

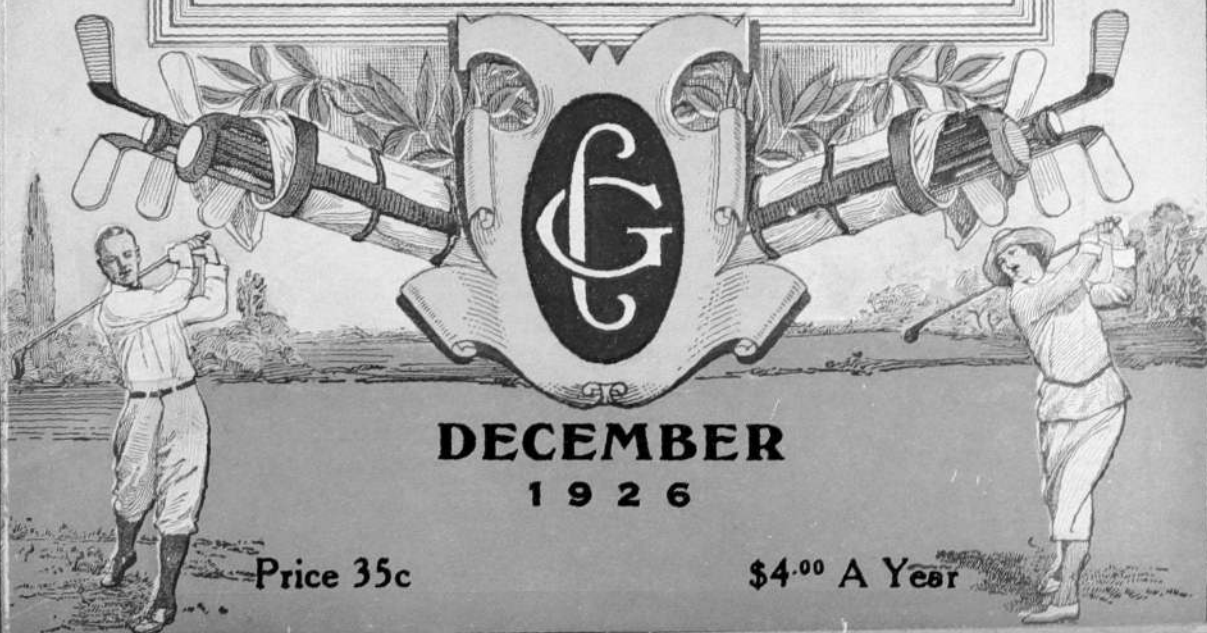
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Scores of 300 No Longer Win Major Events

And here are the principal scores made in the big championships during the past season: British Open, R. T. Jones, 291; Al. Watrous, 293; Walter Hagen, 295; G. Von Elm, 295. United States Open, R. T. Jones, 293; J. Turnesa, 294; Leo Diegel, 297. Canadian Open, Macdonald Smith, 283; G. Sarazen, 286; J. Turnesa, 287. Eastern Open, W. Hagen, 275; J. Farrell, 284. Western Open, W. Hagen, 279; H. Cooper, 288. Shawnee Tournament, J. Farrell, 289; R. Macdonald, 290; R. Cruickshank, 290. Metropolitan Open, Macdonald Smith, 286; G. Sarazen, 286 (Smith won on the play-off after 54 extra holes). Chicago District Open, Macdonald Smith, 277; E. Loos, 278. Massachusetts Open, D. Vinton, 287. Pennsylvania Open, J. Rogers, 289. Philadelphia Open, E. French, 292. New England Open, D. Hackney, 289; D. Vinton, 290. Long Island Open, J. Law, 294; W. Klein, 296.

Smith and Hagen were the outstanding men of the year among the professionals. During the regular playing season they each won the same number of tournaments and their average scores in major and minor competitions were less than 72, Hagen's being 71-11/24, and Smith's 71-11/23—marvellous figures. It was not so very long ago that scores of 300 or more would win championships. Not so to-day, however. A player who can't beat 300 hasn't a show "to get into the money" at all.

Willie Anderson won the U. S. Open Championship three years in a row in 1903, 1904 and 1905 with scores of 307, 303 and 314, whilst Vardon won the British Open six times in 1896, 1898, 1899, 1903, 1911 and 1914 with scores of 316, 307, 310, 300, 303 and 306. Compared with the scores returned in major

Championships to-day those of the great players of the past were generally 10 to 20 strokes behind the present champions.

Serious Clashing of Dates Between R. and A. and U. S. G. A. It really looks as though the United States Golf Association and the Royal and Ancient of St. Andrews, who have been working in great harmony the past few years, were coming to a clash the forthcoming season. The Royal and Ancient some weeks ago, announced June 20th as the week for the British Open at St. Andrews, and now the U. S. G. A. has also decided to hold the U. S. Open at the Oakmont Club, Pittsburgh, the same week. That of course means that Bobby Jones and other of the American stars will not be able to participate in both championships and an International complexion will be removed from the tournaments. This is most regrettable. A strong team of British pros. had announced their intention to come to America next year and play a return match with the U. S. pros., and subsequently participate in the U. S. Open. Now the fat is in the fire, and it would seem that International competitions will be a thing of the past. In the best interest of the game it is hoped that even yet wiser counsel will prevail and this clashing of dates be rectified.

Jones, the holder of both the British and U. S. Open titles, has already announced that owing to business engagements next year, he would be unable to defend his British title at St. Andrews, but other of his compatriots would probably have taken the trip. And then as above noted, a number of British professionals intended to take part in the U. S. Open if the dates as usual had been in July. The whole incident is certainly most regrettable.

In connection with the discussion, Mr. Herbert H. Ramsay, Secretary of the U. S. G. A., states definitely that no new effort will be made to have the date of the British Open changed. The casting of the die by the United States officials comes after a long controversy, he says, in which the moving forward of the British Open to May or early June has been sought, owing to peculiar weather conditions prevailing in the United States.

A WONDERFUL TOUR, GOLFING AND OTHERWISE

EXTRACTS from a delightful letter received from Mr. R. H. Greene, of Toronto, who with Mrs. Greene has been spending over a year in touring Europe, and who are now in Paris:

"I read with interest what the 'Canadian Golfer' had to say about the Seniors' Ninth Tournament, which certainly was a success, with 150 teeing off.

The next tournament, I understand, is to be at Dixie. Had a letter from President Baker, who tells me he expects to spend the winter in Cannes, and if so, I should see him as we plan spending part of the winter in Nice, not far distant as you know. Had a game with him last winter at Cannes and return match at the Nice golf course. As I remember, we came out about square. Moving around so frequently, have not had much chance for golf, though put in a very delightful three weeks at Sidecup, a suburb of London, where they have a championship course, but doubt if you ever heard of it.

We have been having a very interesting trip all over Europe; on leaving London about August 1st, took a two weeks' cruise up the Norway Coast, calling in at all the fjords on the route, finally arriving at Oslo (Christiania), then on through Sweden to Copenhagen. Aero-plane to Berlin (our first flying experience), round trip to Dresden, Prague, Vienna, Munich, Nuremberg, Paris, Oberbourg, and back to this city for a fourth visit. After a tour through Spain expect to land at Nice; then a trip to Egypt and head for home."

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

Here's hoping that the "Great Handicapper of All" will be gracious unto you and yours, "both on and off the Links," in 1927.

Mr. John A. Northway, President of John Northway & Son, Ltd., Toronto, who has always taken a keen interest in The Royal and Ancient game, has recently been elected a Director of the Imperial Bank of Canada—an honour well deserved.

The Indoor Golf School promises to be as popular as ever this winter in the larger golfing centres. Already five Toronto professionals have arranged to conduct such institutions and seven in Montreal. Winnipeg, and other cities, too, have schools. There is no question that golf can be taught almost as well indoors in the winter as out-of-doors in the Spring and Summer and also that the "addict" can polish up and perfect his game too, at these schools and keep physically fit. It was thought these institutions would prove a passing fad. Apparently, however, they came come to stay, to the general benefit of their patrons.

"J. W. F." Moncton, N. B.:

"In your article on George Duncan, in your November number, mention is made of his quick manner of playing. I have had the opportunity of seeing him play on several occasions, and have played with him. The only occasion where I saw him take any time over a shot was one day when he paid a friendly visit to the late Douglas Edgar at the Northumberland Golf Club, England, where Edgar was then professional. Edgar asked a few of us to see the game they had arranged, and there was a good deal of pleasant chaff. At the 6th hole, 550 yards, and a par 5, I bet them both that they could not do it in four. They each were on the green in three. Edgar was in a rather difficult position for his putt and just missed. Duncan was five yards away and the care he took reminded one of the care Jimmy Braid always took. He looked carefully over the line and took quite a while in getting his stance. Most deliberately he putted the ball and it rolled beautifully into the cup. He looked at me with an expression of such satisfaction that you would have thought he had won a great competition. He had his reward, however, as it was a very warm day. I wonder if George remembers this?"

The following have been nominated as the Executive of the United States Golf Association for 1927—nomination always means election: President, William C. Fownes, Jr., Oakmont Country Club; Vice-Presidents, Charles O. Pfeil, Memphis Country Club; Findlay S. Douglas, The Apawamis Club. Secretary, Herbert H. Ramsay, The Creek Club; Treasurer, Charles H. Sabin, National Golf Links of America; Counsel, Joseph S. Clark, Sunnybrook Golf Club; Executive Committee, Roger D. Lapham, San Francisco Golf and Country Club; H. C. Mackall, Minikahda Club; Thomas B. Paine, Atlanta Athletic Club; Melvin

A. Traylor, Glen View Club; James D. Standish, Jr., Country Club of Detroit; George V. Rotan, Houston Country Club; Herbert Jaques, The Country Club (Brookline); Rodman E. Griscom, Merion Cricket Club. No less than eight sectional or recognized golf associations in the United States are represented in this ticket, as follows: Pennsylvania Golf Association, Western Golf Association, California Golf Association, Trans-Mississippi Golf Association, Southern Golf Association, Philadelphia Golf Association, Michigan State Golf League, New England Golf Association.

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Says the "Golf Monthly," Edinburgh:

"Jack White, who has been professional at Sunningdale for twenty-five years, is retiring about the end of the year and entering the manufacturing side of the golf business. I had a chat with him a few days ago, and he said when he took up professional golf, tournaments were of rare occurrence, and the players had to fight amongst themselves and stake their own money in order to get matches and gather experience.

There are few stake-money matches nowadays; the young professional will not risk his own money in a challenge match, but rests content in playing in the various newspaper and other tournaments year after year. 'There is nothing like a stake-money match,' White said, 'for bringing out the best points in a player, and you learn to lose before you learn to win.' These sort of matches would prove of inestimable value to the young professional; he would gather more and more experience which would serve him in good stead when the classic events of the year come round for decision."

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John Letters & Co., Ltd., the well known golf club manufacturers, at 34, Ann Street, Glasgow, have of late been making rapid progress with the furtherance of their "Bridge" branded goods, both in the home and export markets. For a first season, the results of their efforts with the "Bridge" golf club have proved more than satisfactory and such a state of affairs augurs very well indeed for the oncoming season. Additional and more up-to-date plant has now been introduced with a view to coping with the increasing demands of the export markets, especially Canada and the U. S. A. where rapid strides have been made during the last few months. Mr. E. R. Fenwick, Room 401 Keefer Building, 698, St. Catherine Street, West, Montreal, is now acting as agent for Eastern Canada and U. S. A., and The Difiell Products Company, 110, McPhillips St., Winnipeg, Man., in a like capacity for Central and Western Canada. Bright prospects are entertained by many authorities of this firm coming rapidly to the fore-front in the near future.

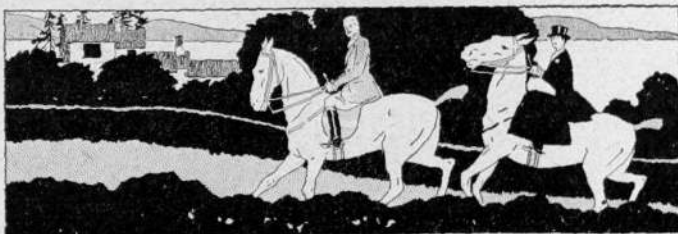
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Mr. H. H. Ramsay, Secretary of the United States Golf Association, informs the "Canadian Golfer" that there had been so much discussion and so many inquiries received by the Association as to the possibility of holding the U. S. Amateur Championship on the Pacific Coast in the near future that a statement of the Association's position should be made. Mr. Ramsay said that the Executive Committee was sympathetic at present to the wishes of many prominent golfers in regard to the Pacific Coast and that several offers had been received from clubs desiring to hold the Championship. The Association realizes that there are many factors to be considered and the entire subject is under careful investigation at the present time with the assistance of Roger D. Lapham, of San Francisco, a member of the Executive Committee. With the Association's arrangements for the year 1927 completed, the Association is already beginning to make its plans for 1928 and it is not unlikely, if the details can be satisfactorily worked out, that the U. S. Amateur Classic will reach the Pacific Coast in 1928 or 1929.

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The next month or so, all the leading golf clubs of Canada, will be holding their Annual Meetings, and from advance information received by the "Canadian Golfer," the 1926 season, notwithstanding most unfavourable weather

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conditions, will show steady advancement all along the line. The first of the important clubs to report, for 1926, is the British Columbia Golf Club, Ltd., whose fine course near Westminster, B. C., is so well known to many golfers visiting the Coast, who always make it a point to sample its fine fairways and particularly fine greens. This Vancouver Club had a most successful year, as will be noticed by a report, elsewhere in this issue, with total receipts of \$32,708, and expenditures of \$30,066, leaving the snug little balance of \$2,642. During the year quite substantial sums were spent on several important course improvements and on the club house. The total assets now reach the large amount of \$196,715. Altogether a very satisfactory "opening gun" of the 1926 annual report season.

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It will be good news to hear that Miss Joyce Wethered, the many times British Champion and acknowledged the greatest woman golfer in the world, may be seen again in major competitions next year. This season she positively refused to play in any of the Championship events, but did last month, relent to the extent of participating in the mixed foursomes at Worpleston, where her host of admirers were delighted to see that she was driving, if anything, a longer ball than ever and with the same deadly accuracy, whilst her short game was also marvellously good. Miss Joyce is unquestionably in a class by herself. Miss Glenna Collett, the U. S. expert, was a year or so thought to be a serious rival, but the English girl unmistakably asserted her supremacy when in the British Championship of 1925 she defeated decisively, the American. The past year or so, Miss Collett has been beaten time and again even by her own compatriots and seems to be sadly slipping.

"A PLAYING CLUB FIRST, LAST AND ALWAYS"

Little River Golf Club, Near Windsor, Has a Great Slogan Which Already Spells Success

THE Border on the Canadian side of the Detroit River is rapidly becoming a regular net work of golf courses and more than one new project is mooted for 1927.

One of the more recent clubs in the Windsor District, which is already proving a great success is the "Little River Golf Club, Ltd." Already it has a total of some 150 enthusiastic members and the coming season the indications are for a still further increase in this already satisfactory membership.

A very valued correspondent writes:

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With the above facts in mind a small group was formed in May, 1925. We had a piece of property in mind, which was ideally situated for a golf course, and after several meetings, decided to take it. The next move, of course, was to finance it, and we decided then to strive to keep out of debt, as it looked to us that a number of clubs had made the mistake of getting too far in debt, at the start. So of course we moved along slowly and cautiously, trying not to make mistakes, and now looking back over the past year and a half, we know we have succeeded.

The course itself is ideally situated six miles from the heart of the city, with a river running through it, which has to be crossed five times during the play of nine holes. The ground is rolling, which as you know is unusual in this district; also it is well wooded. Aside from having a woods at one end of the property, it has a woods part way through the centre, and in the opinion of golfers, it is the sportiest course in the district to play. All told it is one of the prettiest spots in Essex County.

Little River Golf Club this year conducted the first School Boy tournament ever held in this district, and presented a large Loving Cup to the winner, which was the Windsor Collegiate Institute."

This clever little club is particularly well officered. Mr. Alex. Barron, the President, has been untiring in his efforts, as have also the capable Business Manager, Mr. S. W. Thorn (chosen for his business ability and knowledge of golf), and the Secretary, Mr. F. J. Kilpatrick, who is also the Chairman of the Green Committee and Captain of the Club. They have been the real moving powers behind the Club, capably assisted by Messrs. Wm. Crawford, Vice-Pres., H. J. Sutherland, H. J. Lamphier, D. Teakey, H. R. Macdonald and M. E. Pritchard, Directors.

The pretty course, which is 3,000 yards, is situated from Windsor, only six miles direct out on Ouelette Avenue to the Tecumseh Road and then a turn to the East. Splendidly located, exceedingly well managed, the unbounded success of the Little River Golf Club, is absolutely assured. Tom Tonks, the professional, will again be with the club in 1927, having given much satisfaction the past season.

THE LANGUAGE OF GOLF

(By Endersty Howard, one of Great Britain's most finished writers).

JARGON.

IN the modern language of the links there are being established a great many words and phrases which the long-time follower of the game, without having any undue tendency towards pedantry, cannot help regarding as a sadly jarring kind of jargon. Nowadays, one hears constantly of the shut face and the open face in regard to the position of the club-head at the top of

the swing; of irons that are numbered 1, 2, 3 and 4, instead of having a nomenclature of their own; of four-ball foursomes, which is an absurd expression, because a four-ball match and a foursome are two entirely different forms of the pastime, and never the twain can be one; and of people who are dormy down, which is an even more ridiculous term, since the word "dormy" is plainly derived from the

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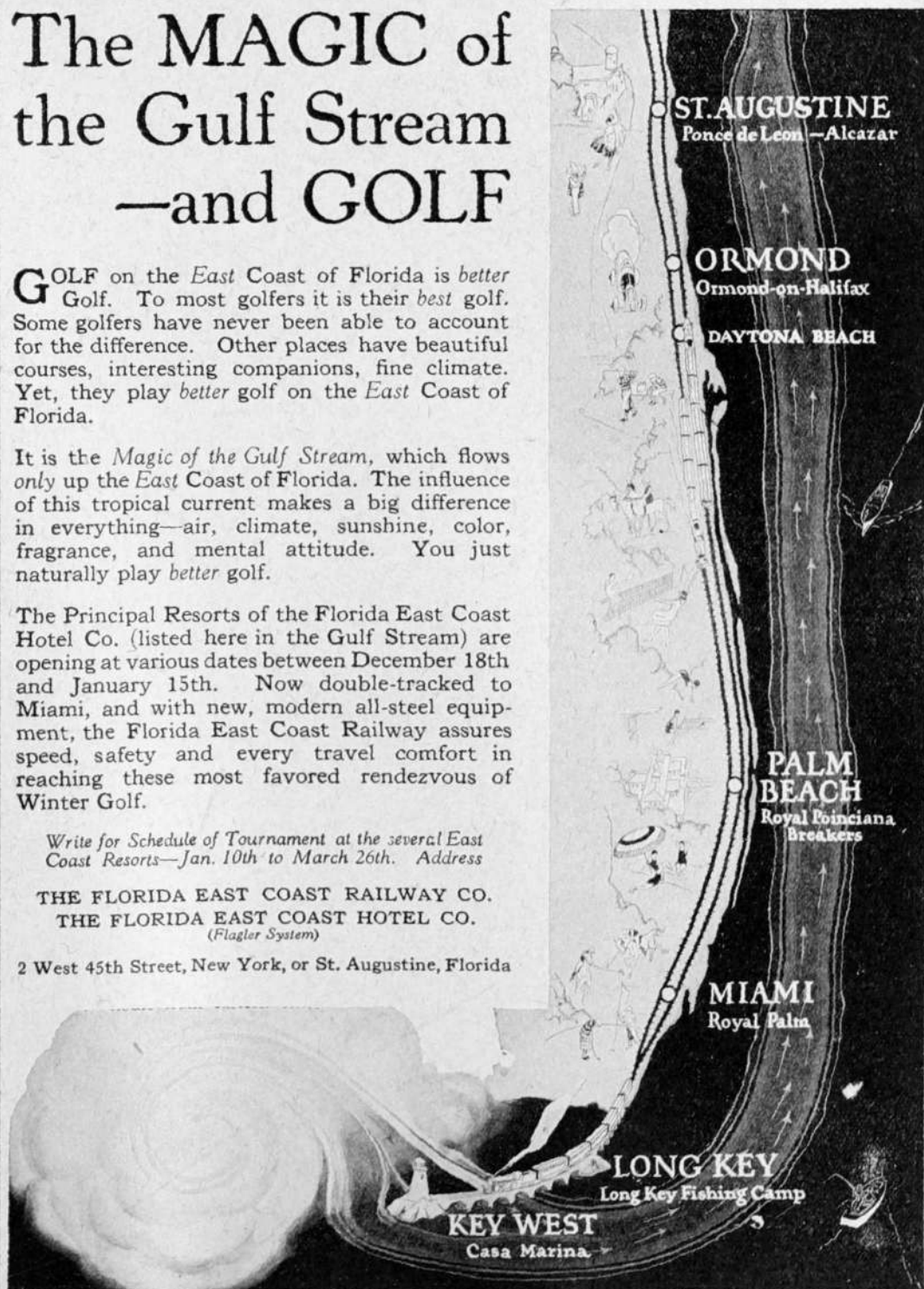
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French, and means that the player to whom it is applied is in a position to go to sleep if he likes, being as many holes up as there remain holes to be played, so that he cannot be beaten. His adversary has every reason to be particularly wideawake at this juncture, and the widespread habit of referring to him as being dormy down affords a striking instance of how the diction of golf is being abused.

AMERICA'S CONTRIBUTIONS.

Then there are the Americanisms, such as birdies and eagles, as indications of the figures in which the holes are accomplished, and the disposition to say that a player has shot a seventy-two, instead of being content with the intimation that he has done a seventy-two. Be it observed, however, that the American idioms are mostly words coined to describe situations for which no conveniently brief mode of expression formerly existed and, as such, they have their uses, without involving any serious violations of golf speech. Indeed, we have reached a stage when we could hardly dispense with birdie and eagle. It is, however, a flaw in this development that, as in the case of most of our own latter-day jargon of the links, one-half of the people has a different idea from the other half as to precisely what the phrases mean.

CONFUSION.

