

The Ishmaelite of Nations

By James Church Alford

The Ishmaelite of Nations she shall wait
Until the crawling centuries mute again
The hideous echoes of her Hymn of Hate.
Cursed by the world's immeasurable disdain,
Cursed by the tears a million mothers shed,
Cursed on the fields where countless boys lie dead,
Whimpering for mercy, blustering, desolate—
The Ishmaelite shall wait.

By rotting wharves her empty ships shall rock,
Her slattern towns their poverty proclaim,
Her high towered factories topple block by block
Since "Made in Germany" is a brand of shame.
Thrust from the Door of Human Brotherhood,
Misunderstanding and misunderstood,
Beggared, unpardoned, excommunicate—
The Ishmaelite shall wait.

Gray skulls plow up through fields of Picardy,
Great phanes lift shattered arches to the dawn,
Where once dead babies strewed the bitter sea
The cliffs still whiten in undying scorn.
Down weary years shall men, beholding this,
Turn from her bribes and pleading with a hiss,
Sullen, unpitied in her self-sought fate—
The Ishmaelite shall wait.



Her Royal Highness Princess Patricia of Connaught, whose engagement to Commander Alexander Ramsay, heir to the Earl of Dalhousie, a former A.D.C. in Canada, to the Duke of Connaught, has provoked the widest-spread interest throughout the Dominion. The photograph of the Princess herewith produced was considered by her the best taken in this country and was specially sent to the "Canadian Golfer" just before her return to England.

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Enter the Season of 1919.

With several of the more important clubs already holding their annual meetings and with preparation for these important events well under way in many others, the golf season of 1919 in Canada may technically be stated to have opened up, although it will be some weeks yet of course before play, except in British Columbia and in many parts of Alberta, will be in full swing again.

That the coming season will witness an unparalleled advancement in all phases of the game does not admit of a question.

The return of hundreds of golfers from the Front will of itself mean greatly enhanced interest in the game in all the leading centres.

The resumption of the championships the latter part of June will be an outstanding feature, as also the Tournament of the Seniors in September. These two events are already assured of hundreds of entries.

The opening of the magnificent 18-hole course this summer at St. Bruno, near Montreal, will be a very notable event. So also will be the putting into commission of the sporting 9-hole course at Midland, Ontario.

The new club at Kingston, Ontario, will have 14 holes in play the beginning of this season, with the full 18 holes probably completed by the autumn.

In Winnipeg the Assiniboine Golf Club is planning a new 18-hole course. The Toronto Hunt members expect to be in full enjoyment this season of their

greatly improved links. Another leading Toronto club at its annual meeting next month will probably authorise very extensive changes to its course. The Montreal French-Canadian Club Laval-sur-le-Lac is making plans for a new club house and extension of the course, and so the story of advancement and improvement might be extended. There is not a club in the Dominion that is not looking forward to a record year in 1919.

As a result of the winter golf schools in Montreal and Toronto hundreds of new players will be anxious to take up the regular game as soon as the greens are opened, and the only trouble that the "Canadian Golfer" sees ahead of club directors and officials is the taking care of the congestion which will undoubtedly prevail on courses without number the coming season. This is going to be a very difficult question, indeed, to provide for and handle, as golf will be played literally by tens of thousands from Coast to Coast in 1919.

The Question of the Canadian Championships.

Mr. R. C. H. Cassels, who is a prominent Toronto golfer, and who comes of a family of golfers, in this issue has something very pertinent to say in connection with the future conducting of Canadian Championships.

In the past these events, amateur and professional, have been largely a duel between Ontario and Quebec.

The Royal Canadian Golf Association is the governing body of golf in the Dominion, and this Peace year, will undoubtedly have to consider very earnestly and very carefully, the changed conditions in connection with the game generally, brought about by the large number of golf clubs springing up in the West and throughout the Pacific Coast.

Fortunately, during the twenty-three years of its establishment the Association perhaps has never been more ably officered, and golfers both East and West can rest content, that their requests, their desires, will be considered in a manner that will leave nothing to be desired. The year 1919 is an epochal one in the golf game in the Dominion. May everyone measure up to its full requirements and responsibilities.

Leading Banker and Business Man on 1919 Prospects

Mr. C. A. Bogert, General Manager of the Dominion Bank; President of the Toronto Board of Trade (a governor of The Canadian Seniors' Golf Association), in "The Globe's" annual financial survey, issued this month, is quite optimistic about the banking and business situation in Canada in 1919. He does not believe, however, that there will be any great expansion in the Dominion immediately following the conclusion of peace—expansion will come later on when conditions are more settled. Mr. Bogert is hopeful that the Allies will buy large quantities of products and goods from this country for a long period. In this he sees great future possibilities for added trade and commerce. He thinks the future of Canada is all right if we proceed carefully. "If I were a dealer," he says, "in products, a manufacturer or a merchant, I would at the present time carry as limited a supply of products and as little merchandise as possible, meeting new conditions as they developed."

Any pronouncement of Mr. Bogert's, both from a banker's and business man's standpoint, carries great weight and is well worthy of most careful consideration.





SHORT PUTTS



Mr. J. F. Orde, K.C., who is counsel for the Dominion Government in the Northland Steamship enquiry, is very prominent in Ottawa golfing circles. He was also President of The Royal Canadian Golf Association in 1911.

Golfing friends throughout Ontario will sincerely sympathise with Mr. J. D. Chaplin, M.P., a prominent member for many years of the St. Catharines Golf Club, in the death recently from pneumonia of his second daughter, Dorothy.

Mr. C. S. Battle, the Hon. President of The Vancouver Golf and Country Club, very appropriately was the winner of the R.C.G.A. Red Cross Drive medal in the recent competition. Mr. Battle takes a very keen interest in the game in Vancouver.

The recent sports drive in aid of the United War Work Campaign netted \$200,000. Boxing came first with \$64,000 and Golf a close second with \$60,000. Football had to be content with third place with some \$40,000. Billiards collected \$8,500 and Bowling \$6,000.

The 18-hole golf course at Qualicum Beach, 30 miles north of Nanaimo, B.C., beautifully situated along the sea shore, has been given over to convalescent soldiers for recreation, and is proving a great boon to both officers and men alike. The course is a 6,000 yards one.

Christ Church, the historic Anglican Church of Scarboro', which for sixty-three years has stood on the hill opposite Stop 39 on the Kingston Road car line, was destroyed by fire on Christmas Day. The old church was quite a landmark as viewed from the Scarborough Golf links and its destruction will generally be regretted.

The Hon. Mr. Turgeon, President of the Council, Quebec, in sending in a subscription for 1919 to the "Canadian Golfer," writes: "I take this opportunity to thank you for your sympathetic remarks concerning Sir Lomer Gouin and myself in the December issue in connection with the Canadian Seniors' Association."

Dick Kinsella, prosperous in his time as a minor league club owner and later famous as a scout for the St. Louis Cardinals and subsequently for the New York Giants, is dubious as to the ultimate fate of minor league baseball, and he gives as his chief reason the wonderful growth of golf throughout the country, which is taking former patrons of ball games to the links instead.

Mr. Andrew Forgan, of Montreal, writes the "Canadian Golfer":
"Since coming to Canada, I have never seen the old-fashioned foursome played. Four ball matches are certainly worth watching and are most enjoyable, but commend me to the foursome. May I venture to suggest to you as Secretary of the Seniors, that your Association at your next meeting set apart an afternoon for such a competition. I am quite sure that some of your members would willingly give a cup for such an event."

A New York contemporary thinks that if the price of golf balls keeps soaring the time will come when caddies will have to be bonded by some reliable surety company, which will agree to pay so much to the golfer for every lost ball. The premium would certainly be a high one on some Canadian courses—Kanawaki, Montreal, for instance where an Ontario visitor, possessed of a nasty slice, claimed last season he lost two dozen balls in one round.

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Mr. L. C. Lawford, of Montreal:

"Your reference in your December issue to the fact that 'proficiency in other games is no passport to golf' is, to my mind, open to argument. Men who have risen to the *top* at tennis, cricket, etc., are sure to become good golf players when they take up the fascinating game; I could quote many instances in support of my theory."

Very interesting. Why not give the instances? Should be delighted to have them.

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Mr. A. D. Braithwaite, of Montreal, will represent the banking interests of Canada on the Economic Commission being sent under Government auspices to Siberia. Mr. Braithwaite is a very well known golfer indeed. He was for several years prominently identified with the Hamilton Golf Club and then on his going to Montreal to the head office of the Bank of Montreal, there joined The Royal Montreal Golf Club. He is also a member of the Canadian Seniors' Golf Association. He has a very high standing in banking circles.

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Lieut. Francis Ouimet, of Boston, the western amateur golf champion, will take part in the national open and national amateur golf championships this year, according to an announcement made by Jack Sullivan, Lieut. Ouimet's former business partner. Mr. Sullivan said that Lieut. Ouimet, who is connected with the Quartermaster's department, might remain in the army indefinitely. He does not intend to re-engage in the sale of golf goods which for a time barred him from Amateur Competitions in the United States.

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Mr. J. H. Bigras, Secretary of the Club Laval-sur-le-Lac, Montreal, writes:

"Our past season has been very successful, and we now have 110 shareholders at \$500 each, and 40 life-members at \$100 entry-fee.

We have decided to take 200 shareholders, and 200 life-members, and purchase 185 arpents of ground, and build a big Club-House."

Hearty congratulations to our French-Canadian golfing compatriots and all good luck to them the coming season. The growing French-Canadian interest in the game of golf is one of the most satisfactory features of the sport in the whole Dominion.

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Talking about "shirt-sleeve" golf in Winnipeg November 3rd and ditto in Calgary December 2nd, old Ontario also did pretty well last month. On Saturday, December 21st, the shortest day of the year, there were hundreds of golfers on the links, and in some cases, sweaters were discarded. It was really an ideal day for the game. "Our Lady of the Snows" for once during the festal season very generally and graciously gave place to "Golfina," the goddess of the gutta," to the intense gratification of the followers of the Royal and Ancient. Incidentally, December, 1918, was the mildest December but one recorded in fifty years at the Toronto Meteorological Office.

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The members of The Royal Montreal Golf Club, who are contemplating the coming season the task of rebuilding or replacing their present historic club house at Dixie, are fortunate in having Mr. Baker again in the Presidential chair. He has shown his remarkable organizing and detail ability not alone as President for some years now, of The Royal Montreal, but as President of The Canadian Seniors' Golf Association, of which he has also the honour of being

the founder. The "Montreal Gazette," in its report of the annual meeting of the Montreal club last month, pays him the following well-deserved tribute:

"There was a general expression that the success of the club was due to the President, Mr. W. R. Baker, C.V.O., who was untiring in his efforts to make the war season a memorable one. As a mark of appreciation, and notwithstanding his request to be allowed to retire, Mr. Baker was re-elected president."

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"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 cough, boys;
We'll make you young e'en when you're old,
So come and play at golf, boys."

—From an old Scotch golfing song.

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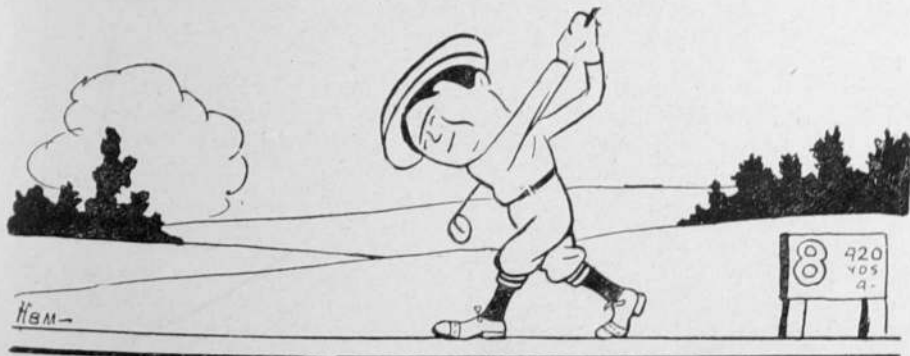
Golf in the Far East has its amenities, but hazards in such centres of civilization as Hong Kong differ materially from those that prevail hereabout. One morning recently news reached the Fanling Golf Club at that British settlement to the effect that two large tigers and three cubs had established themselves in the vicinity of the eighth green and seemed to be making themselves quite at home. Guns and ammunition were requisitioned, and a party headed by an army officer and guided by the caretaker of the course sallied forth to hunt the intruders. The tigers were tracked to some brush near the eighth green, but into the brush the beaters refused to venture. At last reports the animals were still there, and the villagers of Autau, close by, were in a state of apprehension. They had tied up all their cattle that grazed in the vicinity. But golf was proceeding as usual, though it is to be expected that the golfing paraphernalia has been supplemented by an automatic or so.

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The announcement in the Court Circular that

"The King has gladly consented to the betrothal of Princess Patricia of Connaught to Commander Alexander Ramsay, heir to the Earl of Dalhousie,"

has been received with much interest by Canadians generally. By none more so than by golfers, as Princess "Pat" whilst in Canada was frequently seen on the golf links and is a very enthusiastic devotee of the game. Commander Ramsay, who is also a golfer, accompanied the Duke and Duchess of Connaught to Canada as one of the three A.D.C.'s when in 1911 the Duke assumed office as Governor-General. At the outbreak of the war Commander Ramsay returned to duty in the navy, and saw active service in Gallipoli. For his work there he was awarded the D.S.O. Commander Ramsay is the only one of the original A.D.C.'s to the Duke of Connaught left alive. The others, Captain Long and Captain Buller, were both killed in the war.



A PUTTER WHO PUTTS AND STAYS "PUTT"

Or The Little Story of a One-handed Putter

(By Mr. Frank Yeigh, Traveler and Lecturer)

WAY DOWN EAST is a corner of Canada known as Cape Breton. Within its boundaries is Sydney, once its capital when Cape Breton was a province by itself, and Glace Bay. Midway 'twixt the two is the Lingan Golf Course and Club House where a fine brand of golfing hospitality is dispensed.

A game on the course, on a lovely summer day, is a game and a day worth while. Specially true was the game when brother golfer, Stuart McCawley, of Glace Bay and thereabouts, was one of the foursome. This is not a report of the game but a paragraph about Brother McCawley as a putter. I believe he holds the putting championship for a wide area of national territory. He certainly is the world's champion one-hand putter.

His putting proclivities are as remarkable as his penchant for well-told stories. A putt to him is as easy as a long drive to a world champion. Distance makes no difference, nor irregularities of the green nor any intervening obstruction.

But what beats me is how in the name of prohibition he does it? If he would only take a long and careful aim it could be understood, or if he would grip his putter with both hands, which he doesn't.

It's the casualness of his play that gets me—that careless, inconsequential, don't-care-if-I-miss attitude toward the whole business. He doesn't even attitudinize, or advertise the play, but its all over before you know it, and the blooming ball always nestles in its hole as a consequence.

It is mostly when he's telling a story—usually of the eccentricities of a Cape Breton Canadian—Highlander—that he flips his putter, with one hand, as if cutting off the yellow head of a dandelion, or, pausing in the middle of a remark about politics or weather, that he does the trick.

That's all there is to this contribution, but there's a lot to it when you are watching McCawley hand out the goods.

And, of course, he and his partner won—who wouldn't, or couldn't, when never a putt is missed?

