec. C. L. G. U., 40 Robinson St., Hamilton, Ontario, not later than November 10th, 1917.

Signed on behalf of the above mentioned club,

..... President.
..... Secretary.
Secretary's address is:

Madge Neill Fraser Fund

Total donations to ambulance purchase money to date, previously acknowledged from Mr. and Mrs. Gray, England, one hundred pounds, lectures on Serbia \$162.40, sale of "White Road to Verdun" \$131.20, from friends in the United States \$57, from Hamilton \$58.25.

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Maintenance money from golf clubs previously acknowledged, \$1,555.50. During June, Hamilton Golf Club, \$30; Hamilton Ladies Golf Club, \$69.55. Total to date \$1,655.05.

The Hamilton Serbian Relief Committee on June 7th voted \$4,000.00 to maintain the sixteen beds adopted by them last November, for another year, making \$6,000 given by them in memory of Madge Neill Fraser. These beds are in the Serbian Refugee Hospital of the Scottish Women's Hospitals at Ajaccio, Corsica. The ward is called the "Hamilton, Canada Ward, in memory of Madge Neill Fraser."

Hamilton Ladies' Golf Club

The prize for the monthly medal round for May, donated by Mrs. Climie, was won by Miss Alice Balfour, whose fine score over the Ladies' course of 95-34=61 reduced her C. L. G. U. handicap to 29.

This new nine hole course is excellent for golf; C. L. G. U. par is 66, but it is by no means an easy course. The longest hole is the 7th, 310 yards, but there are plenty of opportunities to run up a score much higher than desired. I trust to give a full description of it in the "Canadian Golfer" very shortly.

Picton Ladies' Golf Club

The following are the officers of the very enterprising Picton Ladies' Golf Club, for 1917:

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Opening Tea at Paris Links

On Wednesday afternoon, June 13th, the opening tea of the Paris Golf Club was held and was a pronounced success. The pretty links under ideal weather conditions, were crowded with members and their friends and the scene at the tea hour was a very gay one. Mrs. A. J. Sinclair, the President and her committee were the hostesses and were hospitality personified. Putting and approaching contests were much enjoyed during the afternoon. There are no prettier links in Ontario than those of Paris. The turf is wonderfully good and a very attractive course of some 2,600 yards, calls for careful play to secure par figures. The view from the upper end of the links is a most picturesque one. Paris is doing its full share to keep alive the interest in the Royal and Ancient these strenuous war times and is deserving of every praise in this respect. Both ladies and men are very active in war work and patriotic work, but recognize that to be "fit" the physical must not be neglected.

Death of Mr. Burroughes

The death is announced in Toronto, from heart trouble, of Mr. F. C. Burroughes, President of the F. C. Burroughes Furniture Co. He had been in ill health for some time, having taken a trip to California last winter to recover. He was sixty-two years of age. Mr. Burroughes was born at Attenborough, England, and came to Canada when a young man, going into the fur-

niture business on Queen Street, and at the time of his death he was head of one of the largest furniture trades in the country. He was a well known member of the Mississauga Golf Club. He is survived by his widow, one son, Mr. B. C. Burroughes, in the business, and one son, Capt. R. F. Burroughes, overseas, to whom the sympathy of golfers will be extended.

In and Round the Club House

Interesting Happenings in Canada, Great Britain
and United States

The members of the Royal Montreal Golf Club are again this season contributing \$1 each as an entrance fee for all club competitions. A number of these events have already been played. Last year a large sum was realised in this manner for Her Royal Highness, the Duchess of Connaught's Prisoners of War Fund, Red Cross Fund, Queen Mary's Needlework Guild, Khaki League and "Gazette" Tobacco Fund. This example of the premier golf club of the Dominion can well be followed by every club in Canada. No competition should be held on any links without an entrance fee for patriotic purposes.

Among the recent casualties at the front was that of Lieut. J. Blain Gourlay, a well known and very popular member of the Waterloo Golf and Country Club, Galt. Lieut. Gourlay was seriously wounded in the face, chest and leg.

The "Canadian Golfer" is off to an excellent subscription start on its third round. To show the diversity of the field covered by the magazine, on one mail (June 4th) new subscriptions were received from the following places:—Halifax, N.S., Vancouver, B.C., St. Andrews, N.B., Chicago, Ill., and London, England.

Referring to the Chicago golf clubs laudable scheme to raise funds for the Red Cross by taxing players 10 cents for every round played, the "Winnipeg

Saturday Post" say:—"There are eight golf clubs in Winnipeg with an aggregate of over 1,000 active players. If Winnipeggers would follow the example of Chicagoans, a tidy amount could be realized for war funds. Will some golf leader get busy at once and attempt to have the above scheme adopted by local clubs. It seems to me that the plan would be welcomed by the many players in the city, if once started."