For instance, at a hole of, say, 220 yards, for which the bogey is four, it happens often that when a player does

it in two, the feat is described as an eagle. Or, when he obtains a three, it is claimed as a birdie. Bogey, a watered-down standard of excellence, certainly has nothing to do with the birth of the golfing aviary. Par is the father and the exemplar of the covey. The par score for a hole 220 yards anywhere in the world is three. Consequently, it must be accomplished in two for the purposes of a birdie; and nothing less than the holing of the tee-shot would secure an eagle. Birdie means a stroke better than par, and an eagle means two better than par. A great many people think that they are constantly bagging these delicacies when, all the while, they are merely beating the bogey figures for the hole. If the words are to have a definite place and value in the golf glossary we may as well have a strict understanding as to what they are intended to convey.

CLUBS AS NUMERALS.

There is just as much confusion in regard to other modern expressions. Even Harry Vardon told me the other day that he had no very clear notion as to what is meant by No. 1, No. 2, No. 3 and No. 4 irons; and, indeed, to the person who all his life has called his clubs by names that are part of the traditions and intimate touches of the game, there is something very mechanical and soulless about the scheme of having one's clubs numbered like convicts or houses. In latter-day golf, there has been a development in the direction of carrying a carefully graduated set of irons with lofts so



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arranged that, without alteration of the swing, they are expected to secure an equally precise graduation of distances. It is true that even Mr. Bobby Jones is the possessor of a perambulating foundry of this kind (I believe he has sixteen clubs in his bag); but he would almost certainly play equally well if his kit were limited to half a dozen items.

THE PUTTER—No. 11.

The ordinary mortal is likely only to suffer distraction from magnitude of outfit, and when he thinks of his clubs as numerals, he must be blunted of a great deal of that romance and poetry of the links which acts as inspiration. The man who has infinite faith in what he calls, say, his mongrel mashie surely could not have such confidence in it if he knew it only as his No. 3 iron. The logical evolution of this system of numbering clubs would be to allot a numeral figure to every club in the bag, so that, instead of learning that a player had accomplished a hole brilliantly in three by means of a very long drive, a mid-iron shot to within four yards of the pin,

and a skilful trickle with his renowned wooden putter, we should hear that he had done it with a No. 1, a No. 8, and a No. 11.

FACES.

I am certain that many players who talk gaily of the shut face and the open face at the top of the swing have only a hazy idea as to what they are discussing. So far as can be gathered from experts who have sponsored these phrases, the shut face means that the face of the club is looking up to the sky at the top of the swing, thus being in the position for promoting a shot with pull spin—although exactly why it should be called "shut" passes the comprehension. It looks to be peculiarly open. However, the open club-face is intended by the fathers of the term to indicate that it is parallel to the line of play, so that the toe of the club is pointing to the ground. Thus is the struggler with golfing adversity taught to understand the way to play a shot with just the right degree of cut. We might well expunge some of these expressions from the game, and return to simple language.

THE LADIES OF LAMBTON

Have a Particularly Successful Annual Meeting—Presentation to Retiring President

THE annual meeting of the Ladies' Section of the Lambton Golf Club, Toronto, was held last month at the club house, Mrs. W. S. Hodgens presiding. The honorary secretary-treasurer's report, read by Mrs. Horace Hunter, showed the club had been very active during the past year. The city championship for ladies was played over the Lambton course last June, having about 130 entries. In all, there were 16 clubs represented with Lambton having the largest number of players, with 24 entries. Several of the Lambton ladies were successful in the senior city competitions, held at the Hunt Club, these members were entertained at a luncheon, given by their president, Mrs. W. S. Hodgens. Many different competitions were arranged by the handicap committee, with Mrs. Stewart Bennett as convener, such as the Flag, Tombstone and Humoresque competitions.

A very attractive addition to the club house was made early in the season, and a new room, commanding a splendid view of the grounds, built on the north side of the rotunda, has added very much to the comfort of the members. Two tea urns were purchased and have been the means of providing much better service for the afternoon teas.

The resident ladies of Lambton number 322; non-resident 20, and much encouragement was given to the junior

members, numbering 60 during the year.

The following are the new committees elected at the annual meeting: Mrs. George Heintzman, Mrs. W. J. Gale, Mrs. George Pepall, Mrs. E. E. Palmer, Mrs. W. E. Northway, Mrs. D. A. Campbell and Mrs. C. F. Wheaton. Handicap Committee: Mrs. Murray Wilson, Mrs. Stewart Bennett, Mrs. Q. Henderson and Miss Margaret Findley.

The Open Championships of the Canadian Ladies' Golf Union will be held at Lambton next year.

After the meeting, tea was served, Mrs. George Heintzman and Mrs. Horace Hunter presiding at the urns. Among those present were: Mrs. W. J. Gale, Mrs. George Pepall, Mrs. E. E. Palmer, Mrs. Stewart Bennett, Mrs. Murray Wilson, Mrs. W. E. Northway, Mrs. Leonard Murray, Mrs. Albert Brown, Mrs. A. F. Rodgers, Mrs. John Littlejohn, Mrs. W. E. Rundle, Mrs. John Millar, Mrs. G. A. Adams, Mrs. D. A. Campbell, Miss Margaret Findley, Mrs. F. A. Parker, Miss E. A. McGregor, Mrs. C. F. Wheaton, Mrs. W. P. Gundy, Mrs. E. R. Alison.

At the conclusion of the afternoon, a presentation was made by Mrs. George Heintzman, for the committee, of a beautiful piece of ornamental china to the retiring President, Mrs. W. S. Hodgens, as an appreciation for her two years' service to the club as head of the Ladies' Section.

SOME FINE SCORES AT MOOSEJAW

ON November 30th Mr. F. C. Grant, of Moose Jaw, Club Champion, left to take up the Managership of the Bank of Commerce on Vancouver Island.

He will be greatly missed in golfing and financial circles in Moose Jaw. Two or three weeks before his departure he took part in a most interesting farewell game. He was partnered with Fred C. Fletcher, pro of the Moose Jaw Club against Sandy Middleton and Walter Goodwin, of the Citizens' Club, Moose Jaw. Mr. Grant and his partner won on the 18th hole. Some excellent cards were returned. Fletcher had a 69, Goodwin 74, Middleton 76 and Grant 78. Fletcher's remarkable score was made up of a 36 out and a 33 in—69. He had nine 3's in his card. The par of the Moose Jaw Club is 72. All four scores were decidedly above the average.

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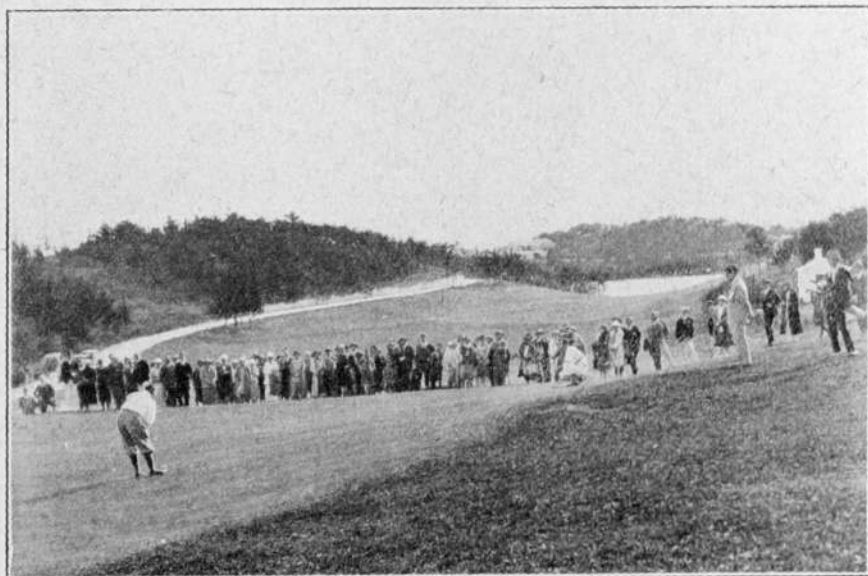
POPULARITY OF BERMUDA

Every Winter, Famous Resort is Becoming More and More the Mecca of Golfers from Canada and the United States

(Special Correspondent of "Canadian Golfer")

LONG famous for outdoor sports, Bermuda has become, in recent years, one of the most popular resorts for Canadian and American golfers. From December to April legions of enthusiasts, armed with brassies and niblicks, travel southward from Halifax or New York to play on Bermuda's superb courses and to watch the championship games, which form notable features of Bermuda's winter season.

With respect to scenery and climate, Bermuda has been the subject of many eulogies. Writers of poetry and prose have, in fact, exhausted every conceivable



Ralph Edwards, winner of Bermuda Annual Amateur Golf Championship Tournament, 1926, putting at the 16th hole on the famous course of the Mid-Ocean Club, at Tuckers Town, Bermuda. (Taken during the Tournament.)

adjective in describing this sea-girt paradise, its wealth of flowers, and its magnificent vistas of sea and shore. But what makes Bermuda specially attractive to golfers is the fact that it is an ideal golfing country. Seaside sand, seaside winds and seaside turf unite in making it a flowered Scotland of the semi-tropics. The rolling terrain of the islands, moreover, liberally interspersed with water areas, and the delightful view on every hand, have inspired golf architects to display their highest skill.

There is still another important factor: Bermuda's climate. Throughout the winter months the temperature averages 70 degrees, and while there are occasional showery days, there is usually more sunshine than cloudy weather. The climate, furthermore, is bracing and never enervating, so that even the most strenuous game can be played under ideal conditions.

Bermuda to-day has seven courses, and of these—the Mid-Ocean—is conceded to be among the finest in the western hemisphere. Six of the courses are open to visitors the year round upon payment of moderate fees; and as Bermuda is desirous of becoming even more widely known as the home of ideal winter golf, players from other lands are assured of receiving a cordial welcome.

Most of the courses are within easy reach of Bermuda's two towns, Hamilton and St. George's, in each of which there is a wide variety of hotels and boarding houses, ranging from the sumptuous establishments to those less expensive. Even in the height of the winter season, when visitors arrive in large numbers by every steamer, accommodation is provided for all comers. There is likewise plenty of life in the islands. Band concerts, dances and other entertainments are frequent at the hotels, while varied social affairs take place at private residences. Besides golf, there are plenty of other outdoor sports to be enjoyed, such as surf bathing, fishing, yachting, tennis, bicycling, driving, riding, and



The invigorating sea breezes that always blow over fair Bermuda enable one to put the very last ounce into each and every drive on the splendid courses that abound here.

various sightseeing trips to places of scenic and historic interest, including the amazing crystal caverns.

While Bermuda thus offers much in the way of entertainment, the interest of golfers naturally centres on the courses for which the islands are noted. Of these the most remarkable is the Mid-Ocean, already mentioned. This is an eighteen-hole championship course, and playing there is confined during the winter months to members and their guests. The course, which was designed by Charles B. Macdonald, of New York, assisted by the late Seth J. Raynor, is in the middle of a restricted residential district, and is about six miles from Hamilton and two miles from St. George's. On every side there are lovely views, formed by a combination of wooded hills, inland valleys, salt water ponds, the sound, the harbour and the sea. Adjoining the course, and close to the Natural Arches—one of the sights of Bermuda—there is a fine bathing beach, while among attractions there are tennis courts, bridle paths and facilities for boating.

On rising ground, just west of Tucker's Town, stands the club house, a handsome white building in modified Italian style, designed by Warren & Wetmore, the New York architects. In the basement are the service rooms, kitchen, grill, billiard room and men's lockers. On the first floor are the large lobby, the drawing room, club office, general dining room and private dining room. On the second and third floors are more than forty bed rooms, each having a private bath, supplied with hot and cold water, both fresh and salt.

In addition to its many picturesque features, the Mid-Ocean course has a crowning glory in its fairway. Here St. Augustine grass grows so luxuriantly that every ball sits up ideally for brassie and irons. The greens are a delight to play on, while the bunkering is a marvel of golf architecture. The latter has been so cunningly devised that a golfer, in order to make a low score, is compelled to drive to a particular spot, thereby placing his ball for an advantageous second. All badly topped shots are usually well punished.

At the Mid-Ocean separate tees are provided for each hole—one for the championship course one for the regular course, and another for the short course.



A Foursome on the splendid course of the Riddles Bay Golf and Country Club, Bermuda. Don Parker, one of the party.

A player, therefore, can either take things easily or engage in a hard tussle, which may become exciting on a windy day. The length of the courses is respectively 6,121, 5,541, and 4,837 yards. Players, as a rule, find that the wind, which comes straight from the sea, is a most important factor. In speaking of his experiences at the Mid-Ocean course, Grantland Rice, the well known American sports writer and golfer, said that he found the strength of the wind could sometimes change the character of every hole. The first group of holes, he remarked, is so placed that a strong will is required to keep one's eyes on the ball instead of gazing on the wonderful scenery. The plateau, where the holes are situated, overlooks a sea of exquisite turquoise and emerald hue, which forms a striking contrast to the white sandy beach and the background of hillsides, adorned with flowering oleanders, hibiscus, bougainvillea and dark cedar trees.

From the first hole to the last, through devious hazards and along tempting fairways, a player at the Mid-Ocean course finds a succession of thrills. This is especially true of the fifth hole, where an elevated tee commands a view of a long, narrow green valley, at least seventy-five feet below. Into this valley juts a blue inlet of the sea, which leaves a player to decide what chance he prefers to take—whether to start off by means of a long carry over the inlet, or to follow the safer roundabout way. The tenth and eleventh holes—similarly elevated and well-trapped, are likewise difficult to negotiate when playing against the wind.

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hand, swarms with birds of many species, the cardinal being the most conspicuous.

Equally alluring to golfers from northern lands is the course of the Riddell's Bay Golf and Country Club in Warwick Parish, reached from Hamilton by motor boat in twenty-five minutes or by road in half an hour. This eighteen hole course has been laid out on a wide neck of land extending into the Great Sound and is noted for its delightful scenery. To the northeast is Hamilton Harbour, dotted with wooded islands; to the south are the hills of Warwick, where spotless white villas, almost like miniature Greek temples, peep through the native cedar trees. An interesting feature of this course is the club house, built in the eighteenth century and once the home of William Riddell, a wealthy merchant, after whom the adjacent bay was named. The old mansion, which has been carefully remodeled and superbly conditioned, is supplied with every convenience of a high class country club.

As in the case of the Mid-Ocean course, the water at Riddell's Bay laps the edges of the fairways, and in one stretch there are at least five of the six holes close to the water's edge. The first hole is considered to be one of the hardest on the course, especially when playing against the wind. Full drives are required here, and also on the next series of holes, unless one is playing for safety.

In summing up his views on the 3's, 5's and 6's, Grantland Rice expressed the opinion that a stout hitter at Riddell's Bay could revel in low scores; but if there was a tendency to err from the tee, serious trouble could arise on short notice. Throughout the course, as Mr. Rice stated, the fairways and greens are first-class, while the white sea sand and shrubbery are both perfect for golf.

Among the other Bermuda courses frequented by visiting players is the popular eighteen-hole course adjoining the Belmont Manor Hotel, which covers several acres of rising ground in Warwick Parish and commands beautiful views

of the Great Sound and its numerous islands. Two courses, both nine-holes, are maintained by officers of the British army forces stationed in Bermuda.

Golf tournaments take place frequently during the winter season, and these attract many well known Canadian and American players. Large galleries invariably follow the important games, and when the weather is perfect—as Bermuda weather usually is—it is difficult to realize that Canada's snow-bound landscapes are so near at hand; for the voyage from Halifax to the islands takes less than seventy-two hours. In mid-winter the turf in Bermuda is as green as Canadian grass in the springtime; floods of sunshine pour from an unclouded



Two fair visitors gather beautiful Lilies on Easter Morn in Bermuda. Easter Sunday is "Decoration Day" in Bermuda. The Churches as well as graves, are all gloriously bedecked with the beautiful Lilies.

sky, and this, in turn, is reflected on waters that assume every tint of blue, from the brightest turquoise to the deepest indigo. On every side there is a wealth of flowering plants—pink, scarlet, yellow and purple, while interspersed with these are the feathery bamboos, graceful palmettos and masses of dark cedar.

In the afternoon, when the game ends, everybody usually adjourns for tea, the tables sometimes placed in a quaint garden by the waterside. Should the game take place at Riddell's Bay, a visitor from the north will be charmed by the club house at this romantic spot, which, as already stated, is a famous colonial mansion. Like other aristocrats among Bermuda's old houses, it still possesses, as a distinctive feature, a flight of balustraded steps leading to the main door, wide at the beginning and narrowing toward the end. These steps, which are known as "welcoming arms," are characteristic of old fashioned Bermuda homes.

Over the portal of one venerable mansion is inscribed the motto, "Through this wide open gate none come too early, none return too late." No other words could better express the welcome that Bermuda extends to those who visit her shores during the winter time, to enjoy summer-like days in an enchanting environment and to play golf on courses that fascinate and delight.

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WILL NOT CHANGE DATES

A DESPATCH from London, December 1st:

"There is no prospect of a change in the dates of the 1927 British Open Golf Championship, scheduled for the week of June 21, to avoid a conflict with the United States Open event, Henry Gullen, Secretary of the Royal and Ancient Club, announced to-day.

"For years our Championship has been played on certain dates and we are not prepared to alter them," he said, adding that British professionals had made no request for a change.

Scheduling of the two premier golf fixtures of Great Britain and the United States during the same week for the first time is expected to curtail international competition and may prevent a team match between professionals of the two countries."

THEIR EXCELLENCIES "RECREATE" AT THE GOWFF

THEIR Excellencies, Lord and Lady Willingdon, who are enthusiastic devotees of the Royal and Ancient game, took advantage of their second visit to Toronto November 30th to play another round over the Toronto Club's course. The Governor-General's party included Col. Snow, Major R. B. Osborne, Capt. Jervis and Lord Hardinge, while the members of the Toronto Club who completed the three foursomes were: President, C. A. Bogert, S. T. Blackwood, Col. C. S. MacInnes, A. H. Campbell, G. B. Strathy, C. S. Band, Dudley Dawson and R. C. H. Cassels. The principal foursome found Lord Willingdon and Mr. Strathy playing Lady Willingdon and Mr. Bogert. The Toronto course is in excellent condition, the permanent greens being still in use, and as the weather was excellent for the late season, the round was greatly enjoyed by the distinguished visitors.

A day or so afterwards His Excellency was the host at a return match on the Toronto course.

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE, U. S. G. A.

Important Changes in the Method of Selecting the Committee

AT the last meeting of the Executive Committee of the United States Golf Association, consideration was given to recommendations made by the present Women's Committee as to the reorganization of that Committee, principally having regard to the composition and selection of the Committee. The recommendations made by the Women's Committee were adopted with the result that the Women's Committee of the Association in 1927 will be composed of nine members, as at present, but the members will be selected by the following organizations:

Women's Eastern Golf Association, two representatives; Women's Western Golf Association, two representatives; Women's Metropolitan Golf Association, one representative; Women's Golf Association of Boston, one representative; Women's Golf Association of Philadelphia, one representative; California Women's Golf Association, one representative; Women's Southern Golf Association, one representative.

The member of the Committee so selected from the District holding the Championship event shall be the Chairman.

The sectional organizations above referred to will be requested in due course to designate representatives and the new committee will take office on March 1, 1927.

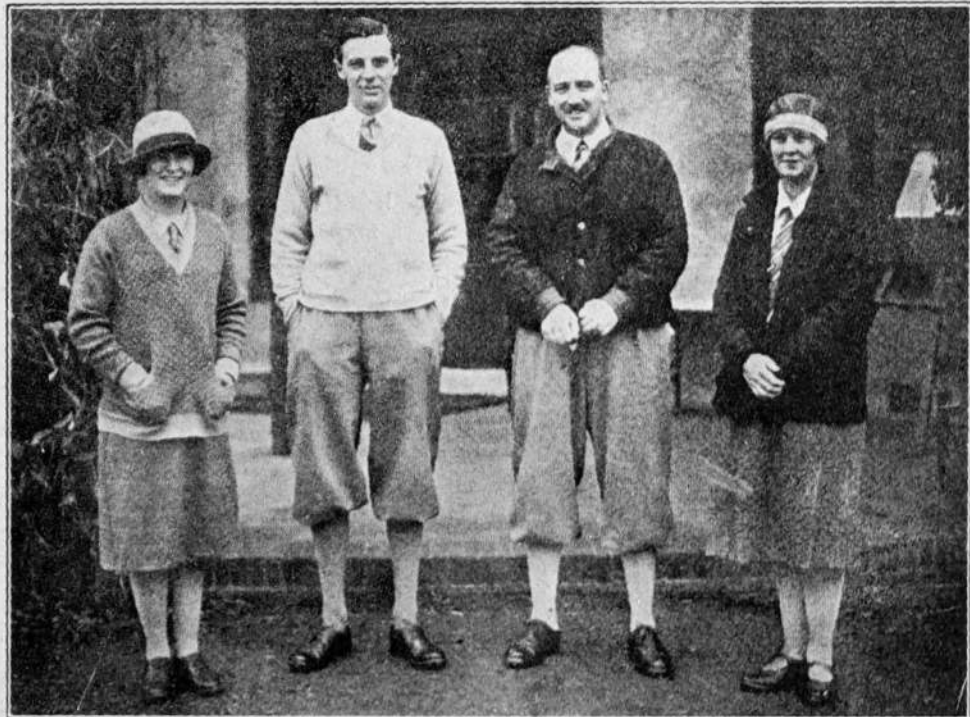
The Women's Committee at the present time has under consideration the fixing of dates for the Women's Championship, the course of the Cherry Valley Club having already been selected. There will be no change in the method of conducting the Championship, the Women's Committee desiring to adhere to its former practice of holding all matches in the morning and keeping the semi-final match at eighteen holes.

GREAT BRITAIN AND OVERSEAS

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

ABE MITCHELL and George Duncan presented a different appearance playing against Phillip Wynne and Bert Seymour at the Royal Epping Forest course. According to club regulations all players must wear red jackets, and the professionals appeared properly dressed for

shield is a coveted trophy and this year there were no fewer than 42 entries, with 220 golfers participating in the actual matches, in addition to the many players who took part in the "trials" for a place on their club's team. Addington has always been able to place a strong team in the field and



The London Mixed Foursomes. Left to Right: Mlle. Simone de la Chaume and Mr. R. Wethered, who defeated Major Hezlet and Miss Molly Gourlay in the final by 2 holes at Worpleston.

the occasion. At the end of the first round Wynne and Seymour were one up, but Duncan and Mitchell played more brilliantly in the afternoon and finished the match victors by 2 and 1.

The Addington Ladies' team have taken the "Star" shield into their permanent possession by virtue of their victory over Sunningdale in the final of this interesting inter-club event. Sunningdale reached the final round by defeating Camberley Heath in the semi-finals, while Oxhey was eliminated by Addington. The "Star"

their ultimate victory was more or less conceded. Miss Cecil Leitch headed the 1926 team, followed by her sister, Miss Edith, Mrs. Fish, Mrs. Brindle and Mrs. Harrison.