OVER THIRTY-ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS

Final Figures in the R.C.G.A. Red Cross Drive

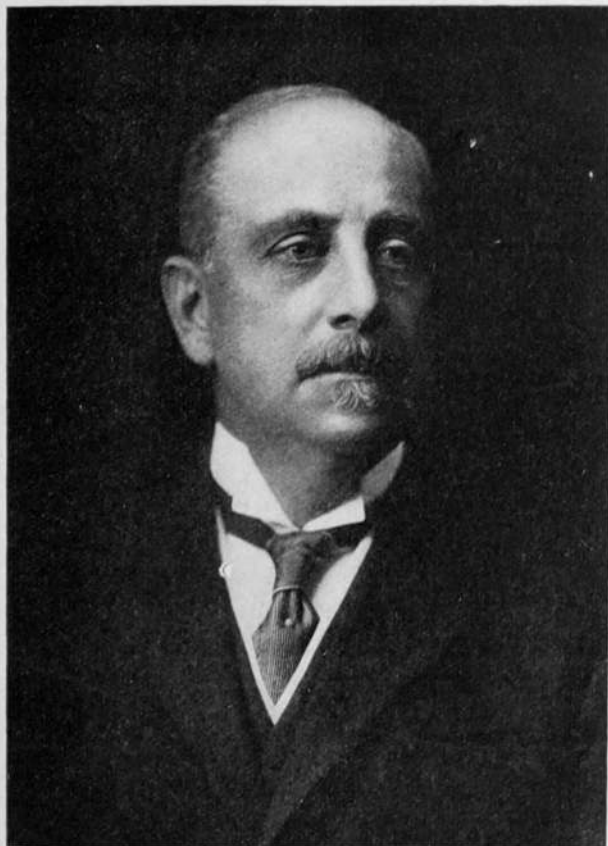
MR. B. L. ANDERSON, the Hon. Secretary of The Royal Canadian Golf Association, the end of December, received the following additional cheques on account of the Thanksgiving Day Drive on the Links of the Dominion: The Calgary Patriotic Golf Tournament Committee, \$287.80. This amount was raised by all the golf clubs in Calgary in a Tournament for patriotic purposes, and the Committee very thoughtfully decided to turn over the money to the R. C. G. A. fund. The Paris Golf Club \$84.55, and the Vancouver Golf & Country Club \$283.07. These additional contributions bring the total raised to the magnificent sum of \$31,468.00, certainly a worthy showing of which the golfers of the Dominion have every reason to be justly proud. It is the intention of the R. C. G. A. directors to arrange for another big "Drive" this season coming. The chances are that May 24th will be the date decided upon, it being generally thought that this Holiday which marks the opening of the majority of the Courses would be an especially appropriate one for the campaign.

MOUNT BRUNO COUNTRY CLUB

Splendid New Course to be Opened this Season near Montreal, with a very Prominent Board of Directors at the Head of Affairs

THE most notable golf links to be opened the coming season in Canada will be that of The Mount Bruno Country Club, ideally situated at St. Bruno, P.Q., some fifteen miles east of Montreal, on the Grand Trunk Railway and also served by the Government Railway. A first-class macadam road too, connects this very fashionable suburb with the City of Montreal.

Some of the leading residents of Montreal are on the Board of Directors, and membership of Mount Bruno, and financially and socially the new club from



Mr. Edson L. Pease, President of the Mount Bruno Country Club

the start is an assured success. In the years to come it is bound to exercise a very potent influence indeed in Royal and Ancient circles in the Dominion.

Willie Park, the former open champion of Great Britain, and golf architect of International reputation, for the past two years a resident of New York, laid out this course of championship calibre. Work was commenced in June, 1917. Sixteen holes are completed. The two remaining holes, which will involve much labour will be finished during the course of next season. It is expected that 16 holes will be in condition to play upon by July 1st next.

Herewith the measurements of this most interesting course, which, when

completed, will rank amongst the finest on the continent, providing a splendid test of highest class golf:

OUT			IN		
Par	Hole	Yards	Par	Hole	Yards
4	1	360	3	10	175
5	2	575	4	11	375
3	3	175	5	12	585
4	4	360	4	13	425
4	5	435	4	14	439
4	6	415	3	15	220
4	7	394	4	16	390
3	8	165	4	17	435
4	9	345	4	18	375
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35		3,224	35		3,419

Total par, 35 + 35 = 70. Total yardage, 6,643.

It will be observed that there are the regulation three one-shot holes, Nos. 3, 8 and 10, whilst No. 15, 220 yards, might also possibly be included in that category. The three-shot holes are Nos. 2, 5, 12, 14 and 17, whilst there is a splendid lot of the backbone of any first-class course, two-shotters. The architect, it will be noticed, has not spared distance in his lay-out, from the back tees a total of 6,643 yards being called for—approximately about the same as the English championship courses at Sandwich and Deal.

Work on the splendid club house at Mount Bruno was deferred until after the war, but this important undertaking will probably be started this year.

The following is the very strong Board of Officers of the new club:

Patron—Lord Shaughnessy, K.C.V.O.

Hon. President—Sir Vincent Meredith, Bart.

President—Mr. E. L. Pease.

Directors—Sir Herbert S. Holt, Sir Mortimer B. Davis, Messrs. E. W. Beatty, F. W. Molson, Howard G. Kelley, James Carruthers, C. R. Hosmer, George E. Drummond, C. E. Neill, H. W. Beauclerk, A. J. Brown, K.C., and W. A. Black.

It will be very interesting to golfers generally to hear that the architect of Mount Bruno, Willie Park, himself, has been engaged as Professional of the club and will take up his duties early this season.

He writes in connection with the new course:—

"It is my opinion that the Mount Bruno Golf Club will have a golf course equal to any in any part of the world. The location is, indeed, most exceptional and I have noticed that even in the hottest summer weather one always gets a pleasant breeze. The character of the land is all that can be desired, being of a nice undulating and sporting character with no hill climbing. Since the soil is of a light sandy nature it will not be very difficult to develop a very fine golfing turf, which will, of course, assist in providing an excellent test of golf."

Mount Bruno is certainly most fortunate in being so ably officered and financed. Mr. E. L. Pease, the President, is Vice-President and Managing Director of the Royal Bank of Canada, and ranks amongst the continent's ablest bankers. He and his associates are taking the keenest interest in the Club and that of course spells an unqualified success in every sense of that term. They are determined to make Mount Bruno one of the finest Golfing and Country Club properties in America.



CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

In the Past, the Competition has been Practically Limited to Ontario and Quebec—The Growing Importance of the West

(Special Contribution to the "Canadian Golfer" by Mr. R. C. H. Cassels, of the Toronto Golf Club)

YOU have asked me to give the "Canadian Golfer" my ideas with regard to the Canadian championship and the method of deciding it in the future. I do not know that my ideas are particularly excellent ones, and I feel sure that they can be improved upon, but for whatever worth there is in them, here they are:

The tournaments conducted by the Royal Canadian Golf Association, at which the amateur championship of Canada has been decided, have been practically limited to entries from the provinces of Ontario and Quebec. I can only recollect two entries from any points west of Ontario, namely, that of Mr. Douglas Laird, in 1907, and Mr. G. W. Laird in 1911. Mr. Jones, from Halifax, entered on one occasion, and possibly two, and Mr. Evans, from Boston, entered in 1914. Possibly there have been others, but I do not recall them at the moment. The reason for this state of affairs no doubt was that the tournaments were always held either in Toronto, Montreal or Ottawa. Until a few years ago this was possibly in order, as no doubt the great majority of the golfers of the Dominion resided in Ontario and Quebec. Now, however, I understand that there are probably nearly, if not quite as many, golfers west of Ontario as there are in Ontario and Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, and I understand further that among them are many first-class players. If the Canadian Association continues to hold the championship meetings in Ontario and Quebec exclusively, the result is almost certain to be that a new association will be formed in the West, which new association will hold its own championship meetings, in which event there will be no real championship of Canada, but merely a championship of each of the different associations which may be in existence from time to time.

This is a state of affairs to be avoided if at all possible, and while Canada in so far as distances are concerned is a very large country, it might be possible to work out some method of holding the championship meetings which would result in determining the real champion of the whole of Canada each year.

What I have in mind is that Canada should be divided into certain districts either by provinces or by grouping certain provinces together, and that the Canadian Association should each year hold a championship meeting for each district. For example, the Maritime Provinces might form one district, Quebec and Ontario east of, say, Port Arthur and Fort William, might form another district; Ontario west of and including Port Arthur and Fort William and Manitoba might form another district; Saskatchewan and Alberta another district, and British Columbia a district by itself. The Executive Committee of the Association would be enlarged so as to include three representatives from each of these districts, such representatives to form a sub-committee with power to appoint their own secretary, and possibly to collect the Association's fees from their district. The Association would hold a district championship meeting in each of these districts, which would be managed by the sub-committee of the district and would subsequently hold the Canadian championship meeting in which certain players from each of the districts would be eligible to compete. For example, the four semi-finalists in each district might be allowed to enter and in the event of any one or more of them not being able to attend, the sub-committee might be given power to select another player or players from the district to take the places of any one or more of the semi-finalists who might not be able to take part in the Canadian tournament, such selections to be based upon the result of the District tournament. The Canadian championship meeting might be held in the different

districts in rotation, or otherwise if the District entitled to the meeting in any year should not desire it.

The district meetings would, of course, have to be held far enough in advance of the Canadian meeting to permit those players entitled to play at the Canadian meeting, as a result of their play in the district meetings, to make their arrangements to attend the Canadian meeting. For example, the district meetings might be held about July the 1st and the Canadian meeting about September the 1st, thus taking advantage of the Dominion Day and Labor Day holidays. In order to make the Canadian meeting a success, I would think that the Association should undertake to defray at least a portion of the travelling expenses of those coming from long distances, and I can see no reason why the fees of the various clubs belonging to the Association should not be increased sufficiently to permit of this being done.

Anything of this kind would, of course, require amendments to the constitution of the Canadian Association, which I think can only be made at an annual meeting of the Association.

As I stated above, no doubt many suggestions can be made to improve upon this idea, and I feel assured that if some method can be worked out for holding the Canadian championships in such a way that all portions of the Dominion may be represented at them, it will mean that the golfers of the Dominion as a whole will take a very real interest in the Royal Canadian Golf Association and will be loyal to it. The adoption of such a scheme might mean that no individual player would find it possible to attend every Canadian championship meeting, even if he should be eligible to do so. I can, however, see no reason why the same interest should not be taken in the district meetings as has heretofore been taken in the Canadian meetings. The Ontario and Quebec district meeting would be practically the same as the Canadian meetings have been in the past.

[These thoughtful suggestions of Mr. Cassels, who has for many years now taken a very keen interest in everything pertaining to the welfare of the Royal and Ancient in Canada, and has participated in many championships, are well worthy of the most careful consideration by the powers that be. Golfers in the East, perhaps, do not realise the remarkable growth of golf in the West, the outbreak of the war not even proving a deterrent. Winnipeg has now eight highly successful golf clubs (four established since 1914), with a Municipal course that is almost ready to be opened up. Victoria, B.C., has now three golf clubs; Vancouver three; Saskatoon two; Regina two; Calgary three 18-hole courses and a Municipal 18-hole course, and so the remarkable story might be extended. The West is most assuredly worthy of increased recognition, for instance, in the councils of the governing body of golf in the Dominion. As now constituted, it has not a solitary representative on the Board of Directors. The United States Golf Association, the governing body of golf in the States, has representatives from the farthest points of that great country, and the championships are held both in the East and the West.—Editor "*Canadian Golfer*."]]

THE LADIES OF SCARBORO

THE Lady Members of the Scarboro Golf and Country Club held their Annual Meeting at the Toronto residence of Mrs. J. B. Miller on the 11th December, when highly satisfactory reports of the ladies' activities during the past season were submitted by Mrs. George Wilson, Secretary, and Mrs. W. A. McCaffrey, Captain. The season was a record one in every respect, and much of the credit for the success of the ladies' work is due to the keen and very active interest taken by Mrs. J. B. Miller, the President.

The following officers were elected for 1919:—Mrs. J. B. Miller, President; Mrs. J. J. Carriek, Vice-President; Mrs. W. A. McCaffrey, Captain; Mrs. H. H. Miller, Secretary; and Mrs. T. G. McConkey, Mrs. J. B. McCarter and Mrs. J. H. Riddel, Committee. With this very able Executive another most successful season at Scarboro is assured.

“BRAVE SOLDIERS THREE”

Superb Record of Lingan, the Pioneer Golf Club on Cape Breton Island

(Special Contribution to the “Canadian Golfer” by Mr. Stuart McCawley)

THE Lingan Country Club is the pioneer Golf Club on Cape Breton Island. It is an amalgamation of the Sydney and Glace Bay lovers of “the out-of-doors” and naturally when war was declared took a prominent part in the fight. The Cape Bretoners are all good fighters, they’d sooner fight than eat. Their forefathers were driven out of Scotland for sheep stealing, or through want of grub; and when they landed at L’Ingan (or Indian Point) in Cape Breton, they had to “dig-in” and they have been digging-in ever since. Digging in the Coal Measures or the Potato Patch, or Golf turf, and more gloriously of all, they dug in and under Messines Ridge and Hill 60 and did “their bit.”

The first unit to be recruited in Cape Breton was recruited by Colonel Harvey McLeod, President of The Lingan Golf Club. He took the 17th Field Battery to France and lost his life in the defence of the Empire. “The Old 17th” became part of the “6th of Montreal”; and was mentioned in despatches at the Second Battle of Ypres. Colonel Harvey McLeod was a Hardware Merchant in Sydney, a member of one of the pioneer Cape Breton Families. A splendid athlete, a good golfer and a real man. He left a young widow and an infant son to “Carry-on.”

Doctor Walter McLean, a left-handed wonder on the links, was the first Medical man to reach France from Cape Breton. He achieved splendid results as a Hospital Surgeon and was promoted to the rank of “Major” and made a member of The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons. He belonged to Glace Bay where he enjoyed a very large practise. He was killed in the operating room of a French Base Hospital last Christmas by a bombing German airship. He also left a young widow and a baby son.

Doctor Kenneth McCuish, Dr. McLean’s professional partner at Glace Bay, was a hardy good-natured, clever Cape Breton Scotchman who loved the game of golf; but was always complaining that his chum and partner, McLean, wouldn’t stick around and give him enough chance to get into the lower handicaps. Dr. Kenneth went over with a unit in 1916 and was killed up in the front line in December last. Mrs. McCuish is a hospital nurse at the front.

These are Lingan’s Real Heroes and are a great loss to Humanity and Golf.

The old club has to its honor the recruiting of another Battery of Artillery—the celebrated “36th.” Major Crowe, our present Honourary President, recruited and “took over” the “36th” and is back home hale and hearty. He was



The late Lt.-Col. Harvey McLeod, of the Lingan Country Club

turned down in France for being too old to fight; but he made the Senior Golf Association last Autumn at Dixie, Montreal, and raised \$7,000,000 for the Second Victory Loan in November. There is some "Pep" in the Major yet, and the



The late Major Walter McLean, M.O.,
of the Lingan Country Club



The late Capt. Kenneth McCuish, M.O.,
of the Lingan Country Club

splendid bunch of boys he took "Over There" have just covered Cape Breton with Glory.

THE HEDLEY GOLF CLUB, B.C.

ANOTHER Golf Club in British Columbia, previously unreported by the "Canadian Golfer," is the Hedley Golf Club, of Hedley, where there is an interesting course of 2,436 yards. The shortest hole is the first 80 yards and the longest the last 585 yards. The fourth hole has been given the very suggestive name of the "Corkscrew," whilst the 5th, 127 yards, appropriately goes by the appellation of our old Euclid friend "Pons Asinorum." The officers of the Hedley Club are: President, Mr. James Clarke; Vice-President, Mr. R. E. Baxter; Secretary, Mr. C. A. Brown; Treasurer, Mr. H. D. Barnes; Chairman Green Committee, Mr. R. E. Baxter. Here's all success in 1919 to the golfers of Hedley who, out of their small membership, sent 9 of their number to fight for King and Empire, one of whom was killed and four wounded.

