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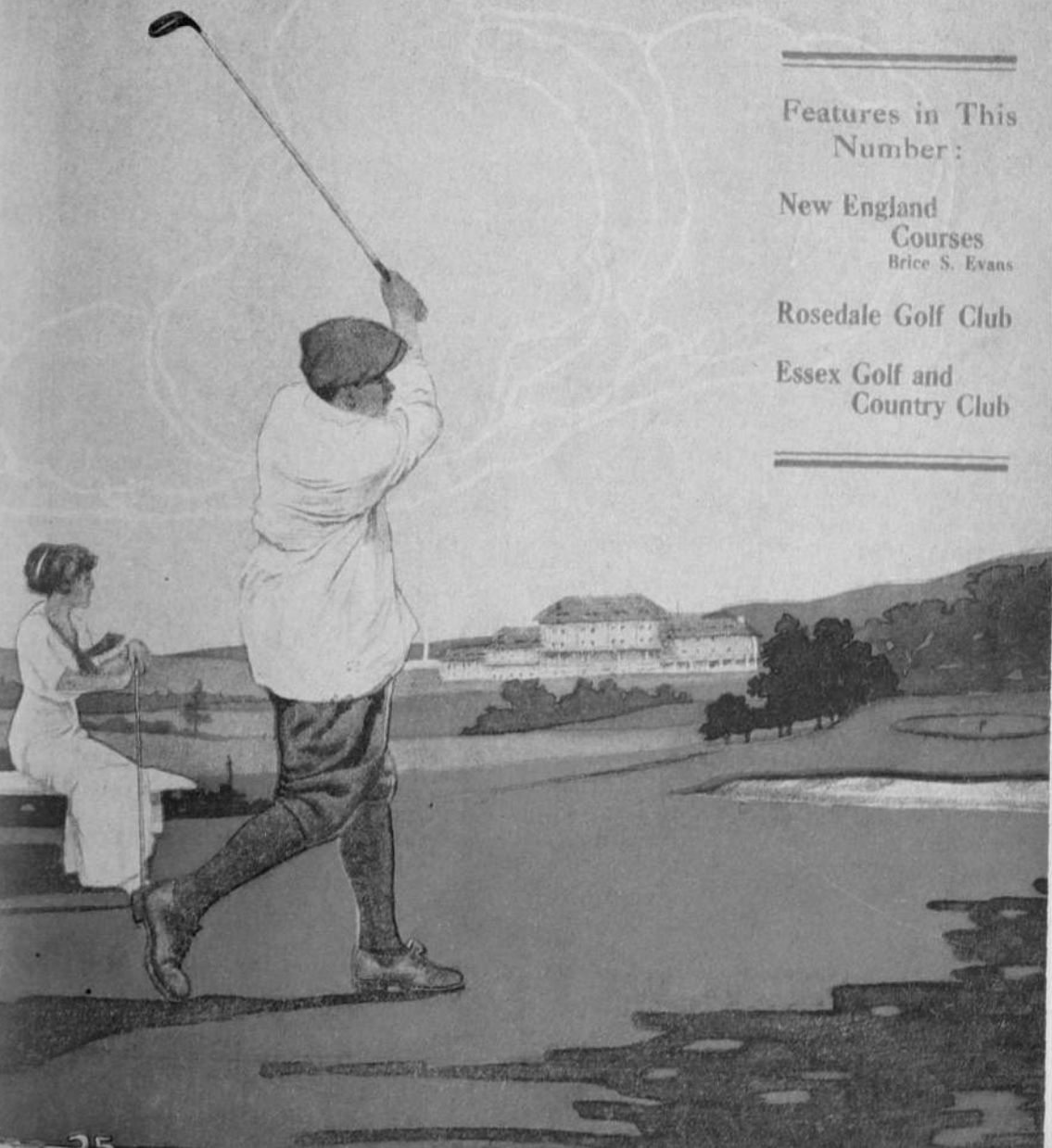
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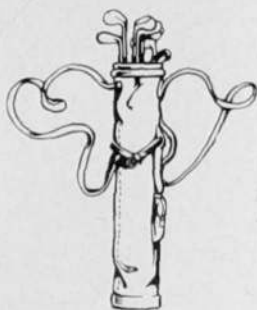
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A New Golfing Knight

HEARTY congratulations from golfers the Dominion over to Sir Thomas White, Canada's well-known Finance Minister, whose knighthood was amongst the most popular in the New Year's honor list. He is an enthusiastic golfer, a member of the well-known Royal Ottawa. In writing to the editor of the "Canadian Golfer" a short time ago Sir Thomas very aptly referred to the fact that "golf has now become one of our most beneficial national institutions." So it has, and another "national institution" is the Finance Minister himself.

The consensus of opinion, irrespective of politics, is that he has made good, more than good, these troublous war times. He is in every way worthy of the great honor conferred upon him by the King.

The favorable terms upon which Sir Thomas' \$45,000,000 loan was negotiated in the United States when money could be hardly borrowed anywhere entitled him to the public thanks. Then came his domestic war loan. Fifty millions was asked

for, and the response was over one hundred millions—to be exact, one hundred and ten millions. Sir Thomas White is placing \$50,000,000 of the proceeds of this loan at the British Government's service to help pay munition bills due to Canadian manufacturers—certainly a very wise financial arrangement.

The Minister of Finance is still in the heyday of life and in the plenitude of his powers. He was born at Bronte, Ontario, in 1866, and was educated at the High Schools of Oakville and Brampton, subsequently taking a bril-

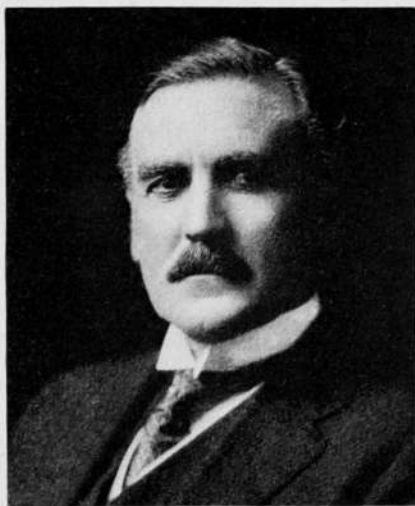
liant course at Toronto University and Osgoode Hall. As a young man he took up journalism and then entered financial life in the city of Toronto, making a great success of the National Trust Company, of which he was General Manager. He was sworn of the Privy Council and appointed Minister of Finance, October 10, 1911. He was elected to the House of Commons for Leeds, 1911. He is an ex-Governor of Toronto University and Trustee of the Toronto General Hospital. He is today one of Canada's most brilliant Par-

liamentarians and a Finance Minister that, confronted with great problems, has met them in a most masterly manner.

It used to be said that Gladstone was the only English Chancellor of the Exchequer who could make an interesting speech on the subject of finance. But anyone who has heard Sir Thomas in the House or addressing Boards of Trade or gatherings of business men can testify to the fact that his financial speeches are absorbingly interesting. He

invests with a charm even the realm of dry figures. He has all his life made a study of financial questions, and to-day is easily one of the best-equipped men in that respect in the Empire—a position accorded him by the London "Times" and other papers of Great Britain in discussing his recent well-deserved knighthood honors.

A lasting monument to his financial abilities is the revised Banking Act, brought down two seasons ago, which is recognized as one of the most comprehensive and complete measures that any country possesses.



SIR THOMAS WHITE
Finance Minister of Canada

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Rule 25—And An Official Ruling

There are thirty-six cardinal rules in the Game of Golf as laid down by the Royal and Ancient of St. Andrews, the governing body of golf, and it is safe to say that no single rule is so abused, in Canada at least, as No. 25—that relating to hazards and casual water.

In the May issue of the "Canadian Golfer" "The Golf Doctor" was asked:

"I should like your ruling about playing in bunkers or hazards. (1) Is a player permitted to ground a club in a hazard if there is grass growing where his ball rests? (2) Can he lightly sole his club in sand back of the ball, or can he take a preliminary swing above the ball?"

"The Golf Doctor's" answer was as follows:

A player may not "lightly sole his club" in a bunker. He may not ground his club in "any grass, bent, bush or other growing substance." He may, however (See Rule 25, exception 2), in addressing the ball, or in his backward or forward swing, touch the grass, bent, bush, or other growing substance, or the side of a bunker, wall, paling or other immovable obstacles.

Apparently this ruling has been disputed by several clubs, their members still persisting in the contention that Rule 25, as a result, perhaps, of exception No. 2, permitted the club to be soled.

A short time ago the "Canadian Golfer" received a very interesting letter from the Secretary of a prominent Toronto club. He said in part:

"Did you ever hear of one against five hundred? Well, that is my position when Rule 25 gets under discussion. I know I am right, and have always said that you could not sole the club even in grass, but I cannot make our players see that way. Your 'Golf Doctor' covers the point in your May number on page 44, but they will not take anything but from the Golf Rules' Committee. Has your man any decisions to carry out his point? If so, I should be overjoyed to have them, for this thing must be settled once and for all."

The only member of the Golf Rules Committee of St. Andrews on this continent is Mr. Charles Blair Macdonald, the former well-known Scottish

player and authority and the well-known golf architect, now of New York. The "Canadian Golfer," on receipt of the Toronto Secretary's letter, wrote Mr. Macdonald and received the following courteous reply:

Your favor received, but I did not receive the copy of the "Canadian Golfer" to which you refer. However, the question of soling clubs on the grass in a hazard is fully covered by Decision 175 of the Royal and Ancient Rules Committee. It is as follows:

"175. United Service Club, Victoria, British Columbia. (1) The course or fair green going to the hole in question is cut with a horse mower, and with average width between rocks on either side about seventy yards. The rocks are in continuous masses with little hollows in between. In these crevices are loose stones among the long grass and weeds, etc. The player B. slices his ball off the fair green to the right, which falls into one of the numerous crevices between the rocks. B claims that he can ground his club, and move loose stones and other impediments within a club's length, because the definition of hazard in St. Andrews rules does not say that 'long grass' or 'rocks' are hazards. A, his opponent, contends that long grass, rocks, etc., and other rough ground, though not acutally mentioned, are, in the spirit of the rule, hazards, and must be treated accordingly. (2) Please state which player is correct. Formerly, the rule of golf stated that 'grass in a hazard was not part of the hazard.' The new rules, 1909, omit this. Is it, therefore, not permissible now to ground the club or move loose impediments within a club's length in a hazard, grass, or otherwise?"

"Answer.—(1) Long grass is not a hazard, though it may be a difficulty. When the ball lies on grass, whether long or short, which is not within the boundaries of a hazard, any loose impediment may be removed in accordance with Rule 12 (1). Loose stones are loose impediments. Rocks embedded in the ground come under the head of 'Things fixed,' Rule 15. (2) Grass within the boundaries of a hazard is part of the hazard. Rule 25 therefore applies."

One must read Rule 25, with Definition, which explains what a hazard is. Bunker is also more fully described by Decision 58 of the Rules of Golf Committee, which is as follows:—

"58. Sundridge Park Golf Club.—Hummocks, groups of hummocks and grass bunkers have been artificially formed on this course. May the club be grounded on these hummocks and in the grass bunkers?"

"Answer.—A 'bunker' is a depression in the ground where the natural soil is exposed, and sometimes top-dressed with softer soil or sand. It is the duty of the authorities in charge of the golf course to define its hazards by local rule. In the

absence of a local rule defining these hummocks and grassy depressions as hazards, the club may be grounded, provided Rule 15 is not infringed."

Trusting this authoritatively answers your questions, believe me,

(Signed) CHARLES B. MACDONALD.

"A hazard is any bunker, water (except casual water), ditch (unless excepted by local rule), bush, sand, path or road. Sand blown on to the grass or sprinkled on the course for its preservation, bare patches, sheep tracks, snow and ice are not hazards."

It will be noticed that Mr. Macdonald states that he did not receive the copy of the "Canadian Golfer," so another copy was sent him, and also the copy of the Toronto Secretary's letter. In response to these, Mr. Macdonald again wrote:

Your favor received, together with the copy of the "Canadian Golfer." The club cannot be soled in a hazard of any character whatever, nor in grass in a hazard. There is no exception to this. Under the old rules, previous to 1902, where there was turf in a hazard, the club could be grounded, but under the present rules it means the loss of the hole in match play, and two strokes in stroke play. I am sending you copy of Decision 181, which indirectly refers to this.

Apropos of this, when Walter J. Travis won the Championship at Sandwich an important hole was won by him through his opponent grounding his club on turf in a hazard, not realizing that the rules had been altered, thus giving the hole to Travis, under Rule 25.

"Decision 181. Lindley Golf Club.—(1) Under Rule 25, or any other Rule, should a player lose the hole if he grounded his club in a bunker if not addressing the ball or improving the lie? (2) Should a player lose the hole if he did not ground his club, but took a swing of his club through the grass in the bunker to test the strength of the grass, although not addressing the ball?"

"Answer.—(1) The player loses the hole. Under Rule 25 a player (whether he is addressing the ball or not) may not ground or sole his club within the limits of a hazard. (2) The player loses the hole. Rule 25 distinctly says that 'nothing may be touched' when a ball lies in a hazard, except under certain stated circumstances. The action of the player is not made legal by any of the exceptions mentioned in the Rule."

These official decisions completely confirm "The Golf Doctor's" ruling in the May issue of the "Canadian Golfer." It will be noticed by decision No. 181 that a club cannot be grounded anywhere in a bunker even if not addressing the ball, and a player also loses

the hole if he takes a swing in a hazard through the grass to test its strength, although not addressing the ball!

Mr. Macdonald refers to the well-known case which occurred when Mr. Walter Travis won the championship at Sandwich. His opponent, not knowing Rule 25 had been altered, grounded his club in a bunker and, it is generally conceded, lost the championship as a result, as he was penalized a hole at the most critical stage of the match.

The editor makes no apology for treating this subject in such a lengthy manner. As a visitor to many links throughout the country he knows that Rule 25 is more observed in the breach than in the observance. The practice must be stopped in the best interests of the game and in the interests of the players who do observe the rules. It is perhaps no exaggeration to say that it is often worth a stroke to sole a club in a hazard. All players should see to it during the season of 1916 that Rule 25 is strictly enforced. It's not nice, perhaps, to claim a hole on a technicality, but apparently it's the only way to make some players live up to the Rules, and Rule 25 especially.

Celebrated Devotees of Golf

ON Saturday, Dec. 18th, the marriage of the President of the United States to Mrs. Norman Galt took place at Washington. Both the distinguished participants are devotees of the Royal and Ancient game; in fact it is generally reported that the notable romance started on the golf links. Be that as it may, as is generally known, President Woodrow Wilson is a very ardent follower of golf and spares all the time he can from his high office and world-wide responsibilities and cares (and they are world-wide just now) in seeking needed relaxation and exercise on the links. In this he but follows the example of Premier Asquith, ex-Premier A. J. Balfour, Mr. Lloyd-George, Mr. Bonar Law, our own Premier, Sir R. L. Borden, Sir Thos. White, Minister of Finance, Hon. Mr. Burrell, Minister of Agriculture, and other British notables. The "Canadian Golfer" but echoes the hearty wish of

every Canadian golfer in extending sincere congratulations to the distinguished President and his wife with every good wish for their future happiness.

"Golfing," London, in a recent issue, by the by, has this following interesting story of "A Yorkshire Golf-house Romance."

The announcement of the engagement of President Wilson and Mrs. Norman Galt unveils an interesting romance in connection with the lady's ancestry, for her claim to be a descendant of the Princess Pocahontas also makes her kin to the Bollings, of Bolling Hall, Bradford. Everyone knows, it is to be presumed, something of the story of the daughter of the Indian Chief, Powhatan. It was she, it will be recalled, who saved the life of Captain John Smith, the Elizabethan explorer, when her father would have taken the Englishman's life. It being supposed that Smith had been killed, Pocahontas was taken prisoner, but she was released and married, with the full rites of the church, to John Rolfe, whom she had met at Jamestown. It was their granddaughter, Jane Rolfe, who married Colonel Robert Bolling, a descendant of the Bollings of Bolling Hall, thus bringing the Yorkshire family into Mrs. Galt's ancestry.

This, the English side of Mrs. Galt's lineage is not without interest. Bolling was aforesaid one of the manors in the Bradford area, and the name goes back to Saxon times. King John gave the manor to one who was a stranger to the locality, for some service rendered, and the newcomer, as was the custom of the times, adopted the territorial title. He became the first of many Tristram Bollings. In addition to the Hall, the family also became tenants, and afterwards owners, of a grange which the monks of Selby Abbey had built at Chellow, on the heights above the valley across from Bolling. Towards the end of the fifteenth century, the Hall and the Grange were owned by a Tristram Bolling, who appears to have had but a daughter. When she married Sir Richard Tempest, of Bracewell, a bril-

liant match, the father made the couple a present of Bolling Hall. He himself, being, it is presumed, a widower and getting on in life, was content with the Grange, which was a sort of "dower" house. But if he intended to retire, he changed his mind, and marrying again had three sons and at least two daughters. One of his descendants by this marriage was Robert who about 1660, when he was 15 years old, migrated to America and settled in Virginia. Fifteen years later he married Jane Rolfe, the granddaughter of John Rolfe and Pocahontas. Their son,

Robert Powhatan Bolling, became Speaker of Congress.

Chellow Grange, which is thus the ancestral home of Mrs. Galt, was largely rebuilt in the eighteenth century, when much of the beauty of the architecture of the original monkish builders was lost. Since then it has again been transformed, and is now the comfortable home of the West Bradford Golf Club. When the war is over and Americans again tour this country, we may expect them to add the Grange to the list of things to see.