Chicago Clubs Give \$1,000 Weekly to Red Cross

Members of the twenty-eight golf clubs affiliated with the Chicago District Golf Association have been asked for a voluntary contribution of ten cents to the American Red Cross for each eighteen holes played during the season.

Under the plans announced by the Board of Directors of the association each player will have the ten cents charged against him on his house account, and all sums collected will be remitted by the club Treasurers monthly to the Red Cross. The total receipts from the plan are expected to exceed \$1,000 weekly.

noon, and in the evening the members of the club were entertained to high tea and dancing at the invitation of the directors. The Grand River has one of the prettiest 9 hole courses and club houses in Ontario and the Royal and Ancient game has no keener followers than the residents of Waterloo and Kitchener. A successful season is assured.

Capt. W. G. Bartlet, Windsor, of the Essex Golf and Country Club, has gone overseas with the 241st battalion as adjutant—a position he is eminently qualified to fill.

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Secretaries of golf clubs are cordially invited to send into the Editor, reports of competitions, matches and handicaps. Such news is always read with interest by golfers throughout the Dominion.



The Waterloo Chapter, I. O. D. E., of Galt, held a garden party at the Golf Club on Thursday, June 21st. High tea was served, followed by a bridge in the evening. There was large attendance, including a number of out of town golf clubs.



The Brant Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire gave a most successful "Day in the Country" at the Brantford Golf and Country Club, on Saturday, June 9th. Several hundred participated, and a sum of over \$500 was raised for Soldiers' Comforts. A feature of the afternoon was the entertainment of a large number of returned soldiers, who were motored to the links and given a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.

Walter Devereux, formerly of the Calgary St. Andrews Golf Club, is among the Canadian pros "Somewhere in France" and is doing his bit as successfully there as on the Western links in the happy pre-war days.



Mr. J. C. C. Davidson, Secretary of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, writing from the Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, states that the Chancellor, Mr. Bonar Law, was very much interested in reading the article in the "Canadian Golfer" last April on "The Raising of Five Billion Dollars."



Very interesting four ball matches were recently played in Hamilton between the Lyons—pater et filius—and Messrs. Fritz Martin and A. A. Adams. The amateur champion had three scores under the 80's whilst Mr. Martin had a capital 76 and 77. On the three matches Mr. Lyon and his son, Seymour, who is playing very steady golf, were one hole up, although the Hamilton players won 2 out of the 3 18 hole events.

The "Canadian Golfer" on Saturday, June 9th, had the very great pleasure of playing in a putting competition at the Brantford Golf and Country Club, with Mr. J. Y. Morton, who on that day celebrated the 82nd anniversary of his birth. The "Canadian Golfer" gave the "Commodore" a stroke a hole and incidentally was beaten 8 up and 7, the "Grand old Man" of Canadian golf doing the very difficult 18 hole putting course in one over 2's, or a total of 37 to his opponent's 33, the latter total winning the gross prize. He had three holes in one in the round. Mr. Morton who was born in Montreal, has played golf in Canada since 1873. The "Canadian Golfer" is inclined to think that he holds the proud record for active participation in the game in the Dominion.



John M. Peacock, the popular pro of the Algonquin Club, St. Andrews, N.B., who has recently returned from spending the season at Pinehurst, N.C., writes the Editor:— "Our course is in splendid shape this season and our new grass tees will make a great improvement. No. 6 green has been levelled and seeded

and will now be able to hold a pitch up shot." The "Canadian Golfer" can bear testimony to the fact that the Algonquin course is one of the finest on the continent. The only drawbacks heretofore have been the clay tees and the green at No. 6, which was a "run-a-way" green of the worst description. These faults have now been done away with and the hundreds of golfers who will be at St. Andrews this season from all parts of the United States and Canada will enjoy golf on a regular championship golf course. Happy the golfer who has the St. Andrews course for an objective this season.

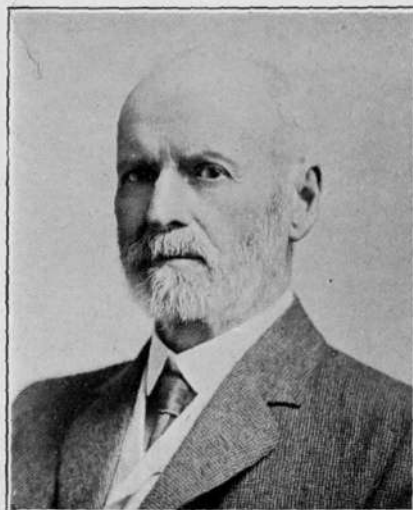
It was the intention to open the splendid municipal 18 hole golf course at Kildonan Park, Winnipeg this summer, but owing to the backward season and the difficulty in securing sufficient labor, it is feared that it may be next season before Winnipeggers will have the great boon of playing public golf. The Park Board Commissioners are wise in not opening the links until there is a good growth of grass on green and fair green.