It is practically impossible at the present time to identify the English sportswoman from her French colleagues. Unquestionably, golf fashions are to-day international. If anything, the Englishwoman will wear very much shorter skirts and, except for a few exceptions, looks very much smarter on the links, trim sports clothes being



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so becoming to the Englishwoman. Mlle. Simone de la Chaume always looks very smart in her clothes, and at a recent meeting it was noticeable that she wears her skirts a little longer at the back than at the front. This, naturally, gives an even effect to the skirt when at play.

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Including the former Open Champions, Ray and Herd, a team of Herts professionals beat an organization of the amateurs of the County by 19 matches to 9 on singles and foursomes at Cassiobury Park. In the singles, Herd beat Mr. R. C. Young, of Sandy Lodge, by 5 and 3, while Ray beat Mr. H. Le Fleming Shepherd, the Moor Park Secretary, by 6 and 4. In the afternoon series, Herd and Bradbeer, the Porters Park professional, beat Mr. C. V. L. Hooman, the former University player, and Mr. Shepherd, by one hole after a great tussle. The amateurs

were one up at the sixteenth hole, and their opponents squared at the next. Then a magnificent shot by Herd at the eighteenth won that hole and the match for the professionals.

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Arnaud Massy, the famous French professional and the first foreigner to win the British Open Championship, is the new champion of Spain. This year's event took place at Bilbao and Massy accomplished the four rounds in 274, which must be one of the finest scores ever registered in a championship. He had a first round of 72, followed it up with a 66, then took a 70, and ultimately finished with a second return of 66.

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New municipal golf links in the new Stanley Park at Blackpool were opened by Lord Derby. Sunday play is to be allowed.

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Messrs. Hawtree and J. H. Taylor, Ltd., have recently created what must be a world's record for rapid course construction. On the 18th of August they commenced the task of designing and constructing the new eighteen hole course of the Ipswich Club, for which the Club have acquired a beautiful heathland site at Purdis Heath. It was desirable in order to take advantage of the autumn sowing season that the work should be pushed on as quickly as possible, and in thirty-one working days Messrs. Hawtree and Taylor actually built, prepared, and sowed eighteen greens with their adjoining bunkers, banks, and hummocks, involving the removal of thousands of tons of earth. In that time also, twenty-five acres of fairways, covered with dense masses of heather, have been cleared, ploughed, cultivated and sown.

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The Rev. E. S. Ulyat, Royal Navy and Royal Marines Champion, won the Services Championship at Camberley Heath, with rounds of 71 and 79. Squadron-Leader C. H. Hayward, the Air Force champion and the holder of this event was second, five strokes behind.

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At St. Annes, Royal Lytham and St. Annes' Club inflicted a heavy defeat on a House of Commons team, for whom only Sir John Simon and Mr. G. M. Garro Jones were able to win their singles matches, while not one of the foursomes went to the Members of Parliament. Sir John Simon was in excellent form, and had the satisfaction of scoring the biggest margin of victory recorded. On the day's play, Royal Lytham and St. Anne's won by 11 matches to 2.

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The annual dinner of the Society of London Golf Captains was held at the Cafe Royal on November 12—Mr. James Quinn occupied the chair. The guests of the evening were Harry Vardon and Ted Ray, and their health was aptly proposed by Mr. W. Parker, of Tooting Bec, who in the course of his remarks said he remembered reading a word or two from Harry Vardon, in which he said that if one could not grip the club properly, the best thing was

to grip it in one's own way and go on playing. "That was balm to my sore," said Mr. Parker, "for I have the old cricket grip and have never been able to play with any other." Mr. Parker also gave the toast of "The Press," and Mr. C. B. Macfarlane, who responded, told how on one occasion at Prestwick, Ted Ray, shortly after 8 o'clock in the morning, got by mistake into a carriage of a city-bound express. "Yes," replied Ray, "and these Scottish folk did not even give me my fare back!" Sir Harold Downer, an ex-sheriff of the City of London, was present, and, like Mr. R. G. Thryne, made a highly amusing speech. Captain Corby, the indefatigable Secretary, referred during the evening to the fact that the Society was growing stronger each year, adding that it had achieved its purpose by becoming one of the biggest golfing societies.

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The Lucifer Club held their annual dinner at the Carlton Hotel last month

with Sir Harry Green, the Club Captain, in the chair and the famous "Old Guard"—Harry Vardon, J. H. Taylor, James Braid and "Sandy" Herd as guests of honour. In his speech, Sir Harry Green outlined a proposal to enlarge the scope of the club by extending hospitality to all overseas golfers and correspondence will be entered into with the executives of important golfing associations in Canada and elsewhere, so that the hand of friendship may be given to all distinguished golfers visiting the "Old Country." The proposal was heartily endorsed by the members in attendance.

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Speaking of the annual dinner of the Hythe (Kent) Golf Club, Judge Terrell, K. C., made some amusing references to the Royal and Ancient game. The Judge, who is an honorary member of the club, said honorary members of golf clubs were something in the nature of parasites. They played over their courses while the other members paid, and they also took part in their competitions. But one thing he could say for the honorary member, and that was that he never won a competition. He himself had once come near to winning a monthly medal competition—he went round in 137.

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Golfers in all parts of the country paid their tribute of silence to "Our Glorious Dead," but on no course, perhaps, was there the touch of impressiveness that prevailed at Roehampton.

The Croydon and District Alliance foursomes tournament was in progress and when a distant maroon signalled the commencement of the prescribed two minutes there were fully 100 golfers on the course. Players even in the act of making a stroke stopped and uncovered their heads. Some were in bunkers and others on the greens, but all halted where they stood until the sounding of "The Last Post" at the Disabled Soldiers' Home at Roehampton denoted the end of the Silence. A somewhat curious incident took place at Mitcham. Apparently unmindful of the occasion, a golfer continued playing as the syrens gave out their message. Another player, however, shouted "Fore," and, in response, the first player crouched down to avoid any oncoming ball. And then he seemed to realize the meaning of the warning, and stood stiffly at attention.

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In the course of his speech at the opening ceremony of an Elgin sale of work in aid of school athletic funds, Lord Provost Wittet said Sunday golf was supposed to be a more or less modern thing. He had found from records, however, that as far back as 1859 a certain Walter Hay, an Elgin goldsmith, was brought before the kirk session charged, not merely with playing golf on Sunday, but actually with playing while the sermon was being preached. After that it was intimated from the pulpit that Sunday golf was prohibited in the town.

IS HE RIGHT OR WRONG?

THE Rt. Rev. Arthur Foley Winnington-Ingram, Lord Bishop of London, hurled a "broadside" at American golf the other day in Milwaukee.

The bishop, who is an enthusiastic golfer, declared "Americans are dreadfully slow at playing your matches."

"You pay too much attention to your medal scores," he continued. "In England we never bother to hole out when a hole is lost. It makes the game move much faster."

The Anglican prelate, who goes around in the 80s, smiled as he added:

"You have no idea how much time the British system would save in my case."

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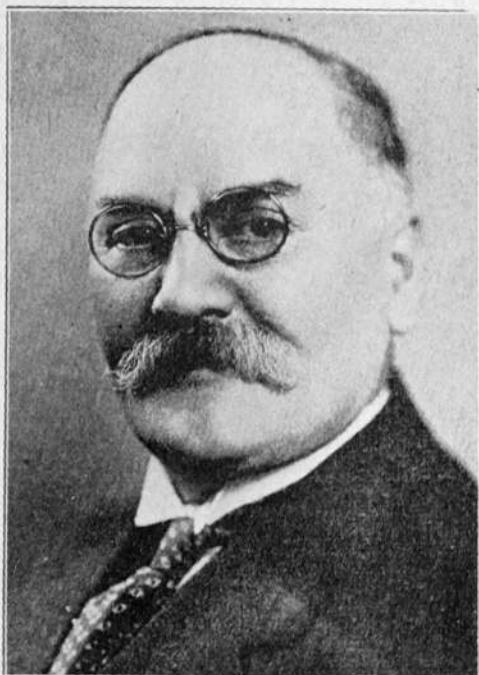
Prominent Montrealer Elected First Honorary President of Timberdale Golf Club

ALDERMAN LOUIS RUBENSTEIN, some years ago the champion skater of the world, was named first Honorary President of the Timberdale Golf and Country Club at their annual meeting held last month at the Mount Royal Hotel. The honoured golfer felt quite pleased upon being chosen by the members of the club to be the first person to fulfil this important office, and told the gathering so. He was presented with a pendant by R. H. Blumenthal on behalf of the directors and members for the zealous work performed by him in the past three years.

President Rubenstein's report was read, which outlined in glowing terms the work performed by the various chairmen of committees in charge of the welfare and progress of the club. He touched upon the membership and how pleased he was to see an increase of sixty per cent. of new members last summer, and hoped that next year's quota would be exhausted. The report was a very encouraging one, and pointed to a very bright future for Timberdale golfers with the completion of the South Shore Bridge in sight. The erection of this bridge will bring Chambly Basin, the home of the club, nearer to the city than one could imagine.

The following were elected to the Board of Directors: Louis Wolfe, George Rabinovitch, Moe Rittenberg, Sam Leopold, J. A. Jacobs, R. H. Blumenthal, Jack Rubenstein, Louis Cohen, J. N. Neumann, R. A. Darwin, William Singer, L. P. Silver, H. M. Adelstein, Dr. J. Rubin and A. Saul Cohen.

The chairmen of the various committees complimented for their work during the past year were: H. M. Adelstein, Green Committee; J. N. Neumann and Louis Cohen, joint Chairmen of the Membership Committee; Dr. J. Rubin, Chairman House and Entertainment Committee; G. Rabinovitch, Chairman Building Committee.



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THE Committee of the Royal Ottawa Golf Club is proceeding immediately with the extension to the professional's quarters, to provide additional locker accommodation, more commodious quarters for the professional and caddies, and at the same time to extend the heating system to the rooms and lockers at present without heat in the north wing. It is estimated that the cost of the building extension and equipment will amount to approximately \$12,000.00. These alterations and additions are to be completed by the beginning of next season. The Royal Ottawa has had a very successful year.

WITH THE PROFESSIONALS

In Windsor and District, Past Season Most Successful One With All the Experts

(Specially Contributed to "Canadian Golfer").

JACK BURNS, professional at Essex County Golf and Country Club, has just finished one of the most successful seasons in his career. Starting the season by winning the pro-amateur tournament at Essex in June, teamed with Mr. G. Murphy, Mr. G. Murphy winning the Little River Amateur Cup with 78 and 78. Jack Burns and Mr. G. Murphy also won the pro-amateur tournament at St. Claire, with best ball of 71. Jack on this occasion turning in a card of 72. Jack has been below par on a number of occasions this year. Some of his cards are as follows: 67, 68, 68, 69, 69, 69. Walter Hagen paid a visit to Essex late in the summer and Jack held the great Walter to an even break, darkness preventing extra holes being played. On Walter's second visit to Essex this year teamed with A. D. Ash against Jack Burns, teamed with A. W. Wallace, Hagen and Ash went down to defeat 4 and 3. Burns won Border Cities Open Championship, also the Professional Championship of Southern Ontario. (Pro-

professionals of this district are the Southern Ontario Pro. Association).

William Fox, professional of Ste. Claire Golf Club, broke the course record during the past season with a 69. This is real golf on Ste. Claire. Bill finished in third place in the Border Cities Open. All told Bill has had a great year.

This is Bob MacKelvie's first year with the Beach Grove Golf and Country Club. He came from Troon. He has been much in demand as an instructor during the season. Bob has made himself a great reputation in this district, both as a player and a sportsman.

Tom Tonks, Little River Golf Club. Tom has been shooting some great golf this season and holds the professional record for his own course and should be up amongst the leaders next season.

Bob Whittle, pro Devonshire Municipal Golf Course. Bob won the pro-amateur tournament at Chatham in July, and made creditable showing in the Michigan Open Tournament. Bob has been shooting par golf all season.

THE MENTAL SIDE OF GOLF

One of the Many Educational Chapters to be found in Jim Barnes' Great Book, "A Guide to Good Golf."

NO real conscious mental effort is needed in the proper playing of a golf stroke, any more, for instance, than exists when a man takes a pen and writes his name. But what is of great importance is a proper co-ordination of mind and muscle. If the player is to be at all conscious of thinking of what he is doing, then he should try to keep his thought on the action as it goes along; that is, to have it picture the backswing as the club is going back, and then the forward swing as it is brought down, and be sure to visualize the clubhead going on through and out after the ball. In other words, I might say think of the right thing at the right time. Allowing the attention to hurry ahead of

the stroke to what is going to happen to the ball while the club is being taken back and started down is almost sure to upset the swing, and render the shot a disappointment.

This is one of the main reasons why a person taking up golf at a matured age encounters so many difficulties. The imitative instinct of early youth is gone. A boy watching a properly played stroke at once registers sub-consciously a clear picture of what has taken place. His muscles then instinctively follow this pattern without mental effort. He gets the picture as a whole. The man, with his faculties of reasoning and analysis further developed, picks out certain essential points, or at least what he takes to be



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essential points. And his efforts to reproduce the swing exaggerate these points at the cost of negligence of other parts of the operation.

If it were not for the fact that the golf swing must be cultivated, I am convinced it would be better in starting to teach the game to a beginner, to give him a club and a ball and send him out for a week or so with no instruction whatever, other than to go out and hit the ball. But the serious drawback to this plan is that he could not possibly be expected to pick up for himself the methods which long experience have taught are the best, for the reason set out above, that the swing does not come naturally, and once he had started in with faulty methods, the task of teaching would then first require getting him away from these before he could be set out on the right road. Yet the numerous Do's and

Don'ts dealing with the different details of the swing envelope him in an atmosphere of mystery, and the mental reaction of the player almost from the start is one of anxiety and helplessness. The result is he makes labor of what should be a light task. He tries to keep his mind on each of several different matters at one and the same time, which is obviously impossible, and hopeless confusion follows. And what is still more damaging this general feeling of mystery and doubt causes him to subconsciously tighten up all over, whereas a feeling of relaxation and ease is absolutely essential. As he takes his stance to start the swing the player should relax fully and as far as he can entirely avoid any tendency to tighten up his muscles at all.

The chief problem in learning to play golf from the mental standpoint, is to try to acquire the correct mental picture or pattern of the swing as a whole, and then to work toward becoming able to reproduce this picture to where it becomes habitual, requiring little or no conscious thought. This is not an easy matter. Yet it can be done, and it is the first step toward becoming a consistently good player. Also, it is no more difficult than many of the commonplace operations performed daily quite without conscious thought, such, for example, as learning to write. Learning to write even reasonably well is an exceedingly laborious process for the man who does not undertake it until after he has grown up.

It is not expected, of course, that one will learn to reproduce the swing picture perfectly in all details right from the start, no matter how clear his conception of it. He is bound to fall into mistakes here and there. These mistakes and the resultant poor showings are due to overlooking certain details, and failure to get proper co-operation between mind and muscle. And the correction of such faults as develop will call for concentration on certain details, after the general idea has been absorbed. But the getting of this general pattern is the big thing at the start.

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The foregoing accounts for situations where one hears, as is rather frequent, a certain player say that after taking lessons for a certain fault, he is playing worse than before. More than likely the remedy prescribed was quite all right. But in attempting to apply it, and to concentrate on doing so, the player loses sight of one or more fundamental principles which have not be-

come habitual with him, and violations thereof lead him into possibly deeper troubles than he was experiencing before.

The importance of the mental phase, or rather of having mind and muscle act together can not be too strongly emphasized, and failure to achieve this is responsible for a very large part of the poor golf one sees. This is true



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for expert and high-handicap man alike. In fact, I would go so far as to say that, with very few exceptions, the mistakes of the really good players of limited skill in handling their clubs, this fault contributes a very large percentage of the sum total of difficulties.

Analyzed further, the trouble may be seen to work itself out in this manner. The player comes to a situation where he instinctively feels he must hit the ball extra hard to carry a certain objective, say for instance, to clear a ditch some distance away. This impression is flashed to the muscles through the nerves. The muscles react by tightening up to meet the emergency. At the same time the player is over-anxious. He follows a damaging tendency to hit too soon. His body turns too fast for the sweep of his arms and the club. He does apply all the strength he can, but it is mis-

applied. He doesn't hit the ball nearly as he expected. Anxious to see what is going to be the result of the stroke, he lifts his head too soon. The shot is either topped or dubbed or shoots off at some wild angle. At any rate it is a disappointment.

It may prompt a better understanding of what I am trying to bring out here to suggest parallel conditions in other lines of athletic effort. Possibly the reader has at some time or other watched a high jumper clear the bar as it is raised, inch by inch, until it reaches a height around what he feels is about his limit. He may clear the bar at a given height, going over by three or four inches. But when the bar is raised another inch, he knows his best effort will be required to get over, the chances are he will fail to get over by four or five inches. Again, the baseball pitcher, who has reasonably

good control at his regular speed of throwing the ball, will become wild and entirely miss his aim, if he tries to throw the ball with every ounce of strength he has. In both cases the trouble comes from lack of proper mental and muscular co-ordination due to the extra effort.

To get back to further troubles for the golfer, he may be called on to play a short approach shot. He takes the club back and starts it down toward the ball. His subconscious senses tell him he is about to hit the ball too hard, his active mind being on the probable outcome of the shot and not on the actual hitting. Instinctively he eases up on the stroke, and he eases up too much. Anxiety over the outcome prompts him to raise his head too quickly. The club does not strike where he intended. The ball is probably scuffed along the ground, traveling half the distance he had hoped, and another count has been added to his score.

There are, of course, innumerable considerations to wreck the player's effort at the right kind of concentration, or making mental and muscular actions keep pace properly. During

his tee shot there may still be lurking in the back of his head the memory of a short putt missed on the preceding hole. He may have just observed his opponent play an approach dead to the pin, forcing the realization that he must play his own shot exactly right. Some unexpected noise or interruption may attract his attention as he is almost ready to begin the stroke, and so on. All such detractions make the task of keeping the attention properly centred extremely difficult.

It may occur to the reader that this recital of untoward possibilities makes the task of conquering the mental side of the game seem almost a hopeless one. Surely it is difficult enough. But it is not impossible. Any player can cultivate a habit of shutting himself in, as it were, from his surroundings while playing a stroke, and yet it is a profitable habit to encourage. I have known various pet tricks and schemes to be used to this end, such as starting a short count just before beginning the stroke, repeating some slogan, such as "head down, slow back and follow through," and so on. Any plan of this kind may prove helpful in inducing the proper kind of concentration while swinging the club.

MORE COURSES FOR PINEHURST

GOLF received another big boost here recently with the announcement of two additional eighteen hole golf courses to be laid out in the Pinehurst District. Donald J. Ross, America's famous golf architect, is already at work on one course, while the other will not be started for about eight months.

The new courses are at Knollwood, four miles from Pinehurst on the road to Southern Pines, and are very near the exclusive Mid-Pines links. This group of three courses, together with the famous four at Pinehurst and one at Southern Pines gives this golf center a total of eight courses, undoubtedly the greatest golf center in the world without a large urban nucleus.

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RANKING OF THE TEN BEST U. S. GOLFERS

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AMATEUR

Player	Chief Feat	Ranking.						
		1926	1925	1924	1923	1922	1921	1920
R. T. Jones, Jr.	British Open	1	1	1	1	2	5	2
Geo. Von Elm	National Amateur	2	2	2	—	5	10	—
Jess Sweetser	British Amateur	3	6	—	5	1	8	6
Frank Dolp	Western Amateur	4	—	—	—	—	—	—
Francis Ouimet	National Amateur Semi-finals.	5	5	6	3	7	4	3
G. Fred. Lamprecht	Intercollegiate	6	8	—	—	—	—	—
Wm. Reekie	Metropolitan	7	—	—	—	—	—	—
John Anderson	French Amateur	8	—	5	—	—	—	—
A. Kammer	New Jersey Amateur	9	—	—	—	—	—	—
F. C. Newton	New England Amateur	10	—	—	—	—	—	—

PROFESSIONAL

Player	Chief Feat	Ranking.						
		1926	1925	1924	1923	1922	1921	1920
Walter Hagen	P. G. A.	1	4	1	2	1	3	2
MacDonald Smith	Canadian Open	2	2	6	10	—	—	—
Joe Turnesa	Met. P. G. A.—Runner-up Open	3	8	—	—	—	—	—
Al. Watrous	Runner-up British Open	4	—	—	—	7	—	—
Leo Diegel	Runner-up P. G. A.	5	5	3	—	2	—	—
Johnny Farrell	Shawnee Open	6	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gene Sarazen	Runner-up Canadian Open	7	7	—	1	2	—	—
Clarence Hackney	New Jersey Open	8	10	—	4	—	—	5
Robt. Cruikshank	Northern & Southern Open	9	—	—	3	—	—	—
J. Rogers	Penn. Open	10	—	—	—	—	—	—

It will be noticed that Mr. Wm. Reekie, the former Canadian player, (Contributing Editor to the "Canadian Golfer") has the distinguished honour of being placed seventh in the Amateur list.

"UNDERSTANDABLE GOLF"

Clever Work by "Jack" Gordon, Country Club, Buffalo, N. Y., Well Known on Canadian Courses

(Review by Griffith Bonner).

THIS golf book by Jack Gordon, professional at the Country Club, of Buffalo, New York (illustrated by Hare, of Buffalo), an ideal Xmas gift, should be enjoyed by many Canadian golfers and golf aspirants during the coming winter. Persons unfamiliar with the game can get a kick out of the golf writing of Gordon, as he takes one through 144 pages of golf facts that are sure to prove an aid. His aim in the book is to express in simple terms and understandable English some of the finer points of golf and to avoid technical phraseology. He scores par in this attempt.

The first chapter is devoted to the golf swing and Gordon, who is well known by many Canadians, claims that not more than five golfers in one hundred swing properly. He says one's club head must follow the hoop just as a trolley pole follows a wire.

Grip, stance, balance, pivoting, and the downswing are some of the other matters given particular attention. In a special chapter, "My Set of Clubs," he gives the length, weight, loft, and degree lie of all his clubs. Speaking of the waggle, a much discussed subject, he says waggling is of great importance, as it is like aiming or getting set. With reference to the closed or open face problem Gordon says the ideal position is midway between the straight open face and the extreme closed position.

Gordon explains the different uses of the driver, brassie, and spoon in simple language and stresses the second shot for advanced players. He says to be a

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good putter you must have confidence, plus touch. His book aims to be a book of golf fundamentals for the business man golfer. Putting and mashie practice are advocated as the greatest score reducers as he claims one-half to three-quarters of the strokes are around the greens.