Chip Shots

A New Year's greeting to the golfer: That your first "tee" this year will be prosperitee. And that as smooth as first-class putting-greens you'll find all life to be.

Well done, Rivermead, Ottawa! Although the golfing season is over until the welcome spring again comes round, the members of that well-known club gave a "smoker" recently and raised \$210 for patriotic purposes. What Rivermead can do in winter time other golf clubs can do.

Says Golfing, London: The latest discovery of the assistance to be derived in the trenches from golfing experiences is reported by Private Hodgson, a member of Bradford Moor, now with the K.O.Y.L.I. He says that he now realizes the real value of keeping his head down!

It has been asserted that American golfers are cup-hunters. This is an unfair charge; for it implies that all golf players in this country, or at all events a majority of them, are poor sportsmen. How untrue this is was made manifest, if not already known, to all whose privilege it was to see the large field of contestants for this year's national Amateur Championship. From the finish of the elimination round to the finals in match play every loser accepted his defeat in a generous, cheerful and altogether sportsmanlike manner, no doubt with the comforting reflection that next time he would

make fewer mistakes and so approach more nearly the goal of his ambition. This indicates good sportsmanship, as well as the right spirit, since it reveals the desire and purpose of a player so to increase his skill and steadiness that a second trial against a superior golfer may reverse the situation, and transform this year's victim into next year's victor; and this, not for the sake of a tangible prize or trophy, but for the joy and satisfaction that comes from defeating one whom he has hitherto been compelled to regard as a better player than himself—Mr. Lewis Crosby in "Golf Illustrated," New York.

The editor of the "Canadian Golfer," who was present at Detroit at the Amateur Championship, can verify this statement of Mr. Crosby's to the uttermost. It would have been impossible to have witnessed a week's keen competition where the contestants manifested a more generous, cheerful sportmanship. No, the top-notch U.S. golfers are assuredly not "pot-hunters."

The New York "Times," which is devoting a great deal of space these days to golf, in a recent issue says: "The proof of the constantly increasing popularity of golf lies in the number of new courses that are being constructed and laid out in many sections of the world. Beginning with the new links at Hamilton, Ontario, golf courses dot the map southward, east of the Alleghanies, west of the Rockies, all through the Mississippi Valley, down

past the Canal Zone as far south as Buenos Aires. The metropolitan district alone possesses more than half a dozen new links that have been constructed during the present season, with the prospect of many more being added in the coming season."

A good New Year's resolution: If not already a subscriber to the "Canadian Golfer" subscribe now; if already a subscriber, induce a non-subscribing friend to subscribe. The bigger the subscription list in 1916 the bigger and better the magazine.

Did you notice in the Ladies' Department of the "Canadian Golfer" for December in an account of the matches of the Ladies' Golf Section of the Toronto Hunt Club, how the season was wound up by a match for which each player bought a 25c prize, low score having first choice? As these prizes were wrapped, no end of fun was occasioned. A capital idea for other ladies' clubs to follow.

The editor has to acknowledge with many thanks a very courteous letter from Mr. J. J. Morrison, the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer of the Hamilton Golf and Country Club, enclosing a resolution of thanks from the Directors of the Club for the description given

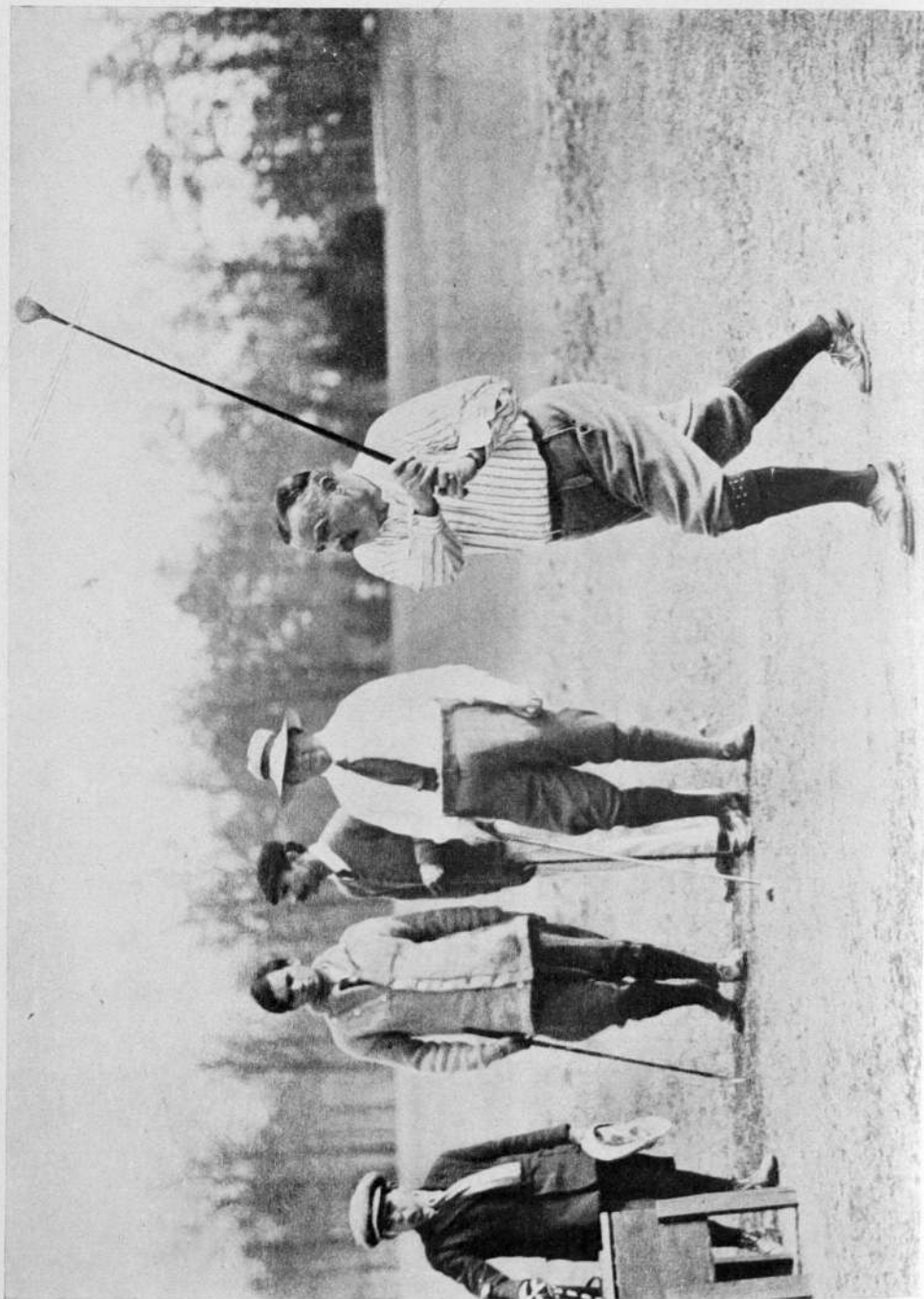
the new course in the October issue of the "Canadian Golfer." Hamilton has to-day one of the finest inland golf courses on the continent, and it was a great pleasure to give it well-deserved prominence in this magazine. The article, by the by, was copied in full by "Golf" of New York and was also favorably commented upon by "Golfing" of London, England.

Mr. H. H. Hilton, editor of "Golf Illustrated," London, pays the following tribute to the man who in 1911 took him to the 37th green for the United States championship: "The news that Fred Herreshoff has broken down mentally, and has been placed in a sanatorium in Pennsylvania, is distressing to his friends on this side. He is a man who has made himself popular wherever he goes, and it is a popularity well deserved, as he has an exceedingly lovable side to his character, and has always proved himself a sportsman to his very finger tips in everything he does. An exceedingly generous and sympathetic opponent, he is nevertheless a trier to the very finish, and we can only trust that this present collapse is merely a temporary affair, and that within a short period of time he will be once again on the links refreshed both physically and mentally and a better golfer than ever he has been—and he is capable of exceedingly fine golf, as I have every reason to know."

Famous Golfing Cricketers

The number of famous cricketers who have taken to golf of late years has greatly increased, thanks, perhaps, in some degree to Dr. Grace's example. Mr. G. L. Jessop has joined the ranks of the plus men, and the Hon. F. S. Jackson has proved his right to be in the front ranks of Yorkshire golf. He was one of the players in the last Amateur Championship at Sandwich, where the former English cricket captain gave a curious example of the golfing application of that fighting temperament that made his average for the test-

matches higher than his club average. It happened that he had not been playing very well and on the road in he was three down and the match looked well lost when his caddy reminded him of the state of affairs and asked, "Ain't you goin' to have a try?" Whereupon he decided that perhaps after all he ought to "have a try," and won four of the remaining holes and the match. Mr. F. S. Jackson really is a very fine player, and his conversion is perhaps the strongest example we have of the way in which golf has been tending to oust the old sports.—"Golfing."



Mr. George Gould, the celebrated U. S. magnate and millionaire, caught in action, playing golf on his private course at Georgian Court, Lakewood

Rosedale

A Successful Golf Club. Its History and that of Two "Canadian Golfer's" Celebrities, ex-President J. E. Baillie, and President R. H. Greene.

ALTHOUGH not by any means the oldest golf club in Canada, nor yet for that matter in Ontario, possibly the well-known Rosedale Golf Club of Toronto has had as great and important an influence in making the

spirit in its formation. A location known as Moore Park was chosen for the links, consisting of nine holes. The fairway was decidedly rough, and no one could truthfully say the greens were good.

In this, the day of luxurious club-



Rosedale's Pretty Club House

Royal and Ancient game what it is at the present time in the Dominion as any other organization devoted to the advancement and betterment of the healthful, the scientific sport which today is being played so generally from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

And this is the history of Rosedale from its early beginnings, and the telling of it should, be and will be, an inspiration to many a club in the making, and otherwise.

In 1893, when golf was young in Canada, the Deer Park Golf Club came into existence. The Rev. T. H. White, the young minister of Deer Park Presbyterian Church, who had recently arrived from Scotland, was the moving

houses, efficient green men and heavy annual fees, it may be interesting to quote from a circular issued by the club in 1894, when a different state of affairs existed.

"The Deer Park Golf Club has now been in existence for a year, and is in an excellent financial condition. In order to popularize the game and the club, the annual fee has been placed at \$3.00, and as it is desirable that as many ladies as possible should become members, a special fee of \$1.00 for ladies has been adopted. A room in the clubhouse is reserved for ladies."

In 1895 the club moved to Rosedale, sharing quarters with the Toronto Lacrosse Club and playing over the ground lying immediately north and

west of Glen Road bridge, thus securing an eighteen-hole course.

The name of the club was changed to the Rosedale Golf Club in 1896. The same year David Ritchie, late of St. Andrews, was engaged as the club's first professional.

From this date onwards the play of the members showed marked improvement. "Davie" was an excellent instructor, and during his engagement Mr. Geo. S. Lyon and Mr. Vere Brown won the blue ribbon of the links, viz., the Canadian championship.

Mr. Glen Moss and Mr. Dudley Dawson, who both had the advantage of being "caught young," developed the true St. Andrews form. Mr. Moss has won many important club events, and Mr. Dawson has been four times champion of Manitoba.

And their mentor! He is now the Rev. David Ritchie, an honored member of the Presbyterian ministry, with a successful charge near Stratford.

In the earlier days of the club's existence matches with out-of-town clubs were very popular, and frequent visits were made to Oshawa, Port Hope, Cobourg, Hamilton, Peterborough, Brantford and other places. A tragic incident marred one visit to Niagara. Mr. T. F. Kirk, the Captain of the club, who had been the life of the party, was taken suddenly ill on the steamer when returning in the evening, and passed away a few hours later, deeply regretted by many beyond golfing circles.

Some early occurrences are worth recalling. The grounds were leased from various owners, and one avaricious lessor increased the rental, demanding some four hundred per cent. Expostulations, remonstrances, en-

treaties, were of no avail; he insisted upon his pound of flesh, stating that if payment was not made on the day it was due his men would strip the turf from the greens. A reluctant acquiescence with his demands was made. This modern Shylock died very shortly afterwards. Peace to his ashes!

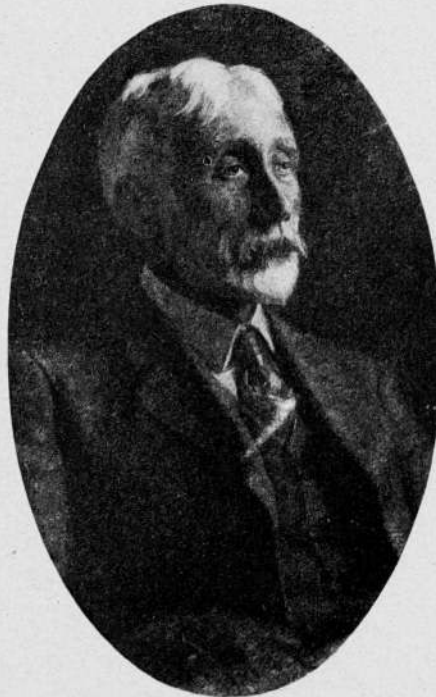
The play at two holes was in full view of the occupants of the "bleachers" of the Lacrosse Club, who never failed to pay their respects to the golfers. The jollying, jeering and broad witticisms from a few hundred brazen throats proved the undoing of many players whose nerves were not of the strongest type.

A dairyman had the right of pasturing his cows on part of the links. When an important match was being played, a greedy bovine, mistaking one of the white guttie balls for some new variety of cattle food, picked it up and retreated hastily to enjoy this novel delicacy undisturbed. Pursuit and vigorous chastisement for such a flagrant breach of golf etiquette followed: the ball was happily disgorged and replaced without penalty. (See Rule 17.)

The "Ravine" hole was especially a tribulation to novices, one of whom claimed "Vale of Tears" as a much more appropriate name. Here many a ball was lost—and temper, too.

But to leave the "reminiscent."

The year 1902 was the crucial period in Rosedale's history. The rapid growth of the city of Toronto many thought would eventually slowly but surely encroach upon the club's domains, and at a meeting held in September of that year of the members and the members of the Spadina Club, at the Rosedale Golf Club, some of



MR. J. E. BAILLIE
President of Rosedale 1903-1911

the members desired to go further afield and to purchase the present Lambton Golf Club property. Mr. A. W. Austin, the President of Spadina, was appointed President of the new Lambton Club, which under his guidance proved such a notable success, and Mr. M. McLaughlin, the President of Rosedale, was elected to the Vice-Presidency of Lambton—certainly a strong combination.

By this amalgamation, by this formation of a new and powerful club, the prospects for Rosedale and its continuance became enshrouded in uncertainty. The membership was cut in half, and there were many who predicted that Rosedale's golfing days were numbered. Fortunately in this time of stress and anxiety there were able men and true who believed that in Toronto there was still scope for a pioneer and well-trying-out golf club; that the proximity to down-town (20 minutes from King and Yonge) still justified an existence and would always command a membership. And in this belief, and in this laudable resolve the "Old Guard," who had remained and who

believed in the future of the Rosedale Club, and some twenty players from Spadina, found a staunch organizer and leader in Mr. James E. Baillie, a Director of many years standing. "There is a tide in the affairs of man (and golf clubs) which if taken at the flood leads on to fortune," and Mr. Baillie was Rosedale's "man of the hour." In the spring of 1903 he took the Presidency of the club, and, backed up by an able Board of Directors, with rare courage and in spite of much discouragement, all difficulties were overcome, and Rosedale emerged from its

time of trial and stress stronger and better equipped than ever. And here, very appropriately, a tribute can well be paid also to the exceptional organizing ability of the Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. D. W. Baxter, whose invaluable services have been at the disposal of Rosedale for so many years—ever since 1890, in fact—and who is easily the doyen of the golf secretarial corps in Canada. His handicap is "plus" when it comes to golf secretaries.

Time and tide wait for no man, or body of men. In 1907-08 it became evident that the building tide would soon overflow the links where the Rosedale players had enjoyed the Royal and Ancient game for many happy years. The Directors were not idle, however, and after considerable labor and some painful disappointments, in 1909 the beautifully situated grounds at Bedford Park, at present occupied by the club, were purchased.

In this connection it is only justice to gratefully record, upon behalf of the members of Rosedale, the valuable services of Lieut.-Colonel Robert Rennie. The Colonel is with the First Canadian

Contingent on the fighting line, and not alone, but accompanied by many other fellow-members of the club. Right nobly has he fought for King and country, and every member of Rosedale has recently heard with a personal pride that Colonel Rennie is now acting as temporary Brigadier-General of the Third Division, and has been mentioned in despatches by Sir John French. No golfer in Canada has perhaps equalled his record since going to the Front.

In 1910 Rosedale moved to its new quarters, never again to be disturbed by the rapacity of landlords, the vor-



Mr. R. H. GREENE, President of Rosedale

acity of cows, and many unnamed drawbacks that fall to the lot of tenants in ordinary.

The new club-house is both comfortable and commodious; the view from the verandah is charming.

Through the links the Don river winds with many a graceful curve, adding beauty to the scene.

Adjoining the club-house is a bungalow having twenty-five rooms, and for this decided desideratum the club members are largely indebted to Mr. S. B. Gundy, a most zealous Director and member and a capital golfer.