GOLF IN SALONICA

The Birth-place of Aristotle now boasts a Golf Course—Other Interesting Notes

(Special Correspondence "Canadian Golfer," from Lieut. P. Lawrence Forgan, of the famous Black Watch and a member of the well-known Golfing Firm of Robert Forgan & Son, The Links, St. Andrews, Scotland)

Dear Mr. Editor::

I will now endeavour to fulfill the promise I made many months ago to give you a few notes on golf in Salonica, or to be more correct, Macedonia.

Salonica, I believe, has several courses in its vicinity which have been laid out by the staffs of the various base hospitals, but as I had the good fortune not to have a day's illness during my sojourn in that delectable (?) land I had no opportunity of making their acquaintance.

My first game was played at a little place called Stavros (no harm in giving names of places now, Mr. Censor), the alleged birth place of Aristotle. It was a seaside course on the shores of the Mediterranean, the soil was sandy and the grass remarkably good, but it had one irremediable fault, it was all as flat as your hat. However, the exiled golfer is by no means fastidious. Why, is not the first hole at St. Andrews as flat as a pancake? If one course has nine holes all similar in design to one on the Classic Links, surely one could not grumble.

When news got abroad that a native of St. Andrews was in the camp the Green Committee, in the person of a very enthusiastic and energetic Lieutenant Commander of the Navy, called on me and insisted on my joining him in his arduous duties. At this time the hazards of the course were all the work of nature and consisted of hedges and ditches, and here and there bits of old ploughed land with the furrows still standing.

It now became the ambition of the Committee to see the course properly bunkered, and it set about this task with a will. Six native labourers with an interpreter were secured from a Greek labour battalion. I may mention here that the course had the patronage of the Commander-in-Chief, needless to say a Scotchman, hence the labour question had no difficulties. The Johnnie Greeks were soon busy, at least as long as the eyes of the Green Committee were upon them, digging traps for the unwary slicer, puller and duffer.

Besides digging the bunkers two of the most intelligent of the Greeks were told off to roll the greens and shift the holes when necessary. The roller, made of concrete, was the combined efforts of those wonderful people, the Naval Artificers and the Royal Engineers, and a very serviceable roller it was. The first hour's work of our two "intelligent" Greeks was disastrous. They had been given instructions through the interpreter to shift a certain hole and teeing box and whether our interpreter's knowledge of English did not include the vocabulary of golf or that the Greek word for "hole" and "teeing box" are the same I cannot fathom; but when the Green Committee on its tour of inspection arrived at this particular green, which was quite the best on the course, we were appalled to find the teeing box dug in flush with the ground and in the centre of the green, while the hole was carefully placed not twelve inches from it. Fortunately we were just in time to prevent other greens being mutilated in like manner.

After this mishap Johnnie Greek was put under a civilized English foreman who had worked on a well-known links near London.

I was not permitted to see the completion of the bunkering of the Stavros Links, as I was moved to the other end of the British line where the Bulgar

was more active and golf clubs were as scarce as snow in June, but if the ambitious plans of the Green Committee were eventually carried out, I am sure the course would bear comparison with any in the Balkan peninsula, and we may yet live to read that the Greek native championship was played over it.

I saw one other golf course but did not have an opportunity of playing over it. It was near to an important rail head called Janis, and from the little I saw of it I gathered it had great possibilities, as the ground was undulating and a stream meandered across several of the holes. The grass was certainly very good and on the fairway offered some perfect lies; but it was the club house which proved the great attraction of the day on my visit, as my friend and I had had a long and thirsty walk before reaching the links. By the time the inner man was satisfied it was time to make the return journey, with the resolve to revisit the course with a bag of clubs under one's arm, but this was not to be, for very shortly after I was on my way home to Blighty.

Is it too much to hope that now peace reigns over that war worn country the game will be taken up by the weary Macedonian? From my experience of him I should say it wont, but should he ever become sufficiently modernised he will find everywhere about him miles and miles of ground just made for golf.

MR. MACDONALD HONOURED

Former Montreal Lacrosse Star and Veteran Golfer is Presented with Purse and Dined by Boston Admirers

THE following from the Boston Transcript last month will be read with great interest by Canadians, especially in Montreal and vicinity: "Sammie" Macdonald away back in the seventies was one of the heroes of Montreal lacrosse circles. He is now an enthusiastic golfer—a member of the U. S. Seniors:

"No golfer in the district is more generally liked than Samuel B. Macdonald of Brae-Burn, who recovered from an attack of influenza in time to celebrate his seventy-fifth birthday, recently, in nearly his customary good health. One day last week, as already set forth, he was taken prisoner by the Fruit and Produce Exchange members, placed on trial, adjudged guilty, and ordered, as a penalty, to rake up the \$1,100 deposited on a table in the 'court-room,' gift of his friends in the Exchange and in the market district.

But Mr. Macdonald had other friends, particularly among the golfers, who wanted to do him honour. His new celebration began Saturday afternoon, when he played with George Wright, Colin C. Bell and George R. Angus in a round of golf at Brae-Burn, as a sort of memento of the earliest days of golf in this district.

In the evening Mr. Macdonald was whisked off to the University Club, where fifty-four of his cronies had assembled to do him honour. The committee which arranged this affair consisted of Arthur J. Selfridge, chairman; Edward N. Kimball, Theodore B. Munroe, Andrew A. Highlands and Colin C. Bell. Their invitation to the dinner began appropriately: "Will you join with us in paying homage to our incomparable sportsman and comrade?"

There were about seventy invitations sent out and fifty-four men responded in person. Letters of regret were read from others, including several members of the National Freight Traffic Golf Association, an organization with which Mr. Macdonald long has been identified. Nat Duke, general freight agent of the Lackawanna Railroad; G. H. Cobb, division freight agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and S. A. Parrott, division freight agent of the Rock Island Railroad, were among those who wrote.

George Wright was the first speaker, and told of his first acquaintance with Mr. Macdonald, which came about through his effort to arrange transportation to Canada for a baseball team, over the Grand Trunk Railway, with which Mr. Macdonald was connected. He told of the original golfing party in Franklin Park and other reminiscences. Colin C. Bell followed with personal touches of his long friendship with Mr. Macdonald, at the close of which he presented to Mr. Macdonald a set of the finest clubs procurable. They were modelled after Mr. Macdonald's own set, so as to have the same lie of heads, whippiness of shafts and general characteristics."

A LEADING WINNIPEG CLUB

Elmhurst is a Very Strong Organisation with Fine Course and Club House and a Brilliant Future—Interesting Finals in the Club Championship, which is won by Mr. Matthew Thompson

(Special Contribution to the "Canadian Golfer" by Mr. W. G. Chace, Elmhurst's Popular President)

IN 1913 a few enthusiastic golfers knowing the necessity of additional playing accommodation near Winnipeg, organized the Elmhurst Golf Links and incorporated a provincial company under that title in the year 1914. After thorough search by a selected committee, a property consisting of about 160 acres of land on the ridge east of Birds Hill was leased for a term of nine hundred and ninety-nine years, and a beginning was made on the construction of the 18-hole course. Capitalized at \$50,000 in five hundred \$100.00 shares, a membership of 250 was very quickly selected. This membership has been increased during



The Pretty New Club House of the Elmhurst Golf Club

the current year to about 360; only one hundred shares having been sold at par, the additional shares having commanded a premium of \$50.00 per share.

The development of the new course, now known as the Springfield Course, was proceeded with rapidly, and out of the original brush covered rolling ridge there has been created a series of 18 holes marked with a high golf quality, and so arranged as to make the most of the varied contours of the surface, both in fair-ways and greens. Of the latter there are but six which are nearly flat, all others having warped surfaces which test the skill of the most experienced players. Numbers 1, 6, 10, 14, 16 and 18 are "Blind" holes and numbers 14 and 16 are pronounced "Dog legs." Generally speaking the fair-ways are lined with woods which have been well underbrushed along the margins, and the man who plays regularly on other than direct lines is not infrequently seriously handicapped. The Tees are also located as to require of the player a drive with a good carry in order to reach the open fair-way. The trapping is not yet completed, but is being deliberately studied in order to develop and improve the natural peculiarities of each hole. The accompanying photographs were taken

during the season of 1918 and will illustrate the general character of the course. When it is added that, although the native soil for fair-way is superior, the sites for the greens are all built up of newly selected imported material and densely seeded, and that, having the use of a water system operated under high pressure, these greens have developed a very fine turf, and when it is remembered that the natural beauties of the country have been preserved and worked up into vistas of delight, it will be acknowledged that the Elmhurst Golf Links have in their property in Springfield the physical assets necessary for a most enjoyable and sporting course.

A very cosy and modest Club House, built during 1918, graces the highest ground and in a position not only convenient to the two entrances to the property but also commanding the 9th and 18th greens, as well as the 1st and 10th Tees. Although the property is some 14 miles from the business centre of the City there is now a completely gravelled highway leading to the gates of the course, making it accessible by motor under all weather conditions. Some of the Old Country players say that the new Elmhurst Course compares very favorably



The Fourth Green and Fairway, The Elmhurst Golf Links

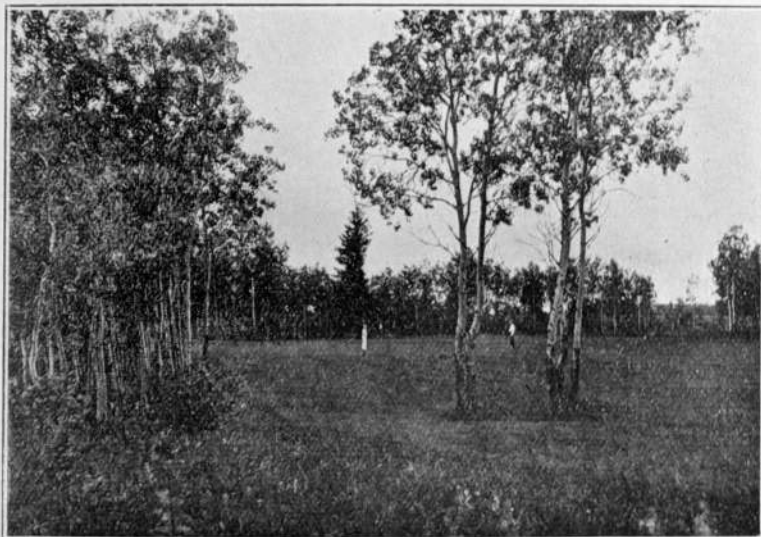
with the most attractive links at home; a widely travelled golfer of American birth has described it also as "the nearest approach to a real golf course in Western Canada." The links were opened to play, but on temporary greens, in August of 1917, but the formal opening of the Club House was the occasion of the Club's major celebration of July 20th last.

While awaiting completion of its Springfield course the club was fortunate in obtaining, through the courtesy of its owner, the use of a property in Tuxedo about 4 miles from the City and on nominal terms of rental. This property had at one time been owned by the Winnipeg Golf Club, but was abandoned in favour of their present property at Birds Hill. The Elmhurst Governors developed a nine-hole course in short order, and it has been in use consistently for over four years. It has proved to be a very popular short course during the Autumn months, although it has been also a fortunate all season asset to the club for the many new players. For the past two years the club has had as its professional H. C. Fletcher, recognized as the best golfer in this Province. He has been a resident at the "Little" or "Alerest" Course and his services have been a very valuable asset.

A strong feature of the organization of the Elmhurst Golf Links is the fact that by By-law each share of stock is lienable for the annual playing dues of its owner, so that the club is assured of its required income for annual operation and may anticipate that its shares will always be held by active players. The Club's finances are now in a very strong position in spite of the fact that certain payments upon stock held by about forty-nine men who have been serving their King in Europe during the War, have been only partly paid up and these shares have been forgiven their assessment of club dues during the period of the owners' absence. There are no privileged shareholders and this strong position is due to the foresight and energy of its Second President, Mr. H. M. Tucker, who induced the original holders of Founders' shares to forego voluntarily their privilege of limited annual dues.

The first President of the Club was Mr. W. H. Carter. The Governors for 1918 are:—

W. G. Chace, President; W. E. Wright, Vice-President; J. W. Thomson, Hon. Secretary-Treasurer; W. S. Boyd, G. T. Koester, G. T. Munford, P. H.



The Twelfth Green, The Elmhurst Golf Links

Tate, T. S. Taylor, B. P. Pellenz, J. G. Robertson, J. H. Campbell, G. R. Ryan.

Every effort is being put forth to prepare the course so that it will be available when the Canadian Championship matches come West—say in 1920.

Elmhurst Championship Finals an Interesting Event

The play-off for the Club Championship of the season just closed was one of the most exciting matches ever played in Winnipeg. Mr. J. W. Thompson, who had been champion for the last three years, and the well known and popular Mr. Matt Thompson, who was playing his first year as an Elmhurst player, met in the finals of the event. After thirty-four holes of sensational golf Mr. Matt Thompson was returned winner.

At the end of the first eighteen holes Matt was five up and the match appeared about over. Mr. J. W. Thompson, however, upset the dope by playing the first six holes on the last round in twenty-two strokes, finishing the first nine in thirty-seven, with the match all square.

Mr. M. Thompson, however, again hit his stride and played the tenth hole—427 yards, in four—eleventh hole, 245 yards, in two and the twelfth hole—289

yards, in three which put him three up. They halved the thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth, which left Matt dormie three.

The climax came on the sixteenth hole where the match ended in a most peculiar situation. Matt Thompson put his tee shot deep into the woods on the right, while J. W. Thompson got a beautiful 225-yard drive down the middle of the fairway. Matt found his ball deep in the bushes and took six more strokes to get it out, landing his seventh stroke in the sand pit that guards the front of the green.

Mr. J. W. Thompson should have won the hole easily but made the mistake of trying to reach the green with his second stroke which required a two hundred yard carry from where his ball lay to get over the sand pit. He pulled the shot badly into the same woods that Matt had been into, and although players, caddies and gallery searched diligently for a half hour the ball could not be found. In the meantime some one going through had picked up Matt's ball in the sand pit, so both players lost their balls.

Mr. Matt Thompson is a very popular champion and is always in demand at all the courses in the Winnipeg District. He drives a tremendous distance, being without doubt the longest player in Winnipeg. He is a good match player, but in medal play he often spoils a good round by one bad hole. He has, however, improved lately in this respect and gives promise of really settling down to consistent golf. Mr. Thompson plays under eighty most of the time. He is a member of one of the best known golfing families in Canada, all his brothers being experts.

[NOTE—The blue print of the Elmhurst Links sent to the Editor, impresses him as a particularly well laid out and well balanced course. Advantage has been taken of every favourable feature and Elmhurst players apparently have to play golf—good golf to break the Eighties.—*Editor "Canadian Golfer."*]



Mr. Matthew Thompson, Winnipeg
Champion of Elmhurst

GEORGE DUNCAN MEETS WITH ACCIDENT

G EORGE DUNCAN, the crack English golfing professional, who has been in the Royal Flying Corps since 1915, has met with a serious accident as the result of an airplane falling upon him while on duty. He sustained a badly bruised thigh and an infused knee and will be laid up for some time.

Duncan is anxious to commence practising for the open golf championship, which will be resumed this year. The Hangar Hill player had announced his intention of touring the United States this summer with Harry Vardon, of South Herts, James Braid, of Walton Heath, and J. H. Taylor, of Mid-Surrey, but it is feared this nasty accident may upset his plans.