He urges all players to take part in both medal and match play events at their clubs in order to gain experience.

Special chapters are given to Women's golf and to Children's golf. Gordon says most women players practice away with their wooden clubs instead of working up the hit through with the irons. He says children should start golf as early as possible and that they can begin their lessons at the age of ten or twelve. Two chapters of great importance are those given to etiquette and rules.

Mr. Gordon's book can be read with enjoyment by all and it will fill a welcome spot in any golfer's library. Twenty-seven fine illustrations add to the many points found in this work.

FIRST OF THE 1926 REPORTS

British Columbia Golf Club has a Splendid Year—Assets in Fine Shape and All Club Activities Well Supported

ONE of the first clubs to issue its annual report is the British Columbia Golf Club, Ltd., whose beautiful course at New Westminster, B. C., is so well known to visiting golfers to the Coast.

And the statement makes very good reading indeed. Extracts from the interesting report of the capable President, Mr. C. A. Welsh:

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I wish to call your attention to the report of the Green Committee. Their report will show that a great amount of work has been done during the past year. This committee, with the supervision of Capt. Perkins, our Pro, have made wonderful improvements to the fairways and greens. Our greens are in splendid condition and our fairways are very much improved. The Pro's house has been moved over West of the Club House, has been shingled, painted and repaired, and is now in good condition. This has made a very noticeable improvement. The road leading into the Club House has also been very much improved. Your Green Committee has done a wonderful amount of work during the year for the money expended.

The House Committee has a splendid report and many good suggestions. A lot of improvements have been made to the House during the year. Most noticeable is the improvements in the lunch room and bar. The meals and service in dining room have been good. I may say that I have heard many favourable comments on the meals that we were serving. Several dances and social functions have been held at the Club House during the year. Many favourable comments have

also been made on the way that these have been conducted.

The Membership Committee's report will show that the Club is holding its own as regards current membership. The organization recently of several new clubs in Vancouver has had a material effect upon our securing new members. However, I do not think this should cause the Club any anxiety, as I feel sure our membership will increase considerable in the very near future. In view of the growing popularity of the game and the increasing numbers of golf courses being opened up, we shall have to keep abreast and improve our course, Club House and Grounds in general each year as much as we possibly can.

Several interesting competitions were held during the year as you will see by the report of this committee. Considerable interest was taken in the various competitions by the members.

The Ladies' Committee has done splendid work during the year and has taken a great deal of interest in the activities of the Club. Personally, and on behalf of the Board of Directors, I wish to thank the President and Lady Captain as well as all the members of the Committee for their co-operation and assistance."

The financial statement showed the substantial revenue for the year of \$32,708. The assets of the Club now amount to the large sum of \$196,715. During the year the upkeep of the links cost \$8,032. The improvements on the course totalled \$1,923, and on the club house \$1,313.

There were a large number of successful competitions held during the year. The principal results were:

Mixed Foursome, April 2nd—Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Wyndham; runners-up, Mr. J. H. Edgcombe and Mrs. A. F. McDonald. Empire Spring Tournament: W. S. Newitt; runner-up, J. A. Cram. Captain's Prize: W. Wardhaugh. Vice-Captain's Prize: W. T. Lockhart. Mixed Moursomes, Medal, Summer: Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hawkins; runners-up, Mr. T. J. Lewis and Mrs. L. Pinner. Four-ball Summer Handicap Tournament: G. F. Hartley and C. A. L. Payne; runners-up, L. A. Lewis and C. A. Welsh. Club Championship: F. J. Woods; runner-up, B. W. Tomlinson. Four-ball Foursome Against Par: J. E. Brown and O. A. Olson; runners-up, W. T. Rae and W. Wardhaugh. Ladies' Club Championship: Mrs. G. S. Wismer; runner, Mrs. C. B. Quigley. First Flight: Mrs. W. G. McQuarrie. Second Flight: Mrs. G. W. Pinner. Third Flight: Mrs. W. E. Heger.

First Girl—What sticks do you use most while playing golf?

Second Girl—Driver, mashie and lipstick.

SOME MORE THUMB-NAIL SKETCHES

London To-day is Virtually Surrounded by Golf Courses; Hundreds of Clubs in District Where for Nearly Two Centuries The Royal Blackheath "Reigned Lonely and Supreme"

(By the Editor).

IT is rather a curious fact that although the game of golf is essentially Scottish, that the oldest registered club is that of the Royal Blackheath. As far back as 1680 a number of enthusiastic Scots played their game over the celebrated Heath to the amusement and amazement of Londoners of over two centuries ago. But although golf was played so long since on the outskirts of the Metropolis, the game never had any real following in England until the past half century or so. It was always extremely popular in Scotland, where it has been



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considered more or less the National Game, but it is only comparatively speaking recently, that your Englishman has taken up enthusiastically with the sport. In fact, the great vogue of golf in England, is more or less contemporary with the growth of the game in Canada and the United States.

In a very interesting volume on sports which I recently came across, published only as far back as 1867 in London, the following brief reference is made to golf: "The game of golf is quite a Scotch game; it is played at Blackheath, Wimbledon Common and a few other places in England; but the players are always Scotchmen. It is a game requiring a good eye and great skill; and people who get over the first difficulties of the game are generally quite as fond of it as the English are of cricket."

From 1867 to 1926 is not a very far cry, especially in the history of golf, but "Blackheath, Wimbledon Common and a few other places in England" have given place to-day to several hundreds of courses alone in London and District. Of recent years golf course has been piled on golf course, and a motor tour East, West, North or South of the great city opens up a veritable panorama of links and it would take a year or so to play every one of them and enjoy their diversi-

fied charms. And all this has been accomplished, more or less, in the last forty years, for it is only since "the eighties" that golf has come into its own with English sportsmen. To Mr. Arthur J. Balfour, now the Earl of Balfour, is generally given the credit to a very large extent for making the game popular in England, and deservedly so too. It was during his Premiership that he lent his distinguished support to the sport and interested prominent politicians and others in the game. It was looked upon at first in England, as in Canada and the United States, as more or less a dilettante pastime, but then "the heather became on fire," and with unprecedented leaps and bounds golf was taken up by tens of thousands of all classes, both men and women and the score or so of courses rapidly swelled to a thousand or more, until now the whole of England is dotted with links, most of them picturesque, many of them outstanding. There are millions of pounds invested in golf courses and golf club houses, although generally speaking in England as in Scotland, "the game's the thing," and the courses are therefore more paramount than the club houses, which generally speaking, are attractive, but very unpretentious buildings compared with many of the palatial structures on this side of the water.

The first club I visited during a brief visit to London was famous Walton Heath, where the English Amateur Championship was being held. This course is charmingly situated in Surrey, within an easy motor ride of London, and provides an heroic test of golf. Woe be to the player who strays from the narrow path here, as a sliced or pulled ball on almost any hole is severely and properly punished in a tangle of furze and under-growth. Anyone "breaking into the seventies" at Walton Heath is playing grand golf. The greens are generous and as is the case on nearly all English courses, are well-nigh puttingly perfect. Creeping Bent, which apparently has solved the green question in Canada and the States, is used little, if at all, by the English greenkeeper. Climatic conditions apparently do not require its adoption or introduction, which is more or less a costly procedure.

Frankly I was rather disappointed in the quality of play in the English Championship at Walton Heath, which was won for the second time by Mr. T. F. Ellison. For some reason or another, Mr. Roger Wethered, Mr. Cyril Tolley and other great players did not participate, and the event therefore was shorn of any outstanding interest. Some of the younger participants showed class, but not of championship calibre by any means or of a character to inspire the hope that they could successfully compete against a field of entrants in an American amateur competition.

The veteran James Braid, five times British Open Champion, has for many years held sway at Walton Heath and is one of the "assets" of the club, which has a membership list of some of the most distinguished men in Great Britain, who look upon him as their veritable golfing "guide, philosopher and friend." I had a very pleasant chat with him and his many admirers in Canada and the States will be glad to hear that he is in splendid health and spirits. He drives just as long a ball as of yore and is still the master of every shot. Unfortunately, however, of recent years, he has suffered eye-sight trouble, which bothers him a great deal, on the putting green especially. Braid still plays a good deal of exhibition golf, but does not often take part in competitive play. He has recently made a great name for himself as a golf architect and amongst other fine courses to his credit is that of Gleneagles, in Scotland, which will always remain an enduring monument to one of the greatest and most beloved of golfers.

It was at Walton Heath during the English Championship, that I had the rare, but rather unpleasant experience of seeing the world's champion "wag-gler." This was Mr. A. D. Broughton, who in the first round defeated a probable winner of the Championship, Mr. R. H. Jobson, one of the leading players on the Oxford University team. I saw him take 85 "waggles" on one teeing ground, and it was reported that by actual count he took 145 waggles from the tee to the cup on another of the holes. A storm of protests naturally swept

round the course when the news spread about this golfer and his irritating performances, and many contestants demanded his immediate withdrawal from the tournament. However, he was fortunately defeated the next round. Mr. Broughton, it appears, has a nervous disorder and cannot really control his club without these terrible preliminary waggles. I understood that since the Championship he has written to the authorities that he will not again enter in any competition. He was certainly for one brief, lurid day, the centre of interest at Walton Heath.

In romantic Richmond, is situated the Mid-Surrey Golf Club, also easily "get-at-able" from London, a course which during the war was played over a great deal by Canadian golfers, men on active service being given the privileges



Golf in the Heart of the Empire's Metropolis. Part of the Miniature Course in the West End of London. Holland House in the Background.

of this noted course, which they greatly appreciated. I was fortunate in seeing Mid-Surrey at its golfing best, as the week I visited it, the "News of the World" Finals were being played and leading professionals from all parts of Great Britain participated in this event, which is looked upon as the outstanding Professional Championship of the year. It will be fresh in the minds of all golfers that on this occasion "Sandy" Herd, another of the great players, who has been at the front of the stage for some forty years, made golfing history when he went through the strongest kind of a field to win titular honours, at the age of 58 vanquishing the cream of British golfers, both old and young. It was an unparalleled feat—one that will be talked about for many years to come.

Mid-Surrey is a most testing course. Canadian golfers, many of whom complain about undue bunkering on courses in this country should make it a point to see Mid-Surrey the next time they visit the Old Country. Every green is trapped "up to the eye-brows" whilst the fairways too, are "peppered" with hazards. No chance for sloppy play here. Every shot has to be placed, and placed well nigh perfectly.

The club house is a very comfortable one indeed, where home-like hospitality prevails and where the lunches are up to the highest English standard—which of course means the very highest.

By the way, Mid-Surrey has now become "Royal Mid-Surrey." The Prince of Wales is the present Captain of the Club, and has nearly completed his year of office, and the distinction is a logical—though I believe by no means an in-

evitable—recognition of the fact. Mid-Surrey also possesses the distinction of being the largest of any of the British Clubs. Its membership is over 1,500. This appellation of "Royal" is rarely granted. There are several well known golf clubs in Great Britain boasting the pre-fix. In Canada there are only two so honoured—The Royal Montreal and The Royal Ottawa. Considering the importance of the game in Toronto and District, where there are more golfers and clubs than in any part of Canada, it has often been contended, and rightly so too, that a club in that city should be accorded the title. If such action is ever taken, the Toronto Club, established fifty years ago, would naturally be the first to be thought of. It is the oldest club in Ontario and the third oldest in America.

J. H. Taylor, like his Scottish confrere, "Jimmy" Braid, of Walton Heath, five times British Open Champion, reigns supreme at Mid-Surrey. His name stands high, very high, not alone in his home club, but throughout the golfing world, both as a player and a golf architect. He is not only one of the Masters of the game, but he is a keen student and a delightful writer on golf, whilst as an after-dinner speaker he is quite above the ordinary, as many Canadians well remember, who had the pleasure of hearing him during his tour of this country with "Sandy" Herd. I count as one of my pleasantest golfing experiences whilst in England a delightful and profitable half-hour chat with this doyen of the game, who has a son, an undergraduate at Oxford, who gives every promise of following in his "father's golfing footsteps."

At Mid-Surrey I met a middle-aged caddie who on being told I came from Canada said, "I remember a grand player from your country, Mr. George S. Lyon. I caddied for him in the Amateur Championship here some years ago, and I hope he is still alive and well." He was very delighted to hear that Mr. Lyon was not only "alive and well," but playing as "grand" a game as ever. Perhaps hardly necessary to add that that caddie got an extra tip of a "bob" or so.

Another delightful and very exclusive club in Surrey is Coombe Hill, with a fine, undulating course and gorgeous greens. The club house fairly embowered in flowers and shrubs, is a most attractive one, whilst the view from several vantage points on the links is most inspiring. Arthur Havers, another ex-Open Champion, is the professional at this very popular club, which is yearly visited by golfers from all parts of the world.

In Ealing in the West of London, is the Hanger Hill Club, made more or less famous by the fact that for many years George Duncan was its professional. He is now at the Wentworth Park Club, Virginia Water, one of the most recent and beautiful courses in the London District. Hanger Hill boasts a very dignified club house, a former mansion, with charming terraced approaches, but the course itself is not particularly interesting. The ominous sign, "For Sale," hangs outside the gates approaching the property, and the ever-growing London, of bricks and mortars, will soon from all accounts, swallow up this well known course, the members of which will have to go further afield.

I was particularly interested in making a visit to the Richmond Park golf courses, because rather strange to relate, it was but a very few years ago that London's first Public Links were here inaugurated. Richmond Park is Crown property and it was only after several rich and prominent golfers promised to back up the project with some thousands of pounds that the Crown authorities most reluctantly consented to a course being laid out. Forebodings of a financial success were quickly set at rest. From the very start, the project received the support of the public, and the "Prince's course" of 18 holes soon had to be augmented by another 18-hole course, known as the "Duke's."

Both courses are thoroughly interesting. The turf in the Park—the growth of years without number, is superb, whilst many noble trees add shade and attractiveness to this thoroughly English pastoral, park property.

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golf for a trifling figure which the member of the most exclusive club might well envy, either in Canada or in England. So successful has been this first Public Course in London that people are clamouring for further facilities for playing the game on the numerous parks and the authorities heeding the demand, are contemplating building several additional links. They are sorely needed, as London is a long way behind other cities both in Scotland and England in this respect. "Josh" Taylor, a brother of the celebrated "J. H.'s" is the professional at Richmond Park and he and his assistants are kept particularly busy all through the year looking after the wants of the hundreds of golfers who daily patronize the courses. Taylor, who is a very fine golfer indeed, has a most interesting collection of old golf clubs, balls and prints in his shop, which are well worthy of inspection.

This is a very cursory glimpse of the courses in and round London. Instead of a few days, months could be well spent in visiting the links literally surrounding the big city. Far-famed Sunningdale, for instance, where "Jack" White, another ex-Open Champion, has held the professional position for many years, retiring next year to the general regret of the members after a long and honourable career, and the South Herts Golf Club in the North of London, where Harry Vardon, "greatest golfer and stylist of them all," is to be found. It was one of the greatest regrets of a brief visit that the Saturday I had planned to motor out to Totteridge and call upon the six times Open Champion, he was away playing in an exhibition game. To me "South Herts is Vardon," staunchest of friends, and therefore reluctantly I had to postpone my call there to another occasion—to another visit to the dear old Motherland, which is already planned in the near future.

I think I am right in stating that London boasts the most unique golfing institution in the world. At any rate I have never come across anything in my travels, to parallel the "All-weather Golf Practice, Ltd." undertaking. This is to be found right in the heart of the West End of the city, at Melbury Road, Kensington, High St. W. Here part of the old Holland House has been acquired and thousands of pounds spent in erecting a dozen or more practice courts, without any interference from nets, a superb 18-hole putting green of Cumberland Turf, and a wonderful 18-hole approaching course, 1,000 yards in length, bunkered and trapped in a manner to suit the most expert adept with iron, mashie or niblick. On the property is an attractive pavilion, where afternoon teas, etc., are served.

It was on this remarkable little course that only last month the "Sex Test Match" between teams of nine a side was held, the ladies headed by Miss Cecil Leitch and the men by Mr. H. H. Hilton, ex-British Amateur and Open Cham-

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pion and U. S. Champion, the ladies losing by a score of 6 to 3. There was no handicap given the ladies, so they certainly made a capital showing against a very strong team of men, comprising besides Mr. Hilton such outstanding players as Sir E. W. Holderness and Major C. O. Hezlet.

Mr. Herbert Richardson, a particularly high-class amateur sportsman, is the Managing Director of this unique enterprise, which is proving such an unbounded success. He has on his staff ten professionals and clubmakers, all of whom are kept busy throughout the year. No Canadian golfer visiting London should fail to visit this quite remarkable golfing enterprise "right in the heart" of the Empire's Metropolis.

In London and its environs to-day the Old Scottish game of golf is becoming a serious rival to the national sport of cricket and the popular game of football. In ever-increasing numbers your Londoner is taking up with the Royal and Ancient and in clubs and enthusiasm does not take a second place to the adherents of the game in the "Land O' Cakes" herself. To-day the Englishman can, with his Empire kith and kin and American cousins, join in the rollicking old Scottish song:

*"We putt, we drive, we laugh, we chat,
Our strokes and jokes aye clinking;
We banish all extraneous fat,
And all extraneous thinking.
We'll cure you of a summer cold,
Or of a winter's cough, boys,
We'll make you young e'en when you're old,
So Come and Play at Golf, boys."*

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Nitrate of Soda A Spring and Summer Fertilizer for Putting Greens

(By D. T. Croal, C.D.A., Professional Grand River C. C., Kitchener, Ont.)

THE phenomenal growth and development of golf in Canada and the United States, in the last few years, has created a new industry, and in a sense, a new branch of agriculture, although non-productive.

Scientific Agriculturists have been called in to give advice and assistance in the selection, development and treatment of grasses suitable for golf courses.

In the early days of golf in Canada, a few hardy Scots, who had a great love for their National game, started knocking a ball about on the prairie. If the reports are true, these Seosman afforded much amusement to the natives, who regarded them as harmless lunatics.

However, the disease spread and to-day there is hardly a town in Canada, however small, that does not possess a flourishing golf club. Naturally as the game developed, clubs aimed to have as fine links as possible.

Experts in surveying, drainage, soils, grasses and fertilizers were consulted, and as a result we have to-day these wonderful links all over the Dominion, that are as fine or finer than anything in Britain.

It is a revelation on some of the larger courses in mid-summer, even in the hottest weather, to see putting greens of vivid green and with a texture like velvet.

This is where science has come to the aid of the golfer, and in modern golf construction and maintenance the knowledge of several professions is utilized.

At present we are chiefly interested in the fertilizing of the putting green, and it is about fertilizers adapted for golf courses that I wish to say a few words.

The care and treatment of the putting green is what takes up the greater part of the time during the summer on an established course. Putting greens have to be constantly cut and the clippings removed. Where this is being

done it is obvious that humus and its chief constituent—nitrogen—are being removed in large quantities from the soil.

Nitrogen is the element in the soil which develops leaf growth, and as the leaves or blades of grass are being constantly cut, the nitrogen thus removed must be restored to the soil in order to support continuous leaf growth. If nitrogen is not put back in some form of fertilizer, the herbage will soon become exhausted and the green unfit for play.

If clippings were allowed to lie, they would decay and the organic matter would become incorporated with the soil in the form of humus. The pursuit of golf, however, will not permit of clippings lying on the putting greens, so they must be removed. Hence it necessary to return the humus to the soil in some other form, and this is done by means of compost.

If the greenkeeper, therefore, will confine his energies in the care of the putting green to nitrogen and humus, he won't be far wrong.

Good compost is a mixture of soil, well rotted manure, turf with plenty of fibre, dead leaves, sand, etc. The whole mass should be turned over from time to time to assist decomposition, and also to allow weed seeds, if present, to germinate. The compost pile should be at least two years old before being used, and most golf courses now have two or three piles in the making, to ensure having one ready for use each season.

Ordinary farmyard manure should never be used by itself on the putting green. Manure should all go through the compost pile. The best results on the putting greens are obtained with applications of compost and fertilizers.

There are several fertilizers used to-day as chemical fertilizers—principally nitrogenous a source of nitrogen, but those chiefly used on the golf course are nitrate of soda, sul-

phate of ammonia, tankage and dried blood.

In all fertilizer mixtures, the analysis should show high nitrogen content; but greenkeepers will do well to avoid the ready mixed goods, as they are usually expensive and often of low grade.

For some reason or other, many greenkeepers seem to favour sulphate of ammonia. They claim that with this material there is less danger of burning foliage. This belief is due chiefly to the careless and indiscriminate use of nitrate of soda; but, if used with care I think nitrate of soda would soon take the place of ammonia for spring and summer applications. Sulphate of Ammonia is excellent for fall dressings.

Any nitrogenous fertilizer must be in the form of a "nitrate" before it is available as plant food and must also be in solution. Nitrate of soda is already in the nitrate form and, being extremely soluble, is immediately available, and is therefore invaluable as an early spring dressing, as it supplies available nitrogen before natural nitrification in the soil has commenced.

Forgetting that nitrate of soda is a quick acting fertilizer, greenkeepers have erred in using too heavy applications and in not having the nitrate ground fine enough, with the result that they got burning and discoloration.

From experiments conducted this summer with nitrate of soda on putting greens, wonderful results have been obtained. The method of application was as follows:

The nitrate was pounded up as finely as possible and put through a screen with a very fine mesh. It was then mixed with finely

sifted compost, to ensure even distribution and immediately washed in with the sprinkler. Applications of fertilizer should always be followed by the sprinkler. The amount of nitrate used, at each application for 1,000 square feet of green, was five pounds, and each five pounds of nitrate was mixed with a small barrow load of sifted compost. This was sown by hand.

These dressings were applied about every four or five weeks during the growing season, and were used to supplement the heavier spring and fall dressing of compost and fertilizer.

Nitrate of soda has been said to encourage the growth of clover, but by experiment on greens that had a lot of clover, and using the dressing of nitrate mentioned above, the grass gradually got the upper hand and crowded out the clover.

Most golf clubs are now developing creeping bent nurseries, as creeping bent has proved itself to be the most desirable grass for putting greens.

From experiments this summer on stolon beds, it was found that light applications of nitrate produced more plentiful, longer and more vigorous stolons than beds that did not get the supplementary nitrate. It was applied in the same manner as on the putting greens.

In conclusion I would strongly advise greenkeepers to use more nitrate of soda and, along with that, good compost, and their fertilizer worries will soon be at an end. Success with putting greens can be summed up in three words: water, compost and nitrate of soda.