The course is a most sporting one, well over 6,000 yards. It has been bunkered most intelligently; the fair greens are a delight; the greens of a most diversified character. In brief, the Deer Park Club of well-nigh a quarter of a century ago, the club of thirteen years ago which, but for brave hearts and indomitable perseverance would have become defunct, is the Rosedale Club of to-day, with a large and enthusiastic membership, charming club-house, ideal course with an assured future and a reputation justly second to none in Canadian Golfdom. The members of to-day owe much to the stalwarts who kept on the firing-line in the dark period of distress. They are under a lasting gratitude to them for all time to come. And they are not unappreciative. Make no mistake about that.

Rosedale is proud, and pardonably so, that Mr. George S. Lyon first played the game on its old links. As recorded in the "Canadian Golfer" of May last, it was on the 18th of October, 1896, that Mr. John Dick of Cobourg, then a playing member of Rosedale, induced the "Johnny Ball" of Canadian golf to tackle a round—and that was his undoing. Mr. Lyon is an honorary member of the club. Rosedale can put on the links to-day a very strong team among others: Geo. S. Lyon, R. M. Gray, Jr., W. H. Despard, Geo. L. Robinson, S. H. Hook, S. B. Gundy, W. Parkyn Murray, H. H. Donald, John Miln, Jr., D. W. Baxter, H. M. Frederick, A. H. C., Proctor, Dr. Beatty, Stan. Beatty, C. N. Candee, Jr., A. E. Trow, F. J. Capon, J. E. Baillie.

Mr. John Martin is the capable Captain of the club.

Many capital lady golfers, too, play under the club's colors, as the following well-known names amply prove: Miss Evelyn Cox, Mrs. W. H. Burns, Mrs. Dalton Davies, Mrs. W. C. Stikeman, Mrs. Johnson Ashworth, Mrs. S. Duncan.

Rosedale's Presidents.

From its inception as the Deer Park Club to the present day, Rosedale has been fortunate in having ardent golfers, sterling business men in the Presidential chair. During its twenty-three years of existence four men only have occupied the premier position—certainly a club record. They are:—

George Dickson, M.A.	1893-1894
M. McLaughlin	1895-1902
James E. Baillie	1903-1911
R. H. Greene	1912-1915

Mr. Baillie, it will be noticed, who piloted Rosedale through its most perilous period, was President for nine years. His assistance and guidance from 1903 to 1911 were simply invaluable. He was the first President after the club threatened to become extinct as a result of so many memberships becoming depleted by the formation of a new and powerful club, and he was President during the epoch-making step taken to acquire new and permanent links. Rosedale golfers are under a lasting debt of gratitude to him.

Mr. Baillie was born and educated in Edinburgh, and, like nearly all Scotchmen, took up the game of golf when a schoolboy, playing on the Bruntfield links. He never saw a golf club again, however, until he joined the Rosedale Golf Club. He came to Canada in 1872, and has ever since been actively identified with the interests of that city. His eldest son is a gunner in the Canadian Field Artillery, First Contingent, and his youngest is a corporal in the Divisional Cyclists, Second Contingent. They are both on active service in France—worthy sons of a worthy sire. A fitting tribute was paid by the members of Rosedale to Mr. Baillie when he was presented with a

handsome portrait in oils, the work of the well-known artist, Mr. J. W. L. Forster. A reproduction of this portrait appears in connection with this sketch of Rosedale and its Presidents.

A most capable successor to Mr. Baillie was fortunately found when his resignation was so reluctantly accepted in Mr. R. H. Greene, who was elected President in 1912 and still retains that



Rosedale Golf Club House, 1897-1901

most important position. Mr. Greene has always been a great advocate of outdoor sport and is himself a capital exemplification of what Dame Nature does for her sons who delight in fresh air and exercise. He was born in a log house on a farm near Caledonia, sixty-five years ago, and the County of Haldimand has no more distinguished son. He has always taken a very prominent part in the business and social life of Toronto, the city of his

adoption. He is Secretary-Treasurer of the very important Gutta Percha & Rubber, Limited, a director of several other companies, a member of the Board of Trade, Manufacturers' Association and National Club. In religion he is an Anglican.

Mr. Greene took up the Royal and Ancient game some fifteen years ago, and is a most enthusiastic devotee. The Presidency of such an important club could not be in better hands. He is ably assisted by the following very capable Board of Directors: S. B. Gundy, W. Parkyn Murray, George R. Hargraft, George W. Meyer, F. R. MacKelcan, W. D. Lummis, W. E. Gallie, Wm. Prendergast,

Green Committee—W. Parkyn Murray, Convener; W. D. Lummis, W. E. Gallie, Wm. Prendergast.

House Committee—F. R. MacKelcan, Convener; S. B. Gundy, Geo. R. Hargraft, Geo. W. Meyer.

So this is the history of a well-managed and successful golf club.

But the last and most important word has yet to be said.

Rosedale is especially proud of two things—the splendid response of its members to the call for men to go to the front and the generous manner in which the club has subscribed to the Patriotic Funds. No club in Canada has "done its bit" better. And no club will continue to do it better. Rest assured of that.

A Golfing Year To You!

MAY you DRIVE farther and better! May the only PULL you notice be for you; May the only SLICE you get be the biggest slice of good fortune; May your APPROACH be victorious always; May you land on the long GREEN every time; May your COURSE be smooth and happy; May the only SAND be the kind of which you have plenty—and may the WHOLE ROUND of the year from January to December be the best you have ever known.

W. D. N.

The Left Hand in Golf

George Duncan, the Celebrated English Pro in "Golf Illustrated,"
London.

I HAVE long since arrived at the conclusion that very many golfers of moderate ability—yes, I will say the great majority of such players—limit their possibilities by a failure to dispose and use the left hand in the way that is best adapted for the game. Most people realise that the grip is a matter of considerable importance; that it needs to be studied; that a fault in it is the cause of many a bad shot and many a

other way round and persevere with a principle that is foreign to their impulse.

The Natural Disability of the Left Hand.

The right hand is the hand with which we play golf, and what we need to do is to find a means of inducing the left to act as a worthy ally and to perform more than it is inclined to accom-



The Correct Position of the Left Hand.



The Overlapping Grip.

sad case of long-standing mediocrity or worse. I submit that the left hand is the one that requires by far the greater measure of attention, because it is not what might be called the natural hand for playing golf. If it were, we should nearly all be left-handed. We find that hardly anybody whose instinct it is to pursue the pastime in that manner ascends to a high standard of skill, and that most persons who begin left-handed only start to improve appreciably when they can be induced to stand the

plish without proper management. If we propose to strike a blow with a club, or stick, or any instrument held in the left hand our involuntary prompting is to grasp the said instrument very much as we should grip it with the right hand. Let the reader put this point to the test. Let him take a club—if he has none near, or the space is limited, the domestic poker will serve—and standing in the usual way for a right-handed shot, prepare to swing the implement with the left hand only. In

four cases out of five where golfers of limited ability are concerned, it will be found that, during the address, the back of that hand is practically vertical to the plane of the floor or ground. That appears to be a natural order.

The swing is duly performed. There is a feeling of impotency about it. Somehow, it seems impossible to invest the effort with power when the club is held in this manner with the left hand. Now try a slight change of grip. Instead of having the thumb pointing straight down the uppermost part of the shaft, which is the commonest and perhaps most natural disposition for it, bring the hand over so that the thumb may be planted on the side of the shaft which is farthest from the direction in which the ball is to be sent. That is to say, let it be pointing to the back of the head of the club instead of to the top of the head where the maker's name is inscribed. This alteration will result in the top knuckles of the first three fingers being brought into view; the hand will be far more over the club than in the former experiments. Try another swing in the new circumstances. In nearly every case it will be found that there is an altogether greater consciousness of power in the left hand. There is command over it; and you feel as you near the ball that you can hit it instead of merely poking falteringly at it, which is the sense that prevails when the hand is on the side of the shaft and the thumb on top.

Herein lies, I believe, a considerable measure of the secret of accurate as well as strong hitting. The left hand does not fall so naturally as the right into the position that affords it the greatest opportunity of doing the most that is in it. It has to be persuaded into that position, and made to adopt it as a kind of second nature. At the outset, the grip does not strike one as being particularly comfortable, but only a little perseverance is required to dispel the early feeling of strangeness. A few half-hours of practice or two or three rounds will make it part of the instinctive order, and I am convinced that it is the first law of method for that aspiring golfer to master.

In order to make the most of a hand which, in ordinary life, is never so involuntary in its movements and never so useful as the right save in the rare cases of ambidextrous or left-handed people, we need to introduce an equivalent of the boxer's "straight left." And the way to do it is, I am sure, to hold the club as I have suggested. It is a matter of having the full width of the wrist in a plane more or less corresponding to the direction in which you are striking; the strength which comes from that disposition is surprising by comparison with the limited power that is possible when the fullest extent of the wrist is vertical to the line of movement. As a teacher, I have studied this subject very closely—partly because it is the department of the golf grip of which most players are neglectful, and partly because it is with the left hand that we first take hold of the club. For the moment, I am assuming that everybody is employing the overlapping grip. Such, I know, is not the case, but it ought to be. To the person who has experimented deeply and diligently, there can be no question as to its superiority over any other. There are people who declare that they cannot adopt it because their hands are too small, but they are mistaken. All that they need is assiduity. By way of proof of this statement let me obtrude a personal detail. I take eights in gloves, which indicates, I think, that my hands are not unusually large. And I experience no difficulty in putting the overlapping grip into operation. One simply has to accustom oneself to it. That takes a little time, but it is time well spent.

Be it said that overlapping grips are not uniform down to the last detail. The position of the left thumb varies a trifle among successful players. The best grip is, I think, that of Harry Vardon, on which my own is modelled. J. H. Taylor observes the same method, and, I believe, always has done so. James Braid places his left thumb farther round towards the back of the shaft; Edward Ray not so far. These are minor matters; even a thumb with an important mission to fulfil in the vindication of a principle may be per-

mitted a little individualty. The main point is that the overlapping grip welds the two hands into one and, at the same time, makes them part and parcel of the club as no other arrangement can do. If the player is still convinced that this boon is beyond him, he may find the explanation in the thickness of the grips on his clubs. Thick grips are bad; they blunt the delicate "feel" of the most beautifully balanced instrument, and naturally they cause the overlapping hold to seem a clumsy, uncomfortable means to an end. To have them made thinner is a simple business.

There is no need for me to attempt to describe the overlapping grip. Every golfer knows it, and, in any case, pictures convey a better idea of it than can be imparted by words. In connection with it, there is just one hint that I would emphasize. The "V" shapes which are constituted by the thumbs and forefingers of the two hands pointing down the shaft should be as narrow as possible. That is to say, bring the thumb and forefinger of each hand as close together as is consistent with comfort; if they are permitted to be at all wide apart the result will be a loss of power and control. So these are the salient necessities: the thumb and forefinger well together in each case so as to form "V's" of very acute angles and the back of the left hand over the shaft instead of down the side of it. Braid has his left exceptionally far over; the method suits him admirably, as most of us have learned to our cost at various times; but the average individual who went so far as Braid in this direction would be constrained to put his right hand too much under.

The club should not be held in the palm of the right hand; that state of affairs is apt to produce a dull stiff

wrist. The grip with the right hand should be exercised mainly with the fingers, and to attain that end the principal consideration is to make sure that the right hand is not under the shaft. The most likely result of such a state of affairs is a pull. I know that a few very fine players, as, for instance, Mr. John Ball and Alexander Herd, do hold the club well in the palm of the right hand and exhibit no affection at all for the overlapping grip, but they are the rare exceptions who are always present to lend a touch of variety to a rule.

All that I have said thus far applies in the case of golfers who do not overlap by placing the little finger of the right hand over the forefinger of the left, but who still employ a finger hold with the two V's visible when the player examines his grip. Here also the V's should be narrow so as to ensure a firm hold, but I do not think that, for certainty of effect, it is to be compared with the overlapping principle. It increases ten-fold the danger of the two hands working against one another.

During the actual process of swinging it is important to retain a steady grip of the club from beginning to end. If, in practice, when there are opportunities for reflection you are conscious that your grasp is slackening towards the top of the swing there is something to be remedied. So far as the left hand is concerned, the palm will naturally open a little, but that will not be noticed, neither will it make any difference, so long as an unwavering grip be exercised with the thumb and all the fingers of the right hand. If you loosen the hold with that hand the club will drop into the web between the thumb and forefinger, with the attendant ills of overswinging, which embrace all the miseries to which the golfing flesh is susceptible.

The Scratch Golfer

"One good round no more makes a scratch golfer than a few fireflies do a conflagration."—*Walter Camp.*

New England Courses

Mr. Brice S. Evans

WITHIN twenty-five miles of Boston, the capital of the State of Massachusetts, are fifty-four golf courses, of which twelve are eighteen-

hole courses, which no expert designer has attempted as yet to lay out tees, fairways, or greens.

Six of the eighteen-hole courses are



The Famous Brookline Country Club—18th Green



Messrs. Evans, Travis and Lockwood at the 7th green, Woodland Golf Club

hole links and the remainder excellent nine-hole affairs. This may be considered remarkable when due consideration is given to the fact that Boston is bounded on the north-east, east and south-east by the Atlantic Ocean, upon

adapted to, and have held in some form or other, championship matches; two of the others have held premier tournaments, but, in my opinion, are not quite up to the high standard set to meet the demands of the players of to-day.

If I were asked to classify the championship courses according to my idea of rating I would appraise them in the following order:

1. Myopia Hunt Club, Hamilton, Mass.
2. Brookline C. C., Brookline.
3. Essex C. C., Manchester.
4. Woodland G. C., Auburndale.
5. Brae Burn C. C., West Newton.
6. Belmont Springs C. C., Waverley.

Breaking eighty on the Myopia is an exceedingly difficult feat, either for an

green, which is sloping and is bordered by rough on the back edge. The player hitting his putt too smartly was dismayed to see it run by the hole and bobble into the rough. Putting from the green to the rough was one thing, but the climax came when he, together with his opponent and their caddies, were unable to locate the ball after over a five-minute search, and was obliged to lose the hole.

Mr. Herbert C. Leeds, the old Harvard athlete, is in charge of the greens



THE MYOPIA HUNT CLUB HOUSE, HAMILTON

Myopia is said to be, with the possible exception of the National course, the hardest in the United States for low scoring

amateur or professional. The course is as long as difficult, and only one hole can be reached with a tee shot except when a favoring wind is blowing on No. 16, which can be reached under those limitations. My criticism on Myopia would be the absence of more short holes and the proximity of the traps to the putting-greens, which are too fast to allow bite in dry weather. An amusing story has been going the rounds of the golfers here in relation to the keen greens. Its truth I will not vouch for, but repeat it as it was told to me. A certain portly player had played his second shot on to No. 16

committee, and it is said that he will wager that no player—no exceptions—can break 100 on the Myopia links if he is allowed to place the location of the cups; and up to the present the few that have taken up his proposition with the glint of battle in their eyes have retired poorer but yet wiser men.

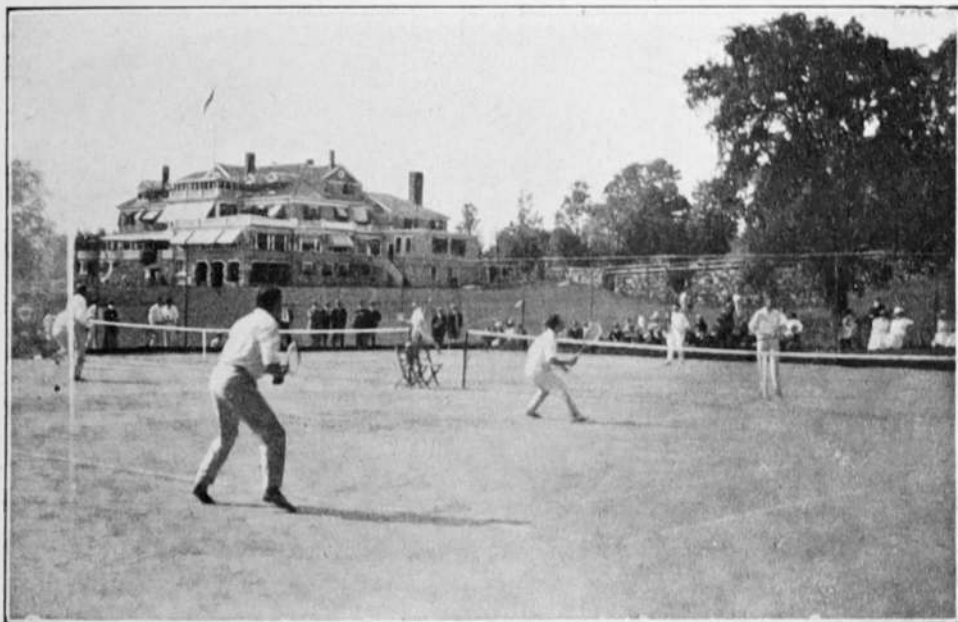
I place the course that Francis Ouimet won the Open championship on, in that memorable play-off against Vardon and Ray, as number two on my list.

The Brookline course is admirably trapped, and from the back tees plenty long enough for the longest swatter.

It is a far easier course for the average player than Myopia, but still it is interesting to note that when the leading amateurs compete there in the spring and fall, that a score of 90 generally qualifies in the first sixteen. The amateur record is 72, made by Mr. Ouimet, and the professional is slightly under, contributed by Alex. Campbell, the former instructor at the club. However, a good many pits, cops and difficulties of various sorts have been added since the latter record was made.

The Woodland Golf Club, of Auburndale, is a next-door neighbor of the Brae Burn Club. At one time it was thought that these two clubs would merge, and that there would be two eighteen-hole courses under one head, but this plan was dissolved, perhaps better for all parties concerned.