Duncan is a most meteoric player and it has always been one of the marvels of the game that he has never won the open championship. The best he has done is to get into fourth place in 1912, although in 1911 he looked all over the winner at the end of the first day's play with a 73 and 71 to his credit. Rounds of 83 and 79, however, hopelessly spoiled his chances on the second day and he had to be content with 8th place. The best thing he has so far accomplished is to win in 1913 the £400 Tournament. He also annexed the French Championship the same year. He is the joint holder of the St. Andrews Championship record (71) and is the professional record holder of Sandwich (71).

WINTER GOLF IN CALGARY

Enthusiasts There Enjoy the Game Nearly the Whole Year Round

(Special Correspondence, "Canadian Golfer.")

IN last month's issue of "The Canadian Golfer" you made much of the fact that in Winnipeg they were playing golf on the 2nd of November, from which I would gather that you are not familiar with golfing conditions in the West, and particularly in Southern Alberta. Almost invariably we play a certain amount of golf in every month in the year—that was the case last year when we had some fine golfing weather with the temperature registering 50° in January.

Two years ago we played golf on Xmas and New Year's day. You will understand that in saying we play golf we mean that the snow has entirely disappeared and the weather warm enough to play in comfort.

The enclosed photograph, which was taken on the Calgary Golf and Country



Golf in Sunny Alberta in Winter

A well known group of Calgary golfers snapped on the Calgary Golf and Country Club Course December 2nd last. Reading from left to right, J. Leslie Bell, King Richardson, W. E. Underwood, C. G. K. Nourse. Sitting—E. L. Beck, G. R. H. Anderson.

Club course on 2nd December, may interest you. Since then we have had some snow, but hope to keep up our past record of playing some golf every month."

In connection with the above letter the Editor is quite aware in "Sunny Southern Alberta" enthusiasts often play golf nearly the whole year round and has more than once commented on that fact.

Mr. J. Leslie Bell, by the way, who appears in the above jolly group of golfers, holds the Western Canada endurance record. He has a total of 101 holes in one day to his credit. This is a very noteworthy feat indeed, and has rarely been equalled on this continent. The world's record is held by Mr. H. B. Lumsden, of the Royal Aberdeen Golf Club, who in June, 1910, accomplished the extraordinary feat of playing 216 holes. He started at 2:20 a.m. and finished at 9 p.m. The distance covered in playing the twelve rounds would be about 40 miles. Mr. Leveson-Gower has the record for Canada—126 holes in one day at The Royal Ottawa.

RECORD DRIVES

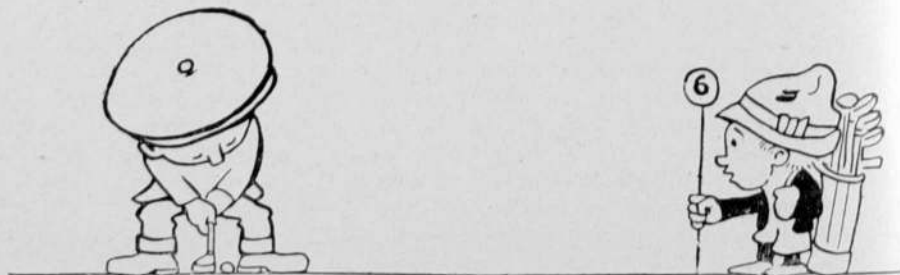
WHAT is the world's record golf drive? is a question recently forwarded the "Canadian Golfer" to answer. This is not so easy a matter to decide as it would appear on the first blush, as there are many so-called authenticated long drives, especially in the States which, on close examination, fail to "measure up" to requirements. It is generally conceded, however, by the authorities, that the longest "swat" ever "swatted" is to the credit of E. C. Bliss at Herne Bay, England, August, 1913. He propelled a rubber core from the tee 445 yards. A Government Surveyor, with the A No. 1 registered name of Lloyd, vouches for this blissful drive of a quarter of a mile or so. In a Championship competition W. H. Horne, a professional who is now in South Africa, has the record. At the North Berwick Tournament in July, 1909, he hit a sweet one—388 yards, officially measured. Jimmy Braid, the five times open champion, too, is no mean performer with the wood. In 1905 at Walton Heath, he got away a screamer, at the 15th hole, for 395 yards. In the old days of the gutta ball, the late Mr. Freddy Tait, and Mr. Edward Blackwell were the Jehus of the Links. They certainly drove furiously. The former at St. Andrews, in January, 1893, registered a drive of 341 yards, and the latter a year previously, on the same course, cracked out a 366-yarder at the famous 17th. The longest driver to-day is, undoubtedly, Abe Mitchell, who has been bravely doing his bit in France and who is looked upon as a very probable winner of the Open Championship in the near future. He was in fourth place in 1914, the year it was last played for. It is no exaggeration to state that he is liable any day under favourable circumstances to register drives of 300 yards or more. Mr. Harold Hilton, and he ought to know, states that he is by many yards the longest driver he has ever played against.

In Canada there are many players who have had very long tee shots to their credit. No official record has ever been kept here, however, of such performances. This Peace Year it would be a good idea to start keeping "tab" on some of the long drives made. The "Canadian Golfer" the coming season will be very glad to receive and publish, properly authenticated "long-shots."

THREE JOLLY BONIFACES A GOLFING WILL GO

AFTER the inaugural opening of New York's latest and most palatial hotel, the proprietor Mr. Statler, accompanied by his guid friens and bonnie Scotch laddies, Messrs. John McF. Howie and Duncan McLeod, of Buffalo, all golfers keen, purpose winging their way to points South, with golf as a *raison d'etre* (a domned guid raison for a' tha'—this from Duncan).

The "Canadian Golfer's" Assistant Editor has offered to provide free of expense, the services of a court stenographer (male) and a moving picture operator, providing that he, the "Ass. Ed." aforetime mentioned, be allowed all copyright privilege of production for the benefit of the readers of this great family golfing journal. We understand this offer is receiving serious consideration from the great threesome—some three, what?



"CANADIAN GOLFER'S" CELEBRITIES

Colonel J. D. Courtenay, M.D., President of The Royal Ottawa Golf Club

THESE are only two golf clubs in the Dominion entitled to the prefix "Royal" and very appropriately these two clubs are The Royal, Montreal, the premier golfing organization on the continent, and The Royal, Ottawa, the leading Club of the Capital. Queen Victoria of beloved memory bestowed the honour on the first named; King George on the latter.

The Royal Ottawa Golf Club was established in 1891, and therefore is entering upon the 28th year of its notable career. As befitting the Seat of Government and a membership comprising so many of the leading men of the Dominion, it has always had the benefit of the advice and guidance of most capable Presidents and Directors. Never more so, perhaps, than during the past year.

Col. John Dickson Courtenay, M.D., who was elected to the Presidency of the Club in 1918, is one of the ablest eye, ear, nose and throat specialists in the Dominion, but has found time from his extensive practice to devote much praiseworthy attention, not only to military matters, but to golf, fishing and other sports, he being an ardent advocate of "the out-of-door-life."

Col. Courtenay graduated in medicine from Toronto University in 1885 and engaged in the general practice of medicine for six years at Waterdown, Wentworth County. He then took up special courses at Edinburgh, London and Berlin, and returning to Canada, in 1896 settled in Ottawa, where he

quickly earned for himself a brilliant reputation in his special field. He is a member of the Canadian and Ontario Medical Societies; a life member of the Royal London Ophthalmological Society; Fellow of The Royal Society of Medicine, England; and Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He is also a member of the Board of Governors and staff of St. Luke's Hospital, Ottawa.



Col. J. D. Courtenay, of Ottawa, prominent alike in Medical, Military and Golfing Circles

He has for a quarter of a century taken a most active interest in military matters, joining the Militia of Canada in 1894. He was Captain in the 77th Battalion and later Surgeon Major in the 43rd Battalion. In Dec., 1914, he was placed in charge of the special sense work at Ottawa for military patients, and in May, 1916, went Overseas as Lieut.-Colonel in charge of the special sense service for Canadian Overseas forces, establishing and commanding Westcliff Canadian Military Eye and Ear Hospital at Folkestone on the South Coast. Here his work was simply invaluable. He returned to Ottawa on leave August 1st, 1917, and was retained in Canada as a member of the Board of Consultants for the Militia Department, which was established Sept. 1917, having charge of the special sense section. In Dec., 1916, he was promoted Colonel in recognition of his notable work, both here and overseas.

Col. Courtenay plays a very good game of golf indeed, and takes a keen interest in The Royal Ottawa Club,

over which he has presided with much tact, dignity and ability the past year. He is a member of The Canadian Seniors' Golf Association and altogether

is one of the leading and most popular devotees of the Royal and Ancient in the Dominion.

THE OLD CAP'S DREAM

A spirit, who on this mundane sphere
Had been a golfer of goodly cheer,
Was chanting behind the pearly gate
When Cap arrived, as usual, late.
What O! said the Cap with a friendly air
Of unconcern, all free from care;
Where's St. Peter? and ask him please
To open the gates with his golden keys.
St. Peter, by chance, was passing near,
Halted and cried, "Why, look who's here!
Wonders will never cease," said he,
"It's the man of the mighty snickersee."
He flung, with a smile, the portals wide,
Bidding R. H. to come right inside;
And said to the spirit hovering there:
"Please see that the Captain gets best of
care."

The spirit forthwith took Cap in hand,
Steered him straight to the clubhouse grand;
Seated his guest in a cosy nook,
And entered his name in the visitor's book.
"This club," explained this spirit nice,
"Is the finest you'll find in Paradise;
Only the choicest souls are free
To enter its eminent sanctity."
"Our course," he stated, "is quite divine,
The turf is perfect, fairways fine;
No sign of a pigweed around is seen
On any celestial putting green.
"The locker room, too, you will find complete,
For service and baths it can't be beat;
Attendants are present both day and night
To see conditions are quite all right.

"Our caddies, golf balls and cigarettes,
Are all supplied, and don't forget
To ask for anything else you please,
And kindly note, no tips—no fees!"
The Cap gazed round and said, "my word,
I'm sorry my visit was so deferred;
I don't mind telling you, old top,
It beats Toronto's best, eh, what?"
The spirit agreed, and ere he went,
Said, "enter to-morrow's tournament,
And if you putt as you used to do,
You'll cop the cup and the medal too."
With thanks for the tip, the Cap next day
Entered his name in a casual way;
And, due to his putter and snickersee,
Won the event with a "63."
The golfing fans who followed the game,
Were quick to admit and hail his fame;
For many were there that he used to know,
While running the old "C.G." below.
It cheer'd him much that ev'ry one
Should honor him thus, for what he'd done;
Why, even George Lyon, tho' beaten, he
Was first to acclaim Cap's victory.
And just to show that he bore no ill,
George started to sing, with a hearty will,
A ballad that every golfer knows—
Mother Macree, the Wild Irish Rose."
'T was a wonderful night on the golden shore,
In honor of Cap and his record score;
Speeches were many (Judge Hardy spoke),
But just at its height, the Cap awoke!

—Huskie.



FIRST AID TO THE GOLF NOVICE

(By W. H. Webling)

AFTER pondering patiently on the many problems that confront the novice upon first entering the royal and ancient realms of golfdom, we arrived at the conclusion that a few hand picked, carefully selected pointers might be of service. Advice gratis is usually accepted at the price offered and valued accordingly, so we do not expect commendation or gratitude; the virtue of service rendered must alone be our reward. In the words of Rotary, "he profits most who serves best," which, by the way, appeals to us as being a distinct improvement on the slogan adopted by proprietors of hotels, restaurants, etc., whose patriotic policy so far has prospered more particularly under the slogan of "He profits most who serves least." But we digress. Let us return to the subject of this brief article, viz.—"First aid to that common or garden specie of humanity known as the 'Golf Greenhorn.'"

After providing oneself with an impressive looking golf bag, lots of balls and a collection of clubs, the number and variety of same being largely influenced by the selling ability of the professional, the novice should then consider the important question of raiment. We would advise something original and startling in a loud and effective check, for this not only attracts attention to oneself, but also distracts one's opponent, who, if sensitive to such things, may thus be easily overthrown and defeated. Our novice should then immediately begin an earnest study of the language of golf—the word itself, we might state, being pronounced "gowff," the "l" being silent, as in guff: (the novice may find the "l" louder later on). If the Club's professional is Scotch (which hundred to one he will be), the novice would do well to acquire this accent. He may have difficulties in so doing, but it will frequently be found worth half a stroke a hole handicap in one's favor, when playing with a strange opponent, and is generally known as camouflage.

There are other points that come under this heading, but the novice will acquire such knowledge naturally, so there is no need to dwell further on same at this time.

We will now assume the novice has taken two or three lessons and feels (if by nature an optimist) that he has at last mastered the difficulties of the game. He is therefore justified in accepting any invitation to play a match with some of the older members of his club. If peradventure these invitations do not come as spontaneously as anticipated it is advisable to call up any member that he happens to know by name and ask for a game. Here again results may be disappointing and through stress of business or previous engagements, the gentleman may be unavailable, in which case it would be well for the novice to linger near the "first tee" and attach himself to the first person or persons he sees starting out for a round. He may perhaps notice a lack of enthusiasm, but this should not have a discouraging effect; it is merely a form of reticence or shyness natural to even the most seasoned member of the golfing fraternity.

Having once taken advantage of his opportunities, the novice who is really anxious to be persona grata on the links should at once endeavor to make himself unaffectedly agreeable to those with whom he is playing. He should converse freely and fluently on any subject that may come uppermost to his mind. A good story, apropos or not, as the case may be, will have a rare effect. It is not necessary the story should be new, for the average golfer is most loyal to memories of his youth, and nothing goes better in golfing circles than a really good old yarn of ancient and well developed maturity. Likewise, the novice should always be on the qui vive to watch another player on the tee; he need not cease to talk, for frequently a player prefers conversation carried on at this time; it relieves the tense strain of the situation. If the stance or style adopt-

ed by a player create cause for criticism, the novice should be prepared to promptly offer advice and suggestions; it will be considered an act of courtesy and kindness. Furthermore, if any player has the misfortune to miss, top or fizzle a shot, a burst of gentle merriment, or an appropriate little jest at this time will not only alleviate the sufferings of the player, but also prove one's sporting spirit and natural sense of humor.

As the match progresses, the novice may inadvertently violate some utterly ridiculous and, to his mind, unnecessary rule or regulation, popularly supposed to govern the game of golf, and which may result in a more or less friendly warning from his companions. This warning, however, may be safely ignored (especially if no one is looking) and is merely an autocratic attempt on the part of older golfers to dominate or otherwise interfere with that liberty, which is justly treasured as the priceless heritage of all true men.

Then again, take for example the abrupt notice or request to "replace the turf or divots" one has disturbed, destroyed, or otherwise damaged; we would here advise the novice to treat this with the contempt it so richly deserves—he might go farther and enquire politely but firmly, "what the groundsmen are for, anyway"? We promise him his manly attitude will have the desired effect and prove he is not one with whom it is wise to trifle.

Shout "Fore!" loudly and frequently as possible; it impresses the innocent onlooker with your knowledge of the game, and at the same time acts as a warning to those around or in front that you are approaching and you do not wish to be inconvenienced or delayed. If by chance other players are taking a stroke at that particular moment, all the better; it will have a most interesting effect and one well worthy of note.