A Few Notes on Golf Courses in Alberta

(W. Leggatt, Supervising Analyst, Dominion Seed Branch, Calgary).

In Alberta there is a widespread and growing interest in golf. There is scarcely a small town which has not a course of some sort; but it is, of course, to the larger centres that one must look for the developed type of golf course. Our conditions are for the most part so dry that, without some sort of irrigation, very little must be expected in the way of turf. This is less true of the Edmonton district, where the rainfall is sufficient to promote very tolerable growth of fairway grasses.

In other localities, the natural prairie vegetation, consisting largely of Buffalo grass (*Bouteloua oligostachya*), and Small-leaved Catsfoot (*Antennaria microphylla*), makes a tolerable sod which may be much improved by mowing, even if it is not feasible to irrigate. Of course, on such courses we have to rely on sand greens, but, when water has been applied, some very fine turf greens have been built, and, where the water can be applied to the fairway, there is a considerable spread of the natural grasses, particularly Buffalo grass, resulting in the formation of good turf with resistant qualities. As a rule, it has been found more economical for a course to

make arrangements for supplying their own water rather than to rely on city water, unless the rate is low or not much is required, but this can only be done by the more wealthy courses, with the result that sand greens are the rule and grass the exception.

The low cost of upkeep of the unirrigated type of course with sand greens has, in my opinion, largely contributed to the spread of golf to small communities. The growth of grasses is often sufficiently scanty to obviate the necessity of even mowing the fairways, but this season, when we had some unusually wet weather, the grass got ahead of the players on some courses which had to be temporarily closed.

Creeping bent should prove a satisfactory putting green grass in Alberta, where water is available, but it seems rather hard to get a good catch by the ordinary vegetative method of planting on account of slow growth or drying winds. Probably the best success would be obtained by introducing it on established turf. A system which has met with considerable success is the following: The stolons are planted in nursery rows 4 feet

apart. When sufficient growth has occurred for the fringes of the rows to meet, the rows having been occasionally top-dressed and mowed in the meanwhile, a strip 2 feet wide is removed for sodding from the original row, and the groove so formed filled with good

compost soil. The preparation and removal of alternate strips is continued in a similar way indefinitely. In this way considerable quantities of creeping bent may be grown and introduced in established greens without throwing them out of play.

The Green Committee

Green Committees have in the past played a very prominent part in development of golf. Due to their efforts and the accomplishments of greenkeepers working under their direction, we have many outstanding courses to-day that are a pattern and inspiration to others. This is not referring to new courses laid out by professional architects (mostly professional golfers with outstanding artistic vision), but to those courses that have matured through years of patient, unselfish and whole-hearted endeavour on the part of the club's members, labouring at times under heart-breaking difficulties. There's was a task performed largely for the love of the work, not for the glory but they builded better than they knew and have left monuments that will endure long after they themselves are forgotten. And the trials and difficulties that beset them were not only of a material nature, such as making a little money go a long way, performing superhuman engineering feats, subduing forests and the like, but, what is perhaps harder to bear, the petty and minor complaints and grumbling of the member players. The Chairman of the Green Committee is a long-suffering soul, he must not mind having his own game interrupted to hear that the sixteenth is intolerable for worm casts or to explain that unfortunately a breakdown prevented No. 10 from being mown that morning and so on ad infinitum. These things come in the regular tour of his duties.

We owe a lot to the hardy Chairman of the Green Committee and his co-workers. They are the fellows who make the game possible and passable and without their cheerful and often thankless expenditure of time and ceaseless planning many a club would be in a very bad way. They still carry on in all corners of the globe, doing their part unhonoured and unsung, and cheerfully or uncheerfully cursed for their imagined shortcomings.

It must be admitted, however, that in the big clubs near the large centres of population that the Green Committee is taking on a different complexion. The organization of the large club with 500 or more members carrying an elaborately equipped house with all the incidentals to modern comfort and convenience, is a business that has reached beyond the

stage where committees can be relied upon to function to fullest advantage in the operating administration of its main departments. The maintenance of the course which involves tens of thousands of dollars each year must be closely supervised if the highest efficiency, coupled to economical expenditure is to be realized. To be successfully administered the committee must practically "live on the job" day in and day out. Fortunate is the club who has a member with sufficient leisure and interest to watch over the work, but where the club is situated 10 and 15 miles from the office of a busy man, a direct control of the work is impossible. With the coming of the Secretary-Manager a new phase of administration appears. By employing a substantially paid and experienced official to take over the running of the club in all its branches a closer supervision and co-ordination has been effected. While the Green Committee may still be appointed it fades more into the background and functions less perceptibly, in fact, to many places it has been dispensed with. In a sense it has lost its usefulness and become merely a sort of honorary title. Since the business and responsibility of the links is lodged with the Secretary, and he reporting directly to the Executive Committee of the club, there was little for the Green Committee to do. It might be suggested that the House Committee is in an analogous position and perhaps it is, except for the fact that House and entertainment are pretty well interlocked, whereas there is not the same connection between tournament and course committees. One does not like to see the committee idea passing out because it is wrapped up with the club spirit and organization, but it never-the-less, seems doomed to the altar of business expediency, since the capable manager is in a far better position to serve his club if his dealings are solely with one governing executive in place of various small bodies. In the modern club there are two distinct sections: sport and entertainment, on the one hand, which is entirely the members' sphere of action and on the other the house, grounds, catering, etc., which is a straight business proposition and should be handled as such.

Obsolete Machinery

Within the last few years there has been a considerable turn over from horse to motor drawn fairway cutting units, and this change has left many clubs with mowers and mower

parts on hand for which they have little, if any use. It is a pity that this machinery should be committed to the junk heap, especially when there are many clubs just

starting up whose courses are still in the rough and who are on the look out for second hand equipment to carry them along till they get on their feet. During the winter, when

machinery is overhauled, it is a good opportunity to make an inventory of these unused machines and spare parts and dispose of them before they have lost all their value.

THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL FOURSOME

WHILE the Duke of York, afterwards James II., was in residence at Holywood, a discussion arose between him and two English noblemen of his suite as to whether golf had not been played as long in England as in Scotland. James championed the claims of Scotland and quoted Acts of the Scottish Parliament of 1457 with reference to the game. Similar evidence of antiquity not being forthcoming for England, they proposed to decide it by



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playing a game on Leith Links for stakes and this historical event took place on the Leith Links in 1682. James selected as his partner for Scotland, the best golfer of his day and the descendant of a long line of golfers, named John Paterson, a shoemaker in Edinburgh. The game resulted in a win for James and the cobbler. The stakes were handed to Paterson, with which he built a house in the Canongate, Edinburgh—still standing and known as the Golfers' land.

He placed a tablet on the front of it bearing the Paterson Arms with the crest of a hand holding a golf club, and the motto, "Far and Sure."

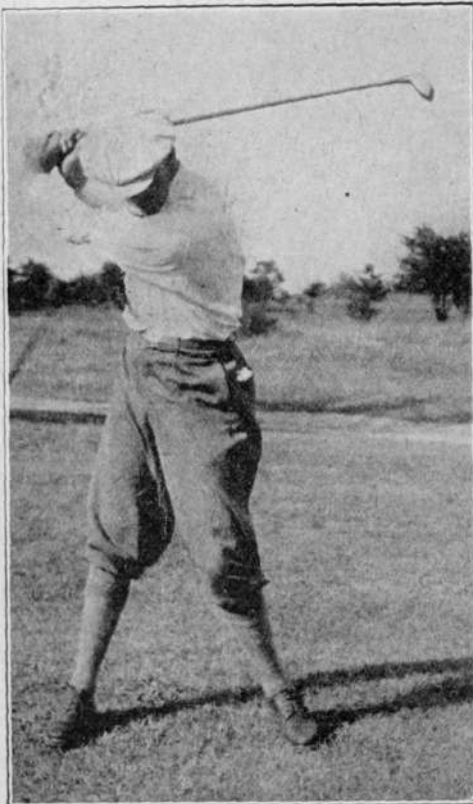
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IMPORTANT MISSISSAUGA APPOINTMENTS

From a Very Large Number of Applicants, Prominent Toronto Club Selects a Secretary and Professional

THERE will be several changes the next few months in professional and secretarial positions amongst the golf clubs in Canada. Generally speaking, these changes will not be made until early next year, but already two very important appointments have been announced. Mississauga, Toronto, one



"Bob" Cunningham, generally credited with being one of the longest drivers in America, who has been appointed professional of Mississauga, Toronto, for the coming season.

of the leading clubs in Ontario, was unfortunate recently, to lose both its Manager and Professional. The former, Mr. H. Donnelly, who for eight years was such a valued official of the club, left in October, to take over the Managership of the magnificent new Granite Club in Toronto, whilst Alfred J. Miles, the professional for the past three seasons, decided to return to his old London Club, Merton Park, much to the regret of all the members. In their places the Board of Directors, a few days ago, announced the appointment as Secretary, of Mr. Alexander Tulloch and as professional, Robert Cunningham. Mr. Tulloch comes of a well known Scottish golfing family and has recently been Manager in the States of a very exclusive golf club at Clinton, Conn. It is rather an odd coincidence, but he lived about five miles from Cunningham, in Scotland, the Ayrshire District, and they virtually learnt the game together on the West Coast of Scotland.

Mr. Tulloch has not only an expert knowledge of the game in his native country and in the States, but was for some time in Australia, where he was associated with the famous "Joe" Kirkwood in the Manly Club, Sydney, and in fact has often been credited with the "discovery" of this celebrated player, who for the past

few years has been one of the outstanding golfing figures in the States.

Cunningham has for the past few years occupied the position of professional at the Catarauqui Golf and Country Club, Kingston, Ont. He is a mighty driver, probably the longest in America, but does not by any means depend on his tee shots, for his game throughout is of a most finished description. He qualified this year (the only Canadian to do so), for the U. S. Open, a very fine feat indeed. He will be an outstanding addition to the playing strength of the professionals of Toronto and District. Since coming to Canada he has seldom been out of the prize lists, having always been placed in the Canadian Professional Championships on the four occasions in which he entered. In the Canadian Open this year at Montreal, in the classiest of fields he was 13th on the list with a score of 302—good going considering the adverse weather conditions. Two years ago he broke the record of the Rivermead course, Ottawa, by two strokes, compiling a superlative 68. Partnered with Karl Keffer, he defeated Hagen and Kirkwood by 3 and 1, which ranks as a great performance indeed. The

Kingston "Standard" editorially said of him in connection with his appointment to Mississauga:

"Local golfers will regret the departure from the city of "Bob" Cunningham, professional at the Cataraqui Golf Club. He has been of great value to the club and real assistance to the members."

There were an extremely large number of applications for both positions and Mississauga is to be congratulated on the dual choices made.

"HEARD ON THE LINKS"

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

Our Bridge expert suggests that the great fault of the average golfer on the tee is trying to score a Grand Slam with a One-Club hand. He adds that the fault of the modern short holes is the same as that of the modern packs of cards. They somehow don't seem to have as big a proportion of Aces as the old pre-war brands.

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ECHOES OF THE TRUTH.

Golf is a game of skill and patience. At the same time it is also a great strain on veracity.

Four men were playing a match on a course in which the ninth hole lay over a deep ravine.

Three of them went in the ravine, but by a stroke of fortune the fourth cleared it and found himself almost on the green. The others inspected their respective lies, and two of them decided to give up the hole. The third said he would go down and play out, and he did.

"How many strokes?" asked the others, when he reappeared.

"Three," he answered, shortly. "The others you heard were echoes."

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GETTING ALONG SWIMMINGLY.

One of Sandy Herd's stories concerns a beginner who twice "sliced" a ball into a stream, and twice his caddie had to remove boots and stockings and wade in for it.

The next day this would-be golfer was again out with the same caddie, and was so very nervous when he came to the stream that he once more put his ball into it. As the caddie was drying his feet he said to the player:

"Coming again to-morrow, sir?"

"Yes," was the reply.

"Well," rejoined the caddie, "then I think I'll come in my bathing suit."

(The above story dedicated to the golfers of Lambton, Toronto).



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A 'JIX' STORY.

Sir Joynson Hicks, the well known English statesman, is reported by the "Graphic" as saying the other day: "One of my earliest recollections of playing was at North Berwick. I hit a brassie shot further than I thought possible, and it trickled across the green where two dear old Scotchmen were holing out. I yelled for all I was worth, and they both jumped like shot rabbits.

"When I got near them I removed my cap, and, in my best manner, apologised to them, thinking that they

might be Cabinet Ministers or even Members of the Committee of the Club. One turned away and said nothing, the other looked over his shoulder as he was going and said:

"It was not your ball that frightened us, it was your voice."

"I have never apologized since!"

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CHANT FOR DARK HOURS.

Some men, some men
Cannot pass a
Book shop.

(Lady, make your mind up, and wait your life away).

Some men, some men
Cannot pass a
Crap game.

(He said he'd come at moonrise, and here's another day).

Some men, some men
Cannot pass a
Bar-room.

(Wait about, and hang about, and that's the way it goes.)

Some men, some men
Cannot pass a
Woman.

(Heaven never send me another one of those!)

Some men, some men
Cannot pass a
Golf course.

(Read a book, and sew a seam, and slumber if you can.)

Some men, some men
Cannot pass a
Haberdasher's.

(All your life you wait around for some damn man!)

—Dorothy Parker, in "Life."

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A RUB ON THE GREEN

A beginner at golf was playing with or even less experienced than himself. and was taking great pride in imparting his knowledge of technical terms. The course was heavy, and the first green was reached with lumps of mud adhering to the balls. "You may wipe your ball before putting," said the mentor grandly. "That's called a *rub on the green!*"

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Colonel Foozler had been known for many months both for exceedingly poor play and his even worse slowness in tailing around the links. One day, walking up to play his second at the 17th, he observed a large snail walking over his ball, and turning to his caddie

he rasped out, "Great snakes! Another snail. That's the fifth this morning. I shall certainly report this to the Sec—."

But he got no further, for the boy, by this time thoroughly disgusted, broke in. "Chuck it," he said, "It's the same one that has been chasin' us all round."

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A ROW AT ANGRATE.

The Major, having pulled his tee-shot perilously near a hedge, played a wonderful recovery with his niblick. Turning to his caddie he remarked: "By gad, boy, what d'ye think of that one? If Vardon or Mitchell had played that shot there'd have been a blinking row about it!" "There'll be a blinking row about it now, sir," said the caddie. "It's 'it the blinking Secretary on the 'ead!"

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TO THE HORDE OF WOMEN WHO ARE INVADING MEN'S GOLF CLUBS

O Eve, whate'er it was of old—

Those days of which our parents speak—

When women did what they were told,
And stayed at home six days a week,
The wheel has turned full circle now,
And freedom with both hands you seize,

And mocking model German frau,
You do as you please.

By force majeure you've opened wide
The portals of each male retreat.

Our clubs where once you were denied,
Now echo to your dainty feet.

Into our sports you've fought your way,

Our billiards rooms, our courts, our rinks;

But humble, suppliant, may I pray?—
Leave us our links.

Your golfing prowess, who would erab it?

Your skill with putter, spoon, or jigger?

Not I, for one, a noted rabbit,

A pulling, slicing, foozling figure.

But, all the more, I look askance

At golfing Eve, and rightly jib,

She does not give a chap a chance

To curse *ad lib.*"

VIEWS ON THE CHIP SHOT

Sacramento Professional Advises Short Grip and No Movement of the Knees

(By Sherman A. Paddock, of "The Country Club Magazine")

FRANK MINCH is famous for the remarkable accuracy of his chip shots and short pitches to the pin. I had my first opportunity of observing his play last month, while I was taking part in the California State Fair golf championship, which is an annual feature at Del Paso Country Club, Sacramento, where Frank is the professional in charge.

Few golfers can equal Minch when it comes to cuddling the ball up to the hole anywhere from a few feet to seventy-five yards off the green. In fact, I can think of only one man at the moment who is so consistently near the cup, and that is A. D. S. Johnston, of Midwick and other country clubs. The two men employ different methods on these shots, however. Minch opens the face of his club while Mr. Johnston keeps it closed. That's golf. The same results sometimes can be obtained in different ways.

"The chip shot can be made extremely simple," Minch told me, "yet it is surprising how many people have failed to master even its elements. The greatest faults are taking too long a grip on the shaft, bringing the club too far back in the swing and then slowing up on the down stroke, and looking up too quickly. Whether the ball is to travel two feet or 250 yards, it has to be hit firmly if satisfactory results are to be attained, and it cannot be hit firmly if one takes too long a swing and then, in fear of hitting too hard, slows up on the down swing. Of course, in these short shots, as in the long ones, the club should start down slowly, without a jerk, but after the clubhead is once on its way, it should gain in speed rather than slacken in speed."

I had Frank take me out to one of the greens, where I watched him crowd a flock of practice balls around and into the cup from short distances away. As he played he explained his methods of teaching. It's odd, but no matter how many professionals a person talks to the next one invariably has some new idea to offer. Trying out one of

these ideas may work wonders with one man's game and be of no benefit whatever with another's, but I have noticed that the chap who is eager to experiment with them all, until he finds the one that best fits his individual needs, is the one who makes the greatest progress in reducing his handicap.

"I start my pupils out with the full swing," said Mr. Minch. "In theory this is wrong, but in practice it is right. If you could catch and retain the beginner's interest by starting him with putting and the chip shot that would be the way, but in all too many cases you cannot do this. The short strokes do not appeal to him. On the other hand, if you start him with the full swing, and he begins to crack one on the nose now and then, his interest and enthusiasm leap to a fever heat, and he is sold for life on golf. Then you can turn his attention to the short shots, and he will spend whatever time necessary with them, because he realizes they are a foundation for, and a part of, the long game.

"In chip shots and short shots to the pin, I use an old-style mashie, which hasn't quite so much loft as the modern mashie. It is about the same as a No. 4 Kro-Flite iron. I realize that some good golfers secure fairly satisfactory results by gripping the shaft of their clubs near the top on these little shots, but it is more difficult to attain both direction and control that way. Also, the novice is almost sure to overswing. He cannot hit the ball with the necessary snap if he don't, and he can't if he does, because after the club starts down he realizes he is going to hit too hard and slows up as the bottom of the arc is reached, which means a dubbed shot every time.

"I regulate the position of my hands on the shaft by the distance the ball is to go. I might say here that my grip is the same for all shots, from putting up to the full swing with the wood, but on a chip shot, say from five or six yards off the edge of the green, my hands are well down toward the bottom

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of the leather. This is the shortest stroke in golf, except putting, and consequently it calls for a very short grip on the shaft.

"My stance is open, with feet close together. A wide stance on this shot complicates it greatly. By an open stance, of course, I mean having the right foot slightly advanced over the left. Needless to say, in this as in other strokes, the grip must not be too tight, just firm enough to assure absolute command of the club. The grip is more firm with the left hand than with the right. The arms are fairly straight.

"Start the club back with the left hand. Don't ever pick it up with the right. It is astonishing the number of golfers who spoil their chances for a good score by picking the club up with the right. Keep the blade low along the ground. It is really a shove back with the left hand, with wrists not breaking at the start, although I open up the club by a slight bend of the wrist as the clubhead gets farther back. This is more natural than keeping the face of the club closed throughout the swing.

"I start the clubhead down with the left, letting the right come into the swing naturally, just before the impact. It is a mistake to bring the right into the downswing by an artificial effort, and this applies to the full swing as well as to the chip shot. The right comes in automatically, by instinct, as has been pointed out a thousand times before.

"All golfers, good and bad alike, should arrive at a full realization of the important part the left hand and arm play in the golf swing. One way to help this is to practice a little with the right hand off the shaft entirely on these short shots, and swing only with the left."

Minch gave a demonstration of his meaning by chipping the ball up in the fashion described. Results were not so good as when the right hand also was on the shaft, but the balls all had good direction. He could not control distance quite so well as when he used both hands, but pointed out that if one used the left hand entirely over a given period one probably could do just as well that way. However, this would not be advisable, for then the short swing would be something different from the long, and a standardization of all swings is a thing much to be desired.

"Another fault of a vast number of golfers," Frank continued, "is stopping the club head immediately after the ball is hit. This is almost sure to spoil the shot. Let the clubhead follow on through toward the hole, as far on the downswing as on the backswing. Keeping the back of the left hand faced toward the flag until the finish of the swing is the secret of good direction on these shots.

"Some of our greatest golfers move their knees slightly, even on these chip shots. I do not advise this. I find I can get better results by not moving or bending the knees the slightest. They remain in the same position throughout the swing. I do all the work with a movement of the wrists and arms. This holds true of all my shots up to 75 yards. Let me illustrate.

At this point Minch did what was to me a surprising thing. He pointed out an oak tree, seventy-five yards away, and said he would play an approach shot to it, as if it were the pin. I don't know how often he could repeat the stunt, but on this particular occasion the ball hit the base of the tree, so nearly in the center that it bounded straight back into the fairway. His knees did not move a particle.

OUR "HOLE-IN-ONE CLUB"

Total of 1926 Sinners Reaches 176—Prominent Montreal performers of the Stunt Give a Notable Dinner

THE last of the "One-ers" for 1926 have recorded their performances and the curtain rings down on the most "onederful" season ever staged by the "Canadian Golfer." Here are the last of 'em:

Mr. Colin McKenzie, K. C., of the Lingan Country Club, Sydney, N. S., put "Down by the Sounding Sea," on the map when playing with Mr. Fred W. Merchant, he negotiated the Lingan second hole with his tee shot.

Saskatoon comes along with the report of a trio of performances. Mr. C. R. Ledingham made a "oneer" at the 7th hole of the Country Club, Saskatoon; Mr. E. Peterson also chose the 7th hole of the Saskatoon Club for the performance and Mr. K. B. McKenzie the 3rd hole at the Saskatoon club for the stunt. The golfers of the "Province of Broad Acres" certainly finished up the season strong.

And here is a new club reporting—Penticton, B. C. Mr. Thomas M. Syer, playing with Mr. C. W. Nicholl, on October 31st, made the second hole on this sporting little British Columbia course, 155 yards in one.

Trochu, Alberta, too, has never reported before. While playing a round of the course on October 31st in company with Mr. Leslie E. Roach, the Reeve, and Mr. D. H. Gilchrist, the Principal of the Public School, Mr. J. LeR. Sadleir, with his trusty midiron found "the tin from the tee" on the 180 yard fifth hole. Particularly pleased to welcome a Trochu player to our club.