Woodland has many fine golf holes—as many good ones as any in this vicinity—but it also has several poor ones, which I have no doubt will eventually be abolished. The course has



The beautiful Club House of the Brae Burn Country Club

The Essex C. C., on the North Shore, is rather a summer course in general, as it caters to the wealthy summer residents that congregate in Manchester-by-the-Sea and the surrounding towns. A great deal of money has been well spent on this course, and some of the holes that had no apparent features have been eliminated and new ones added, and the removal of a great deal of timber—the bugaboo of all fairways—has placed this ideal spot as a mecca for good golfers. A splendid new clubhouse has been added, with all modern improvements, and it would not surprise me to see several feature events, possibly the national championship, held there within the next few years.

been lengthened during the past two years, and two new holes, one of 600 and one of 400 uphill, added. The putting-greens are very good, except that they are too rich with loam and so need constant attention. Mr. Francis Ouimet holds the record of this course, both pro. and amateur, with a 71 registered in the qualifying round of the Massachusetts State Championship last year.

The Brae Burn C. C., of West Newton, has the largest membership of any course in the New England States, and, I believe, fully as many members as any club in this country. It started in 1897 as a nine-hole course, and about eight years later enlarged their grounds to an eighteen-hole course and

erected a large club-house. All sports are indulged in, and the club is as gay in winter as in the summer-time. Moreover, the Brae Burn Club is a good money-maker, both on account of the fact of its large membership and because the club owns its property, which is valuable. In branching out to eighteen holes the club cleared away swamp land, underbrush and rocks and made several new holes out of a veritable forest. Going under 80 on Brae Burn is about as hard as Myopia, and,

to adequately trap the greens and fairway. Belmont, however, with her natural advantages does not need the complete equipments of pits that many other links not so advantageously gifted require. The Belmont committee are run on a high-class business principle, each committee being allowed so much monies at the beginning of the fiscal year, and they must do with that amount or approximately so. This enables them to prepare their expenditures early in the year and to know



Messrs. B. S. Evans, J. W. Small, A. G. Lockwood and J. E. Kedian at 1st Tee, Belmont. Locker House in background totally destroyed by fire in November. New one with over 500 lockers and swimming pool, under construction

if anything, I think the course is a bit too severe, as it is quite hilly. Were it not for the fact that many of the holes are lined with trees, I should rate the Brae Burn Club a place or two higher.

Last among the championship courses around Boston I rate the Belmont Springs C. C., of Waverly, Mass.

Belmont is the youngest sister of the championship family only being about six years old. I think the Belmont links are the finest example of natural golf of the group but the greens committee have not yet had the time or the money

just how many improvements can be made. Inside of five, or, at the outside, ten years, I expect to see Belmont have the finest course in the state, as at the present time, with very few hazards, it is quite hard to belittle the 80 mark. How much more difficult it will be when completely trapped, the future alone will disclose.

Now to statistics: As I have said before, there are 54 courses within 25 miles of Boston and twelve of them 18-hole ones, but there are still 77 more courses in the state of which twelve of them have 18 holes, or a total of 131 in

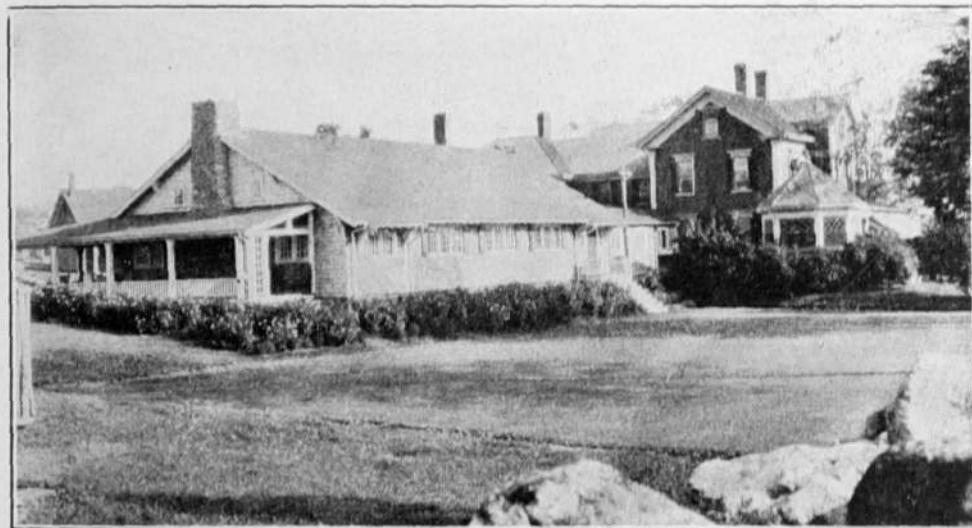
Massachusetts, and among them twenty-four that have 18 holes.

Maine has twenty-two 9-hole links, and seven of 18-hole variety. To be sure, many of them are of the summer course specie, but yet they are golf courses pure and simple.

New Hampshire, our White Mountain State, contributes forty-eight 9-hole and six 18-hole ones. Vermont, eighteen of 9 and four of 18 holes. Connecticut, inhabited by many Metropolitan golfers shows thirty-six 9-hole affairs, and twelve of 18. The smallest state in the Union, Rhode Island, offers

the player to try out many different courses to gain an indefinite amount of information in playing perplexing shots that are not found on his home links and better above all unites the golfers, good and bad, of various clubs, in a spirit of kindred fellowship, as well as placing considerable social rivalry to uphold the honor of the club one represents.

The Canadian golfer is handicapped in this respect, as many of the smaller cities offer but one course for playing and distances prohibit the visiting of various courses without the detriment



The artistic Bungalow (erected by members, as a tribute to Mr. W. E. Robinson) and Club House of the Belmont Springs Country Club

her part with twelve 9-hole courses and five of 18.

From the 19th day of April up until the last of November these clubs hold championships, invitation and open tourneys, club handicaps, sweepstakes and all manner of events. The holding of many of these open issues permits

to one's business. However, it seems to me feasible that as many of the Canadian Clubs as possible hold open and invitation handicap events of either one or three days' duration, during the playing season, to encourage the association that these meetings brings.

The photos illustrating this article, by Arthur G. Lockwood, Boston

Secretaries of Golf Clubs will confer a very great favor by sending in the reports of their Annual Meetings to the "Canadian Golfer" as early as possible.

Rivermead Golf Club Smoker

THE Rivermead Golf Club, Ottawa, showed the way to other sporting organizations of Ottawa by turning over a sum of \$210.50 to the Sportsmen's Patriotic Association. This amount was realized at a recent smoker held at the Golf Club. The correspondence relating to the matter is attached:

"Wm. Findlay, Esq., Honorary Treasurer, Sportsmen's Patriotic Association, Ottawa:

"Dear Sir,—We have much pleasure in enclosing cheque of the Rivermead Golf Club, payable to your order as Honorary Treasurer of the Sportsmen's Patriotic Association, for the sum of two hundred and ten dollars and fifty cents. This amount represents the proceeds of a smoker held November 24th last at the Rivermead Golf Club club-house in aid of the funds of the Association, of which you are the Honorary Treasurer.

"Owing to the lateness of the season when the matter of our club assisting in the good work of the Association was brought up, we found it impossible to associate friendly competitions in the grand old game of golf with the raising of funds, but the members of the club desired to do what they could towards assisting the work as soon as possible, and it was decided to hold a smoker. The evening was a success, and was entered into with enthusiasm by the members, who played over again games of the season, hole by hole, as they gathered around the firesides of the club-house, every one expressing their appreciation of the men who have gone to the front and their hopes that they might return and again participate in the different lines of sport, that had been cheerfully given up in the true sportsman's way when duty called them.

"On behalf of the members of the Rivermead Golf Club, and their friends who assisted them, we are glad to send you the proceeds of the smoker, and

trust that the Sportsmen's Patriotic Association may be successful in the work undertaken by the Association.

"We remain,

"Yours very truly,

"ALEX. F. CHAMBERLAIN,
"Captain.

"FRANK JARMAN,
"Vice-Captain."

"Gentlemen,—It is with pleasure and appreciation that I acknowledge, on behalf of the Sportsmen's Patriotic Association, your letter of December 11, covering cheque \$210.50, being the proceeds of a smoker held at your club-house on November 24, which you send as a contribution to the funds of the Sportsmen's Patriotic Association.

"I note your remarks about the impossibility of associating friendly competitions in the grand old game of golf with the raising of funds, and have no doubt that had the weather permitted this course the results would have been even more satisfactory to you and agreeable to our Association, because the Rivermead Golf Club has always been known to consist of sportsmen of the highest order.

"To your reputation as sportsmen you have, by your action, added a further reputation for those qualities of large-hearted benevolence which should characterize every true lover of sport.

"Your contribution is a handsome one. It will be devoted towards the general objects of the Sportsmen's Patriotic Association, of which you are entirely aware, and to which your members are thoroughly sympathetic. Your action should be an example and a stimulant to other organizations throughout the city.

"On behalf of the Sportsmen's Patriotic Association, I thank you for this magnificent contribution, and I congratulate the Rivermead Golf Club on the spirit which is behind it.

"Yours very truly,

"WM. FINDLAY,
"Honorary Treasurer."

Essex Golf and Country Club

Its Activities and Historical Associations

THERE is no more delightful Golf and Country Club to-day in Ontario than that possessed by Essex County at historical Sandwich. The location is ideal, as it is within a few miles of the thriving city of Windsor and the growing towns of Walkerville and Ford, whilst just across the river is Detroit, and from all four of these places the Essex Country Club draws its membership.

The Editor of the "Canadian Golfer," during the latter part of last autumn—such a gorgeous, glorious autumn,—had the pleasure of spending a day or so at Sandwich, and it was a pleasure indeed, in every sense of the word. Although it was during the "dying days" of 1915 golf the links were remarkably well patronized, many members from Detroit motoring over every afternoon and joining their golfing confreres from Windsor and the other nearby towns, whilst in the late afternoon the "comfy" club-house was the scene of many a jolly little "nineteenth hole" party. In the evening, too, members and visitors were enabled to enjoy extremely well-served dinners. Altogether the Essex Country Club impressed one as being excellently equipped, both for playing the Royal and

Ancient and for catering to the social enjoyment of its members.

But to hark back to the game itself—for, after all, "the game's the thing." It was about fifteen years ago that Windsor and Walkerville had a joint club at Walkerville, but the course was not a very suitable one, becoming almost unplayable in wet weather. Mr. George Mair, Manager of the Royal Bank at Windsor—he is still the popular incumbent of the managerial chair—and Mr. Greenhill, Manager of the Merchants Bank there, decided that more suitable grounds were required and, joined by other Windsor golfers, formed a new club. Through the kindness of Mr. Thos. Austin, of Detroit, son-in-law of the late Mr. Yawkey, a multi-millionaire, who owned a large tract of land in and adjoining Sandwich, Mr. Mair, the first President of the new club, and the members were

most generously offered the use, free of charge, of a thirty-four-hundred-yard golf course on his farm. The club was successful from its inception, and subsequently forty-four acres were rented adjoining Mr. Yawkey's farm from a Mr. Freeman, of Detroit. Largely through the efforts of the late Mrs. Mair, who secured subscriptions from



MR. ARMIT L. WILKINSON
President Essex Golf and Country Club

house, a portion of which still stands, although greatly added to and improved. The Essex Country Club Directors, very wisely, have retained the old wainscoted dining-room intact, and here, over the fireplace, looking very military, very aristocratic, hangs a capital picture of Colonel Prince. The old room, no doubt, could tell many a story of luncheons and dinners of the Family Compact days; of celebrities gathered round the Colonel's well-laden mahogany—because we are told, in the history of the County of Essex, the Colonel spent his money freely in beautifying his grounds, bringing out pheasants, peacocks and swans and stocking his farm with thoroughbred cattle and his woods with deer and game. More than one successful campaign was probably planned in the old room over the nuts and crusty port. The Colonel himself was no "honorary" Colonel. He it was who in 1838, on the site of the present City Hall at Windsor, met the

"Patriot Army" from across the river with a loyal force, which, after a hot fight, defeated and dispersed the foe. But to quote again from the History of the County of Essex, the "Patriot" in-cursion brought a cloud over his popularity: for as he himself reported (after stating that twenty-one "of the brigands and pirates" had been killed in the fight), "four of their number were brought in at the close of the argument, all of whom I ordered shot, and it was done accordingly." For this high-handed procedure of condemning men

members and friends, a small clubhouse was erected on this property and the game of golf prospered apace. Then a few years afterwards came the "land boom," and landlords became rapacious as regards rents and would only give yearly leases. The club at this time faced a crucial period in its history, but, fortunately, its affairs were in the hands of very capable men, and an option was secured on what is known as the "Prince Farm." The Walkerville Club joining their confederates of Windsor, the property was purchased, and the "Essex Golf and Country Club" came into an "abiding place" which has in every sense of the word justified the choice and acumen of the men who urged its acquisition.

This "Prince Farm" and its former owner are well worthy, just here, of more than a passing notice. Colonel John Prince was a doughty man in the early days of Essex, and for some years he was credited with being "the most popular man in the Western District." Having practised as a barrister at Gloucester, in England, he came out to Canada in 1834, attracted by the hope of good sport and of a free, congenial life. He brought with him his wife, three sons, five servants, and "a box of golden guineas so heavy two men were required to lift it." The Colonel set up two of his servants on a farm close to Sandwich, and when the pair tired of country life and opened an hotel in Sandwich, their master himself removed to the Farm, the present site of the golf links. He enlarged the old

Mr. G. M. McGregor, Chairman Finance Committee, Essex Golf and Country Club



to death on his own responsibility, without even a form of trial. Prince was naturally much criticized. The affair was even discussed in the Imperial Parliament, but the "Iron Duke," who was no mincer of matters himself in the good old days, spoke in the Colonel's favor, saying that an armed mob entering a country and marching against unprotected citizens deserved to be dealt with severely. Many of Prince's former admirers turned against him, however, whilst his enemies in Detroit put on his head a price of a thousand dollars. The Colonel retorted by advertising in the Detroit newspapers, that he had placed "man traps and spring guns" in the woods surrounding his house. The warning appears to have been effective. At any rate, the redoubtable Colonel lived to a good old age, though, being appointed Judge of Algoma District, he left Essex years before his death.

But Tempora Mutantur! The old Prince Farm, where the "belles and the beaux of the long ago" disported themselves in stately minuet, and crinoline and stock were much in evidence, is now given over to golf talk, the Victrola and the fox trot, and the "man traps and spring guns" in the grounds to golf greens and golf traps. Does the grim old Colonel—he who ordered four men shot "and it was done accordingly"—from his place of honor above the dining-room mantelpiece, ever look down and wonder what next a frivolous world will do?

As previously mentioned, the Directors of the Club have dealt tenderly

with the historical old house, but that does not say there is not every modern convenience. There is a fine music and dancing-room, flooded with light; there are private dining-rooms and smoking-rooms, bright bedrooms—in fact, every luxury of an up-to-date Country Club—plus the charm of old association, environment and atmosphere which possibly cannot be duplicated in the Dominion. Yes, it's a delight to visit the Essex Country Club.



Mr. A. N. Lawrence, Captain Essex Golf and Country Club

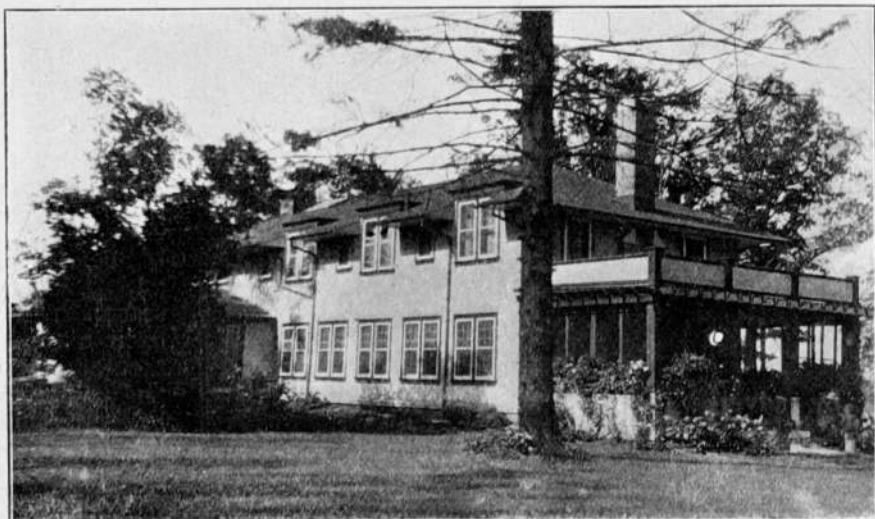
Originally nine holes, the course during the past season or so has been extended to the regulation 18, and with proper bunkering and trapping, which the Directors intend to start "going" this year, there is no reason why the members should not be able to enjoy an excellent brand of golf. The total distance of the card at present is 5,705 yards, but this can be increased, if necessary, although, perhaps, this is not so much of a desideratum after all. There are two very long holes, one 615 and the other 620 yards,

but the intention is to cut these down and get in a few more four to five-hundred-yarders. There are some capital one-shot holes. Altogether the property lends itself to the making of a first-class golf course, and rest assured that the Directors will see that the members get it. They are just that kind of men. The par of the course is 70—35 out, 35 in—but it takes a bit of doing.