"What did he approve of in the line of amusements?" Billy Sunday was asked. "Well, first, baseball. Next, golf—that's a corking game, I'm for it!" Again, lawn tennis—although that's pretty sissified for me." Crokinole and checkers, Bill thought, also are amiable pastimes.



The ladies of the Hunt Club, Toronto, recently entertained a number of returned soldiers. In Great Britain golf club houses and courses are everywhere placed at the disposal of officers and men on leave and convalescing. In Canada this example could be followed to great advantage. Every golf club should be at the



Mr. J. Y. Morton, who on his 82nd birthday, in an 18 hole putting competition, made a score of 37.

disposal of the men who have been fighting for Empire and Liberty and who would greatly appreciate a day on the links or a few hours on the club verandah. Several clubs have already extended the full privileges of course and club to returned soldiers and every club should follow suit. Nothing is too good for the man who has done or is doing his bit.



After the war in connection with its Boulevard and Park systems, Ottawa is planning a municipal links. Ottawa is such a fine golfing centre that public golf is bound to be a great success there.

The well known Hamilton golf course is again in superb condition this season and already a large number of visitors from all parts of Canada and the States have played over its fine fair greens and tested its perfect putting greens.



At Mississauga, May 24th, a competition was held, the proceeds to go to the Red Cross. The prizes offered were 3 beautiful pictures, kindly donated by prominent Canadian artists. The winners were: J. W. Beatty, D. McCall and F. L. Langmuire. As a result of the competition, a sum of \$50.00 was raised for the Red Cross.



Karl Keffer, pro of the Royal Ottawa and open champion of Canada, has arrived safely in England with the Divisional Signal Company. He writes from Crowborough Camp, Sussex, that he is fit and well and keen to get into the "Big Drive" in France. "Karl" is a prime favorite with Canadian golfers and his patriotic step in donning khaki is greatly admired.



The Brantford Golf and Country Club opened the season on May 24th, when, notwithstanding the unpropitious weather, a large number of golfers were at the links. A particularly jolly luncheon was given, followed in the afternoon by a most successful tea and dance in the evening. Work has been started on the new professional and caddy house costing \$2,500.



Mr. T. B. Reith, the Montreal scratch player, has the following kind words to say of the Mollusca Golf Stud, manufactured by the Stell's Rubber Golf Stud Co., Ltd., of Scarborough, England. Mr. C. H. Millar, 759 Shuter St. Montreal, is the Canadian agent and can supply all orders, fortunately having got through a large shipment: "I have much pleasure in stating that I have found the 'Mollusca' Golf Stud very satisfactory. It gives a very good grip both on wet and dry ground and is much easier and more comfortable to the feet than the old hob nails. It has the further advantage that it does not damage the club house floors in any

way, and this does away with many an irksome change of foot gear between the rounds."



The death is announced of Lieutenant C. J. Law, second son of Chancellor of Exchequer, Bonar Law, one of the best of Great Britain's golfing Cabinet. He was killed in Palestine. The Chancellor is a Canadian by birth.



Amherst, N.S., has a sporting nine hole course and golf is very popular there, and has an enthusiastic following. The links are situated 2½ miles from the town. The club is represented at the front by 12 members. The officers for 1917 are: President, Mr. D. S. Biggs; Vice-President, Dr. C. A. McQueen; Secretary, W. G. Miller; Treasurer, W. H. Lugsden; Chairman Green Committee, P. C. Black.



A Picton correspondent writes:—"Golf prospects of the Picton Golf and Country Club this season are particularly bright. We have a larger membership than ever and our players are very enthusiastic. We have made a number of improvements in and around our club house; amongst other features, the installation of a new lighting system, of 500 c. p. gasoline lights for the club house and verandahs. Each Thursday afternoon from June 1st to October 1st, the ladies of the club will give an "At Home" for the benefit of all members and their out-of-town friends, followed by a dance in the evening. The club is represented by the following members at the front: A. Trebilcock, Laurie Wilson, Gerald Allison and L. Redmond. Our course is 2,850 yards and the following are holders of the best records: W. J. Thompson, 36; A. Trebilcock, 37 and F. Adams, 38. Mr. Thompson is the well known Mississauga player who won the Patriotic tournament at Scarborough last summer with the record score of 76. He still retains his membership with the Picton Club. Lieut. Trebilcock is now attached to No. 7 Canadian Machine Gun Department. He was one of three to pass his examinations with 95% or more. He is an all round athlete.