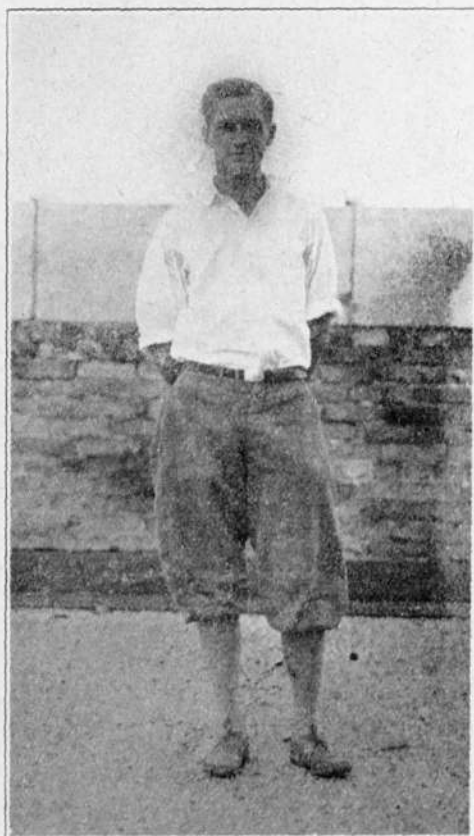
Playing with Mr. J. A. Sayward, the President of the Club, Mr. Parry, the Secretary, and Miss Sayward, Mr. F. F. Wilson secured a one at the 15th hole at "Colwood, beautiful Colwood," Victoria, B. C.

And this is the final "singleton" feat to be recorded for 1926. Playing with Mr. R. G. Brown, a member of the Lambton Golf and Country Club, and Mr. S Banks, Mr. Harry G. Beemer, of the Mississauga Golf Club, Toronto, made a one at the difficult short 12th hole at Lambton, 125 yards.

Total Holes-in-One in Canada, season 1926, 177.

The Proper Way to Do It

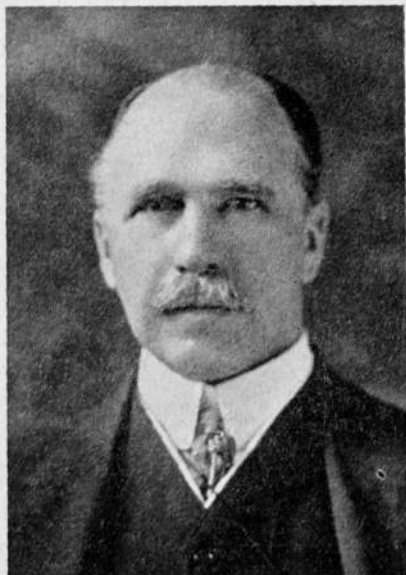
Last month was recorded the fact that Messrs. W. H. C. Mussen, of The Royal Montreal, and George W. Kent, of The Whitlock Golf Club, two of Montreal's most outstanding amateur sportsmen, had made "Holes-in-One" and joined our select Club. So they decided to collaborate and stage a "One-der" dinner in fitting celebration of their respective notable feats. And in the ver-



W. P. Dutton, Jr., the clever young Winnipeg golfer, who, as reported in the November issue, has the unique record of making a "Hole-in-One" twice this season.

nacular it was "some dinner"—but let Mr. George Mackie, of "Canadian Forest and Outdoors," tell the story, as kindly forwarded to the Editor:

"A very pleasant interlude in that "in-between" season, when exponents of those two manly sports, golfing and curling, are more or less at their wits' end to find some excuse for getting together—was afforded to lovers of the besom and niblick in the Montreal district when Mr. W. H. "Clare" Mussen and Mr. W. Geo. Kent, entertained several score of their golfing and curling friends at a dinner party, unique in the history of these two sports. The occasion was the celebration by these two doughty sportsmen of their having in the season



Two outstanding Montrealers in manufacturing, golfing and curling circles, hosts at the "One-der" Dinner in Montreal—Mr. George W. Kent (Whitlock Golf and Country Club), and Mr. W. H. C. Mussen (The Royal Montreal Golf Club).

just ended achieved the feat of a "hole-in-one" and they took this means of permitting their friends to join with them in celebrating the event.

The affair was staged at the Montreal Thistle Curling club house, and lacked nothing in the way of verbal and "spiritual" culinary support to make it a success. The joint chairman, the aforesaid "Clare" and "George," started things off with a bang and there were no dull moments until "Auld Lang Syne" brought the affair to a close at a seasonable hour. Seated at the head table with the hosts were all the other golfers in the Montreal district who have attained to the "hole-in-one" coterie and these included Charlie Murray, John G. Kent (son of George), E. A. MacNutt, "Bill" Duncan, E. A. Bernard, J. Purkiss, Dr. Stewart Nicoll and J. A. G. Carson. Among the speakers of the evening—that is to say those who were able to interlard their remarks between the rapid fire raconting of the hosts, were President McCulloch, of Beaconsfield; President Dwyer, of Whitlock, and President A. C. Collyer, of the Province of Quebec Golf Association, all of whom added their quota of praise to the "Hole-in-One-Ders"—as the hosts were fittingly dubbed. Several of the other head table occupants were called on to explain how they had qualified in their class, but the expectant audience were no wiser when the experts got through than when they started as regards the method of accomplishing the feat.

"Charlie" Murray, Dixie's genial pro, who by the way is looking and feeling better than he has in many seasons, started off as if he meant to hand out some free advice. His ever-present quality of self-effacement asserted itself, however, and he got no further than "Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen: It is much easier for me to make a hole-in-one than it is to make a speech"—and let it go at that, and in view of the fact that the same "Charlie" has notched up his seventh "singleton," there is probably more truth than poetry in his remarks. While talking in quantities we must not overlook the accomplishment of "Clare" Mussen, who with his 1926 "oneer" attained the fourth in his tempestuous golf career. This last one, by the way, was really something more than a hole-in-one because it qualified Mr. Mussen as the longest putter known in golf history. As a matter of fact, his "hole-in-one" was a 160-foot putt, as he had the remarkable experience of having driven from the eighth tee on the old

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Walter Hagen

Won the PGA championship held recently at Salisbury, Long Island, for the third successive year. He used a Spalding golf ball throughout.

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Western Canada Open	North and South Open	British Northern Professional
Western Canada Professional	North and South Amateur	Glasgow Herald
Australian Open	North and South Women's	Metropolitan Women's
French Open	Daily Mail (London)	Women's Western
Belgian Open	Pacific Northwest Open	International Match between
British Women's	British Columbia Open	Hagen and Mitchell
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course at Dixie with a goose-necked putter—a feat which we think will bear some duplication. George Kent made his singleton off the third tee on the same course as Mr. Mussen, but some of those who were with him on that occasion qualified their praise of his achievement by remarking that he was really not playing his normal game anyway and anything was liable to happen. Several presentations were made during the evening, both from present and absent friends. Mr. Mussen received several trophies, signaling his feat, while the genial "George" who was not similarly honoured could not help but bemoan his fate in having used the wrong kind of ball. (Editor's Note: Further intending "Hole-in-One-ers" please bear this point in mind.) The Whitlock "ace" however, was remembered by the Montreal Rotary Club, who sent him a "doughnut" in an elaborately decorated package.

All in all, the evening was one of mirth and jollity, this latter being largely contributed to by the snappy speeches and stories contributed by the hosts. All the guests expressed a desire that both would repeat their feat next year and in fact, volunteered to go to almost any length in order to assure the repetition.

Mr. Kent, although he made his hole-in-one at Dixie, is past-president and continuing patron at the Whitlock Golf Club, while Mr. Mussen occupies a similar standing at the Royal Montreal Club. Both, it may be added, are "Golfing Seniors" of the first degree."

MIAMI, FLORIDA

Will Be the Scene This Winter of Many Important Golf Tournaments

Miami, Fla., Dec. 1.—Professional golfers are looking upon two tempting open tournaments at Miami with more than usual interest. The Miami Open which has been played for the last two years is always the very last open event of the season and for this reason it has become important to the profession and a number of amateurs who feel that they have a chance to win the laurels.

The Miami Open, attractive as it is, will not stand alone this year, as Miami Beach, in planning to dedicate the new La Gorse Links, has also scheduled an open event while the leading talent is on hand. This will mean that the pro has more than a good chance to pick up an attractive sum should he be out of form in one event or the other. The total sum at stake will be something like \$6,000 for both tournaments.

Just to prove that the hurricane failed to accomplish all of its nefarious work Miami golf courses have blossomed forth as if there had been no storm. All the links of the tropical city are ready and Miami Beach fired the open-

ing gun with an invitation tournament December 2nd, 3rd and 4th. From this date on Miami will stage at least one tournament a week on the average. This year with all golf courses in use there will be ample room for the golfers to enjoy their favorite pastime at leisure.

Tennis, bowling on the green, water sports, dog racing, horse racing, roque and other outdoor sports will help make the winter program a big and important one.

Just now the golfers are having their innings and Willie Klein, winner of the Miami Open last winter, will have some stiff competition. Last year he had to outplay Bobby Jones, Willie Macfarlane, Johnny Farrell, Gene Sarazen, Mike Brady, Leo Diegel, Tommy Armour and many other stars to gain the victory.

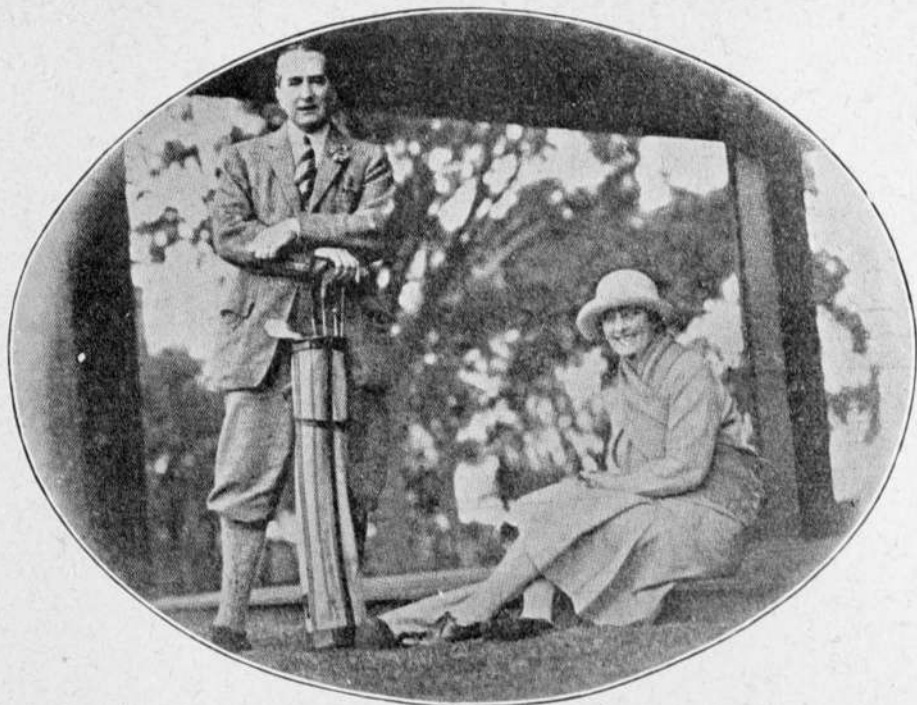
Miami counts on Walter Hagen playing this time and Bobby Jones may play again with such other stars as Sarazen, Hutchison, Armour, Hampton and Doyle.

IRELAND STEPS INTO THE BREACH

A SPECIAL cable from London, December 2nd.

"Ireland has stepped into the breach between the ruling golf bodies of Great Britain and the United States, caused by a clash in the dates of 1927 Open Championships of the two countries. An Irish Open Title tournament, to be held for the first time next year at Fort Marnock, has been decided upon by the Irish Golfing Union for some period after the British contest at St. Andrews and the United States tournament at Oakmont, both during the week of June 20. Golfing circles here believe that both American and British stars will be inclined to settle the question of international supremacy on the neutral fairways."

THE EMPIRE'S YOUNGEST PREMIER



Mr. S. M. Bruce, the Premier of Australia, with his Wife. The photograph was taken at their home at Frankstone, near Melbourne. Both Mr. Bruce whilst attending the Imperial Conference recently in London, and Mrs. Bruce, frequently played golf over the courses of the Metropolis.

YOUNG B. C. PLAYERS DEFEAT HAGEN

A SPECIAL despatch from Vancouver, December 4th:

"Golf history was made here yesterday at the C. P. R. Company's golf course, 'Langara,' at South Vancouver, when young Charlie McCadden, aged 15, partnered with Roy Herne, the Hastings Park professional, just past his 23rd birthday, defeated Walter Hagen, world champion, and the 'Langara' pro, Nat Cornfoot (formerly of Nova Scotia), by 2 up and 1 to go. Hagen returned a 76 against a par 72, with Herne close up with 78 and McCadden a good third with 80. A crowd numbering a thousand or so followed the players, including Mlle. Lenglen, Miss M. K. Brown and Vincent Richards, the tennis stars, and also devotees of golf. Hagen secured two birdies."

"The play of young McCadden is the talk of Vancouver golfers. He was at school up until noon of the day of the great match and hurried over his lunch so as to be ready to play at 1.30 p.m. The course was sodden with rain after a three day downpour, which added strokes to the cards of all the contestants. In five months 25,000 golfers have played the Langara course and par has only been beaten on one occasion."

"The Langara pair were one up at the finish of the ninth and two up at the eleventh, when McCadden's spoon shot dropped dead and he had an easy four to win the hole. Herne, who missed a couple of short putts in the last half which nearly proved costly, lost a two-footer on the twelfth to give Hagen the hole with a four after he had just failed to drop a fifty-footer for a three. Herne's tee shot on the 210 sixteenth just about found the cup for a one shotter, but he missed his putt and had to be content with a half."

"Hagen spoke very favourably about the course after the match, declaring that it took the very best of golf to beat par. He also paid a fine tribute to young McCadden, saying: 'You have another Bobby Jones coming on when he gets his strength.' The boy on several holes equalled the tee shots of Hagen and Herne."

"'Charlie' is the son of Mr. E. S. McCadden, Manager of the Langara Golf Links, who will be remembered by Torontonians some twenty years ago as a valued member of the Rose-dale Golf Club. The boy's grandfather was one of the first to take up golf in Ireland, so he comes naturally by his aptitude to play 'the game of games.' His future golfing career will be watched with interest."

A SURVEY OF EUROPEAN GOLF

Golf Now Necessary Adjunct of European Resorts, Says George E. Fraser

(By L. D. Cox).



GEO. E. FRASER

THE develop-
ment of golf
in European coun-
tries is one of the
deepest and most
lasting impressions
received by George
E. Fraser, publish-
er of Fraser's Inter-
national Golf

Year Book, who re-
turned with Mrs. Fraser last week on
the Cunard liner *Ascania* from an ex-
tensive tour of European countries. In
practically every city and resort which
possesses sufficient attractions to draw
the tourist, the value of golf as a means
of holding the visitor for a few extra
days is being rapidly realized. Where a
few years ago golf in countries like
France, Italy and Switzerland, was re-
garded as the somewhat bizarre amuse-
ment of eccentric Englishmen and
Scotchmen, it is now considered that
one of the prime requisites of a resort
is a well laid out golf course. The re-
sult is that golf courses have been
springing up all over Europe. Most
of them are operated by local clubs or
Chambers of Commerce, whose courses
are patronized to a much greater de-
gree by visitors than by the club mem-
bers. Nearly all these clubs have
British professionals, so that when the
Canadian or American visitor arrives
with his bag of clubs, he is greeted in
his mother tongue by an expert in the
game.

The British Isles is, of course, the
very home of golf; throughout the
country may be found the most magni-
ficent links, as the Britisher calls them,
at practically all of which visitors are
welcome at any time. It is always best,
of course, for visitors to bring with
them some means of introduction,
either a letter or card from the secre-
tary of his home club. Of course, there
are a good many public courses
throughout Britain, where this intro-
duction is unnecessary. Many large
resorts like Bournemouth have excel-
lent public courses, which are usually
very popular throughout the summer

season. The fees are never more than
about 75c. a day, and the golf is as
good as can be obtained on most pri-
vate courses.

Canadian golfers, of course, are
never content to come home without
having played on one or more of the
famous championship courses. Among
these the most famous are St. Andrews,
at the very heart of the Golf Empire;
Prestwick and Troon, also in Scotland;
and in England, Sandwich, Deal,
Westward Ho! and Hoylake. There
is no better golf anywhere in the wide
world than on these courses.

For the visitor with very little time
in England, and who is making the
most of his stay in London, there are a
good many courses in the suburbs of
the metropolis, which welcome the over-
seas golfer. Most of these fine courses
are in Hertfordshire, Buckingham-
shire, Surrey and Kent, which are
available by electric train or 'bus. Of
London's famous courses, Walton
Heath and Woodcote Park, the home of
the Royal Automobile Country Club,
are perhaps the best. The famous
championship courses of Deal and
Sandwich may easily be reached in an
hour and a half from London by ex-
press train.

On the continent of Europe, golf has
developed more in France than in any
other country, with the possible excep-
tion of Switzerland. While there are
practically no public courses in France,
visitors are always welcome, especially
at resort points, where the resort
authorities are only too glad to be able
to induce the visitor to spend a few
more days, and consequently, a few
more dollars. A notable feature of the
growth of the game in France is the
fact that golf is becoming popular
among Frenchmen themselves. Not a
few golf laurels have been won recently
by French golfers of both sexes. The
course fees vary from twenty to thirty
francs a day, although at some places
the fee is larger.

Some of the best golf courses in
France are to be found around Paris,
where something like a golf boom has

been going on during the past year or two. Some of the best known and most accessible courses are at Aubergenville, an hour away by rail; Chantilly, twenty-five miles north and a favourite Parisian resort; Compeigne, fifty miles north in the St. Quentin direction; Fontainebleau, a beautiful 18-hole layout somewhat resembling Pine Valley; St. Germain-en-Laye, the venue of several championships; Versailles, and an excellent course at La Boulie. Nearly all of these courses have eighteen holes, and in the case of St. Cloud, an extra nine holes.

The centre of France is one of the most delightful areas in the world. While there are no golf courses in the "Chateau Country," there are many excellent links in the resorts of the Vosges and Jura. The main ones are Vittel and Contrexeville, at each of which there is excellent golf in ideal scenic surroundings, with good hotel facilities.

From Geneva may be visited many of the excellent courses on the Lake Lemman resorts, of which the most famous is perhaps Aix-les-Bains. A good way to approach these courses is by the magnificent motor road from Nice. The courses around Lyons, which may be visited easily by business men who have to stay in that city, are Vichy and Clermont-Ferrand. The 18-hole course at Vichy is gloriously situated.

In the south of France are several courses, near Bordeaux, offering golf close to the Bay of Biscay. From Biarritz also may be visited several excellent links at resorts like St. Jean de Luz and Hendaye, and in the foothills of the Pyrenees, golf may be enjoyed at Pau and Argeles.

The best winter golf in Europe is undoubtedly obtainable on the famous Riviera courses. The golf here is available at slightly increased cost. The most fashionable links are at Hyeres, La Tourbie, and Costebelle. Golf among the ultra-fashionable visitors at these courses, amidst the glorious colour and warmth of the Mediterranean Coast, is an experience which can never be forgotten.

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Switzerland for many years has been known as the playground of Europe. Certainly there is everything to justify this appellation. Consequently Switzerland is a land devoted almost entirely to receiving and entertaining the tourist; everybody seems to be in the tourist business. To the extraordinary variety of her charms Switzerland has, during the last year or two, added a score of some of the finest golf courses in Europe. On these links the standard of golf approaches that of Great Britain, and even the Swiss themselves are now playing the game enthusiastically. Excellent work in furthering the interests of the game in their country is being done by the Swiss Golf Association. Course fees are surprisingly low and everywhere English and French is spoken. The complex nature of Swiss geography makes it necessary for visitors to plan itineraries carefully or some of the most glorious resorts will be missed.

Geneva has already been mentioned. The visitor will find his vacation here all too short, and there is a nine-hole course quite near. Lucerne, perhaps the centre of the Swiss tourist trade, has a magnificent course in a splendid position behind the town, at Diets hiberg. At this course the Swiss championship has been held. At the east end of Lake Geneva is Montreaux, near the celebrated castle of Chillon. The golf course is one of the loveliest in Europe, and the celebrated British pro., Harry Vardon, helped to make it. In the St. Moritz area, which is known as the Engadine country, are several courses which are set amid ravishing scenery. The links at Maloja in the Upper Engadine, are laid out at an altitude of over six thousand feet, the highest golf course in Europe. Business men who have only time to visit Zurich, the silk centre, may find golf on a nine-hole course on the outskirts of the town, affording a magnificent view of lake and mountains.

The best courses in Italy are in the north, beautifully situated around the Italian lakes, and most of them may be reached easily from Milan, one of the most modern cities in Europe. The Canadian and American visitor will find more to interest him, perhaps, in northern Italian cities than in most other parts of Europe, for here the latest merchandising methods and efficient systems are in use. Mussolini is extremely popular and his photograph may be observed everywhere.

The chief golf resorts are Dervio, Menaggio, Strest, and Varese, and there is golf at an 18-hole course at Palo near Trieste. Not the least interesting of golfing experiences for the visitor to Europe is a game on this picturesque piece of land jutting into the Adriatic. In the heat of an Italian summer, it is something to be able to play golf in cool, exquisite surroundings. This is available on the courses in the incomparable Dolomites, easily reached from Venice. There are also courses in the south, one near Rome and another near Florence. The chief

attraction about the game in the Eternal City, however, it must be confessed, is the consciousness of driving a ball across the Appian Way.

Mr. Fraser found that golf was also developing rapidly in Germany. Berlin was the only place he visited for more than a few hours. One of the handsomest country clubs in Europe is in the beautiful Grunewald, which this year became the new centre of golf in the German capital. There is plenty of sleeping accommodation in the clubhouse for week-enders, and plans are under way for bungalows to increase this accommodation. There are also magnificent golf courses at Leipzig, Magdeburg, Hamburg, and Kitzenburg, near Kiel. Among the many charming golf resorts in and around the Black Forest are Wiesbaden, Nauheim, Windungen and Kissingen, all easily reached from Frankfort. South of these is golf at Baden-Baden and Munich, which latter place is a good point for exploring Bavaria and the Tyrol.

Mr. Fraser was impressed with the number of tourists and even business men whom he met on the Cunarder *Ascania*, both going over and coming back, who are carrying their golf clubs and supplies with them. The golf bag is now an authentic and necessary part of the trans-Atlantic traveller's luggage. Throughout Europe there are adequate facilities for purchasing golf goods, which are mostly of British manufacture. In most cases they may be purchased through the pro, who usually has complete charge of the course itself.