We will now presume the game is over, and it is your pleasure to join some group of golfers who, like yourself, have finished their usual round and are now assembled in friendly commune. Do not hesitate to join their circle and enter freely into their con-

versation. Formality or etiquette has no place in a golf club and such ideals should absolutely be taboo. Your experience during your game will also be deeply appreciated and any strange incidents that occurred to you will be hugely enjoyed by all. Don't be misled by any apparent lack of interest that may be displayed, or any futile effort to ignore you or change the topic of conversation, which is merely a crude attempt to draw you out more, and gather from your experience valuable information, to be used to their own advantage at some future date. If finally, the group gradually excuse themselves and leave you alone, the novice may assume that they have secured all the information they desire and have no further selfish use for him.

Among other topics of conversation popular in golfing circles, is one that is generally known as lambasting the club management—especially the degenerate idiot who has the audacity to occupy the position of Chairman of the Green Committee at that time. It is the golfer's one "best bet" and exalts him to a prominence among his brethren that might otherwise be missed.

Here let it be said that if there be strangers present, it might be advisable on the part of the novice to satisfy himself that the gentleman in question is not present, but even if he be, the contretemps can be turned to advantage by offering him in the kindest possible spirit the value of your suggestions for the improvement of the course, especially the greens, which he will be the first to admit are rotten, acknowledging the justice of your remarks and promise to act on your suggestions without delay.

N.B.—If this particular Chairman of Green Committee happens to be a big lusty man, with a fierce eye and a hectic flush, we would submit it advisable for our novice to make a strategic but speedy retreat. Such men are sometimes strangely sensitive to criticism. "Safety First" is an adage worthy of note on and off the links.

[This is the first and probably the final instalment of these very valued articles, but the author is open to conviction—as he should be, convicted for life.—*Editor.*]

THE ROYAL MONTREAL

Has Most Successful Year in its History of Nearly Half a Century. Plans Authorized for a New Club House. Mr. T. E. Merrett presented with Runner-up Cup in Canadian Seniors' Championship. Mr. W. R. Baker, C.V.O., Re-elected President

THE forty-fifth annual meeting of The Royal Montreal Golf Club was held at the Windsor Hotel, Montreal, on Friday evening, Dec. 13th, with a representative attendance of members.

The President, Mr. W. R. Baker, C.V.O., before the meeting was formally convened, stated:

"Some two or three weeks ago I received as President of The Canadian Seniors' Golf Association, from its first Vice-President, the Hon. Mr. Wallace Nesbitt, of Toronto, a very handsome and permanent trophy for the runner-up in the Seniors' Championship. As this trophy was won by a very prominent, popular and active member of this Club, indeed a Director of the Club, and as there has been no opportunity at Dixie to make a formal presentation, I thought that this evening would be a suitable occasion on which to present the trophy to the winner, Mr. T. E. Merrett. This trophy means that in winning it, Mr. Merrett was second only to the many times Champion of Canada, Mr. George S. Lyon, and I have great pleasure in handing him this trophy, and in congratulating him on his success."

Amidst the heartiest applause, Mr. Merrett received, at the hands of Mr. Baker the graceful Senior silver trophy, a reproduction of which appears herewith. In accepting it he made a

most apt reply. The donor, Mr. Nesbitt, also came in for well deserved praise for presenting such a dignified prize for competition.

The regular business of the club was then proceeded with.

The annual financial report was of a

most gratifying character, showing total receipts of \$25,955, with expenditure of \$23,408, or an excess of revenue over expenditure of \$2,546. This compared with an excess of expenditure over revenue in 1917 of \$1,372. The total increase of revenue in 1918 compared with 1917 was the very substantial one of \$7,003. The surplus account which stood at \$41,448 in 1917, is now \$48,632, two life memberships of

\$2,000 each, accounting for \$4,000 of this amount. In every department of club life an increase was shown over 1917, the dining room alone being responsible for an increase of \$3,884, showing the members' appreciation of the excellent catering by the very capable staff of the club.

All these gratifying financial results have been attained notwithstanding over 100 members overseas have been car-



The Hon. Wallace Nesbitt Cup, won by Mr. T. E. Merrett, of The Royal Montreal Golf Club

ried on the membership list without the usual annual fees.

The report of the patriotic fund committee was one of the features of the meeting. The report showed that the members had contributed liberally to the fund, \$2,968.30 being realised. This amount was divided among seven funds. The Red Cross fund received \$2,168.30; the Khaki League, \$500; The Gazette Tobacco Fund, \$100; the Queen Mary Needlework Guild, \$50; the Navy League, \$50; the Red Triangle Hut, \$50.

The money was derived throughout the season from special matches played over the course of the club at Dixie, donations from members and from the annual match between the Ross and Hodgson families, played late in the autumn. A good portion of the money came from the weekly matches played for prizes presented by the members with a view to encouraging patriotic competitions.

The retiring Directors under the By-laws were Messrs. C. E. Neill and F. C. Fairbanks, both of whom have given to the club invaluable service. Their places were filled by the election of Mr. J. J. McGill and Mr. H. W. Molson, who are both well known members of The Royal Montreal, and who will be worthy successors to Messrs. Neill and Fairbanks.

Mr. James Hill, the very energetic Captain of the Club and Chairman of the Match and Handicap Committee for many years, also retires amidst general regret. His responsible position will be filled by Mr. G. H. Turpin, ex-amateur champion and one of the most finished players in Canada. He will be assisted by Mr. W. A. Wilson as Vice-Captain.

Mr. Baker was very anxious to retire from the Presidency, a position he has held for some years now with really remarkable results. The members and Directors, however, would not listen to this and eventually he was prevailed upon to again accept the position to which he has devoted so much praise-worthy personal attention.

Mr. A. B. Evans was elected to the Vice-Presidency and Mr. Baker will

have in him a particularly able coadjutor.

Mr. W. H. C. Mussen was re-elected Chairman of the Green Committee, a fitting tribute from the club to the splendid condition the course was kept in throughout the past season—Dixie's greens and fairgreens were never in better condition than in 1918.

In addition to the above directors, Mr. T. E. Merrett and Mr. A. A. Hodgson are also on the Board.

Mr. Arthur Browning, who is particularly qualified for the post, continues Chairman of the Beautifying Committee.

Mr. Baker also retains the Chairmanship of the House Committee.

An important item of business was brought out by two resolutions, one, that it was the opinion of the Club that the erection of a new Club House or such other improvements as might be considered desirable to meet the requirements of the Club, is in the interest of the Club, and the other that the Directors are authorised to have plans and proposals for carrying out the purpose of the first resolution prepared to be submitted at a meeting of the Club to be called later.

It will be heard of with regret by golfers throughout Canada and the States that the dear old "home" of the premier Club of the continent is probably doomed to demolition. The quite historic dining room and gallery and building generally are so redolent with the romance of the Royal and Ancient game, that it seems almost like golfing sacrilege to do away with such association. However, the Club House has probably outlived its usefulness and the members generally, whilst hating to set the seal of destruction upon it, are now nearly all convinced that the plunge is necessary, and that the preliminary steps to replace it should be taken the coming Peace Year. But for a long time to come "Dixie" to many a golfer, both far and near, will be the Dixie of the rambling old frame club house, with its blazing log open fire places, its devious, drafty passages, its inconveniences many from the modern standpoint of luxurious country club

life, but its message of the past poignant with pleasant remembrances, of unbounded hospitality and good cheer.

Hearty votes of thanks were passed to the retiring officers and directors, whilst Mr. E. T. Waterhouse, the very capable Secretary, and the house staff generally, came in for a well deserved meed of praise.

During the past season keen interest was taken in all the club competitions.

The feature of the season was the first tournament of The Canadian Seniors' Golf Association and the playing for the Governor-General's trophy with a team from the United States Seniors' Association. It was particularly appropriate that the inauguration meeting of this representative Association and the first Tournament and International match should have been held at Dixie.

MY CADDIE

Who is of noble Scottish birth
And tees my ball with silent mirth
Upon a little heap of earth?
My Caddie!

Who cleans my irons, one and all,
And who, so far as I recall,
Has never failed to find my ball?
My Caddie!

Who, when I chance to pull or slice,
Will mutter things that are not nice,
Yet always gives me good advice?
My Caddie!

Who calls the other lad a Mutt,
And says that he is off his nut,
Who groans whene'er I miss a putt?
My Caddie!

And when I foozle at the Tee,
Who glares at me reproachfully,
And breathes a word that starts with D?
My Caddie!

Who when I lose counts it his loss,
And gets abominably cross;
In point of fact, who is my boss?
My Caddie!

Oshawa, Ont.

—P. H. Punshon.

MR. EVANS' GREETING CARD

The following is the greeting card sent out by Mr. Charles Evans, Jr., U. S. Open and Amateur Champion, and greatly appreciated by the "Canadian Golfer" and other golfing friends in Canada.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

HAPPY NEW YEAR



I wish you joy upon this Christmastide,
And thro' the days that follow fast beside;
Not quite so merry as in days of yore,
For some have gone, and come again no more;
But hands clasp hands, old friends and games are here
And Peace has come to wish us a very glad New Year

Charles Evans, Jr.

Christmas, 1918

LETHBRIDGE MUNICIPAL GOLF CLUB

Very Bright Prospects Are Reported for the Coming Season

LETHBRIDGE, Alberta, is the latest place in the Dominion to establish a Municipal Golf Club, it having come into existence in 1916.

The Captain of the Club, Mr. David Hume, recently wrote the "Canadian Golfer":

"The links are situated in the Henderson Park and are public links so far that they are on Municipal ground. A nominal fee of 25 cents is charged for 2 rounds (18 holes). The membership fee of the club is \$10.00 per annum. Green players (beginners) \$5.00. Ladies \$2.00.

The club has had two very successful seasons since it started. About 60 per cent. of the members are new to the game and have made very noticeable improvement; and show plenty of enthusiasm which promises well for 1919.

The Committee relaid the greens this season with sand and crude oil, which has proved a decided success.

The Club is practically speaking in its infancy yet, but I have great hopes of its future and look forward with confidence to it becoming one of the strongest clubs in Southern Alberta, the new players having taken up the game most enthusiastically and shown spirited rivalry in the several competitions that have been held."

The length of the Lethbridge course is 2,650 yards. It is situated one and

a half miles from the centre of the town and served by the Municipal Electric Railway. Women are permitted to play at all times, except during competitions. The record of the course is a sterling 33 made by Mr. D. G. MacKenzie.

The officers of this very progressive club are: President, Mr. S. J. Shepherd; Vice-President, Mr. W. A. Park-er; Sec.-Treas., Mr. Thomas Oxland; Captain, Mr. David Hume; Chairman Green Committee, Mr. H. A. McKillopp; Committee, Dr. W. Craig, Mr. W. Crawford, Superintendent Pennefather, Mr. H. A. McKillopp and Mr. D. Hume.

If Lethbridge can successfully run and finance a club on municipal property with such reasonable annual fees and green fees, there is no reason why dozens of other centres throughout Canada should not get into the game, too. The example of Lethbridge is worthy of every emulation. It takes the virile West to teach the effete East a thing or two from a golfing as well as other standpoints.

U. S. PRESIDENTS AND GOLF

IT has become a regular habit with President Wilson to have a round of golf three or four times a week, winter and summer, so it is a pretty good guess that the U.S. Chief Executive has his golf clubs with him on his epoch-making trip to Europe. Here is a match before the President returns home, that would excite world interest on one of the links in the South of France—Wilson and Lloyd George vs. Foch and Haig. The British Field Marshal is a very fair player indeed, so is the British Premier. President Wilson and Marshal Foch should play about level, so that a four-ball match between the world's illustrious ones would make for an absorbingly interesting encounter. Our own Premier, Sir Robert Laird Borden, might be staged to referee the game, with Bonar

Law as scorer-in-chief. What a setting all this would make for the "movie" picture man!

President Wilson's predecessor, Mr. W. H. Taft, is another U.S. President who would have liked to have broken through the hitherto iron-bound precedent of the Chief Executive never to leave the boundaries of the United States. Mr. Taft and his family have for many years been regular golfing visitors to Murray Bay, Quebec. During his Presidency, Mr. Taft never went to Murray Bay, but on his retirement from the Presidential chair, has never missed a season there. He is President of the Murray Bay Golf Club—the only club in the world that has the distinctive honour of having an "ex-President" as president—equivocal as that may appear.

EARLY DAYS OF GOLF IN STATES

How the Royal and Ancient was First Played in New England

(Special Contribution to the "Canadian Golfer" by Mr. George Wright of Wright & Ditson, Boston, One of the Most Celebrated Sportsmen of the United States)

IT was in the fall of 1890 that the first game of Golf was played in New England, if not in the United States. It took place at Boston in the month of October, and came about in the following way:

My firm annually imported from England, Cricket bats and balls. I noticed in looking through an English catalogue, among other goods listed, were Golf Clubs and balls. This caused me to import with the Cricket order one dozen clubs, and a dozen balls, but no rules came with them. Not knowing how the game was played, or could I find any person who did, the clubs and balls were placed away on the shelves, when, later on in dressing our show windows, two or three clubs and balls were placed in them.

One day an old Scotchman in passing the store, saw the clubs, came in, and inquired of a salesman where the golf course was. The salesman said he did not know and brought him back to my office and explained what he wished to know. When I informed him we had no golf course, he seemed surprised and referred to the clubs and balls in the window. I explained how we came to get them, but no rules came with them to tell us how the game was played, but would be pleased to know, when the Scotchman became interested and he explained by drawing on a sheet of

paper how a course should be laid out, the number of holes and how they should be placed, with distances between, with a full description of the game.

I promised him to introduce the game, when he said upon his return to New York City, he would send me a book of rules. About a week afterwards I received the book, which gave full particulars about the game with cuts of players making the different strokes, also of a full set of clubs with name under each club.

After becoming acquainted with the rules I commenced looking up a field large enough to play the game, and decided on Franklin Public Park, located just outside the city of Boston, where I journeyed, finding it satisfactory. When I interviewed the Park policeman about allowing me to play, he informed me I would have to

get permission from the Park Commissioners. I wrote a letter to the Commissioners, asking their consent, explaining about the game. They refused, saying the game was too dangerous to people walking about in the park. I then visited them in person and received a hearing, when I was favoured with a permit allowing me to play, after which I went to the Park with an assistant (John Smith by name), paced off the nine holes, dug them in the earth, had a stick made



Mr. Wright, Boston

three feet in length, to which was attached a piece of red flannel for a flag to mark the holes.

I then invited a half dozen friends interested in sports to play the game with me. The day decided on, the weather could not have been better. Upon our arrival at the course, my assistant had everything ready for play and it looked quite inviting with red flags flying in the breeze from the sticks in the nine holes, which caused all in the little party to be anxious to play the new game.

The eighteen holes were played. The "necessary" was not forgotten for the nineteenth hole. Selecting an inviting spot, we sat down to talk over the result of our play and merits of the game, and all decided they enjoyed the outing and the game of golf was a grand success, and all wished to try it again at some future day. This resulted in our deciding to get someone to show us how the game should be played.

We located a professional at Montreal by the name of Davis, with whom we made arrangements to visit Boston in the spring to teach us. When the promised day came for his arrival, we found he did not stop, but went through to Newport where he had arranged to lay out a course and become their professional.

So this was my experience with the game of golf, though I have been informed it was played in New York a couple of years before this date.

When a Junior member of the St. George Cricket Club of Hoboken, N.J., I can remember very well of a Mr. Beets, a Scotchman, an older member, upon his return from a visit to Scotland, bringing back with him a set of clubs and balls, when the ball was driven back and forward across the Cricket field; this was in 1863. I was then sixteen years of age. From that time until 1890 or when the incident took place, which I wrote about at the beginning of my article, I never heard golf referred to, or heard of its being played.