Mr. Robert M. Morton was the first President of the club, and he was succeeded by Mr. W. A. Watts. Both still, fortunately, give their valuable services

to the club as Directors. The present President is Mr. Armit L. Wilkinson, who has devoted much time and atten-

ling a large number of subsidiary companies. He is supported by the following Board of Directors: W. L. Mc-



Club House of the Essex Golf and Country Club

tion to the many matters of moment that have come up during his tenure of office. He is a charter member of the

Gregor, Vice-President; Secretary, F. A. Kent.

Finance Committee—G. M. Mc-



A prominent group of golfers of the Essex Golf and Country Club. Reading from left to right, looking at the picture: G. Cautlie, G. E. White, K. Murchay, H. L. McDonald, A. L. Wilkinson, Dr. King, E. A. Morton

club and Treasurer of the National Gas, Electric Light & Power Company, of Detroit, a holding company, control-

Gregor (Chairman), J. H. Coburn, W. A. Watts.

House Committee—R. M. Morton

(Chairman), W. L. McGregor, E. C. Kenning.

Greens Committee—H. O. Fleming (Chairman), W. G. Bartlet, E. C. Kenning.

Directors—A. L. Wilkinson, W. L. McGregor, E. C. Kenning, H. O. Fleming, W. G. Bartlet, W. A. Watts, J. H. Coburn, R. M. Morton, G. M. McGregor.

Captain, A. N. Lawrence; vice-captain, A. L. Wilkinson.

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contributing cause to success or non-success, and in Mr. F. A. Kent Essex has a good all-round occupant of that important office—one deservedly popular with both Board and members. On the links and in coaching Wm. F. Locke has alike shown his worth and ability.

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A view of the old "Prince Homestead" facing the Prince Road, before the alterations made by the Essex Golf and Country Club

demonstrated by the fact that it has increased its membership the past year by some fifty—certainly a remarkable record during a "war year"—but it only shows what can be done when a Board of Directors of successful business men consent to hold office and give attention to the duties of that office. The Essex Club has a particularly strong Board of Directors, as a perusal of the above names amply demonstrates. A success of a golf club is largely the success the Directors make it. That is a fact all golf club executives can take to heart. Then, too, a capable secretary is another con-

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With an ideal club-house, the centre of social activities of the neighborhood, with a course that can be made a first-class sporting one, with a property splendidly situated as regards proximity to a large and increasing golfing population, the Essex Golf and Country Club is assured of an unbounding success in 1916 and the years to come. The whole property is a credit alike to Directors and members and a decided "asset" for the residents of Windsor and nearby towns, which they should, and undoubtedly do, appreciate.

Golfers Honor Mr. Whitlock

United States Minister Revered by all Canadians

CANADIAN golfers will be interested to know that Mr. Brand Whitlock, the American Minister to Belgium, is one of the great clan of golfers, who "encircle the earth." Recently, on his visit to his home in Toledo, he was presented with the following address, a copy of which has been kindly sent to the "Canadian Golfer" by a subscriber in that city:

"Upon behalf of the Directors and the entire membership of the Inverness Club, as earnestly expressed at its annual meeting last evening, we extend to you a welcome of profound affection and pride.

"We know that to such a heart as yours the loving greetings of old-time comrades and friends will ever mean the most. As the treasured home-loving messages, which you have sent to us from your post of great and peculiar responsibility and danger, have spoken your yearning for dear old Inverness, so have we longed, in the same degree, to have you with us once more.

"As beautiful as the hope has been to us, we have for many months scarcely dared to count upon its realization. That you are really here—that we have taken you by the hand, looked into your eyes and listened again to the sound of your voice—is a happy experience which we can find no words to express.

"We have ever known what Inverness meant to you and to ourselves—its spirit of ideal good fellowship, its democracy of companionship, its rebuilding of health, hope and happiness in its inspiring environment, and all of these things fitting a man for higher ideals and more efficient quality of public service.

"That at beautiful Inverness you found some part of the strength and inspiration to do the great work which

you have accomplished for humanity and our nation, which you have served with such rare distinction, brings to us a sense of rededication of Inverness and its noble purposes, and what the men of Inverness shall do for the city of Toledo.

"Your coming is of deepest significance to this city, the well-being of which calls constantly for the enlightened devotion of its citizens. The plans which you have formulated for civic betterment, the high standards which you ably and loyally advocated, have already received a revival of that spirit which does things really worth while in a large way—things urged to completion by a constructive municipal imagination and enthusiasm absolutely essential.

"Such a spirit cannot be successfully opposed. Such a spirit your coming has brought to us with renewed fervor and power.

"And so we say, welcome, thrice welcome!

"To Brand Whitlock and his devoted wife!

"SYLVANNUS P. JERMAIN

"THOMAS HUBBARD

"BERNARD F. BROUGH.

"Committee."

The address was read by Mr. S. P. Jermain, the "father of golf" in Toledo, who has had so much to do with the establishing of the public golf links there.

There is no name revered more today in Canada than Mr. Brand Whitlock's. It will always be associated with that of the martyr-heroine, Miss Edith Cavell. The Minister two or three days ago returned to take up his official life and his life of good deeds in stricken Belgium. He will be followed by the best wishes of all Canadians.

Ladies' Golf Department

Edited by Florence L. Harvey

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FIRST of all:—A very happy New Year to everyone, and may the peace we are fighting to win for the world come long before 1916 closes.

In December a number of annual meetings were held by the ladies' golf clubs throughout Canada. Of these I have received several notices.

Halifax Ladies' Golf Club

There was a large attendance at the annual meeting of the Ladies' Golf Club, held at the Y.M.C.A. A most successful year was reported. This summer, the first for a number of years, there has been a waiting list for ladies desiring admission to full membership.

The Treasurer's report showed a most satisfactory balance. The Secretary's report was most interesting and satisfactory. The report of the handicap committee showed a distinct advancement in the standard of play—no less than 10 members having this year reduced their handicaps, under the rules and regulations of the Canadian Branch of the Ladies' Golf Union of Great Britain.

Mrs. L. M. Murray in a very graceful speech, in which she pointed out the general advancement of the club during the past three years, tendered a vote of thanks to the two retiring officers, Mrs. Stewart, Convenor of Tea Committee, and Miss Dora Faulkner, Treasurer, for their especially efficient work while in office. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. H. Mahon; First Vice-President, Mrs. F. L. Davidson; Second Vice-President, Mrs. H. Bryant; Secretary, Miss Edith Wilson; Treasurer, Miss Mott; Tea, Mrs. F. W. W. Doane; Handicap, Mrs. McG. Mitchell; Captain, Miss Edith Bauld; Assistant Captain, Mrs. Larder.

A letter of thanks was sent to the men's committee for their co-operation and constant kindness in all plans suggested by the ladies during the past

year. By special arrangement, and on the kind instructions as to the necessary form and ceremony from Mr. W. G. Henry, it was made possible for the Ladies' Auxiliary to have the pleasure of electing Mrs. L. M. Murray Honorary President, which was tendered to her by Miss Faulkner with a resolution of regret on her approaching departure.

A very handsome travelling clock was then presented Mrs. Murray from the ladies of the club, with an appropriate address, read by Miss Bauld, in which Mrs. Murray made a most appreciative response, in which she stated that her three years of office at the Golf Club, and her work there, would long be remembered as the very happiest work in which she had ever been engaged, owing to the pleasure she had derived from the wonderfully sympathetic assistance she had always received, the enjoyment of the game itself, and the affection indicated by this parting gift.

The incoming officers were warmly welcomed. Discussions of next year's interests took place, and the meeting then adjourned.

Mrs. Leonard Murray, as all C.L.G. U. clubs know, has been one of the Vice-Presidents of the Union since it was founded in October, 1913, and it is largely through her splendid work as an organizer that the Maritime Clubs have made such good progress since they adopted the L.G.U. system. We are very glad that she has consented to remain in office even though she is going to England for a while, as her husband, Captain Murray, is one of the doctors going to the front with the unit from the Dalhousie University.

A Field Day was held during the summer in aid of the Golfers' Fund in Aid of Belgian Sterilizers. A letter was received in acknowledgment from the Treasurer of the fund saying that the Halifax cheque was the largest received from any golf club in the Empire.

Hamilton Ladies' Golf Club.

The annual meeting of this club was held in December, and although the players have not taken the usual interest in golf, the hearty response of the club members to the various funds for patriotic purposes, as well as entering competitions requiring an entrance fee for war funds, made the season a very successful one. Four foursomes were held in aid of the following funds:—Women's Patriotic, Queen Mary's Military Hospital, Red Cross, and the Madge Neill-Fraser Serbian Memorial Hospital. The amount raised by these was \$166. Other amounts given were:—Madge Neill-Fraser Memorial (including amount from foursome), \$272.75; British Women Golfer's War Fund, \$109, including \$29 realized by sale of the sample Tin Tack Toys made by the British girls under the auspices of this Fund, about which so much has appeared in these columns, and a further notice will be found later in this article. Hamilton bought 18 Queen's Work for Women Medals, which have so far earned \$34.50; the amount will be made up to the eight pounds necessary to get a spoon to play for next season. See further item on the Q.W. for W. Fund medals.

Mrs. George Hope was unanimously re-elected as President; Mrs. J. J. Scott, Mrs. R. S. Morris, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. W. A. Wood are the Vice-Presidents for 1916; the Captain is Mrs. Arthur Rowe; Treasurer, Miss Grace Morrison; Secretary, Miss Agnes Climie, Duke Street.

Players' Committee—The Captain, Treasurer, Secretary, and Miss Helen Bankier and Miss Beryl Wood.

The principal points to be noted in the very excellent report of the 1915 Secretary, Miss Climie, were the inauguration of a Junior Championship, limited to those having 36 C.L.G.U. handicap. This proved a great success. A Ringer Competition limited to those having the same handicap was held (there was already one for the players below 36 handicap.) When a player reduced from 36 she was permitted to carry her ringer score into the other competition. Also a perpetual Aver-

age Cup, donated by Miss F. L. Harvey, to be won each year by the member who reduced her C.L.G.U. handicap by the greatest amount proportionately, during the season.

At the request of the President, the Honorary Secretary of the C.L.G.U. told the meeting about the work done in Canada in connection with the Queen's Work Medals, British Women Golfers' War Fund, and the Madge Neill-Fraser Memorial. She also showed the consignment of Tin Tack Toys she had received, and they were tremendously admired.

It was decided to continue to use the Q.W. for W. medals for the monthly medal events during 1916.

Rivermead Ladies' Golf Club. (Ottawa)

This club we are very pleased to welcome to the C.L.G.U., and judging by the report of the District Manager, it will prove a strong addition to our list of clubs. The officers for 1916 are:—President, Mrs. Stewart McClenaghan; Captain, Mrs. Charles S. Smith; Committee, Mrs. Alex. F. Chamberlain, and Mrs. J. E. Teggart; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. J. M. Skead, 86 Fourth Avenue, Ottawa.

Judging from the business-like tone of the letters I have received to date from this club, it will not take long to apply the L.G.U. system correctly. They are fortunate also in their District Manager, Miss Mary Scott, who now knows the system thoroughly, having studied it most carefully for over a year.

As the publication of the patriotic efforts of the various clubs may both furnish ideas and encouragement to other clubs to do likewise, I shall be very pleased to receive information from any clubs as to the work their clubs have done in this respect. Also accounts of the annual meetings, election of officers and other data. Please give the address of the club's secretary in each case, for the benefit of other clubs.

The list of annual C.L.G.U. silver and bronze medalists is still incomplete, also Q.W. for W. medalists for 1915, so will be published later, as well

as complete amounts raised in the different clubs for the Q.W. for W. Fund through play for the medals. A second draft for £24 has been forwarded to England. Some of the spoons have arrived and are exceedingly pretty.

C.L.G.U. Official

A meeting of the executive of the head office was held on December 14th, and various matters decided in regard to the annual report to be published in January. It was unanimously decided to follow the procedure of 1915 and purchase enough Queen's Work for Women Medals to send one to each C. L.G.U. club to be played for in 1916.

Also owing to all important C.L.G. U. events being cancelled during the war, the funds have not been so heavily drawn on as usual, and a good balance remains on hand. Out of this it was decided to contribute \$25 to the British Women Golfers' War Fund, and to the Madge Neill-Fraser Serbian Hospital Memorial Fund, this being the same amount as had been spent in purchasing the Q.W. for W. medals. Therefore the three funds in which the C.L.G.U. has interested itself officially shall receive the same contribution from the Union during 1915.

Owing to the many calls on one's time at present it was decided to rearrange the work at the head office, as follows:—

The Honorary Treasurer, Miss M. Scott, 25 Robinson Street, will receive all fees, orders for Year Books, and transact the regular financial business of the Union.

The Honorary Secretary, Miss F. L. Harvey, 40 Robinson Street, will attend to all the regular correspondence except that in reference to printed matter, score sheets, printed rules of the L.G.U. Also except letters pertaining to medals, both the C.L.G.U. annual medals and the Q.W. for W. medals.

The Honorary Corresponding Secretary, Miss H. Bankier, Aberdeen Avenue and Bay Streets, will attend to all the printed matter above mentioned.

The Honorary Assistant Secretary, Miss V. Mills, 191 James Street, will attend to all medals and receive pay-

ment for Q.W. for W. medals and also proceeds from the same.

It will save a great deal of valuable time if club secretaries will take careful note of this division of the heavy work falling on the Executive. Also this courtesy on their part will be greatly appreciated, for in this very busy time it is rather hard to get in all the C.L. G.U. work when there are so many other demands on one's time and energy. Another point that will be greatly appreciated is that when questions arise which cannot be solved by club committees, that they should appeal to their District Manager. If she is in any doubt she will write to the Head Office for decision. A great many letters are received by the Secretary of the C.L.G.U. dealing with points a District Manager could have attended to easily and saved delay to the club and lessened the already large correspondence of the Head Office. The District Managers have been doing splendid work and now understand the system well, and so are fully competent to handle most questions occurring in their districts. All score sheets should be sent to them to check over. These are then forwarded to the C.L. G.U. Secretary for official entry and acceptance.

It was decided that no annual medals or printed matter shall be forwarded to any club until the annual fees and any arrears have been paid. Also no extra Q.W. for W. medals shall be forwarded until the same have been paid for.

Personal.

The following is from the Hamilton "Spectator," and will interest golfers everywhere, as the bridegroom has twice held the Canadian Championship and been runner-up in several other Canadian tournaments, as well as distinguishing himself in many other golfing events in the Dominion and also in the States: "The marriage took place very quietly yesterday afternoon at 38 Herkimer street, the residence of Mrs. W. R. Macdonald, of her youngest daughter, Alice Barbara, to Mr. Frederick Richard Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Martin. The ceremony was

conducted by Rev. H. Beverley Ketchen, Lomas' orchestra playing the wedding music throughout the service and while the register was being signed. Broad bands of white satin ribbon were held by several of the guests, forming an aisle through which the bridal party passed, headed by Mrs. John Stuart, of Montreal, and Mrs. W. J. Southam, as matrons of honor, gowned alike and looking very charming in bouffant frocks of French net, with panels of apple green charmeuse caught to the bodices with tiny silver buttons, and black tulle hats, with flaring brims, threaded with silver and silver embroidered crowns. Their bouquets were quaint old-fashioned nose-gays of Ophelia rosebuds, with paper frills. The bride came in on the arm of her brother, Mr. H. D. Macdonald, looking very lovely in a gown of ivory broche satin, the skirt quite short, with panniers opening over a petticoat of exquisite lace, and simply draped corsage, edged with rose pointe. Her veil of tulle was caught with a coronet of orange blossoms and she carried a shower bouquet of lily-of-the-valley and migno roses. Mr. Edward Martin, of Calgary, brother of the groom, was best man. Following the ceremony, a small reception was held, at which only the immediate relatives and most intimate friends were present. Pink roses, carnations, palms and ferns were artistically arranged throughout the various rooms of the house, and the bride's table was centered with the wedding cake and decorated with Killarney roses and lily-of-the-valley. After the usual toasts and numerous telegrams of congratulations had been read, Mr. and Mrs. Martin left for New York, Mrs. Martin wearing a smart suit of African brown broadcloth, with hat of the same shade. On their return they will reside at 128 Herkimer street."

British Women Golfers' War Fund.

The committee of this fund asked me to write some of the golfers in the States for assistance, either in the way of orders from shops or contributions. I have received some very kind letters

in reply. One from Miss Harriot Curtis, of Boston, mentioning that she and many friends are working hard for the Bordeaux Branch of the British and French Wounded Fund, and contributing regularly to other funds for assistance of the disabled soldiers. Her brother is in the French Flying Corps and numerous relatives are fighting on the side of the Allies. She and her sister Margaret, have just responded to an appeal from Mrs. Ross for such purposes. Mrs. Ross, as Miss May Hezlet, rivaled Miss Rhona Adair some years ago as the greatest woman golfer in the world. She twice held the British championship, and the Irish either four or five times.

Another letter received was from Miss Fanny Osgood, who, although she has not held the championship of the United States, as the Curtis sisters have done, is nevertheless one of the most brilliant golfers in America, especially in medal play. She has had the Eastern Association title three times, she and Mrs. E. Wheeler (Miss Molly Adams) sharing it between them for five consecutive years. Miss Osgood, on receipt of my letter, sent out an appeal to all the golfers of the Boston district and wrote me she had already collected over two hundred dollars and hoped to have more to send me in a few weeks. She also promised to lay the matter before the New York golfers after Christmas.

Mrs. Ronald Barlow, of Philadelphia, is also helping us. It will interest Canadians to know that her only son enlisted at the beginning of the war as a trooper in Strathcona's Horse.