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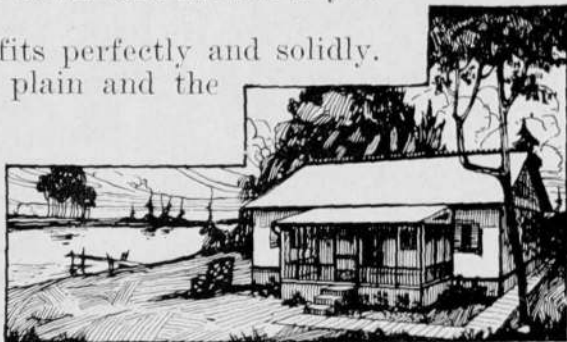
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Notwithstanding adverse weather conditions, Lambton Golf Club had a very successful opening on Victoria Day. In the morning a Tombstone Competition was played by the men, the winners being as follows: 1st, J. C. Hope and J. W. Coreoran; 2nd, J. T. Richardson and 3rd, S. Samuel. In the afternoon the ladies played a Tombstone competition, the winners being: 1st, Mrs. F. A. Parker; 2nd, Mrs. A. F. Rodger. At night a dance was held, there being about 150 present.



A highly successful season of golf will be registered at the Brockville Country Club this year, judging from the enthusiasm that is noticeable among the members. Thanks to the generosity of one of the members, many improvements have been made to the pretty club house and the course is also in fine playing shape. Efforts are afoot to increase the active membership with excellent results. The club is extending its hospitality to all officers of any active service units stationed in the vicinity. The officers and committees for the season are as follows: President, Mr. J. Gill Gardner; Vice-President, Mr. Lorn C. Ogilvie; Other directors, Messrs. J. A. MacKenzie, C. S. Cossitt, J. A. Hutcheson, F. I. Ritchie, H. B. McGivern, D. W. Ogilvie, Col. W. S. Buell.

Captain (Men)—Mr. C. W. Yarker; Captain (Ladies)—Mrs. J. G. Gardner.

Committees:—Green—L. C. Ogilvie, (chairman); C. S. Cossitt, W. A. White, C. W. Yarker.

House:—Mrs. A. Gilmour, Mrs. F. I. Ritchie, Miss M. L. Ogilvie, Mr. J. Gill Gardner (chairman), Mr. W. A. White, Mr. Albert Gilmour.

Secretary—Mr. Lionel Lumb.

A. J. Desjardins is the capable pro of the Brockville Club and some first class golfing talent is being developed. The course is a very picturesque one indeed. Both green and fairgreen wintered splendidly.

The ladies of Rosedale held a most successful Patriotic tournament on Saturday, June 16th. There was a magnificent attendance. A full report of the event will appear in the July "Canadian Golfer."



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Whitlock Golf Club, Hudson Heights, opened the season with a Patriotic Competition which commenced on May 24th, Victoria Day, and continued over the week-end. A charge of 50c. for each consecutive eighteen holes was made, and a player could turn in as many cards as he wished, during the four days. This competition was based on Medal Play with handicap, and balls, donated by a member, given for the three lowest net scores. The result of this competition was as follows: First, Mr. Hugh Jaques, with a net score of 82; second, Mr. R. L. Warden, with a net score of 84; third, Mr. W. B. Matthews, with a net score of 85. Keen competition resulted, and a good sum realized, to be turned over to Patriotic purposes. Whitlock has extended the privileges of its sporting course during the season to any members of clubs in the Montreal district, on payment of the regular green fees. There is a splendid train service to Hudson Heights. Mr. J. G. Kent is the Secretary of the club, 902 McGill Building, Phone Main 5031 and Mr. T. Yates Foster, the Captain, 706 McGill Building, Phone Main 681, to whom application can be made for playing privileges.

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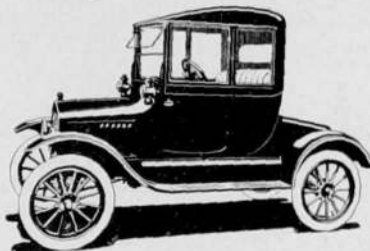
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Mr. Longley, Secretary of the Lingan Golf and Country Club, Glace Bay, N.S., recently underwent an operation for appendicitis, but is making a rapid recovery, golfing friends will be glad to hear.