The Country Club of Brookline, Mass., was the first club I would say to take up golf, which was in the year 1891 (this club is well known throughout Canada from its general interest in Amateur sports), after which date the game became very popular and golf clubs were organised throughout the country.

Samuel Macdonald and myself are the only two alive of those who took part in I might say, my first game of golf, an account of which appeared in the daily papers at the time.

"Sammie" as he is called by his club mates, is a Canadian, coming to Boston from Montreal in 1871, where he was Captain and one of the best players on the Champion Montreal Lacrosse team in its "palmy" days. He, like myself, has been fond of all kinds of sports since boyhood and now playing in our old age (he being seventy-five, I seventy-one) the very popular game of golf which has and is doing so much for those on in years, bringing them out in the open air for recreation and exercise, and making them boys again.

It would do one good to witness the gathering of the old Golfers throughout the country at the Apawamis Club, Rye, N. Y., for their annual Senior tournament with an entry list of 275, taking four days to play it.

One has to be fifty-five to be eligible to enter, also a member of the Senior Golf Association, which was fathered by Horace L. Hotchkiss (a member of Apawamis Club), keeping up his interest and enthusiasm by playing in the tournaments, though over 70.

A meeting last September of teams representing the two Senior Golf Associations of Canada and the United States for a gold cup, presented by His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada, played for on Dixie Course, Montreal, and won by Canada, and which is to be an annual event, will do much, I am confident, to keep up the best of friendly feeling and do great things for the game of golf on both sides of the line.

JOURNALIST AND GOLFER

**Mr. William Findlay, Well Known Ottawa Member of the Fourth Estate,
Goes to Toronto**

THE Toronto Globe last month made the important announcement that commencing January 15th Mr. William Findlay, of the staff of the Journal newspapers in Ottawa would take over the responsible duties of Advertising Manager of the Globe.

Mr. Findlay is one of the outstanding figures on the business side of newspaper making in Canada. He was for a number of years Vice-President and Manager of The Ottawa Free Press. Upon the amalgamation of that paper with The Evening Journal and the establishment of The Morning Journal-Press, he joined The Journal Newspapers to supervise the organization of their business department. Mr. Findlay has disposed of his Ottawa newspaper interests to his partner in The Ottawa Free Press, Mr. Norman Smith, now Vice-President of The Ottawa Journal. He will be succeeded as Business Manager of The Journal by

Lieut.-Col. R. F. Parkinson, D.S.O., now in charge of the Canadian War Records Office in London, who is expected shortly to return to civil life.

Mr. Findlay has been connected in an intimate and active manner with the business life of Ottawa. For several years he has represented Central Ward in the City Council and has been a member of the Council of the Ottawa Board of Trade. He is First Vice-President of St. Andrew's Society, and has held many offices in newspaper and advertising circles in Canada and the United States.

In coming back to Toronto Mr.

Findlay returns to the city where his business career began. He was Circulation Manager of The Toronto News before he went to Ottawa in 1905.

Mr. Findlay, who was born in Bracebridge and who had his first newspaper experience as a lad in the office of the Barrie Examiner, is an enthusiastic golfer. He is a charter member of the Rivermead Golf Club, Ottawa, and some years ago was runner-up for the club championship.

His other clubs are the Laurentian in Ottawa and the Ontario in Toronto. He is also honorary life member of the Ottawa Rowing Club, an institution which has done a great deal for clean amateur sport in Canada.

Mr. Findlay, among his other activities, has also taken a very keen interest in the Good Roads campaign in Ottawa and district and has been of invaluable assistance to this movement which is fortunately now being taken up

so vigorously throughout Ontario and which now the war is over gives every promise of being brought to a Provincial fruition.

The Toronto Globe is to be congratulated on securing the services of such a versatile and virile newspaper-man, and amateur sporting circles in the Queen City are also fortunate in the return of such a warm supporter of "the out-of-door-life" and patron of clean sport generally. But Ottawa, in the civic arena, in the walks of journalism, in the social life and on the golf links will personally miss immensely "Billy Findlay" best of friends and prince of good fellows.



**Mr. William Findlay, Advertising
Manager "The Globe," Toronto**

THE GOLFING FUTURE

(By an English Golfing Correspondent)

I HAVE had the opportunity of discussing with a number of prominent players the question as to what the effects of the last few years will be upon the golf of the immediate future. There is a surprising consensus of opinion that the standard of play will be higher rather than lower than formerly. There will be, alas! fewer great golfers, but several champions to whom I spoke last week expressed the view that those who come back safely from the war will be the better on the links for their Army life. Their point was that self-control—the most important constituent in the golfing temperament—will have been developed to a degree never previously attained.

So far as concerns the veterans—and in August, 1914, a large proportion of the leading golfers were over military age—there is evidence already that little play and much work have had a beneficial effect on their games. There can be no doubt that in the old days many of them were in a condition bordering on chronic staleness. They had too much golf. I know, for instance, that Harry Vardon, the world's champion, feels that he is in better form than he has been for a long time past. His rounds have been infrequent, but he has done some remarkable things at Totteridge—not the least interesting of them having been five consecutive 2's at the same hole. It is a new hole made in the summer, so that the course could be adapted for hay-making, and, although only about 100 yards long, is difficult because the green is no more than half the normal size. The ordinary individual would be glad to do it in 2 once in a way; to secure that figure in five successive rounds is unquestionably a record in matters of this kind.

At St. Anne's-on-Sea, Lancashire, last month, when Vardon appeared in a war-fund match, he played golf which was for all the world like the game that he was wont to produce in 1898 and 1899, when he was incomparably the

greatest golfer in history. Personally, I should not be surprised to see him revive that standard next season. He is in the right mood.

James Braid and J. H. Taylor have been obtaining at the most one round a week each, but they are fully satisfied that nothing has gone wrong with their golf.

"I know I was overplayed before the war," Taylor told me. "Everybody who has had the fortune to remain fit will play golf the better for this abstinence—or semi-abstinence—from the game, and to none does this apply more particularly than those who have been on service. The most valuable power that a golfer can acquire is that of controlling the nerves, for in a tight match everything depends upon the nerves being alert and sensitive, and yet under complete command. The men will come back from the war with this power strong in them.

"I think that the most dangerous rival of the old band of champions will be Abe Mitchell, who has been in France for about two years as a gunner in the R.G.A. He nearly broke our hearts before by the stupendous length of his driving. What will he do when he returns possessed of the improved physical qualities that are born of Army training? Another point, too, is that the soldiers will come back fresh to games with a zest for them that will count for a lot.

"Some of the courses are a bit rugged at present, but others, like Walton Heath and Sunningdale, were never better, and I do not think that any will take long to put into order. In a good many cases, as at the club to which I am attached, Mid-Surrey, the putting greens have been reduced in size so as to save labour in upkeep. That, however, has made for accurate approaching, and by the spring, when the greens are restored to their usual size, that part of the game will seem quite easy by reason of its having been so difficult on the small greens.

"Clubs and balls are going to be a difficulty. I tried to buy 500 clubs last week. Two of the biggest firms in Scotland could not look at the order. A finished hickory shaft—without the head or anything else—used to cost from 6d. to 9d. It is now 7s. 6d., which is surely a record increase in price for any article. It will pay golfers to look after their clubs very carefully if they have trusted sets, for I understand we are not likely to get hickory for this purpose for a year or more."

Braid also considered that the standard of golf among men who had been in the Army would be higher than be-

fore the war. "For a little while," he said, "I think that the long two-shot holes on most courses ought to be shortened a little. Apart from any effect of the weather, the ground has lost its old firmness owing to the little treading that it has had—the constant walking on it did a lot to bind it and prevent it from becoming soft. There are plenty of indications that there will be as much play as ever at week-ends this year, but a good many people say that they will have to work so hard that they will not be able to spare the time that they used to devote to mid-week golf. "We shall see."

ST. CHARLES COUNTRY CLUB

Leading Winnipeg Organization Has Highly Successful Season—Splendid Financial Statement

THE St. Charles Country Club, Winnipeg, is another of the big Canadian clubs which reports a most successful season in 1918.

The annual report, which the retiring President, Mr. W. H. McWilliams and the Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. A. Weir, were able to present to the members, was of a most encouraging character.

It showed the highly satisfactory financial results of a net balance on the right side of \$4,637 after making the usual reservations by way of depreciation. This splendid total compared with \$2,434 in 1917. During the year the Capital indebtedness was also reduced by \$4,000.

The total receipts for the year were \$46,105, of which members' subscriptions and fees represented \$32,105. The assets of the club total the large figure of \$218,710. The reserve account stands at \$47,915, and the profit and loss account at \$35,922. An interesting item in the House accounts is "profit on garden \$484." The St. Charles was one of the first clubs in Canada to intelligently take up with vegetable production, and has made a great success of its gardens.

Out of a membership of some 700 the

Board regretted to report the death of five during the year, viz.: The Hon. Chief Justice Howell, Mr. H. R. Soot, Mr. J. H. Munson, K.C., Mr. Morley Donaldson, and General Lipsett, D.S.O., C.B.

The Board of Governors paid a well deserved tribute in their report to the services of the Manager of the Club, Mr. C. A. Codere, and staff.

The Club has the proud record of 83 members who donned khaki, of whom 5 were killed and 5 wounded.

The officers for 1919 are: President, Mr. T. R. Billett; Vice-President, Mr. F. S. Andrews; Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. A. Weir; Treasurer, Mr. L. W. Hicks; Chairman of Green Committee, Mr. D. Drehmer; and Messrs. J. H. Turnbull, F. W. Sprado, E. H. Bennest, E. C. Ryan, K. C. Allen, D. N. Finnie and G. I. ap. Roberts.

Mr. Billett, the new President, is a very well known stock broker of Winnipeg. Before going West some years ago, he was on the staff of the Bank of Commerce, and was stationed in several Ontario cities. Before taking up golf he was a capital cricketer and tennis player. The affairs of the St. Charles Club are certainly in very capable hands this season.

THEY PAID THE PRICE

Several Well Known Golfers will be Sorely Missed when Championships are Revived this Season—Other Championship Notes

WHEN the championships are again held in 1919, after a lapse of five years as a result of the war, there will be several absentees, notably the late Captain Gerald Lees, runner-up in Toronto in 1913, and the late Captain Alex. G. Fraser. Both were Ottawa golfers and both were golfers above the average, and immensely popular on the links. Another player who paid the price and who was always welcome at championship gatherings whenever he attended, was "big Bill Laird." Enlisting as a private in Winnipeg with the very first contingent, he had risen quickly to the rank of sergeant when he fell in France early in the war. He was a mighty, but sometimes erratic, driver. Another well-known golfer who early donned khaki was "Ed." Legge, who won the Canadian championship in 1919, and who came out to this country about the same time as Laird. He saw much fighting, but was among the fortunate few of the first men to escape death or serious injury. His future plans are not known here, but it is probable that he will return to Canada. He is a very finished golfer of the best Scottish school.

It is hoped that the West will be well represented at the championships the coming season. There are a lot of very fine players scattered all the way from Winnipeg to Victoria, and several of them should make an effort to be present at Lambton next summer. The Canadian championship has always developed into a battle royal between the representatives of the older Provinces, with Ontario an easy winner. A champion has never "come out of the West." It is about time one was due from there. It would add im-

mensely to the interest of the 1919 meeting if there was a strong delegation from the newer golfing fields of the Dominion. Let's hope there will be.

The Canadian amateur championship was first played for at The Royal, Ottawa, in 1895, and was won by Mr. T. H. Harley, of Kingston. Other champions have been Mr. S. Gillespie, 1896; Mr. W. A. H. Kerr, 1897 and 1901; Mr. George S. Lyon (the present title holder), 1898, 1900, 1903, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1912 and 1914; Mr. Vere C. Brown, 1899; Mr. F. R. Martin, 1902 and 1910; Mr. J. Percy Taylor, 1904; Mr. A. Wilson, Jr., 1908; Mr. E. Legge, 1909; Mr. G. H. Hutton, 1911; Mr. G. H. Turpin, 1913.

Four times have Montrealers won the championship, twice Hamilton, once Kingston, once Quebec, whilst Toronto golfers have annexed premier honors no fewer than twelve times, thanks largely, of course, to Mr. Lyon.

The ladies' championship has not been played for since 1913. Miss Mabel Thompson, of St. John, N.B., has been five times champion, Miss Dorothy Campbell (now Mrs. Hurd, of Pittsburgh), three times, Miss Florence Harvey, of Hamilton twice. A western woman has never won a championship, although Miss Henry-Anderson (who, by the way, made a hole-in-one last season), winner in 1909, is now a resident of Vancouver, and is still keeping up her golf—good golf.

The open championship was first played for in 1904. Karl Keffer (the present title holder), C. R. Murray and Albert Murray have each annexed it twice. Other winners have been J. H. Oke, George Cumming, P. F. Barratt, Daniel Kenny, and G. Sargeant.



NOTES FROM GREAT BRITAIN

Interesting Items of the Royal and Ancient from Overseas

THE Town Council of Edinburgh have taken preliminary steps to retrieve the courses at the Braids, Saughton Park and Portobello.

Demobilization is moving so slowly that it is pretty certain the Open Championship will not be held till next autumn.

The reconstruction of golf, says the *Times*, offers as wide a field for sane reform as any game, and the writer enumerates in this category indiscriminate tipping of caddies, direct destructiveness, and the need for some more rigid rules regarding passing slow players.

There is a pronounced feeling amongst leading golfers that a qualifying stroke round should be introduced into the Amateur Championship when it is revived this season. In the United States such a round has to be played, and it is generally thought here that the same idea could be introduced to general advantage.

The Professional Golfers' Association are promoting a "Victory" Tournament, to be held in May at Walton Heath. There will be two rounds under medal play rules, one round on the old course, and one round on the new course. Sixty of the leading professionals will be selected to compete and the *News of the World* will give substantial prizes.

The death is announced of Frederic H. Brown, Secretary and the moving spirit in the Professional Golfers' Association. He went overseas at the outbreak of the war and in the trench fighting of 1915 was shot through the head. He made a miraculous recovery, and his passing away was in the end, quite unexpected. He was given a semi-military funeral at Bushey, the bugles of the Scots' Guards sounding the last salute. The obsequies were at-

tended by J. H. Taylor, President of the Association; Ted Ray and other old golfing friends.

The Prince's course, near Deal, has been wholly in the hands of the military and has grown high in grass, but the main features are undisturbed.

Sandy Lodge course is as fit as a fiddle, and Secretary J. Francis Markes is making the preliminary arrangements for a three-day service tournament to be held when demobilization has proceeded far enough to make the tournament practicable.

Other courses have not been so lucky. West Middlesex ploughed up nine holes and will not be able to use them for a long time. Hanger Hill devoted parts of its land to hay. That has been restored to golfing purposes and is in good shape. The same has been the history of Totteridge.

The Hoylake links are intact, never having been commandeered. Considerable food has been produced, and there are now 50 pigs on the property, but the course is about as good as ever. Sunningdale course is at its best, as Vardon, Braid and Ray found when they played there in October.

A survey of the famous links in Great Britain revealed that the revered old course at St. Andrews is as good as ever. All of the limited supply of labor and materials during the war was devoted to that classic course, with the result that the other courses there have gotten out of shape. The old course has been patronized freely by officers of the Black Watch and other regiments which have been stationed in the vicinity.

When the professional championship is resumed, J. H. Taylor thinks the most dangerous rival of the old champions will be Abe Mitchell, who has

been in France for about two years as a gunner in the R.G.A. "He nearly broke our hearts before by the stupendous length of his driving." Taylor remarks, "What will he do when he returns possessed of the improved physical qualities that are born of Army training?"