Lady George Nevill's Queen's Work for Women Fund Medals.

Will clubs that have not yet sent in proceeds of play for these medals during 1915, please do so at once, stating amount earned by the medal donated by the C. L. G. U. last spring, also giving, if possible, the names and scores of the winners of the Q. W. for W. medals. We are very anxious to settle up all the 1915 business before that of 1916 begins.

Officers of the G. L. G. U.

MRS. SWEENEY

Appreciation by Miss Florence L. Harvey

IT may be said that most women golfers no sooner make a name for themselves than they proceed to change it to another, and the scribes must resort to brackets of explanation till the new name becomes sufficiently familiar to the public. When the war is over and we can all settle down to the thought of real golf and tournaments again—and Red Cross work, nursing, munition-making, ambulance and motor driving no longer have first claim on our energies—there is not the least doubt that the name of Mrs. Sweeney will be equally famous as one of the very best Canadian sportswomen and golfers with that of Miss Violet Pooley, of Victoria, B.C.

Miss Pooley began golf at nine years of age, so is one of the few Canadians who learned to play while still a child. Her first efforts were over a nine-hole course, that of the United Service at Victoria. Because she was already well known abroad before she competed in her first Canadian National Championship (1913), many people out here thought she was one of the English golfers, whereas she never was on a course during the years she spent in England at school, and the winter of 1904 saw her first entry into serious golf, at Victoria. In the spring of 1905 she made up the necessary number for the team for the B. C. Cup, never having previously played the

Oak Bay course, the result being that this new and untried player carried off the championship. A month later this remarkable beginning to her golfing career was followed by the capture of the Championship of the Pacific North-West Association (competed for at Portland, Oregon) and several other prizes in the same tournament.

In 1906 Miss Pooley successfully defended her B. C. title, and then went abroad till 1908, when she won both the B.C. and Pacific North-West Championships back again, the latter at Seattle. The B. C. title she defended in 1909 and 1910 against all comers. So, though we had not yet had the pleasure of welcoming this brilliant golfer to the Canadian, all this time she was practically invincible on the Pacific Coast, as Mrs. Ricardo and Miss Nora Coombe were her only serious rivals.

1911 saw her again in Great Britain, and making her first entry

in the British Championship—at Portrush. If our readers happen to have a copy of the June number of the "Canadian Golfer," they will see on page 101 a photo of the Colonial and U. S. A. team, nicknamed "The Seas Over," which competed against the Reserves of the International teams, dubbed "The Rubbish Heap." None of us realized the strength of our B. C. player, and she was put fourth (if I remember rightly) on our team. In this position



Mrs. Sweeney (Miss Violet Pooley)

she was opposed to Miss Marsden, one of the famous English players and champion of Lancashire. Incidentally, it gives some idea of the golf British girls are capable of when it is realized that each of the International teams is made up of ten players and two reserves ("spare men"). This means the team playing us, being made up of the reserves, was not included in the forty players struggling at the same time for possession of the International Team Shield, open to Scotland, England, Ireland and Wales. It will probably startle some of our Canadian players to realize that the second English "spare man" who played fourth on the "Rubbish Heap" team, is quite as good as the best we have in Canada or the States, and is recognized even in the British championship as a very hard player to beat. In spite of this, our B. C. player defeated her and scored one of the two victories for the "Seas Over," the other being won by Mrs. G. M. Martin, who played first, as she had recently been runner-up to Miss Dorothy Campbell in the American championship at Chicago, and plays an exceptionally fine, consistent game.

Miss Pooley then startled the gallery by winning her first three rounds in the championship, going out at last to Miss Bertha Thompson, an ex-British champion, who has the enviable reputation of never being beaten till the last putt is down. The Canadian had a good lead, and the match seemed hers, but Miss Thompson, I believe, averaged only one putt per green after the twelfth hole and won on the eighteenth. It was about as uncanny golf as Mr. McFarlane played against Mr. "Chick" Evans at Sandwich, and quite unbeatable.

Miss Pooley was not without consolation that summer, for the Welsh Championship brought her two prizes, and she won four gross score prizes in other competitions and one for bogie; also at the open meeting at Sheringham she made the best gross score. That winter she spent in Egypt and won two monthly medal rounds there, and returned to Canada for 1912, but did not play any golf that year.

In 1913 she was back in England

again and made a splendid showing, winning the qualifying round of the English Championship at Hollingwell with an 84, then losing in the first round to Miss "Judy" Boyde, one of the most brilliant of the younger players, who always represents Ireland in International matches, though resident in Devonshire. In the "Golf Illustrated" Gold Cup Competition at Burhill, Miss Pooléy again startled the critics by almost winning the Cup from Miss Cecil Leitch, who beat her by only one stroke in 36 holes—167 to Miss Pooley's 168. At the Eastbourne and Ranelagh open meetings she also won prizes, and the latter, as every golfer who has visited England knows, is a most important annual event. At the Southendown spring meeting another gross score prize was carried off, and then the Canadian golfer entered her second British Championship with a growing reputation as a player to be reckoned with. It is to be doubted, however, that any expected her to do as well as she did. Her golf in this British Championship at St. Annes-on-Sea is quite her most brilliant achievement and the best showing ever made by a Canadian golfer abroad. Interest in her grew greater and greater as she vanquished in turn, Miss Bovenden, Mrs. Rigby (Scottish Internationalist), Miss Gladys Ravenscroft, the titleholder, and once again Miss Marsden, who had just beaten Miss Frances Teacher (considered by many of us to possess the ideal golfing style), the conqueror of Miss Cecil Leitch. The startled critics began to wonder if a Canadian was to take the Cup across the water, and when Miss Pooley met Miss Dodd in the semi-final, the outcome was considered doubtful. Miss Dodd won, however, as everybody knows, but any who realize what British golf is will concede that by winning a Bronze Medal there Miss Pooley brought great honor to the Dominion. Her L.G.U. handicap, won in England, was then 1.

She entered her first Royal Canadian Association Ladies' Championship a few months later at Montreal—the first Canadian Ladies' National Championship to be opened to residents of other

countries, and including in the entry list Miss Dodd, Miss Ravenscroft, Miss Mabel Harrison and Mrs. Ronald Barlow. Miss Pooley met Miss Harrison, the three times Irish Champion, in the third round, and after being down all the way defeated her on the home green. She in turn suffered the same fate in the semi-final through Miss Harvey's rather lucky long putt at the eighteenth.

In the American National tournament at Wilmington, Del., shortly afterwards, Miss Pooley made the best showing of all the Canadians, defeating in the International Match, Miss Marion Hollins (Metropolitan Champion), destined to be runner-up later to Miss Ravenscroft. In the first round the B.C. golfer disposed of Miss Lillian Hyde, who is generally regarded as one of the two longest drivers in the world, and one of the best U.S.A. players. Then she met Miss Dodd once more, and was beaten by the brilliant British and Canadian Champion.

In 1915 she again won the B.C. championship and also the Pooley Bowl, emblematic of the Championship of the C.L.G.U. Pacific Division. In the qualifying round she broke the record of the Oak Bay course by three strokes by making a 79—a most satis-

factory ending to Miss Violet Pooley's golfing career, and almost immediately after (May 27th) she married Lieut. Sweeney of the Third Canadian Overseas Contingent.

Her game is characterized by a very short back swing and a tremendous follow-through, and her iron shots are exceptionally fine; so much so that Miss Helme, one of the best British critics, and a well-known Internationalist, wrote of her in "Golf Illustrated" in 1913:—"It is to Miss Violet Pooley that we should all go to learn how to play a perfect pitch-and-run shot."

Like Miss Mabel Thomson, Miss Pooley amused herself between winning golf championships by carrying off prizes at tennis, among them the Mainland Tennis Championship, 1908. Horse Shows, also, have contributed to her collection of trophies, which must certainly be a remarkable one.

A most generous opponent, the best of sportswomen, and a very, very fine golfer, we trust that we may welcome Mrs. Sweeney to many a future Canadian National Championship, and that she may eventually win that title, for no one is more worthy to hold it than our brilliant player from British Columbia.

Some Bad Lies

Duffer (after hitting several shots on the top)—"What am I doing, boy?"

Caddy—"Hittin' 'em on top."

Duffer—"What can I do?"

Caddy (wearily)—"Turn the d— thing upside down and hit it on the bottom."

A cross-eyed man, in running up

No trouble finds at all—

He keeps one eye upon the cup,

The other on the ball.

—"Golfing."

Golf is, next to Russian opera, one of England's greatest games. Lots of men play golf. I know, because I have heard them. Golf is the pursuit of pale

pills by purple people. A cross between hockey and marbles. Three acres and a ball.—Irish "Life."

Scene: St. Andrews links, after a spell of rainy weather.

First Caddy—"The world's fair turned upside down."

Second Caddy—"What's wrang noo, Geordie?"

First Caddy—"Hell's fu' o' watter!"

AND A "TEE" SHOT

"One of Scotland's greatest gifts to the human race is golf."—Lloyd-George.

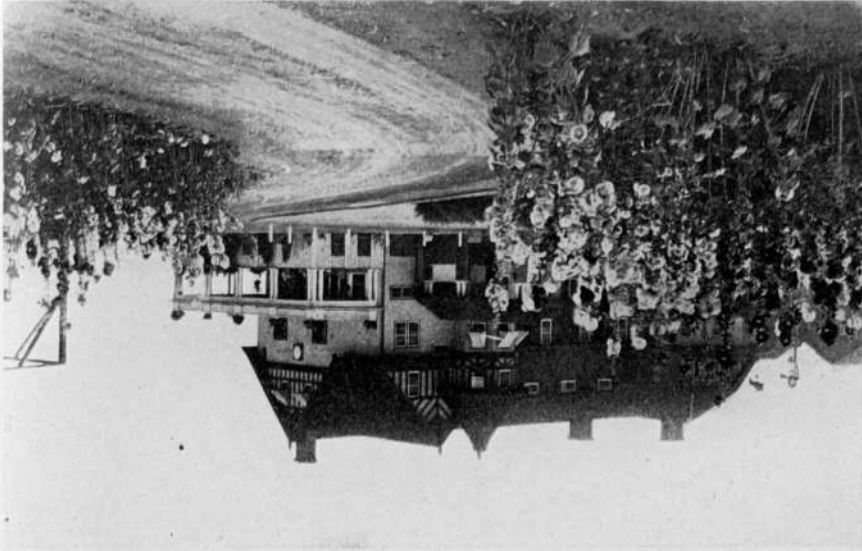
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It was unanimously decided to proceed with the building of a permanent bank to protect the course against the spring floods. Last year, it will be remembered, many of the greens were flooded and considerable damage done. The old Board of Directors were all re-elected. The only change is in that of the Vice-Captaincy, Mr. M. T. Morgan having joined the Canadian forces. Mr. G. L. Robinson was appointed in Lambton's golf prospects for 1916 are unexcelled.

With a magnificent membership, some of the finest golf properties on the continent and a large and enthusiastic body of players, both women and men, Mason is the very efficient Manager and Secretary of the club.

Mr. George S. Lyon, for the fourteenth consecutive year, again occupies the important position of Captain. Mr. E. of Toronto. The Canadian champion, Mr. George S. Lyon, for the fourteenth consecutive year, again occupies the important position of Captain. Mr. E. Mason is the very efficient Manager and Secretary of the club.

The "Home" of Lambton Golfers. The scene of many notable events



LAMBTON is the first of the big clubs to have its annual meeting. On Dec. 29th the members met and heard the reading of the annual reports, which were of a thoroughly satisfactory description. Owing to the war, no matches were played during the year, but the usual club competitions were run off. A large sum of money was raised during the season for patriotic purposes.

President, F. A. Rolph; Vice-President, Harry Rytie; Governors: F. A. Rolph, Harry Rytie, A. T. Reid, W. A. Kemp, J. A. Riordan, C. S. Pettit, C. H. Willson, G. C. Gale; Captain, Geo. S. Lyon; Vice-Captain, G. L. Robinson.

Lambton is fortunate in having such a capable Board of Directors at the head of its affairs, comprising as it does some of the leading business men

The following is the list of his place. The following is the list of officers:

Lambton's Annual Meeting

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Golf, the Leveller of Men

By "Niblick"

GOLF has been referred to by an authority as the leveller of men. Such an application, however, is perhaps better understood in the British Isles than on this side of the tide, for there all sorts and conditions of men and all degrees and classes of society participate in the game. And the truth of this claim is possibly more vividly demonstrated during the championship meetings than at any other time. Then it is no unusual sight to see a belted earl or a knight of one of the various Orders, and bearing the hallmark of aristocracy, opposed to and engaged in friendly conversation with a slater, a gardener, or a plumber, or some other humble representative of the artisan class.

Besides bringing into close company the extreme poles in the social world, the game also brings into evidence some very strange and amusing combinations of names of partners and opponents. Very often such coincidences pass without notice or comment, but on those courses where the game is so popular and the players so numerous that it is necessary to have a "starter" to regulate the order of play and to an-

nounce the players, quite a lot of amusement is caused when these strange combinations are announced, especially when the "starter" himself is quick to observe the humorous side. "Black and White" is quite a common combination, and, of course, a "starter" would never think of announcing these two names in the reverse order. Two reverend gentlemen who frequently play together completes the rather pleasing combination of surnames of "Just" and "Fair," and is in marked contrast to that which is produced in the game which occasionally brings together two prominent figures on one of the well-known Scottish courses—"Playfair" and "Cheetham." Over this same course, too, three local men whose names were Tom, Dick and Harry, caused quite a lot of merriment amongst their own particular friends.

We in Canada do not have the same opportunity of observing such coincidences as these, though it is reported that Professors "Wright" and "Wrong" of Toronto are sometimes seen together, trying to prove which is "Wright" and which is "Wrong" in the particular game in which they are engaged.

Golfing Hints

BECAUSE of these differences the stance known as the "square" (in which the toes of both feet are in a line with the line of flight) is used by the majority of great players when driving. It gives just a little more chance of altering the position of the feet for the shot with each club from driver to mashie.

Here it is then in a nutshell. The shorter the shot, the more the right foot is advanced, the nearer the ball is moved toward the right toe and the

lower your grip becomes. Please notice the result of all this: The run of the ball becomes shorter and shorter compared with the carry.

Take, then, this little hint for quarter mashie shots and approach putting, indeed any shot with an iron when you want more carry than run. Play a little more off the right foot than usual and hit crisply, letting the club go through naturally. In extreme shots, such as a pitch over a hazard directly in front of a green, have the toes of both feet pointing toward the hole.

The Golfer's Roll of Honour

Canadians who are fighting for King and Empire

LIEUT. RAYMOND CARTER is another of Picton's golfers who expects to go overseas shortly. He will probably be attached to the new battalion being formed in Prince Edward and Hastings under Colonel Adams.

Lieut. Marcell T. Morgan, Vice-Captain of Lambton, 1915, and Secretary of the Royal Canadian Golf Association, is another well-known golfer who has donned khaki. He is taking a captain's course and will go overseas with the 134th Battalion.

Lieut. R. M. Gray, Jr., the well known Rosedale scratch golfer and formerly captain of the club, has joined the Highlanders for active service. Lieut. Gray, who resigned the manager-ship of the Elm Street branch of the Bank of Toronto to take up active service, was recently given a farewell dinner by a number of the Rosedale players. He was presented with an army service revolver.

The following members of the Charlottetown Golf Club have gone on active service, and are either now at the front or in preparation: Harold C. Cross, Y.M.C.A.; Lieut. H. A. Messevary, Artillery; Lieut. J. A. Tannahill, 105th Infantry; Lieut. A. B. Cosh, 105th Infantry; Major V. L. Goodwill, M.D., R.A.M.C.

Private A. Spalding, who for the past seven months has been in the trenches with the Coldstream Guards, has returned to take up a commission in the

Royal Engineers. Private Spalding is a son of the late Mr. A. G. Spalding, of the well-known sporting goods house of the United States, Great Britain and Canada, and the former champion baseball player.

"Mr. F. S. Schell, who leaves to-day to join the army branch of the British aviation corps, was the guest at a dinner given in his honor last evening at the Brantford Club by a number of his friends, who also presented him with a

handsome vest pocket camera as a slight souvenir of their regard. After dinner there was an impromptu toast list, at which Mr. Ralph H. Reville presided. Mr. Reville, who was Captain of the Brantford Golf Club for so many years, referred to the excellent record Mr. Schell had made as a golfer, and he predicted that the same steady nerve and good judgment which had made him so successful at golf would soon bring him to the fore as

an aviator. Mr. Reville voiced the sentiments of Mr. Schell's many other friends when he stated that he would be greatly missed on the links and in other circles, and he would be followed in his new sphere of life by the very best wishes and constant thought of his friends at home. On behalf of those present Mr. I. W. Champion was called upon by the chairman to present Mr. Schell with a handsome camera, which Mr. Champion stated would be a slight



MR. F. S. SCHELL

The first Canadian Golfer to join the Aviation Corps

memento of the occasion and a token of their esteem. Mr. Schell replied briefly, expressing his great appreciation for the many kindnesses of his friends and assuring them that he would always cherish their good-will, and he hoped he would be able to send them many interesting photographs taken from an aeroplane with the handsome camera which had been presented him. Mr. Schell leaves this evening and expects to sail from St. John on Saturday."—Brantford Expositor, December 29th.

Mr. Seymour Lyon, the well-known young Lambton golfer, has arrived safely in England. He is now at Ross Barracks, Shorncliffe, where he will complete his training for the front.