Perhaps it is not too much to say that golf is playing a not inconsiderable part in bringing Canadians and Americans closer to their European cousins. Every golfer who tests the delight of the putting greens at Troon, or feels the tremendous thrill of a mighty drive under the shadow of the Matterhorn, does more than lay up for himself a reserve of health and splendid memories, he acts as an ambassador of peace and good will.

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"CANADIAN GOLFER" BOOK REVIEWS

Interesting Publications Suitable for Xmas and New Year Giving

"THE Understanding Heart" (Peter B. Kyne, Copp-Clark Co., Ltd., Toronto, \$2.00), makes delightful light reading for the holiday season. The creator of the irascible but loveable old "Cappy Ricks" has done nothing better for some time than this new novel of his—which fairly pulsates with the life of Northern California and its wooded hills and dales and of the devastating trial by fire that ultimately brings good and ill to the tangled fortunes of people whom you will love to know. In short, "The Understanding Heart" is Kyne at his best—and that is recommendation enough.

"Golf for Young Players" (Oxford Press, Richmond Street, Toronto, price \$1.50). This capital little compilation is by the famous U. S. woman golfer, Miss Glenna Collett, twice U.S. National Champion and twice Canadian Open Champion, one of the finest women players and stylists if not the finest, ever evolved in America. Anything that Miss Collett has to say about the game, commands, and deservedly so, most careful attention. In a delightful colloquial style, in this book of hers, she tells young players "the shortest and best cut to acquire good form and good style and the avoiding of many early cardinal errors. Well printed and well illustrated, "Golf for Young Players will make an invaluable Xmas gift for any Canadian girl or boy desirous of perfecting his or her game of golf along the very best and most orthodox lines.

"The Club of Masks" (Allen Upward, J. B. Lippincott Company, Philadelphia and London, Copp, Clark Co., Toronto, \$2.00). All the world loves a detective story and in this novel Allen Upward provides thrills without number. The attention of the reader is gripped from the first chapter until the last, and Conan Doyle has had nothing better to present than in this absorbing mystery of Night Club life in gay old London.

"A Guide to Good Golf" (Jim Barnes, ex-British and U. S. Open Champion, Dodd-Mead, Publishers, "Canadian Golfer," distributors for

the Dominion), is easily the most concise and instructive treatise on the Royal and Ancient game ever published. Barnes is not only one of the world's greatest golfers, but a great instructor. "A Guide to Good Golf" (Price \$2.50, duty and postage prepaid), should be in the library of every golfer. The ideal book to study during the long winter months ahead of us.

"The Black Hunter" (James Oliver Curwood, Copp, Clark Co., Ltd., Toronto, \$2.00), is bound to be one of the season's best sellers. No one to-day writes of "the great outdoors" with quite the skill of Curwood. "The Black Hunter" has for its setting old Quebec in the 1750's, and fairly thrills with the romance of those early days. Through absorbing page after absorbing page stalk "scalping redskins," the courtiers of New France, expert woodsmen and charming women with their loves and their hates, the whole coloured with the Curwood touch that has made his name famous throughout the novel-reading world.

"Show Boat" (Edna Ferber; Doubleday, Page & Co., S. B. Gundy, Oxford Press, Toronto, \$2.00). The authoress of "So Big" which is now in its 110th thousand and which won the Pulitzer prize as the best American novel of the year, has again made a hit in her new book, which is fiction pure and simple, but fiction of a most delightful character. "Show Boat" will add to the reputation of the authoress, who whilst a young journalist in Milwaukee first sprang into fame as the writer of short stories.

"The Blue Window," by Temple Bailey (Copp, Clark Co., Ltd.), is a delightful story of modern society life, the scene changing from a Missouri Farm to a charming Maryland country home. Hildergarde Carew, the heroine, burdened with a conscience, is the central and clever figure in this quite absorbing book by one of the most popular women writers to-day on this continent.

"The Silver Spoon" (John Galsworthy; Charles Scribner's Sons), is a remarkable work by perhaps England's foremost novelist and playwright.

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Anything that bears Galsworthy's imprimatur is bound to attract attention alike in Great Britain and America. His hosts of Canadian admirers will not be disappointed in this, his latest work, with the irritating title. The plot more or less focuses on two remarkable vivid young women of compelling characteristics, and the book throughout is more or less a delightful satire on modern society. Galsworthy is at his best in "The Silver Spoon," and at his best no modern novelist to-day ranks higher or perhaps as high.

"Introduction to Sally" (by "Elizabeth"; Doubleday, Page & Co. and S. B. Gundy Oxford Press, Toronto, \$2.00). The author of "Elizabeth and Her German Garden" has scored

again in this new book. "Sally" is a most amusing young lady and so beautiful that "her husband kept her locked up on their honeymoon." Round this Modern Helen of Troy "Elizabeth" has woven romances and complications innumerable. Altogether, a refreshing book to while away a few winter hours.

"White Water," (Robert E. Pinkerton; The Copp, Clark Co., Ltd., Toronto), is a dashing story of the North Country full of adventure and colourful action with a most likeable hero and heroine and other characters limned in a masterful manner. Good judges claim that this is the best book which Mr. Pinkerton has written and the claim is well made. Interest is never allowed to flag.

ONTARIO LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION

Leading Golfing Province Launches a Very Strong Organization—Leading Ladies on Executive

AT a largely attended meeting of representatives of the various clubs in the Province of Ontario that are affiliated with the Canadian

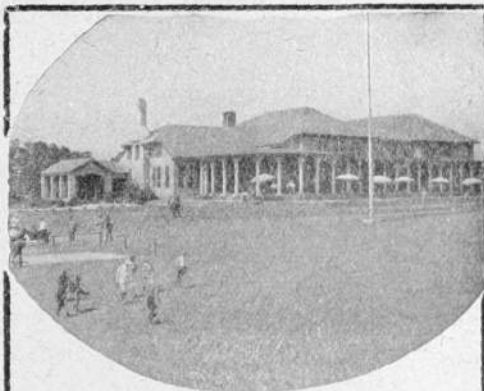
Ladies' Golf Union, held December 6th at the King Edward, the Ontario Branch of the Union was formed, which leaves Alberta the only province to or-

ganize its own branch from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Up till the present the Ontario Provincial Championship and other matters pertaining to the clubs in the Province have been handled by the national executive of the C. L. G. U., the headquarters of which is in this city, but in future the newly-formed branch will conduct all affairs of this nature, except the Toronto city championship and the team competition for The Mail and Empire Trophy.

A tribute was paid to the ladies of the Hamilton Golf Club in the election of officers, the first President and the first Secretary being from that club. It was through the efforts of Miss Florence Harvey, of Hamilton, some years ago that the C.L.G.U. was formed. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Miss Jean Haslett, Hamilton Golf Club; Vice-President, Mrs. Marshall Graydon, London Hunt Club; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss J. McFarlane, Hamilton Golf Club; Chairman of the Pars Committee, Mrs. M. K. Rowe, Toronto Golf Club. Committee: Mrs. Gordon Ferrie, Hamilton Golf Club; Mrs. Duncan Coulson, York Downs Golf Club; Mrs. Murray Hendrie, Hamilton Golf Club, and Mrs. McCaughey, Glendale Golf Club.

The decision to form the Provincial branch was unanimously supported. The expansion in ladies' golf has been so rapid and far-reaching that the officers of the C. L. G. U. were unable to spare the time from national problems for provincial matters, and it was felt that in the interests of the clubs in Ontario there should be a provincial organization.

The meeting also discussed the suggestion presented by Mrs. Douglas Laird, of the St. Charles Club, of Winnipeg, at the annual meeting of the C. L. G. U. in that city last December regarding better representation of all sections of the country in the Canadian Championship tournaments. Mrs. Laird suggested that in order to secure better representation from the various provincial organizations the attendance from the West at Championships in the East and from the East when the titular turney is held in the West, being kept down owing to financial reasons,



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that a fund be raised and controlled by each of the provincial organizations for the purpose of sending provincial teams to the national championships. She suggested that each lady member of a club affiliated with a provincial organization be assessed \$1 or 50 cents for the fund.

At the Winnipeg meeting a standing vote approved of the suggestion, and the matter was left with the delegates to take up with their individual branches and clubs, and at present the matter is being discussed at the annual meetings of the various ladies' sections of clubs throughout the Dominion. At yesterday's meeting the feeling in favour of the plan, which is only being considered at present, was very strong, but it will not be until the various clubs report favourably to their provincial organizations that the scheme will be formulated and carried out.

The two Canadian National Championships will be played in Toronto this year, the open at Lampton and the closed at the Toronto Golf Club.

A GREAT GOLFER---"LONG JIM" BARNES



"Barnes is tall and lanky, well over the six-foot mark and as lean as a marsh reed."

HEREWITH is a particularly clever cartoon by David Salz in the "American Golfer" of Jim Barnes, author of "A Guide to Good Golf," which invaluable book is again being sold in Canada this Xmas by the "Canadian Golfer" (Price \$2.50, duty and express prepaid).

Barnes, who won the U.S. Open Championship in 1921 and the British Open Championship in 1925, is of English birth. He originated in Cornwall, and inherited the Cornish stubbornness of his ancestors. Six successive times he sought to win the coveted title, and on five occasions he failed. Before sailing for his successful attempt, he said, "I may not win now, but I'm going to keep on trying until I do."

You can't beat spirit like that.

Barnes is tall and lanky, well over the six-foot mark and lean as a marsh reed. No one ever saw him in knickerbockers. He wouldn't let the world get a look at his thin, hard muscled shanks for a mint of money.

It is seldom that he smiles. Round after round he plods his serious way, a clover between his grim lips.

When Barnes is preparing for a tournament or in the actual play, there is no dallying with pleasure. He watches his food carefully, and goes to bed at nine o'clock. No small amount of his success can be traced to his determination to keep in good physical condition.

For quite a long time he and Walter Hagen and Jock Hutchison were known as "the big three" of professional golf. He won both the American and British Open Championships, as well as numberless other events.

Barnes, who started his career as a caddie in Cornwall in 1905, came to America in his teens, and he first sprang into the limelight in 1914, when he won the Western Open Championship, repeating in 1917 and 1919. In 1916 and 1919 he annexed the Professional Golfers' Association Championship and in addition to these and the British and U. S. Championships, has lesser events by the score to his credit.

Barnes' great book is again going over with "a bang" this season. It is the ideal Xmas gift for a golfing "Dad, Mother, Sister, Brother or Friend." Send in your orders early, as the edition is limited.

CANADIAN OPEN FOR HAMILTON

IT is quite on the cards that the beautiful course at Ancaster, the home of the Hamilton Golf and Country Club, will be the venue of the Canadian Open Championship in 1927. It is Ontario's turn to have this major event next year and the "Canadian Golfer" understands that this month the Royal Canadian

Golf Association will receive a request from the Directors of the Hamilton Club to stage the fixture there.

The Ancaster course is recognized as one of the finest test of golf on the continent. Fairways and greens are right up to championship calibre and the last two or three years the bunkering and trapping of the course has been greatly improved.

The last time an Open was held in Hamilton was in 1919, on which occasion the late lamented Douglas Edgar made golfing history when he returned at that time, the world's record score of 278 for 72 holes. Tied for second place were "Bobby" Jones, then a mere boy, now recognized as the greatest amateur in golfdom; Long "Jim" Barnes and Karl Keffer, of The Royal Ottawa, with 294, or no fewer than 16 strokes back of Edgar.

The course at Ancaster is easy of access by street car or motor; the city has splendid hotel accommodation and a better selection could not possibly be made for the big Canadian golfing event of 1927, which in Hamilton will attract galleries daily by the thousand, as it is in the very hub of golf.

CLUB HOUSE FOR BRANTFORD'S PUBLIC COURSE

ALTHOUGH the public golf course in Brantford, sponsored by the Parks Board, was only opened for play last August, the authorities are more than satisfied with the support and financial success already registered; so much so that this winter a particularly attractive little club house costing some \$3,000 is being built on the course and will be ready for occupancy in the Spring. There will be shower baths for both men and women, and attractive rooms where light meals, etc., will be served. A spacious verandah will be round three sides of the building—altogether a very complete and attractive structure which will be greatly appreciated by the Public golfers of Brantford. The new club has been given the euphonious name of "The Arrowdale Golf Club." A formal opening will be staged for next May, when it is expected several prominent golfers of Ontario will open the course with an exhibition game.

UPLANDS CHAMPIONS SQUARE WITH HAGEN

PLAYING the best ball of the best amateurs of the Uplands Golf Club, Victoria, B. C., on November 30th, Walter Hagen squared the match. Squally weather and a heavy shower of rain just at the start did not make conditions ideal for play, and the fact that Hagen's chip shot was not working at its best and that his putting was rather uncertain on the soggy greens was what principally helped to bring his score above par for the course. Hagen took 38 out and 38 in for 76, five above par. The best ball of his opponents was 73.

Walter Gravlin, the club professional, who was to have played against Hagen, was unfortunately unable to do so, not having fully recovered from the accident which befell him a few days ago when a golf ball rebounded from a rock and hit him above the eye and Hagen agreed to play the best ball of Percy Edmonds, the club champion; Victor Price and Jack Savident, both ex-champions.

This made a very sporting match, and one especially interesting to members of the home club. There was quite a good turnout, considering the very uncertain and at times unpleasant weather and the play was followed by the gallery with keen interest all through.

Playing a course which he has never even seen before and in a very treacherous light, which made judgment of distance extremely difficult, it was really a

great feat for even Hagen to hold his own against three players of the calibre of Price, Savident and Edmonds in a best ball match, and it gave him a fine opportunity to demonstrate his well-known ability to come from behind and fight against heavy odds. There were only two holes in the eighteen that one or other of the players did not make in par or better. Hagen made ten holes in par and two birdies, one of the latter being on the seventh, the longest hole on the course, which he made in four, taking an iron for his second shot to within a yard or two off the edge of the green, after outdriving the longest of his opponents by fifty paces. Only twice did he take a wooden club for his second shot, on the 12th and eighteenth, putting his ball practically pin high each time. But for the fact that his second was stymied by the oak tree on the right edge of the green he would probably have won the match.

All three of the amateurs did their little bit in holding the great man even. Edmonds played the most consistently good golf, but was unlucky with a number of putts which stopped on the lip of the hole. Price did good work on his approaches, though short off the tee and through the green, and scored the first advantage for the three-man team by halving the first hole with Hagen in fours and winning the second with a long putt for a three. Jack Savident was a little off in his putting at first and missed two or three easy chances on the green, but he was getting better all the way, and it was his fine three on the seventeenth which squared the match for the last time when Hagen had, after a ding-dong struggle, regained a one-hole advantage at the sixteenth with a two.

SENIOR GOLF ASSOCIATION FOR GREAT BRITAIN

WHEN in England this summer, Mr. Frederick Snare, of New York, one of the big men in the United States Seniors' Golf Association, and Mr. W. G. Ross, of Montreal, a prominent Governor of The Canadian Seniors' Golf Association, urged several outstanding Englishmen to form a Seniors' Association in Great Britain, along the lines of the Associations in this country and the States. Their efforts have borne fruit, judging from the following despatch from London:

"It is proposed to form a Seniors' Society in this country with the object of providing interest and entertainment for golfers of 55 years of age and upwards and of all degrees of proficiency. Lord Lurgan, Colonel F. Popham, Mr. F. W. Ashe, Mr. E. B. H. Blackwell (the celebrated long driver), Mr. W. Norman Boase, Mr. A. C. M. Croome and Mr. J. L. Low have consented to act as a Committee, which will take the preliminary steps necessary for the formation of the Society. This is a very strong committee indeed, comprising as it does, men high up in golf and golfing counsels. They will in the near future call a meeting, at which they will propound a set of draft rules and suggest means whereby the objects of the Society can be secured. The time and place of the meeting will be announced within the next few days."

In Great Britain, there are several players over 55 years of age, of really championship calibre and a British Seniors' Association could undoubtedly select a team capable of taking the measure of any Senior team in America. Such an International match will unquestionably be arranged, as the Seniors are almost without exception, men of ample means, able to take trips across the Atlantic, without any financial worry or strain. British golfers will be heartily welcome to Senior Golfdom by their U. S. and Canadian confreres.

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IN AND ROUND THE CLUB HOUSE

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

The women's section of the Scarborough Golf and Country Club held its annual meeting in the King Edward Hotel to elect officers for the season of 1927. The results of the election were: President, Mrs. J. P. MacRae; Vice-President, Mrs. F. L. Krueger; Captain, Mrs. E. Young; Secretary, Mrs. S. Brandham. Executive Committee—Mrs. G. Hall, Mrs. N. Jarvis and Mrs. W. McCaffrey. Retiring officers were thanked for their efforts, which made the season of 1926 a success.

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Mr. J. L. Weller, of Hamilton, the well known Canadian Senior player as usual is spending the winter at his cottage in Pinehurst, N. C.

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The following is the list of winners of the cups and trophies the past season at the Thistledown Golf and Country Club, Weston, Ont.:

Ladies' Section—Club Championship, won by Mrs. R. V. Rittenhouse; runner-up, Mrs. A. E. Wedd. Partington Trophy, won by Mrs. J. W. Chipperfield.

Men's Section—Club Championship won by Mr. Max. Sproule; runner-up, Mr. Alex. Blyth. MacDonald Cup, won by Dr. W. B. Wurts; runner-up, Mr. C. B. Gorman. Financial Times Trophy, won by Mr. Earl McKay. Nugget Trophy, won by Mr. C. B. Gorman.

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"Bob" Cunningham, the pro at the Oxford Golf and Country Club, Woodstock, Ont., is spending the winter with his family in Hamilton. Notwithstanding the wet spring and autumn, he reports a most successful season at Woodstock.

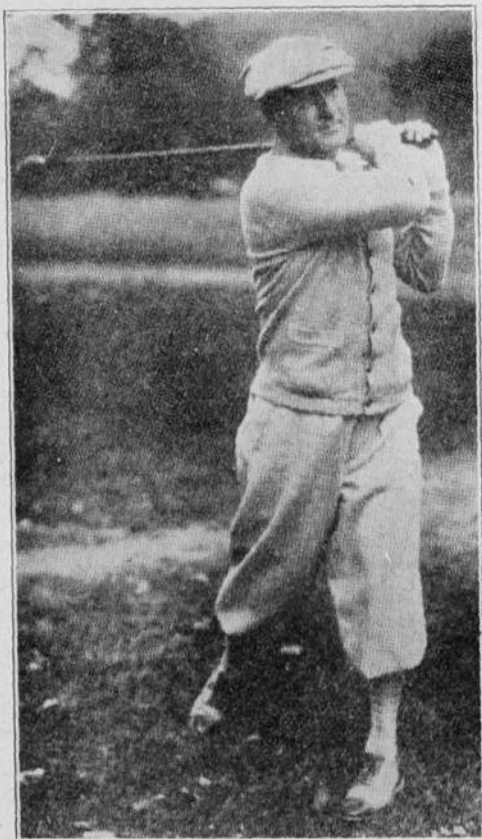
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Mr. Herbert Strong, the well known golf architect of New York, was in Quebec last month, greatly improving the course of the Kent Golf Links, which will be extended to 6,200 yards. All the new fairways are ploughed up and will be ready for seeding next spring. Several new greens have also been constructed and altogether much headway has been made on ground that is ideal for golf, both as regards the nature of the soil and the scenery. Another year

the Kent golf links will rank as amongst the finest in the Province of Quebec. They are situated at historical Montmorency Falls.

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Thistledown, one of Toronto's most promising clubs, reports a most suc-



A GOLFER AS WELL AS PROMOTER

It requires a lot of worry and responsibility to be a promoter of the calibre of Tex Rickard, the promoter of all the big prize fights in the States. That is one reason why Tex seeks the links for recreation and concedes golf as being one of the greatest elements in the health program of any business man.

Successful season. A new caddie house and professional's shop have been erected, cement walks and walls built, large parking space provided, flower beds put in and several hundred trees planted. The course has been im-

proved to the extent of seven new bunkers, about 1,400 yards of sodding and several hundred loads of top-dressing. All these improvements being made out of income.

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Bayview, Toronto, is another of the younger Toronto clubs which is showing progress. Next season the members will enjoy the privileges of a very artistic new club house which is now in course of erection. This will be a great factor in the future success of the club.

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The annual meeting of the Ladies' Section of the York Downs Golf Club was held at the Diet Kitchen Tea Rooms, Toronto, November 1st. The members afterwards being entertained at tea by Mrs. Z. Lash, the retiring President. The following were elected to the Committees for the coming year: President, Mrs. D. M. Robertson; Vice-President, Mrs. Fred. Large; Secretary, Mrs. Philip E. Boyd; Captain, Mrs. J. F. Hobkirk; Vice-Captain, Mrs. D. A. Reid; Handicap Committee, Mrs. E. F. Coke, Mrs. A. W. McLennan; General Committee, Mrs. J. S. Douglas, Mrs. J. L. R. Parsons, Mrs. Geoffrey Boyd, Mrs. Bryce Hunter; Mrs. Zeb Lash, Miss Jean Wadd, Miss Evelyn Mills.

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One of the outstanding members of the Varsity Rugby Football team which last month won the Intercollegiate Championship was Mr. "Don." Carriek, Ontario Amateur Golf Champion, and ex-Amateur Champion of Canada. He is not only a great golfer, but a star football player and heavyweight boxer. His brother "Jack," another well known golfer, also figured prominently in the Rugby season in Ontario just brought to a conclusion.

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George Duncan, brilliant British professional and Open Champion in 1920, whose failure to win more than one British Championship in twenty years of golf is one of the mysteries of golf, arrived in New York last week. Duncan plans a tour of the Pacific Coast States, with matches scheduled with leading professionals there. He

will also give his celebrated lecture on golf with motion pictures which "went over big" in London. Whilst in California, he will be under the management of the well known Scottish-American golfer and golf writer, Mr. D. Scott Chisholm, a frequent and welcome contributor to the columns of the "Canadian Golfer." Duncan, who teamed up with Abe Mitchell, twice made successful tours in Canada, is recognized as the "fastest player in captivity." He makes every shot from "tee to tin" without any preliminaries. Galleries fairly gasp, trying to keep up with him. He is the golfing idol of Scotland, and makes himself immensely popular wherever he plays, having a most engaging personality "both on and off the links."

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A despatch from Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 1st:

"A new threat to British and American titles was introduced to the golfing world today in the person of Robert Tyre Jones III. The newcomer, son of Bobby Jones, was born last night and weighed eight pounds. Bobby also has a daughter, 18 months old."