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Lieutenant-Colonel W. E. Thomas, killed in action, was the youngest son of Morgan Thomas, M.E., of Penybryn, Pontypridd. A keen golfer, who won many trophies; he was also secretary of the Cardigan Golf Club. He was absolutely fearless. One incident in private life shows his coolness and bravery. While at Gwbert, Cardigan, a little lad fell, whilst playing, over the Gwbert cliffs. Dozens of people stood helpless, when "W. E.," as he was popularly known in Cardiff, came up. At a glance he took in everything, ordered ropes to be fetched, and had himself lowered over the edge of the cliffs, and, at tremendous risk to his life, brought little Peter Rees to the surface.

His death seems doubly hard when victory had almost been achieved. He won his M.C. in 1916 and D.S.O. in 1918.

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Deal, the course of the Royal Cinque Ports Club, where the next open championship is to be played, is without holes from the eighth to the thirteenth inclusive, except that the putting greens have been preserved. The ground was taken over by the military for a firing range. Incidentally sportsmen are warmly thanking the naval and military officers for exercising great care all through the war in avoiding as far as was possible injury to the numerous golf links, athletic grounds, race tracks, etc., which they were compelled to commandeer. Play on the other holes at Deal has continued, with some special rules made necessary by the circumstances. At the third hole there is a drive into a barb wire fence, but if the ball is driven into that obstruction it may be picked out without penalty.

GOLF BALLS PERFORM STRANGELY AT TIMES

A 'S ball is about 30 feet from the cup in four strokes in a four-ball match. He putts and the ball apparently stops on the lip of the cup. He walks towards the ball and when about four feet away the ball drops in. Does A get a 5 or a 6?

By no rule of golf justice could A be charged with another stroke as he did nothing to cause the ball to drop. He made no stroke with his club nor did he violate any rule that entailed the penalty of a stroke.

The rules always take into consideration the fact that a ball apparently at rest may still be in motion and often this imperceptible motion carries it into the cup. The writer of this at the Eastern Interscholastic Championship at Nassau in the spring of last year saw something of the same sort happen on the 17th hole in the qualifying round. Then a ball stopped on the lip of the cup in the fourth stroke.

Thereupon both the player and his

partner knelt down, and with incantations and snapping of fingers, as in craps, called upon the rubber core to fall. This period of appeal lasted perhaps a quarter of a minute. The ball did drop and the player counted the score as the par 4.

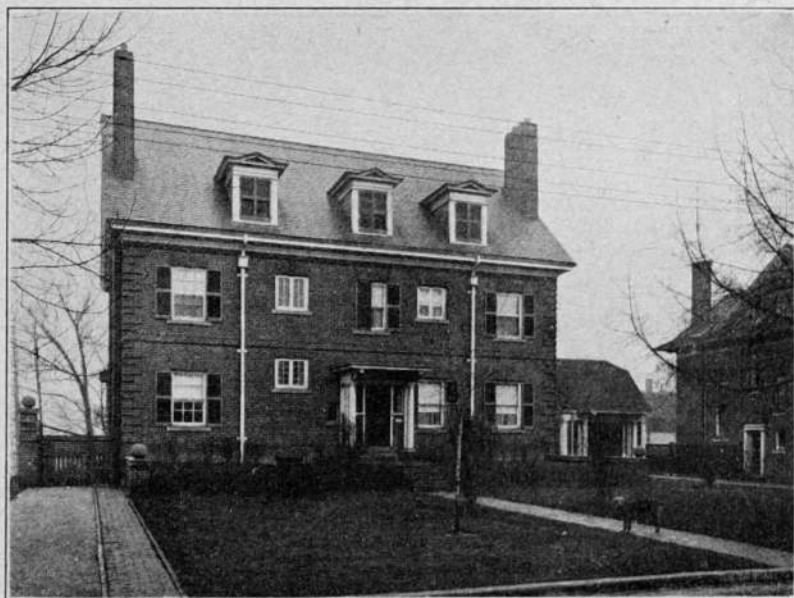
Just how long a player must wait in such a case has not been definitely prescribed by the rules, as in the case of a lost ball where a time not exceeding five minutes is permitted for the search. However, it seems to be the conceded privilege to wait long enough to give all motion a chance to stop.

Where there is a high wind blowing, especially one coming in gusts, such a wait may operate to cause the ball to drop through the force of the wind. If the opponent holes out with his opponent's ball on the lip he has the privilege of knocking the ball away. If he does not knock the ball away and it rolls in, the opponent is deemed to have holed out in his previous stroke.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF LAMBTON

Prominent Toronto Golf Club has a Thoroughly Successful Season in 1918—
Improvements to Course

THE annual meeting of the Lambton Golf and Country Club was held in the Tabard Room of the King Edward Hotel on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 28th, the President, Mr. C. H. Willson, in the chair.

The financial statement presented was of a thoroughly satisfactory character, showing a surplus on the year's undertakings. The total revenue was \$43,486, whilst total assets are \$170,771.

The following are extracts from the interesting report of the President:

"The campaign for greater production inaugurated last season, was continued this year on a still larger scale, as it was felt that the Club should do everything in its power to help meet the urgent call for increased production. Ten Special Committees of fifteen men each volunteered to assist in looking after the necessary upkeep of the course, and through the help thus afforded it was found possible, even with the reduced staff of men employed, to put about fourteen acres under cultivation and to raise 800 bags of potatoes, in addition to all the vegetables required for the Club. The hearty spirit of co-operation shown by the members in this patriotic effort was much appreciated by the Board, and is certainly deserving of commendation.

On the Active Service List of the Club there are now 60 members; nine of these, namely: R. A. Brown, J. G. Burns, Rex Gibson, Howard K. Harris, T. C. Irving, Jr., J. E. Hodgson, T. H. Heintzman, Paul Pettit, Lindsay Wright, have given their lives in devotion to

their country and in the cause of Liberty. To the families of these members the Club extends its heartfelt sympathy in their great loss."

Reference was made in the report to the raising of \$9,697 for patriotic purposes, and a warm appreciation was paid to Mr. E. Mason, the Secretary, and Mrs. Mason for admirable services rendered during the year.

Quite one of the features of the meeting was a comprehensive report by Mr. C. L. Wisner, Chairman of the Green Committee, in regards to the course and present and future improvements. The Canadian Championships and the Senior Championships are to be played this season at Lambton, and the directors and members alike are anxious to have green and fair green up to concert pitch. Improvements at Nos. 1, 3 and 16 fairways will be completed this year, and under Mr. Wisner's scheme the whole course will, during the course of the next couple of years be brought right-up-to-date at an expenditure of some \$5,000 to \$6,000.

The places of the two retiring directors, Messrs. W. A. Kemp and George Clarke, both of whom have given invaluable service, were filled by the election of Messrs. J. W. Gale and H. M. Wetherald.

WINTER GOLF SCHOOL

A WINTER Golf School, on quite an ambitious scale, was opened up this month in Toronto by the well known professionals, George Cumming of the Toronto Golf Club, and W. M. Freeman of Lambton, in commodious quarters in the Princess Theatre building.

Two up-to-date courts have been installed and here expert and novice alike can practice with the driver, the mid iron and mashie, and thoroughly enjoy the game. For the "nine holes" the par is 27, a perfect shot with each of the three clubs counting 1 or 3 per hole. A perfect score will test the ability of the best of scratch players. The record so far is 28, made by Cumming

himself. Altogether a very fascinating and educational game.

In addition the two pros are kept very busy giving lessons to dozens of beginners, besides polishing up the game of older players. So much so in fact are their services in demand that engagements often spread into the evening.

The school is a capital institution and will do much to advance and encourage the game in Toronto and district. The correct grip, stance and swing, can be acquired just as well in the winter school as on the fair green in the regular season, whilst the Courts provide every facility for keeping "golflingly" fit.

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GOLF AT THE GRANITE

Mr. Rennie's Successful Indoor Game is Meeting with a Great Success

THE indoor golf at the Granite Rink, Toronto, is proving a huge success and afternoon and evening enthusiastic golfers are to be seen playing the game.

At the formal opening last month the amateur champion, Mr. George S. Lyon, and George Cumming had a match, the latter winning out with a score of 68, Mr. Lyon notching a 72. These scores have never been equalled since, the nearest approach to them being a 73 made by Dr. "Andy" Scott, the well known London golfer.

Very great interest has been excited by this novel indoor golf game, and golfers from all parts of Canada and many from the States have visited the Granite Rink and are enthusiastic about its great possibilities in every city, both during the winter and summer.

Mr. John Rennie, who is responsible

for this fascinating game, has copyrighted it, under the title of "Rennie's Indoor Golf." He is already in receipt of a large number of enquiries from prospective installers.

The officers of this Granite Winter Golf Club are:

President—Mr. John Rennie.

Vice-President—Mr. George Hargraft.

Secretary—Mr. A. M. Huestus.

Committee—Messrs. T. Rennie, Julian Sale, Jr., H. E. Beatty, Major Brunton, L. Shea, Roy Buchanan and T. Knowlton.

All the principal golf clubs in Toronto are represented in the above list of officers.

Golfers visiting Toronto should not fail to drop in at the Granite Rink and take a whack at this thoroughly interesting and instructive game.

IN AND ROUND THE CLUB HOUSE

Interesting Happenings in Canada, Great Britain
and United States

MR. T. G. McCONKEY, General Superintendent of the Canada Life, with a party of 42 agents, successful members of the "200,000 Club" of the Canada Life, left after the annual meeting last week for Florida as the guests of the Company. There were many golfers in the party and the golf bags were not forgotten to be taken along.

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Somebody has characterized golf as "the hoof-and-mouth disease." The agricultural editor may take exception to this, but the explanation is that golfers "hoof around all day and talk about it all night."

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Mr. A. A. Adams, Captain of the Hamilton Golf and Country Club, sent the "Canadian Golfer" a most welcome Xmas box—32 new subscribers from his club in that city. Needless to say such gracious and voluntary encouragement and support is deeply appreciated.

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Mr. H. B. Henwood, Manager of the Bank of Toronto in Montreal, has been elected Chairman of the Montreal clearing house. Mr. Henwood, two years ago was one of the players of the Dominion to win a year's subscription in the "Canadian Golfer's" Hole-in-One Competition.

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Two belated returns, one from the Canoe Club, Winnipeg, and the other from the Wascana Country Club, Regina, brings the total of "Holes-in-one" in the Dominion, for last season, up to the remarkable total of 22. Mr. J. H. Billington and Mr. W. S. Gray

were the lucky performers. There were ten more holes-in-one recorded in 1918 than in 1917.

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Tom: The trouble with Smith is that he has no follow through.

Robinson: Follow through—you should see him at the Alco-hole.

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Details are to hand concerning the Golf Championship of Japan, played at the Tokio Club course at Komazawa, simultaneously with an inter-town match against Yokohama. In both events the Japs were the winners, and as it is the first time they have won their own championship, the big little men are mightily bucked. The top scorer, Mr. Inouye learned his golf in the States.

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A championship meeting was held at Baghdad two or three months ago for a cup given by General Ready. It was won by Gunner James Hardman, professional of the Wirrall Club. Hardman travelled three days in an open truck to take part in the championship and followed up with a remarkable score of 70. He is Mesopotamia's first Open Champion. The cup is now on show at the Wirrall Club in England.

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Frank Lock, one of the first Canadian professionals to go overseas, has returned to Canada after more than three years' service at the front. He was in engagements without number, but until last August, when he was slightly wounded, escaped scot free. Lock is a splendid physical type of a "Devonshire lad." His plans for this season are not yet fully completed. If he takes up the game of golf again he will be a useful man for any club to engage. He is a very long driver and has many good shots in his bag.

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Another indication of the great vogue golf is going to have this season is contained in the fact that several clubs, never before having profession-

als, contemplate employing them this year. The Lingan Golf Club, Sydney, N. S., is engaging an English expert, and other clubs are in negotiation for professional help. The "Canadian Golfer" cannot urge too strongly every club of any size whatever employing a pro. It is the making of any club. There are some sixty golf professionals in the Dominion. There should be a hundred or more.

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The Scarboro Golf and Country Club, Toronto, has been re-capitalised and otherwise put on a strong financial basis. Membership share in future will be \$200. The club at its annual meeting next month will be able to show reports easily the best in its history. The season of 1918 was a most successful one in every respect.

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Mr. Norman Smith, a popular Ottawa golfer, has recently been promoted to the Vice-Presidency of the Ottawa "Journal-Press," the leading paper of the Capital. He is an all round newspaper man of marked ability and was among the party of distinguished Canadian journalists who made a tour last year of Great Britain and France.

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Mr. Thomas Findley, President and General Manager of the Massey-Harris Co., and Mr. W. W. Hutchison, Vice-President of the Lake of the Woods Milling Company, Montreal, have been elected Directors on the board of the Canadian Bank of Commerce. Both are golfers. Mr. Findley a member of Lambton and Mr. Hutchison of The Royal Montreal.

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N. Senior, the Scarboro, Toronto, professional, has been re-engaged for this season. He did excellent work last year. George Daniels, the pro of Mississauga, Toronto, has resigned from that club after four years' service. The chances are that he will take a position in the West. He is a very fine player indeed of the best Scottish School.

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Mr. Frank A. Rolph, President of The Royal Canadian Golf Association,

returned last week from Washington, where he has been looking after the important duties of the Canadian War Mission, of which he is Chairman. He intends to call a meeting this week of the Directors of the R.C.G.A. when the championships and many other important matters, a score or so or more, will be discussed and action taken.

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Mr. F. W. Kennedy, who has been Secretary of the Mississauga Golf and Country Club for the past six years, recently resigned and has accepted the Secretaryship of Scarboro Golf and Country Club. Mr. Kennedy is not only a first class Secretary and Manager, but also a golf player of pronounced ability. The directors and members of Scarboro are to be congratulated on securing his services.

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The officers of the First Canadian Tanks at Bovington Camp, England, were able to put on the links over there a very strong golf four in Lt.-Col. Mills, D.S.O., a well known western player; Capt. C. Greir, Montreal; Lieut. A. Greir, Montreal; and Lieut. Wilfred C. James, Toronto. They played a number of matches with British fours and were never once beaten. Lt.-Col. Mills is still in England. The others have returned to Canada. One and all are excellent golfers.

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Lakeview is another Toronto golf club that had a record year in 1918. The Secretary, Mr. F. C. Armitage, at the annual meeting next month will be able to present a financial report showing a very substantial balance indeed on the year's operations. Prospects for this season are of the brightest. Among other improvements contemplated in 1919 is that of the installation of an up-to-date watering system for the greens. The enlargement of the club house, to take care of the rapidly increasing membership, is also a question that will soon have to be faced.

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The marriage took place in Toronto on January the 4th at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. M. E. Yates, 12 Dalton Road, of Mr. F. A. N. Powell to Miss Edith May Yates. The

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groom is the President of the Lakeview Golf and Country Club, and for some years now has taken a particularly active interest in the club, a large measure of its success being due to his endeavours. Many golfing friends will join in hearty congratulations and good wishes. Mr. and Mrs. Powell left on a honeymoon trip to California and will not return to Toronto until April.

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The dining-room at the Hamilton Golf and Country Club House, Ancaster, is being enlarged this winter. Additional locker room is also being provided. The increased membership made these additions absolutely imperative.

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Family Doctor: "Now, Mr. Green, you will never improve if you don't persevere with your iron."