Many friends throughout Canada will be sorry to hear that Lieut.-Col. H. B. Yates, M.D., a member of the Royal Montreal Golf Club, is quite seriously ill at the Canadian Hospital, Ramsgate, England. Dr. Yates has been doing splendid work at one of the hospitals at the front for some months past.

A New Golf System

HERBERT STRONG, professional at the Inwood Country Club, has developed a new system of teaching golf. He has a high speed Graflex camera, with which he snaps the pictures of his pupils as they make their faulty swings, and in this way he is able to bring home the trouble to the golfer with extra emphasis. With this new medium he has been able to gratify the wishes of those serious students of the game who have echoed after Robert Burns, "Oh wad some power the giftie gie us, to see oursel's as others see us."

The old method for producing such results was to place the golfer before a mirror in which he could gaze on his form with complacency or disgust. But in this old method there was a conflict of principles. The first law of golf is, "Keep your eye on the ball," whereas the player in front of the mirror is not only tempted, but ordered to shift his gaze that he may see where he is at fault in the mirror, and correct his grip, his swing, or his stance, accordingly.

It often happens on the links that good results are obtained by very poor methods which, though giving a long ball under the best of conditions, forever bar the player from attaining any degree of perfection in golf. In this case it is almost useless for the professional to endeavor to correct the faults of the player, for when the ball slips off the face of the club and burns its way through the atmosphere with a deadly

buzz, the golfer is certain that the stroke was played to the last degree of perfection. He has no desire to change such a swing, rather does he strive to make it permanent.

This is where the calm merciless eye of the camera catches the golfer when he thinks he is at his best, and when the print is developed and placed before another picture of Vardon, Braid or Travers in a similar position, the unlucky duffer becomes conscious of the mistakes, and sets about the work of reformation.

Herbert Strong finds it necessary to take as many as seven snapshots before certain faults are caught at the right point, so that the trouble and the remedy are evident. All the minor troubles that are imperceptible to the eye of the quickest professional are laid bare by the camera. There can be no question of the fact between the instructor and his pupil, and the "You did," and "No, I didn't," repartee becomes a thing of the past.

If the golfer swings so far back that he turns his head, if he pulls up at the top of his swing, if he ducks under with his right shoulder or turns the toe of the club in with his right hand in his endeavor to get a long ball, the picture shows it plainly. By a comparison of these pictures taken at different stages in the instruction of the player, his improvement is shown and he is encouraged to persist in his efforts until his style, if not his game, is as perfect as it is possible to make it.

Concerning Golf Balls

By W. R. Gilbert, Calgary

IT seemed rather curious, after all the controversy we have had in regard to the India rubber covered balls, even to find ourselves presented with a ball having neither core nor cover, yet for which the manufacturer claimed, with a cheerful courage, that it was the final word—the *dernier cri*—in golf ball making. That it has ever achieved that finality the writer is not prepared to say, nor that it will fly quite as far as some of the rubber-covered balls.

First impressions of a ball, as of a fellow-being, are subject to modification, but the first impressions with regard to this ball when it first came out—Solomon was a wise man in saying there is nothing new under the sun, and this is a return to an older order—tended to show it is a good ball; if not itself the last word, yet good enough to raise a suspicion at, even in the rubber-covered species, we have not the last word yet, either. One never knows.

This ball, it was said, is compounded of gutta percha and rubber, blended together, but not in the fashion of concentric circles. Considering the very large fortune awaiting the inventor of the best golf ball (the profits of one company for a year were over \$300,000), and the acuteness of the brains that are at work trying to pick up that fortune, it is very singular that the golf ball makers have not yet arrived at any principle of construction of the balls, but that all is still in the empirical age.

Experiments are continually being made. One firm puts air, another jelly, a third rubber, a fourth liquid, a fifth little balls of metal, and so on, as the kernel of the balls, but there is no consensus of opinion as to what is best.

We are still in the dark. We know that certain modes and materials of production produce certain qualities, but we are very far from even thinking that we have put in the best possible combination of qualities.

The manufacturers still experiment with all kinds of inventions and qual-

ities. Some golfers have expressed surprise that the custom has not been introduced of playing with different balls for different occasions.

There is no doubt that balls differ; for instance, to the deadness with which they can be made to pitch off iron and mashie. Therefore, if any particular hole was so situated and so guarded as to require a particular kind of shot—a shot, let us say, which would pitch the ball very dead—it might be expected that players at this hole would put down a ball which it was possible to pitch very dead, since it is quite agreed that some balls have this peculiarity. They are not, as a rule, the balls which are most generally valuable for a combination of length of flight, steadiness on the putt, and all the thousand and one fine qualities which go to make the virtue of the most excellent ball. But why should not such a ball be used for this particular hole, and a ball of more generally serviceable qualities for the rest of the holes, which do not make particular demands on one quality? The answer is that a ball which is peculiar in this way is just as peculiar in the other ways as well.

Is it quite the same ball for putting as the other? Now, this might not seem to matter much. We might say, "Even if a stake is lost on this particular putting green, through using the particular ball, it is worth while to take the risk for the sake of the dead pitching." That would be all very well if the whole matter began and ended on that green.

Theoretically, it looks as if it ought to; but golf cannot be played by theory, and the golf player is not a perfect machine. He is human—that is to say, an imperfect machine—and the chief part of his mechanism is composed of nerves.

The meaning of that is, that to get just the right touch and confidence, for sending the ball the right distance in the right direction, he has to get all

his nerves apparatus just right. It is machinery of a very delicate kind, which the featherweight of difference between the one ball and the other on the putting green is quite enough to put the whole of the machinery out of gear, to upset the confidence of touch for the whole of the round. As an old Scottish friend of my youth, long gone to the Elysian fields, used to caution me when I was trying for a pull, or a slice, or some one or other of the works of supererogation, "Ye maunna' trifle in yer game"—that is to say, that if you once get the difficult job going kindly, it is a very unwise thing to try experiments, which may possibly upset it.

That is really why the wise man does not put down a special ball for a special occasion.

Now and again we used to try it in the old days of "gutty" and "putty." The "putty" was such a good ball against the wind, and the "gutty" flew so much better down the wind, that on a straight out and back course, "gutty" was often used down wind, and "putty" against; but on the whole the conclusion was forced upon us that it did not pay to make the change, because of the difficulty the new touch required, for the ball which went so differently off the club on the shorter strokes. And if in making the change, you fail to get the right touch for the new ball, it is very likely, indeed, that when you go back to the old one, you will find that you have lost touch of that also, and, so "there's the devil to pay and no pitch hot," than which no worse situation is to be imagined.

Southern Tournament Fixtures

February

- 1-5—Pinehurst, N. C., Country Club, St. Valentine's tournament.
- 5—Pine Forest Inn, Summerville, S. C., Mid-winter tournament.
- 5-10—Coronado, Cal., Country Club, open amateur tournament.
- 9-12—Pinehurst, N. C., Country Club, St. Valentine's tournament for women.
- 10—Hot Springs, Ark., Golf & Country Club, women's handicap.
- 14-16—Pine Forest Inn, Summerville, S. C., St. Valentine's tournament.
- 14-18—Belleair, Fla., Golf Club, women's tournament.
- 18-19—Hot Springs, Ark., Golf & Country Club, Washington's Birthday tournament.
- 21-25—Belleair, Fla., Golf Club, Washington's Birthday tournament.
- 22—Pine Forest Inn, Summerville, S. C., Washington's Birthday tournament.
- 22-26—Country Club of Havana, invitation tournament.
- 22-26—Houston, Texas, Country Club, invitation tournament.
- 28—Belleair, Fla., Golf Club, Seniors' tournament.
- 28-29—Santa Barbara, Cal., Country Club, open tournament, professionals and amateurs.
- 28-March 4—Pinehurst, N. C., Country Club, Spring tournament.

March

- 1-4—Santa Barbara, Cal., Country Club, open tournament.

- 1-4—Coronado, Cal., Country Club, veterans' tournament.
- 2—Belleair, Fla., Golf Club, amateur-professional four-ball contest.
- 3-4—Hot Springs, Ark., Golf & Country Club, Spring tournament.
- 3-4—Belleair, Fla., Golf Club, Florida West Coast open championship.
- 7-11—Belleair, Fla., Golf Club, women's championship.
- 13-17—Belleair, Fla., Golf Club, amateur championship.
- 17—Hot Springs, Ark., Golf & Country Club, St. Patrick's Day tournament.
- 17—Pine Forest Inn, Summerville, S. C., St. Patrick's Day tournament.
- 22-24—Pine Forest Inn, Summerville, S. C., Pine Forest championship.
- 25—Pine Forest Inn, Summerville, S. C., women's championship.
- 25-30—Pinehurst, N. C., Country Club, women's North and South championship.

April

- 1—Pinehurst, N. C., Country Club, North and South open championship.
- 3-8—Pinehurst, N. C., Country Club, North and South amateur championship.
- 4—Pine Forest Inn, Summerville, S. C., Spring tournament.
- 14-15—Hot Springs, Ark., Golf & Country Club, club championship.
- 11-15—Pinehurst, N. C., Country Club, Mid-April tournament.

In and Around the Club House

Interesting Happenings in Canada, Great Britain and the United States

THIS is the period of the year when golf clubs all over Canada are holding, or about to hold, their annual meetings. The "Canadian Golfer" is very anxious to have a complete list of all club directors and officials and reports of the season's activities. Club secretaries will confer a very great favor indeed by sending in promptly their reports.

The "Canadian Golfer" extends hearty congratulations to Miss Charlotte M. Fraser, a member of one of the best known golfing families in Ottawa, whose marriage to Mr. Bartle Armstrong of Winnipeg took place at the Capital January 19th. By a strange coincidence, Miss Fraser held the Woman's Championship, and her brother, Lieut. Alex. G. Fraser of the 38th Battalion, now at the front, the last Men's Championship of the Royal Ottawa Golf Club, the one and the same year. Lieut. Fraser, who is a director of the Royal Canadian Golf Association, defeated the late lamented Captain Gerald Lees in the final match. Mr. Armstrong is a graduate of Toronto University and a member of their championship rowing crew. He is a splendid all-round athlete. Mrs. Armstrong will be a decided acquisition to the ladies' golfing strength of Winnipeg. The best of good wishes from golfers all over Canada will go out to the popular bride and groom.

That very progressive organization, the Sarnia Golf Club, opened its hand-

some new club-house on the night of December 27th by a most successful dance. A description of the club-house and course will appear in the February issue.

In the February issue of the "Canadian Golfer" will appear an absorbingly interesting article by Mr. F. P. Betts, K.C., London, on the Murray Bay Golf Club. A large number of prominent United States and Canadian golfers play at Murray Bay. No less a distinguished man than ex-President Wm. H. Taft is the President of the club. The article will be found quite one of the best contributions, both from a golfing and literary standpoint, that has yet appeared in the magazine.

A prominent U. S. golfer writes the Editor: "Is there any chance of holding a Canadian Amateur this year? Why couldn't some of the clubs, say in Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto and Hamilton arrange

to have an invitation tourney this summer and charge a small admission both to players and spectators, the proceeds to go to some patriotic fund. This would help to keep golf alive and also give the Canadians a chance to compare some of our amateurs with their own, as I am quite sure quite a number of our players could be persuaded to visit Canada." The Editor thinks the idea is well worthy of consideration. In Great Britain thousands of pounds have been raised by exhibition golf matches, and there seems no valid rea-



Lieut. M. T. Morgan, Secretary R.C.G.A.
who is going to the front

son why a golf tournament here should not be utilized for similar laudable purposes. The "Canadian Golfer" solicits an expression of opinion from leading players.



A novel condition of a patriotic competition played in New Zealand recently was that competitors could buy additional strokes (not more than three in number) when entering. The competition was termed an auction bogey competition.



Canadian golfers will be interested to know that Sir Douglas Haig, the new Commander-in-Chief of the Expeditionary forces, is one of the keenest of golfers. He is a member of the well-known Bramshot Club (a very appropriate name for a military golfer), and plays a really capital game.



A golf course to be exclusively controlled by wealthy colored people of Philadelphia, New Jersey and New York, is to be laid out just north of the boundary line of Pleasantville, midway between the two golf courses supported by Atlantic City, N.J. B. F. Garrison, of Pleasantville, is supervising the creating of a nine-hole course, and there is sufficient interest in the plans to assure it of financial success.



America wants an alteration of Rule 13 of the special rules for stroke competitions, so that the player whose ball is nearer the hole shall play first, and so get out of the way of his partner, who has the longer shot to play on the green. I could never see why this should not have been done. It has always seemed rather absurd that the ball nearer the hole should be lifted and then replaced, and that the other complications arising out of striking the partner's ball or the latter being of possible assistance should exist when all could be avoided by the simple expedient of decreeing that the ball lying nearest the hole should be played first in stroke events. If St. Andrews adopts this eminently sensible and practical suggestion we shall have something for which to thank American golf.—"Yorkshire Post."

Mr. Paul J. Myler of Hamilton, Vice-President of the Canadian Westinghouse Co., has been appointed a Director of the Bank of Toronto. Mr. Myler is a Director of the Hamilton Golf Club and a well-known golfer.



The Toronto "curling" golfers and the Galt curling ditto are playing their annual match this month in Toronto. In the February issue of the "Canadian Golfer," by the by, will be an interesting article on the Ontario Curling Association.



The Editor of the "Golf Monthly," Edinburgh, writing the "Canadian Golfer," says: "Things are very quiet in golf here, but from all we hear from people who ought to know, there will be a tremendous change for the better in everything before March." Here's hoping our Scotch confrere is a true prophet.



Bagdad, to which all eyes have been of late turning, is not without a golf course. According to the "Sheffield Telegraph" it consists of eighteen holes situate in the desert; and provides sporting characteristics of distinctly uncommon type. The sand storms of Arabia covering things feet deep as they sweep across the plains, must make havoc with this golf course at times.



St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Picton, was the scene of a brilliant military wedding when Miss Annie Marjorie Wilson, daughter of Mr. Alfred E. Wilson of the Bank of Montreal and Mrs. Wilson, was married to Captain John Cotton Maynard, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. William Maynard of Stratford. On the pavement leading to the church a guard of honor consisting of officers and soldiers of "D." Company was lined up. The fair bride has been one of Picton's leading lady golfers, whilst Capt. Jack Maynard is well known in golfing and other sporting and military circles. He leaves shortly for the front. Golfers throughout Ontario will join in hearty congratulations.



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In the February issue will appear views of the pretty Como Golf Club course, some thirty-five miles from Montreal, with a photo of Dr. F. G. Shepherd, the President, a well-known consulting surgeon of Montreal.



Mr. Eugene Tarte, the well-known editor of "La Patrie," Montreal, writes: "I have read the December issue of the 'Canadian Golfer,' which I have found very interesting. I shall recommend your publication to my friends,—French-Canadians are becoming more and more golf players."



Something new in golf is being attempted in Schnectady, N.Y., a club having been organized in that city to give golf to those of fairly moderate means. The membership is composed of those earning \$15.00 a week and more, the dues are 25 cents a week. Expenses are to be kept down to a minimum by having the members do practically all the work, such as building the course, keeping the grass cut, etc.



The old disused dock on the River Nene, at Sutton Bridge, Lincolnshire, which collapsed on the eve of opening many years ago, has been converted into a golf course, and is now being used for play. Upon the old dock and outlying portions (writes "Fore" in the Bradford "Telegraph") an excellent nine-hole course has been made. The ground has not yet been completely laid out, but the work is sufficiently advanced for the local matches to take place.



An American engineer, one of the seven foreigners in the employment of the Amir of Afghanistan, has passed through London after spending three years in Kabul and other parts of the country. He says that the Amir is very popular, particularly by reason of the energy with which he is seeking to develop his country. Since his accession he has built at least twenty palaces or smaller residences for himself in various places. His Majesty has got too stout to play tennis, and has lately

taken up golf at the instance of a Scottish engineer. There are some good links at Kabul, and the Amir has also had some made at Jalalabad without any bunkers. On these he has tea served on every green.



The following are the results of the principal club competitions at the Scarboro Golf Club during the past season: "Aircraft Canada" trophy, won by Dr. Alex. Elliott; Ames Cup, won by Mr. R. W. Banks; Osler Wade Cup, won by Mr. H. T. Fairley, captain of the club.



Mr. A. M. Edwards, Vice-President of the Waterloo Golf and Country Club, and an enthusiastic golfer, has been elected Mayor of Galt by acclamation. His Worship, who takes an active interest in sports of all kinds, is President of the Galt Stove and Furnace Works and is one of the progressive residents of a most progressive city.



Philip V. G. Carter, the brilliant junior Metropolitan champion, has been having it all his own way so far this season. At Pinehurst, where hundreds of prominent golfers are just now enjoying to the limit the Royal and Ancient game under ideal conditions, he has made two records for the courses, won the medal in the Midwinter tournament with a superb 73, and captured the New Year's Day prize. He is playing most "uncanny golf."



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Mr. McConkey, President of the Scarborough Golf Club, is playing golf at Old Point Comfort this month in company with other well-known members of the Canada Life field staff.



The Montreal "Standard," in quoting extensively from the December "Canadian Golfer," refers to the fact "of the splendid edition which the magazine got out this month."



A despatch from London says: "The estate of Col. Farquhar, who commanded the Princess Pats, and was killed in March, is probated at £14,000." The Colonel was a well-known member of the Royal Ottawa Golf Club.



An enthusiastic golfer who has lost both legs, says "Golfing," London, is something unusual, but Mr. H. W. Thomas has demonstrated that artificial limbs can be made to do full duty for the original ones on the golf course. He plays a good game and spends a good deal of time encouraging maimed soldiers by demonstrating how much artificial aids can do.