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We notice in an English paper an advertisement by an American golf club for a "gentleman" to act as manager at £1,000 a year. The applicant for this position must know enough to control the restaurant and kitchen, and he must also have a knowledge of what the members require to be comfortable and happy, which inspired our English contemporary to remark that "if our clubs are any criterion, it might be easier for that manager to know what his members require, than to find the necessary bootlegger!"

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Mr. W. R. Baker, C. V. O., Montreal, President of The Canadian Seniors' Golf Association, sailed this month to spend the Winter as customary, at Cannes, France.

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Mr. F. L. Bradburn, Secretary-Manager of the Peterborough Golf and Country Club:

"We have had a very good season in Peterborough and our course was better this season than it ever has been and as we built two new greens this fall we are looking forward to a better course in 1927."

Nicol Thompson, the Hamilton Clubs' expert, left this month for Bermuda, to again take up his professional duties there. He was preceded by Alf. Sims, the popular young pro of the Chedoke Civic Golf Club, Hamilton. This is Sims' first visit to the popular winter resort, where he is sure to make good. Both will return to Hamilton to take up their duties there on April 1st.

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Having announced that she had retired from tournament golf because the prominent competitions were such as to lack the sporting spirit she so much admires, Miss Joyce Wethered, the world champion woman golfer, has returned to the course in England. She recently appeared in the open mixed foursomes at Worplesdon, and has promised to play in one competition, the British women's foursomes, next year. She hits the ball just a little farther than ever before, and just as immaculately straight, and her short game is quite as good as ever.

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The Editor joins with many golfing friends in hearty congratulations to "Ernie" Wakelam, the very efficient young professional of the Kent Golf Links, Montmorency Falls, Que., who on November 6th was married to Miss Mary Elizabeth May, niece of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Leal, of Breakville, at the Breakey Church, Charny, Que. May their married life be a very happy one

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The United States from all accounts has another "Bobby" Jones in the making in twenty-year-old Neal Fulker-

ton, of Bayside, L. I. Playing last month over the stiff Bellelaire Golf and Country Club course, he notched a most outstanding 64, or three strokes under the record of the course, over which such stars as Gene Sarazen, George Duncan, Walter Hagen and Jim Barnes have played. Young Fulker-ton will enter for all the important events next year and his many admirers predict that he will go far.

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The National Tuberculosis Association of the United States, makes the startling official announcement that statistics prove that 5,000 golfers on an average die every year from tuberculosis, and golfers, generally speaking, rank high from a health standpoint. At Atlantic City this week, a golf tournament was held, at the suggestion of the British Amateur Champion, Mr. Jess Sweetser, who is himself fighting an incipient attack of the dread disease in a cottage in North Carolina, the proceeds of which will go

to to the funds of the Association. No fewer than eleven champions and ex-champions participated in this notable tournament, and quite a large sum of money was raised as a result of this laudable undertaking to be devoted to fighting the scourge which every year enacts a toll of a million or so victims in the United States and Canada.

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Mr. J. G. Donohue, K. C., Toronto, one of Ontario's leading lawyers and a very prominent member of the Lakeview Golf and Country Club, Toronto, has recently taken up his residence in New York, where he has a very re-

GAUGING THE WIND ON SHORT HOLES

Even a very gentle breeze will make all the difference in regard to the power which has to be applied in the playing of an approach shot. As an instance we will take a short hole of, say 155 to 160 yards, with a gentle breeze behind. A powerful player can easily reach the hole with the aid of a light mashie, or even a mashie-niblick, but transpose the breeze to exactly the opposite direction, making it blow dead ahead of the player, and he will find that his best hit shot with the mashie will finish very short of the hole. Again, we will take a hole of about 200 yards in length with a gentle following breeze. A good-class golfer will probably get home with a light-medium iron; if the hole is played against the breeze the club to use would be the strongest of his iron clubs, or even a wooden club.—Harold Hilton.

sponsible position with the K. Beetar Company, Broadway. Mr. Donohue will be greatly missed in legal and golfing circles here.

Mr. A. A. Adams, Captain of the Hamilton Golf Club and a prominent Ontario golfer, had a particularly successful season in 1926. He not only



Prince Hirohito, Prince Regent of Japan, who, like the Prince of Wales, is a Golf Enthusiast.

won the Ramsay Cup, but the Championship of the Club, defeating in the final Mr. E. C. Gould (Brantford and Hamilton).

That sterling golfer, Alex Pirie, of Old Elm Golf Club, of Chicago, was elected President of the Professional Golfers' Association at the annual meeting held November 15 in New York. He succeeds George Sargent, of Columbus, who held the office for six years and has been a capable executive. Willie Ogg, of Worcester, W. H. Way, of Cleveland, and Neil Christian, of Yakima, were elected vice-presidents, and Ernest Anderson was re-elected secretary-Treasurer. Pirie who was born in Edinburgh, came to the United States in 1898 and came to the Old Elm Club in 1921. He has been active in

the affairs of the professional association for a number of years. The 1927 championship of the association will be held at Dallas.

It is understood that the Laval-sur-le-Lac Golf Club, Montreal, is anxious to secure the Canadian Amateur Championship in 1927. It would be a very graceful compliment to the leading French-Canadian Club in Canada if the Royal Canadian Golf Association should make such an award. Laval has a very interesting course and there should be no trouble to bring it up to championship form by next season.

Officers of the Women's Section of the Thornhill Golf and Country Club, Toronto, elected at the annual meeting were: President, Mrs. G. W. Grieve; Vice-President, Mrs. J. A. Kinnear; Secretary, Mrs. W. G. Mitchell; Captain, Mrs. H. M. Perry; Vice-Captain, Mrs. Winnifred Macdonald, and Committee—Mrs. D. M. Galloway, Mrs. R. N. Irvine and Mrs. A. E. Webster.

Mr. R. C. Matthews, M. P., formerly President of the Rosedale Golf Club, has been re-elected Captain of the Toronto Cricket Club. Mr. Matthews takes a very keen and generous interest in both the great Anglo-Saxon games.

It is with extreme personal regret that the Editor is called upon to record the passing of Dr. P. Hardy, one of the most prominent physicians of Toronto. The Doctor was the youngest son of the late Hon. W. A. S. Hardy, formerly premier of Ontario, a brother of Senator Hardy, Riochuele, and a nephew of Judge Hardy, of Brantford. The sympathy of friends throughout Ontario will go out to the bereaved young wife and child and the other relatives. The Doctor was a valued member of the Toronto Golf Club.

The United States Golf Association is preparing to take an aggressive stand in an attempt to secure the repeal of the tax on initiation fees and club dues by the present session of Congress. Arrangements are being made for the appearance before the Ways and Means

Committee of the House and the Finance Committee of the Senate, of representatives of the Association, in an attempt to present fairly the position and attitude of the clubs on this important question.

Arthur Hurlbert, of the Thornhill Golf Club, and "Jim" Johnstone, of the Rosedale Golf Club, are two more

dicts a record golf season in the west in 1927.

The St. Andrews' Golf Club, Toronto, will have its magnificent 6300 yard course in play next season. A \$25,000 club house is to be erected on the property between now and next May. Its success is already assured. Applications have already been received from



The Pretty Club House of the Shaughnessy Heights Golf Club, Vancouver, B. C., where golf is played all the year round.

prominent professionals who have just left to spend Christmas in the Old Country.

Leslie Louth, who was the professional last summer at the popular Muskoka Golf and Country Club, is another fortunate young professional to have a good position this winter in Bermuda. He is at the Hotel Grasmere Course, a sporting 9-hole links. Louth writes the Editor:

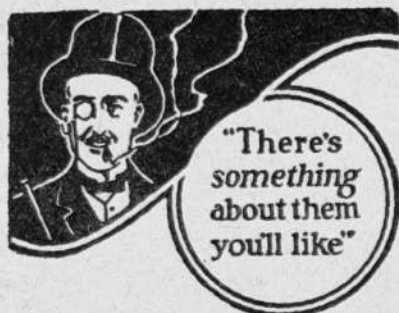
"The weather down here is very warm. All courses are preparing for a record season as already indicated by heavy booking of guests at all the hotels."

Mr. George Curtis, of the North British Rubber Company, Toronto, has just returned from an extensive and successful business trip through the Western Provinces and British Columbia. He reports golf fairly "booming" in these provinces, new clubs being formed literally by the dozen. He pre-

groups of players aggregating about 1,000 for special permission to play on the course as groups—a new golf club feature in Canada.

Letters have been received by friends from Alfred J. Miles, formerly professional at the Mississauga Golf Club, Toronto, announcing his arrival at Merton Park, near London, where he once again takes up the position of professional of this important club.

To signalize the "News of the World" tournament victory of their professional, Sandy Herd, members of the Moor Park Club, near London, gave a dinner in his honor. When Sandy entered the club house, accompanied by his wife and children, Pipe-Major Taylor, late Scots Guards, played the "Cock o' the North" on his bagpipes, amidst cheers. The chairman, the Hon. Horace Woodhouse, C.B.E., proposed a toast to the veteran, and Sandy, in reply, detailed to members the vari-



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ous matches he had played in the "News of the World" tournaments, admitting that this year he was very lucky to win the final at the 38th hole. Continuing, he detailed in a witty manner his early life at St. Andrews, where he learned golf during his dinner hour while employed as a journeyman baker. He confessed that he frequently got the "sack" in consequence of being late through concentrating on his golf practice. The testimonial fund, promoted by members of the Moor Park Club, and limited to 5s. a head, remains open to allow for contributions from abroad to be added to those already received. Up to the present nearly 400 members have subscribed, and part of the funds will be used to present Sandy with a cabinet to contain the trophies he has won during his career. The remainder of the money will be handed to the veteran.

Brilliant play by Edward Blackwell was the dominating feature of a Veterans' Competition at Mid-Surrey. The event was organized by "Golf Illustrated," and there were three sections, the first for players whose ages ranged

from 50 to 59, the second for those 60 or over, while the third was a handicap. In the first the top scores were: R. H. de Montmorency (Stoke Poges) 76; E. Owen Jones (Foxgrove), 78; J. H. Beavis (Hindhead), 78; G. Scruby (Wembley), 80; Bernard Darwin (Woking), 80. In the second: E. B. H. Blackwell (Sunningdale), 74; Sir Alfred Mays-Smith (Coombe Hill), 83; H. Watson (Wentworth), 84. In the handicap: G. Scruby, 80-9-71; E. B. H. Blackwell, 74 plus 1-75; E. Owen Jones, 78 scratch-78; J. H. Beavis, 78 scratch-78. E. Blackwell, who is in his 61st year, retains most of his old-time power in driving. It was he who, 30 years ago, drove a ball at St. Andrews 366 yards, and he still hits 220 yards consistently. His performance will be all the more appreciated when it is stated that the scratch score for Mid-Surrey is 76.

One of the oldest courses in the close vicinity of London, Tooting Bee, is to be sold for a sum stated to be £30,000. The course is about 100 acres in extent, and the land is to be used for housing purposes.

Mr. Herbert Parker, one of the charter members of the Summit Golf Club, Toronto, who has always taken a very keen and active interest in the Club, for the second time in succession won the club championship this year, going through a very strong field to win the season's chief event.

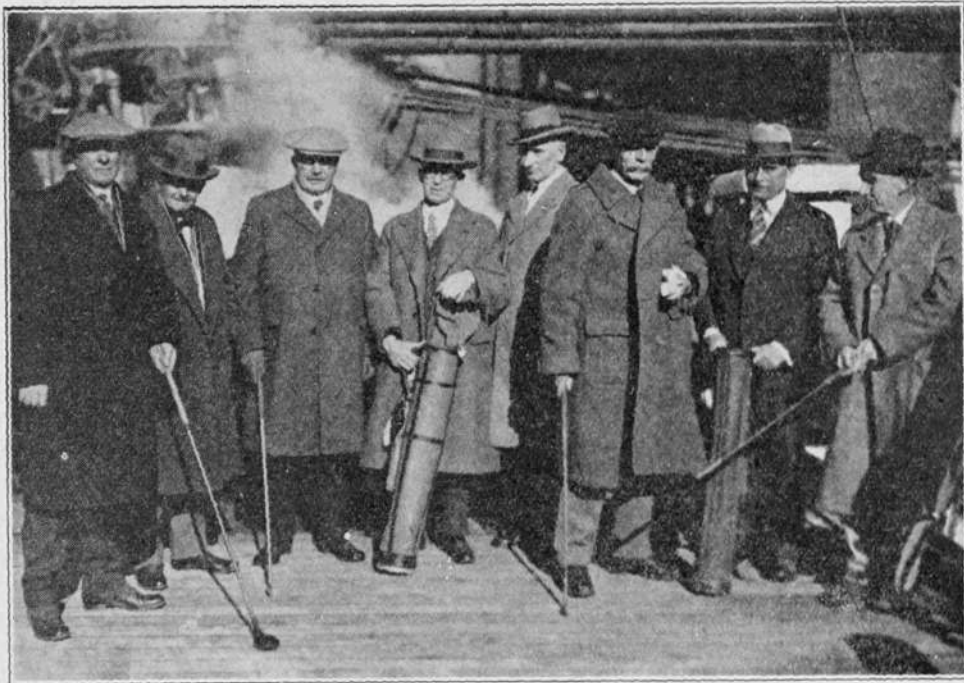
Harry Sinclair, the ex-amateur champion of Australia, who visited Great Britain during the summer, has turned professional. He had lucrative offers from the Royal Queensland Club and a Sydney business house, and is believed to have accepted the latter. Sinclair's change to professionalism was made clear when he entered for the "Sun-Herald" Cup, and was so suddenly decided upon that it left his club, Moore Park, Sydney, in a quandary, as he was listed to play in an inter-club match shortly afterwards. By a majority of 3 to 2 on the committee he was omitted, and the club lost by the odd match in nine. Sinclair is one of Australia's foremost golfers, having

won the Australian Amateur Title in 1924 and 1925, the Open and Amateur Championship of Queensland in 1925, and the Amateur Championship of New South Wales in the same year.

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Extract from the report of Mr. George R. Donovan, the particularly

to city members by the widening and paving of Keele St. and Main St., Weston, and the completion of the Tretheway Highway and the Scarlet Rd. The operation of the street railway system by the Toronto Transportation Commission has also improved Transportation facilities. Lex Robinson, the Club Professional, has impressed the Board most favorably and they have made a three year engagement with him. The publication of



"ROUND THE WORLD GOLF CLUB"

On the Canadian Pacific flagship, *Empress of Scotland*, which left New York on December 2, the Round the World Golf Club with a membership of about 20 will again play golf in 20 countries on their 132-day world cruise. Invitations from golf clubs in 26 ports in these countries have been extended and another successful world golfing cruise is assured. Left to right: G. A. Gair, of Scotland; F. G. Mock, of Nampa, Idaho; G. Kilpatrick, Courtenay, B.C.; G. A. Tarbell, of Vancouver, B.C.; C. E. Blaney, of Vancouver, B. C.; Wm. MacKinnich, of Aberdeen, Scotland; F. L. Mason, of San Francisco, Calif.; Edward B. Wardle, of Montreal, Canada.

able president of the Western Golf Club, to be presented at the annual meeting in Toronto at the King Edward Hotel, on December 18th:

"The Club has probably made more advancement during the period under review than during any one year in its history. We are in a strong financial position. The extra work and improvements on the course were fortunately undertaken in a year when there was an abundant rainfall and the results speak for themselves. The service in the dining room and the Club House has been maintained on a high standard of efficiency. The Club has been made much more accessible

the "Divot" has been found a useful means of conveying information to members. Your Directors believe that every department of the Club is in a healthy condition and that there need be little apprehension as to its future. The Board also wishes to take this opportunity of thanking the manager and staff for their loyalty and co-operation during the year."

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The Brantford Golf and Country Club as a result of the past two or three successful seasons has this month been able to reduce the mortgage on its par-

ticularly fine club house and course from \$10,000 to \$6,000. The Club, as usual, this New Year's Eve will have its annual ball at the Kirby House. An especial effort is being made this year to have this function made an unqualified success and with this end in view, special music from Toronto has been engaged and strong committees appointed to look after the various details of the dance and bridge party which it is also proposed to hold.

And here is a particularly interesting despatch from Winnipeg:

"Farmers of the Canadian West are laying out golf courses for their own use."

Good for the western farmer. Golf will certainly help to "keep the boys on the farm."

Members of Weston are again hoping that Mr. Donovan can be again induced to take the presidency in 1927. He is looked upon in Toronto, and deserving so, too, as a most outstanding executive.

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Quite a number of golfers were elected in the Ontario provincial elections this month, among others the Hon. Mr. Price, Attorney-General, who is a member of the Weston Club, Toronto.

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Despatch from Del Monte, California, Dec. 9th:

"Two youthful arms were raised to-day to check a host of veteran golfing masters of the nation when Harold Thompson, of Glendale, Cal., strode down the tricky pebble beach course for 69 to top a brilliant field and with his partner, win the amateur-preliminary event to the \$5,000 Monterey Peninsula open championship.

"The 19-year-old amateur, a student of the University of California, was paired with Cyril Walker, of Washington, D.C., National open champion in 1924, in the best ball, 18-hole matches, and his 68, coupled with Walker's effort, gave the team a net 64, to finish in first place."

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At the largest and most enthusiastic meeting of the Riverview Golf and Country Club (Galt, Ontario), held in its history, H. L. McCulloch, H. Roberts and Dr. C. R. Cummings were elected directors and R. L. McGill was

re-elected Captain. He will appoint his assistants later. Gratifying reports were presented by all departments of the club, the past year, having been one of the best. Dr. D. Buchanan won the club championship for 1926. The directors will elect their officers early in the year.

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REMINISCENCES

A man I liked was Marshall Ney;
He always knew what club to play.

We all respected Robert Bruce;
If whacked, he proffered no excuse.

I did not care for Dan Defoe;
He swung too fast and walked to slow.

One of my pals was Robert Peel;
He always hit them off the heel.

A wordy ass was Edmund Burke;
Chock full of tips that wouldn't work.

I had no use for Robert Clive;
He whistled if I missed my drive.

The "Birds" of Aristophanes
Were six par fours in perfect threes.
Hari-Kari.

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Captain Melville Millar, the very energetic Secretary-Manager of the Islington Golf Club, writes:

"Islington has had a wonderful season, notwithstanding the adverse fall weather we have rounded out our second year most successfully financially, without the necessity of an assessment or an increase in fees, notwithstanding that we have added several thousand dollars worth of equipment to our plant. Our membership list is almost complete and will be complete, with a waiting list by May of next year."

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SOME COWS!

A distinguished Yankee—a rabid prohibitionist—was, during a visit to the Old Country, invited to play golf by an English friend. Prevented at the last moment from keeping his engagement, the friend hastily telephoned the Club and arranged for another member to play with the visitor. After a great match, they adjourned to the smoking room for refreshment.

Asked what he would "take," the American replied that he would like nothing better than a glass of new milk. The host went to the bar and ordered the drinks, but thinking milk alone very poor stuff after such a strenuous game, told the steward to put a tot of rum into it. Presently the drinks arrived. The American, with the usual "cheerio," took a sip of his, then another sip, and finally finishing the milk in one glorious gurgle, ejaculated: "Gosh! What cows!"—Golf Illustrated.

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THE TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

Dec. 24.—Father and Son Tournament, Pinehurst C. C.

Dec. 27-31.—Midwinter Tournament, Pinehurst C. C.

December 28-29.—Annual Miami Open Championship at the Hialeah Links Miami.

Dec. 31-Jan. 1-2.—Long Beach Open, Virginia Country Club, Long Beach, California.

Jan. 5-9.—Los Angeles Open Championship. January 10-14.—Third Annual Mid January tournament at Pinehurst.

Jan. 10-15.—Annual Tournament, Winter Golf League of Advertising Interests, St. Augustine Golf Club, Fla.

January 17-19.—Annual Mid-Winter Amateur tournament at the Miami Country Club.

Jan. 17-21.—Annual January Tournament, Belleair C. C., Belleair, Fla.

January 18-22.—Florida East Coast Amateur Championship tournament at the St. Augustine Links.

January 18-22.—Annual Halifax Tournament for Amateurs at the Ormond Beach Golf Club.

January 24-28.—Annual Lake Worth tournament at the Palm Beach Golf Club.

Jan. 24-28.—Women's January Tournament, Belleair C. C.

January 27-29.—Annual Texas Open Championship at Breckenridge Park, San Antonio, Texas.

January 31-February 4.—Annual Miami Beach Amateur Championship Tournament at Miami Beach Golf Club.

Jan. 31-Feb. 5.—Twenty-third Annual St. Valentine's Tournament, Pinehurst, C. C.

February 7-11.—South Florida Amateur Championship Tournament at Palm Beach Golf Club.

February 7-11.—Miami Beach Championship for Women at the Miami Beach Golf Club.

February 7-12.—Ormond Beach Amateur Championship Tournament at the Ormond Beach Golf Club.

Feb. 8-11.—Twenty-second Annual St. Valentine's Tournament for Women, Pinehurst C. C.

February 14-18.—Women's Championship of Florida at the Palm Beach Golf Club.

February 14-18.—Amateur Championship of Florida at the Miami Country Club.

February 15-19.—St. Valentine's Tournament at the St. Augustine Links.

February 21-24.—Women's Championship of Miami at the Miami Country Club.

Feb. 21-27.—Fifteenth Annual Amateur Championship of Cuba, Country Club of Havana.

Feb. 22-25.—Seventh Annual Seniors' Tournament, Pinehurst C. C.

February 23-28.—Women's South Atlantic Championship at the Ormond Beach Golf Club.

February 28-March 4.—Palm Beach Amateur Championship at the Palm Beach Country Club.

February 28-March 5.—Twenty-second Annual Spring Tournament at Pinehurst.

March 1-5.—Florida East Coast Women's Championship at the St. Augustine Links.

March 7-12.—Championship of Volusia at the Ormond Beach Golf Club.

March 14-18.—Dixie Amateur Championship at the Miami Country Club.

March 14-18.—Amateur Championship, Belleair C. C.

March 17-19.—Amateur Team Championship of Florida at the St. Augustine Links.

March 22-26.—Winter Championship of Florida at the St. Augustine Links.

March 24-29.—Women's North and South Championship, Pinehurst C. C.

March 31-April 1.—Twenty-fifth Open North and South Championship at Pinehurst.

April 4-9.—North and South Amateur Championship, Pinehurst C. C.

April 18-22.—Mid-April Tournament, Pinehurst C. C.

May 23.—British Amateur Championship, Royal Liverpool Club, Hoylake.

June 20.—British Open Championship, St. Andrews, Scotland.

June 20.—Trans-Mississippi Championship, Broadmoor Golf Club, Colorado Springs.

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