Mr. Green, long suffering golfing patient: "Iron, be d—d, doctor; my iron is the only club I can play at all decently with."

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A bottle of whiskey was recently sold for £33 at a war prisoners' benefit connected with Shipley Golf Club, England. It is terrible to contemplate what such a rara-avis would have brought on a hot day on many of the "dry" courses in Canada the past season.

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Mr. R. O. McCulloch, Vice-President of the Goldie & McCulloch Company, Ltd., Galt, and his sister Mrs. Shearson, of Toronto, are giving a new Nurses' Cottage to the Galt Hospital Board as a memorial of their father, the late Mr. Hugh McCulloch. The building will cost in the neighbourhood of \$30,000. Mr. McCulloch is an enthusiastic member of the Waterloo Golf and Country Club and a member of The Canadian Seniors' Golf Association.

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Mr. G. R. Major, of Niagara Falls, Ont., writes that the new links at Lewiston Heights, N. Y., promise splendid play this season. The full 18 holes will be open and he is enthusiastic about the course there. Incidentally Mr. Major says: "I am always much inter-

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ested in reading the "Canadian Golfer"—it improves each year. If I ever thought there was a chance of my playing I would like to join the Seniors, so many of my friends in Montreal and elsewhere are members, but summer is always my busy season and I can't very well get away; but I enjoy reading about their doings."

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Chief Justice Sir Louis Davies and Mr. Justice Duff, who figured in the King's New Year Honour List as Privy Councillors, are both members of The Royal Ottawa Golf Club, and both take a keen interest in the game.

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Mr. E. R. Wood, the Toronto financier, Chairman of the Dominion Victory Loan Executive, has returned from a much needed vacation in California, where he enjoyed golf and other out-door exercises. He has just been elected Vice-President of the Canada Life in succession to Mr. J. H. Plummer.

That Canadian professionals are appreciated outside their own baillie-which is evidenced by the fact that several of them are now in the South filling positions there which are much coveted and sought after by pros. generally. There is nothing nicer than a good billet in the North in the summer and a Southern one in the winter. It rounds out the year perfectly. Davy Black, of the Rivermead Golf Club, Ottawa, is at Santa Barbara, this season. On January 1st, Jimmy Newman, of the new Cataract Golf and Country Club, Kingston, Ont., left to take over the professional duties at the Victoria Club, Riverside, California. John Peacock, of the Algonquin Club, St. Andrew's, N. B., is as usual at Pinehurst, the famous North Carolina resort.

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Watertown, Mass., claims the distinction of having the oldest as well as the strangest golf club in America. It is known as the Midiron Club, and its course is laid out on a private lawn. The course measures but 179 yards, and has five holes, which are spaced off and named as follows:—Architect's Angle, 123 feet; Junkpile, 68 feet; The Cottonfield, 39 feet; Barrister's Bog, 34 feet; and Akron, 63 feet. The cups are made of old tomato cans and the trophy is a can bearing a brass name plate. The record for the course is 23, and the hazards consist chiefly of hedges and children. This strange club has but six members, all of whom live in an apartment house, which serves as the club house, and which adjoins the lawn, which serves as the course.

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The Hon. Mr. Wallace Nesbitt, K.C., and Dr. Cummings, of Toronto, who spent the Xmas and New Year holidays in Augusta, Georgia, speak in the very highest terms of that resort for a winter holiday, both from a hotel and golf standpoint. They made their headquarters at the "Bon Air" which Mr. Nesbitt pronounces quite one of the best hotels he has ever stayed at, either from a European or American standpoint. Within 400 yards of the hotel are two excellent golf courses, of which the two Ogilvies are the clever professionals. The temperature at Georgia

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There will be a number of changes among the professionals in the Chicago district next season. Bob MacDonald, formerly of Indian Hill, goes to the new Evanston Golf Club. Joe McMoren, with the North Shore Golf Club, will be at Indian Hill, while Phil Gaudin of Onwentsia goes to Skokie.

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At the successful bonspiel held this month in Galt the amateur champion and his "golfing rink," composed of Henry Wright, S. B. Gundy, H. W. Wetherald, G. S. Lyon, skip, went into the finals in the Merchants Event, losing to Milton. Mr. Lyon, by the way, has been elected by the Toronto Curling Club a Tankard skip. He is almost as famous on the ice as he is on green and fairgreen.

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Our Associate Editor, while gazing "across the bar" the other day in Buffalo, happened to meet Captain George Kendall, of the Park Club. In course of conversation—and other things, the genial Captain (who by the way looked in the pink of condition) expressed a very keen desire on the part of himself and others, to have what might be termed an Auld Lang Syne Tournament, confined to survivors of the old "Lake Shore League" of happy memory. The clubs who were associated might send a team of ten competitors, using substitutes where absolutely necessary. The meeting to be for two days and held at the Park Club's new course. Judging from the manner this suggestion has been received, it is only necessary that it should be followed up to result in a very successful materialization of a very happy thought. What say Judge Sullivan, J. Kavanagh, J. B. Bryan, Irving Robeson, George Johnson, Parke Wright, Judge Hardy et al?

Here are some winter golf dates of interest to Canadian players who are contemplating Southern trips: Jan. 27-31, Ormond Beach Tournament; Feb. 3-8, St. Valentine's Tournament at Pinehurst; Feb. 17-21, Ormond Beach Championship; Feb. 11-14, St. Valentine's Tournament for Women at Pinehurst; March 3-8, Spring Tournament at Pinehurst; March 31st—April 5th, Annual North and South Championship at Pinehurst.

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One of the greatest tragedies of the war from a golfing standpoint, is that recorded in connection with the Cottrell family of professional players. William Cottrell was for five years with the Plymouth Country Club, a well known organization in the States. Enlisting with a Canadian regiment last April, he was killed in France in September. His two brothers, also well known players, were both killed during the Suvla Bay landing at Gallipoli. Henry was wounded first, and Albert missing him, went back, and while binding his brother's wounds was himself killed. A second, and this time fatal bullet found Henry a minute later. Fine, stalwart young Britishers, the trio, will be long remembered both in the States and in England.

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Those interested in after-the-war plans for wounded soldiers, in special need for exercise, will probably find that there is nothing to fill the bill so completely as golf. Many men who have lost either an arm or a leg, at the front, get along wonderfully well on the links. One young Australian officer, who has won the Military Cross, and can use only the right hand, has made good progress, and frequently drives 200 yards and more. The Irish golfer, Lord Castleross, who was a regular contestant in the French Amateur, suffered a serious injury, which consisted in having his right elbow shot away, making the bending of his arm impossible. He practised a new method of play, and produced a most amazing long ball from the tee, while his short game is nothing less than marvellous. These are just sample cases, showing

that golf can be played and well played by maimed men, who could not possibly engage in more violent games. In Great Britain, many links have been given over to convalescent soldiers. In Canada so far the only course so used is the one at Quaicum Beach, thirty miles north of Nanaimo, B. C. Here a large number of convalescent men have been cared for and those in charge are enthusiastic about the excellent results that have accrued to the patients as a result of the fresh air and exercise at all times available.

The belief that in order to further enlist and retain the good feeling of Western golfers, The Royal Canadian Golf Association, should make a change in regard to the holding of the Championships, is rapidly growing. At the next annual meeting of the Association, in July at Lambton, Toronto, the indications are that some decided action will be taken in connection with this very important question. The idea seems to be that Winnipeg in 1920 should have a chance to bid for the Championship meetings. By that time one of the many links in that city should be able to provide a course of championship calibre. It would, undoubtedly, be a great thing for the game in the Dominion, if the West were recognized in the holding of championships. Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa have had a monopoly of the events in the past. The West cannot much longer be ignored.

When it was mooted that Harry Vardon, and other British experts were contemplating a visit to America the coming season, the Hon. Secretary of The Canadian Seniors' Golf Association, immediately wrote Vardon, asking him to play an exhibition game at the Association's Annual Tournament. From letters now received, however, it is improbable that the champion and his friends will make a visit to this country before 1920. There is an immense amount of reconstruction work in connection with the game to be undertaken this season in Great Britain, and Vardon and the other experts think in the best interest of the game

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there, they should remain at home and bear their full share of this work. It will be with the greatest regret that Canadian golfers will hear of this decision, as a visit from Vardon, Ray and other champions would have been a great Peace Year feature on the Links. It is the very best education imaginable to see men of their calibre perform. However it is some satisfaction to know that the trip has only been deferred and that in 1920 a visit is an assured fact.

As evidencing the greatly enhanced cordial feeling between golfers on this continent, at the annual meeting of the United States Golf Association, the governing body of golf in the States, in New York, the 24th of this month, Mr. Frank A. Rolph, President of The Royal Canadian Golf Association, and probably Mr. B. L. Anderson, the Hon. Secretary, will attend. This is the first time in the history of the game, that there has been such an interchange of visits between the governing heads of the two organizations, which, however

in the past, have always worked together along most amicable lines. It marks an epoch in the game in America. It is generally thought that the U.S.G.A. will sanction once again the holding of all championships this season. The war dealt very kindly with the experts in the States. Not a player of any prominence was in the casualty lists, and all the men of note are again available for play in 1919. In this respect the game in the States fared much better than in Great Britain and Canada, where many golfers of undoubted ability made the supreme sacrifice. Not a champion or ex-champion, either in the amateur or professional ranks, in the States, was killed or incapacitated, as a result of the war.

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And here is a new name for followers of the Royal and Ancient. The sporting editor of the Winnipeg "Free Press," in reporting a club golf match there, refers to the players as "turf hounds." Exactly the appropriateness of such an appellation 'tis hard to determine.

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A couple of little letters from the West which are much appreciated: Mr. Franklin L. Allen, Chicago, "I have intended writing you for a long time to tell you how much I always enjoy the 'Canadian Golfer.'" And from Mr. S. P. Clark, grain and stock broker, Winnipeg: "Enclosed please find money order for my subscription to your very excellent magazine."

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Miss Edith E. Packard, of Beverly Country Club, Chicago, was elected President of the Women's Western Golf Association at the annual meeting November 21st, succeeding Mrs. J. P. Gardner, of the Wheaton, Ill., Golf Club, who has been President four years. The 1919 championship tournament will be held outside of Chicago, it was announced, but the award will not be made until after the first of the year. The Coronado Country Club, of Coronado, Cal., and the Delevan, Wis., Country Club were admitted to the Association, bringing the total membership up to eighty-six clubs. It was decided to donate \$670.70, representing the en-



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Mr. W. R. Baker, C.V.O., President of the Canadian Seniors' Golf Association, President of The Royal Montreal, and Mrs. Baker have left to spend the next two or three months at Long Beach, California.

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In the Advertisers' Tournament this month at Pinehurst, Mr. J. D. Montgomery, of Toronto, was beaten on the 19th hole in the first handicap division, by Mr. B. V. Covert, of Lockport, N.Y. There is a record number of entries in the Tournament.

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Apropos of the record weather in the early part of this winter, Mr. W. Sidney Ronald, Chartered Accountant, Winnipeg, writes: "It might be of interest to you to know that golfers were enjoying balmy weather here on the 26th, 27th and 28th of November, when many games were played. On the 27th of November the writer and a party had a very enjoyable game without coats or caps, and even light sweaters were unnecessary. Everyone looked forward to a game on December 1st, but while the atmosphere was mild enough, a light fall of snow on the night of November 30th spoiled the prospects."

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Harry Leech, in a radiantly reminiscent characterization of Braid, whom, in a spirit of affection rather than as an expression of time, he designates "The Old Man," says it would be a popular victory, and many think it possible, if Braid proves the peace champion. We share in the hope, and consider it quite a probability, judging by what we witnessed of the old 'un's form in the re-

cent tournament at Sunningdale, when he played with that superb *sang froid* which is his chief characteristic, and gave a demonstration of his favorite punch shot that fairly staggered the onlookers. Barring the trouble with his eyes, which happily has been less of late, one can see no reason why James should not reach the round half dozen championships "with power to add to the number."—"Golfing," London.

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And here is rather a long and difficult "course" over which a golf letter figured. It was a communication, Dec. 25th, from the Amherst, N. S., Golf Club in reference to a \$157 contribution to the R.C.G.A. Thanksgiving Day Drive. It was addressed "Secretary of Royal Canadian Golf Association, Ottawa." An intelligent post office clerk there marked on the envelope: "Try Mr. P. D. Ross, 'Journal,'" Mr. Ross (President of the "Journal-Press" newspaper) by the same token being one of the best known golfers in the Capital. Mr. Ross forwarded it on to the Editor of the "Canadian Golfer," Hon. Secretary of the Canadian Seniors' Golf Association, who, in turn, saw that the epistle was promptly forwarded to its proper destination, Mr. B. L. Anderson, the Hon. Secretary of The Royal Canadian Golf Association, Toronto, who received it one week after its despatch—thanks mainly to that intelligent postal clerk at Ottawa. The letter might easily have gone to the dead letter office for a month or so, as there was no return address on the envelope.

WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP IN CALGARY

THE following from the "Calgary Herald" of January 11th, certainly makes interesting reading:

"Owing to the fact that golf is played in Southern Alberta for at least a few days of every month during the winter, the Sports and Pastimes committee of the Calgary Golf and Country Club propose endeavoring to establish a winter contest annually hereafter. To-morrow morning at 11

o'clock the club's first winter championship will be played off on handicap. During the week the temperature has ranged about 50, and while Calgary never claimed to be in the banana belt, a great many enthusiasts have had some delightful games, as the course has been practically clear of snow excepting in the bunkers. There is also excellent skating on the river opposite the club house for the benefit of those who desire this kind of sport."

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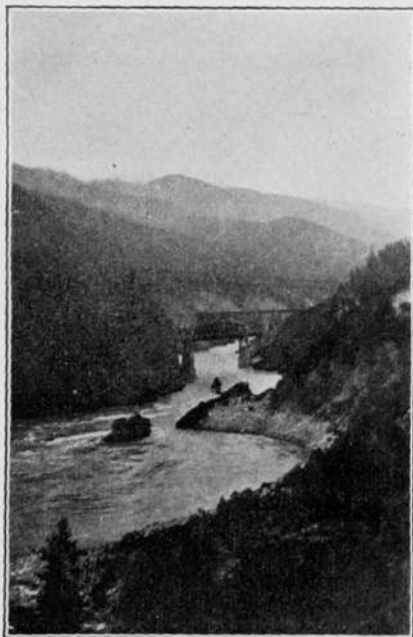
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I watched him for a few holes. He started awkwardly. Indeed he took 11 strokes for the first hole and 7 for the second.

"Funny!" he remarked. "I was swinging better than this in the drawing-room."

At the third, a short hole, his lone right arm went back with the club under perfect control. He played a picture of a shot to the edge of the putting green. Down in 3, he strode off to the next teeing ground like a man who had suddenly found a lost trail. It was the first longish hole that he had had to face—about 450 yards. Three accurate shots took him to the green and he holed out in 5.

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"That, perhaps, is an exaggeration. But I almost surprised myself a fortnight ago when I got round Chislehurst in 66. I was playing Jack Ross, who was at Parklangley before he went into the Air Service, and I didn't let him win a hole. He had just been discharged from hospital after a bad time with pneumonia. Still, I felt very excited. By the time I get a leg that is comfortable I shall be able to hold my own in competitions."

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18th he suggested, "I'll play you for your boots." Matt of that ilk never takes a dare and the boots (not the drinks), were on the last hole, and Inglis won "to boot." At the closing dinner of the Club, the victor was presented with the precious Thompson shoes, hob-nails and all, which he has donated to the Club. They will be put in a glass case and handed down to posterity as a sporting wager.

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