Lieut. Stanley Beattie of the Royal Flying Corps, is home on leave and is enjoying golf at his old club, Rosedale. Staff Capt. Goodwin Gibson of the Royal Artillery, is also back on leave and is appreciating his rounds at Lambton.



And now comes Copper Cliff, the well known mining town on the C.P.R., some four miles from Sudbury—“where the Nickel comes from.” Last month George Cumming, the Toronto golf architect, visited Copper Cliff and laid out a 9 hole course there for the mining magnates. He reports a splendid location for the new links and is quite enthusiastic about the prospects for an excellent course there by next season. Mr. Nyles, President of the Canadian Copper Cliff Co., is taking a keen interest in the new links and has associated with him several other well known people of the district. Here's success to the Copper Cliff Club.



Capt. George O. Hall, of the Mississauga Golf Club, son of Mr. John E. Hall, of the same club, for many years Secretary of the Ontario Cricket Association, has been doing magnificent work at the front. He got through the sanguinary fighting at the Somme alright, but at Vimy on April 10th, he was wounded—a dose of shrapnel in the shoulder. He went on fighting for two days before getting his wound dressed and then refused to go down the lines, which meant a trip to “Blighty.” After ten days rest, he went into action again and at Fresnoy got a gaping gun shot wound in the left leg which after a couple of weeks had to be amputated. Latest cablegrams say that he has been dangerously ill, but is now progressing favourably. Captain Hall is the stuff heroes are made of—a worthy son of a worthy sire.

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The Toronto Golf Club has some 20 acres under crop cultivation and prospects for a good yield are excellent. The potato plots at the Royal Ottawa, Rivermead, Lambton, Rosedale and other prominent clubs are flourishing. The golf clubs are in the production game in real earnest.



In the Canadian course records in the May issue, Mr. L. D. Rossire was given credit for the Elgin Golf and Country Club with a 77. As a matter of fact his record was a 73, made in a competition for a year's subscription to the “Canadian Golfer,” donated by Judge Ermatinger, 2 years ago. Mr. Rossire has been out of golf for the past year or so, having been living in Chatham—the only city in Ontario, which has the unique honour of not having a links. Recently he has been promoted to the Bank of Commerce branch in Woodstock, Ontario and the Oxford Golf and Country Club is to be congratulated on getting a very sound player indeed. Mr. Rossire learned his game in Yonkers, N.Y.—the home of golf in the States. Other records received since last month are: Amherst, N.S., D. S. Biggs, 69; Murray Bay, Que., C. P. Taft, jr., 71.

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Among Canadians recently mentioned in despatches is Brig-General R. G. Rennie, D.S.O., M.V.O., Rosedale Golf Club. To Lieut. M. Clarkson, son of Mr. E. R. C. Clarkson of the Toronto Golf Club and Major Gordon Southam of the Hamilton Golf Club, come posthumous honours. Both these well known athletes have bravely "paid the price."

Decisions of Rules of Golf Committee

THE following decisions of the Rules of Golf Committee of the R. C. G. A. have been handed down this month:

Par Competition in Match Play

In a par competition "A" claims that the match is over when the player or par is up—say 4 and 3 etc., the same as if the game was between two real players.

"B" claims that the full 18 holes shall be played and the result be taken from the total number of holes played.

Answer:—B's contention is right. The 18 holes must be played out in order to decide who is the winner of the greatest number of holes.

If an individual match vs par was played then A would be right.

The Stymie

Secretary Halifax Golf Club:—"Can you furnish us with authentic ruling as to use of the stymie as we believe in the West it has been ruled out."

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ly ruled out the stymie in clubs covered by its jurisdiction, although the governing body of golf there, the United States Golf Association, has not done so.

In Canada the "Rules of the Game of Golf" as authorized by the Royal and Ancient of St. Andrews are strictly adhered to in every particular. Stymies are still in force in Canada, following the Rules of St. Andrews, and must be played. The Western ruling has no bearing whatsoever on the game in Canada.

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27-29 Brae Burn C. C., U. S. G. A. Open Championship.

JULY

2 Sleepy Hollow C. C. Father and Son Tournament.
9-14 Midlothian C. C., Western Amateur Championship.
30 Aug. 5. Midlothian C. C. Women's Chicago Championship.

AUGUST

20-25 Oakmont C. C., Pittsburgh, U. S. G. A. Amateur Championship.

SEPTEMBER

Manitoba Golf Association Patriotic Tournament, St. Charles Club, Winnipeg—Dates yet to be decided upon.
13-14. Westmoreland C. C. Western Open Championship.
18-21—Apawamis, Rye, N. Y. Thirteenth Annual Seniors Tournament.

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