A despatch from Panama says: "The broad flat top of Gatun dam is to serve for a golf course, and a club is now being organized by officials of the Panama canal and others. Major-General George W. Goethals, U.S.A., governor of the Panama canal, has approved the formation of the club and has given permission for the use of Gatun dam."



Golf was invented by the Scotch. It is too fast for the Germans, too slow for the Irish; the French despise it; the Spaniards think it is a drink instead of a game; the Americans affect it, and the English are born with a sixth golf sense. Believing in reincarnation, I hope to return to earth in a million years from now a perfect golf player. Golf is the king of out-door sports. Skill at it is something a rich man cannot buy, nor a poor man inherit. Proficiency is only gained by hard work and much prayer. A good man in this life

ought to be rewarded with the right-of-way on the blue grass fields of the new Jerusalem and be privileged to play with golden balls and silver clubs, with fluttering female angels for caddies.—Mr. Daniel E. Sullivan in the "American Golfer."



The Editor has to acknowledge the receipt of a calendar from a well-known member of the Simcoe Club with an excellent insert of a photograph of the pretty club-house. Certainly a very charming and appropriate idea.



A. W. Tillinghast, the Philadelphia golf architect, the writer of "par" golf stories, and a welcome visitor to Lambton in the good old tournament days, has designed an eighteen-hole course at Wilton Grove, near Westfield, N.J., which is expected to be ready for play during the coming season.



According to "The Golfers' Handbook," England, the longest recorded and fully authenticated drive was done by E. C. Bliss at Herne Bay in August, 1913, the distance being 445 yards. The drop in the ground was measured, and found to be from tee to resting place of the ball, 57 feet. Braid's biggest drive, according to his own recollection, was made at Walton Heath in 1915, when he hit a tee stroke a distance of 395 yards. On that occasion the course was frost-bound, and the wind was behind him when he played.



It may be that some are destined to perform in the nature of supermen in pastimes, but Mr. Balfour-Melville's great record does not disclose any conflict between the ability to play fine cricket and the capacity to play excellent golf. Captain C. K. Hutchison is another fine golfer who is also an excellent cricketer, and in his case, too, one sees an evidence of the all-round skill in games. He played in the cricket and football elevens at Eton, where he also was a runner of repute, and though he is now in the hands of the Germans, he is finding some congenial recreation, for his captors permit him to play tennis.—"Golfing," London.



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The late Lord Alverstone, so well known to Canadians by reason of his Alaskan award, was an ardent golfer. On circuit he frequently used to make a very early morning start in order to get in a round before the court.



Mr. W. Martin Griffith, one of the best known golf players in Canada, formerly Secretary of the Lambton Golf Club and Essex Golf and Country Club, has joined the well-known investment security firm of Teller & Evers, Ellicott Square, Buffalo.



Many a struggling new club, or one where it is all an uphill fight against adverse soil, is indeed having a hard time of it just now, coping with lack of funds and labor. Some of the London clubs, says the "Yorkshire Post," have adopted the expedient of allotting one green to each of their regular staff of caddy boys, offering a small prize to the one whose green at the end of six months shall be in the best condition. Others have asked their members to adopt a green apiece. In both cases the results have been excellent.



The marriage took place on December 20th of Miss Bessie Celestine, second daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Donnelly, of Pittsburg, to Mr. D. C. Dick, only son of Mr. and Mrs. John Dick of Cobourg, formerly of Toronto. The groom is a member of one of the most prominent golfing families in Canada, and he himself, some few years ago, was among the most prominent of the younger players. Hearty congratulations from golfers throughout the Dominion will be extended to Mr. and Mrs. "Davie."



The ancient controversy about the correct pronunciation of "golf" has been raging again in the "Westminster." One correspondent argues for the muteness of the "l" by citing such analogies as "chalk," "balk," "walk," "calf," "half," etc., but another counters heavily with "self," "milk," "pelt," "mild," "cold," etc., in which the "l" is

not mute. As a matter of fact, the "l" has only of late years begun to be pronounced. Among golfers nowadays you will usually hear it sounded, except in the East of Scotland, but there is no doubt for all that, that "goff" is correct. Besides, if you call it "golf" (with the "l"), the poets are promptly stumped altogether for a rhyme to it, which seems a pity.



Mr. "Glen" Moss, the well-known Toronto player and a Director of the Royal Canadian Golf Association, has resigned his position as Manager of the Imperial Bank, Yonge and Bloor Streets, and has taken up business on the Stock Exchange, Toronto.



Michael Moran, who for five successive years won the Irish professional golf championship, is a private in the South Irish Horse. He received several offers of professional appointments in America, but he has preferred to don the khaki.

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U. S. Championships

Chicago, Jan. 15.—The Merion Cricket Club, of Philadelphia, will hold the Amateur Championship of the United States Golf Association this year. This much was decided to-night at the annual meeting of the national organization, when the delegates from clubs all over the country put their stamp of approval on the Philadelphia Club getting the plum. Other clubs bidding for the event were the Nassau Country Club, of Glen Cove, L.I., and Piping Rock Country Club, which lies not far distant from Nassau.

The open championship was given to the Minikahda Club, of Minneapolis, Minn., which defeated the Kent Country Club, of Grand Rapids, Mich.; Englewood Country Club, of Englewood, N.J., and the Country Club, of Detroit, Mich. Englewood was not seriously considered, as the championship was played in the metropolitan district last year. Many votes were

cast for Kent and the Country Club of Detroit, but as the delegates began to show a wish to send the tournament to Minneapolis, the other two clubs withdrew and allowed the vote for Minikahda to be made unanimous.

The ticket of officers was elected as follows:

President, Frank L. Woodward, Denver; First Vice-President, Howard Perrin, Philadelphia; Second Vice-President, John Reid, Jr., New York; Secretary, Howard F. Whitney, New York; Treasurer, F. S. Wheeler, New York. Executive Committee—M. L. Crosby, Boston; Walter B. Smith, Chicago; Dr. W. S. Harban, Washington, D.C., and John S. Sweeney, Detroit.

The Women's National Championship tournament went to the Belmont Springs Country Club, of Boston. Other bidders for the event polled only a few votes.

GOLF AT PINEHURST

Pinehurst, N.C., Jan. 15.—The principal event in the advertising men's golf tournament to-day was a four-ball match in two classes, total net score of four-men team counting. J. D. Plummer, Marshall Whitlach, R. L. Whitton and H. F. Harrison won in class A, and in class B H. C. Milholland, C. E. Beane, C. W. Yates and H. B. Kennedy led.

Playing off the ties in class A for yesterday's best net prize, R. L. Whitton, Beverly, won from A. L. Foster, Dunwoodie, by ten strokes. A. R. Gardner, Dunwoodie, beat J. C. Todd,

Montclair, and H. R. Mallinson, Ardsley, in the play-off of the triple tie for best gross score in class B. In the women's event Mrs. C. T. Russell, Ardsley, won from Miss Hannah Aronson, Inwood, in the play-off for the thirty-six-hole net prize.

Philip Carter, Nassau, played the best ball of Roy Barnhill, Fox Hills; Grantland Rice, Englewood, and H. B. Bingham, Cleveland, and beat them by 2 up. He has played consistently for the last week. He equalled the record of 70 of the No. 1 course, and has had several rounds on Nos. 2 and 3 close to his record.

GOLF IN FLORIDA

Belleair Heights, Fla., Jan. 15.—Fine golf was played to-day at Belleair Country Club. W. J. Travis and Macdonald Smith defeating "Alex." Smith and G. H. Crocker by 5 up and 4 to play. Macdonald Smith scored a 74, while Travis made a 77. The amateur's

showing was especially creditable, as he only arrived at Belleair yesterday, and had only played over the course once. "Alex." Smith did not play his usual game, while Crocker's high score of 84 was due largely to bad luck and the fact that he did not know the course well.

Odds and Ends

T. G. Gray, Rivermead Golf Club, Ottawa

WITH the Dominion clad in angels' garb, correspondents on summer sport usually find it a very hard task to give much matter to their Editor, and it is, therefore, on this account that the best I can do for the January, 1916, issue of the magazine must come under the not too clear heading of "Odds and Ends." However, it will always be found a very pleasant occupation to golfers to recall a few wonderful shots and matches they have played and have seen played, and also to have placed before them articles from golfing papers relating impressions left on non-golfing spectators after their witnessing for the first time a match of any importance between two professionals.

In looking over some old golfing notes, I came across the following: "First Impressions," which will, I think, be found rather amusing.

The spectator, apparently, was one who had not the slightest knowledge of the game, or for what special purpose certain clubs were made. His version of a match between Braid and Taylor runs something like this: "Golf is supposed to be a gentle game, yet the tools—the weapons, I prefer to call them—are of a sinister, almost diabolic appearance. The head of the driver, when seen protruding from the bag, is exactly like that of a snake." About the mashie, he says, there is something cruel in the very name of the club, and the sight of a niblick, reminds him of the Inquisition. Regarding the match which the spectator was watching, he says that Taylor when starting hit the ball a cruel blow, and Braid responded with an even more vicious whack, whirling his club round his head with the abandon of a Dervish. Then a terrible thing happened. Braid's ball rolled into a bunker. When he came up to it his face was as black as night, and when he took out his niblick, our worthy spectator shuddered at the thought that Braid might use it on his

opponent. When Braid had extracted the ball from the bunker, his face resumed its normal pensive expression. Taylor's turn then came, and when the ball lodged in a rut, and his face became positively purple with emotion, our spectator trembled for Braid, but he says his tremors were unfounded.

Another feature of the game which struck him as profoundly touching was that while Braid (a Scotchman) wore a Norfolk jacket, Taylor (who hails from Devonshire) was clad in Harris tweeds, and the balls the players were using were invented by an American. This tribute to the solidarity of the Scots-Anglo-American entente he regards as the most refreshing lesson he received from watching the game. After reading these remarks we would be inclined to say, "Some game, and some spectator."

An amusing drawing I saw a good many years ago was of J. H. Taylor (the great English pro.), standing on a putting green about three feet from the flag with his driver in his hand. His ball was three inches short of the hole, and he is sketched turning to the large gallery, addressing them with the words, "Short again," the point being that for half a dozen holes he had just missed holing out his long putts, his ball having always stopped short on the lip of the cup. At the seventh hole, which was 300 yards from tee to cup, he had made a magnificent drive, and his ball had run on to the green and was lying these three inches short in the one stroke. His expression was very good, and no doubt some jovial member of the crowd must have called out, "Never up, never in."

One often notices players who, no matter what the fates are doing to them, always have cheery countenances, and certainly this helps the player and the opponent and makes the game much more pleasant than when grouching is flying in the air. Many years



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ago I played over Aocherfield course, on the east coast of Scotland, and not very far from Edinburgh, and while waiting to drive off from one of the tees I heard a cheery voice giving encouraging instructions to some one or something nearby. On looking in the direction from where the voice came I saw a well-built, athletic-looking man, with as cheery a look as any one could wish to see in a life-time. I had to wait before driving off and watch the end of the performance, and when I asked my partner who the golfer was I was more than delighted to learn that he was the late Lieut. Freddie Tait, of the famous Black Watch Regiment. Tait had played a fairly long approach putt from about 20 yards, and as some of these home greens are very large and are kept in perfect condition, he had seen, no doubt, that there was a good chance of his putt going down. To satisfy himself and help matters, he was walking behind his ball encouraging it to keep on straight and sure and find the cup, which it certainly did. With a little laugh he said to the ball, "Well done, old fellow," and turned to my partner and myself and remarked, "Fine greens to-day." I met Tait at the end of our round and found him as cheery a soul as one could imagine. He was as popular among his men in his regiment as he was among his golfing friends.



Last summer, while playing over the Rivermead course, I witnessed the very sad but sudden death of a pure white butterfly. I was playing in a three-ball match with Brian Devlin and Davy Black, the professional, and while Black was taking his preliminary wrist actions before addressing his ball, in playing a mid-iron to the fifth hole, a butterfly fluttered dangerously near to the ball. Apparently not being a golfer, and therefore it being of no use for us to ask the harmless creature to stand back, the butterfly lighted on almost the exact spot of the ball where the clubhead would strike. Black had not time to stop his swing, and came through with his accustomed smart stroke and placed the ball within six feet of the green, while the trespassing

and beautiful butterfly lay dead where the ball had been. A short life and a merry one, but, all the same, death at the hands of a kind-hearted golfer.



On some of the more crowded courses, especially when the day happens to be a public holiday, at times sarcastic remarks are often heard, and it might perhaps be worth while if I were to relate one incident which happened to my brother and myself when we were in our early teens.

While we were at school we only played golf on Saturday mornings, starting out first round at 4.30 a.m. and our second round about 9 o'clock, having purchased our second round ticket for the price of twopence and gone home for breakfast during the interval of play. This was on the Braid Hills course, near Edinburgh, famous for its wonderful turf and scenery.

In these early days of our golfing we were not scratch players, but we could give a good account of ourselves when put among other boys of similar ages. The incident to be related is as follows: On a public holiday, although we knew that every golfer in Edinburgh who was not a member of a private club would be surely on the Braid Hills, we went up for a couple of rounds, and although the hour was early when we walked on to the first tee there was a large crowd waiting, some standing, some sitting and others lying on the grass till their turn came. As we had always got away on the Saturdays without any one looking on, we were somewhat overcome by the gallery eager to watch our tee shots, and this situation got on our nerves and, try as we may, we could not even hit the ball off the tee. We dared not laugh (it was certainly laughable) and we would not give in, so we simply spent all our energy hitting the air. The crowd became annoyed, and at last one man with a broad Scotch voice like thunder roared at us with the following words: "You twa kids, maybe ye'll be able to play fitba', but ye canna play gowf." This roused our anger very much, and well do I remember my brother in a last desperate stroke topping his ball and sending it a few yards while I had

again a miss, and finally I gave the ball a kick amid cheers and roars of derision from the amused and angry spectators. The whole trouble was nerves before a crowd, as after a few holes we played our usual fair game, much to the surprise of the couple following us. One often hears remarks of a not too kindly nature if the player in front has an attack of nerves, but it would be well to have the experience and know what the feeling is like before saying much against another player.

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We have seen many amusing drawings of the beginner got up regardless in dress, with his monocle, and ploughing up the fairway in his vain endeavor to play even one stroke at all decently. One of the best I ever saw was some time ago in a golfing paper. The player was a peculiar specimen, with very thin legs but well padded at the calves, and of course his monocle was to the front, and altogether he looked a green golfer in a suit on which a few couples might have played chess. His caddy had a

desperate and disgusted look, and was carrying an empty bag, as all the clubs had been broken. The player turns to the caddy and says, "I say, boy, I have broken this last club; what shall I do now?" The boy turns to his man and, throwing down the bag at his feet, says, "Try yer bag, mister, I'm awa' hame te ma dinner."

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The caddy when understood is often found to be a worthy partner and a great help to the player. In Africa the caddies were either Dutch or niggers, and on one occasion my opponent and I noticed that our boys seemed to be very attentive and keen on every stroke we played. After the match was over we found out that they had made a side bet of a tickey (threepenny piece). The winner had purchased cigarettes, and the two were lying on the grass enjoying life to the full, puffing away as hard as they could. Treat your caddy well, and you will usually find he has a real interest in your game. He will sympathize and cheer whatever way the game is going.

A GOW STORY

PRESIDENT Dan McDonald, of the Lakeside Country Club, Tacoma, has a new cow story. He tells of playing the first hole at Lakeside. His drive was a good one. The mashie pitch went wild and struck a friendly cow that had invaded the golf

course. With a dead "thump" it struck her side. Resenting the blow, she kicked just as the ball fell to the ground. The result was a nice pitch to the green which was holed out in one putt. Justice De Witt M. Evans was a witness of the incident.

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Some time ago, says the "Professional and Greenkeeper," Wanamakers, the big stores people, of New York, invited distinguished British amateurs to go over to their golf school in order to give lessons to their increasingly large clientele, and we have not heard of any golfer from this side having accepted the offer and so forfeited his amateur status. An American contemporary heralds the introduction of a lady golf professional, the first to cross the Atlantic, in the person of Mrs. Dunn-Webb, who is now installed at the Wanamaker Golf School. Mrs. Dunn-Webb is the sister of John Duncan Dunn, who is in charge of the school. She hails from North Berwick, and prior to going to America was a golf teacher at the Princes (Mitcham) Ladies' Club. There are, to our knowledge, only three lady golf teachers in the world, the others being Mrs. Gordon Robertson, also of the Mitcham Club, and Miss Calloway, teacher to the ladies' section of the Sunningdale G. C.

The death took place last month at Johannesburg, South Africa, where he was acting as professional to the

Orange Grove Golf Club, of David H. Auchterlonie, a younger member of that well-known St. Andrews family—his father being the eldest brother of Laurance Auchterlonie, ex-American Open Champion, and of Willie, the Open Champion of 1893. Before going to this appointment in South Africa, young Auchterlonie was for a time professional at Carlsbad, which post a cousin held on the outbreak of war, and he has been since a prisoner in Austria.

Robert Mair, the well-known professional at the C. P. R. course at Caledonian Springs, Ontario, during the past season, has a fine position for the winter at the Forsyth Country Club, Salem, N. C.

Jack White the plucky former open champion of Great Britain, who, although over age, joined the army, has had to ask for his discharge on account of his health, and it has been granted.

No less a sum than £200 was raised for patriotic purposes by the exhibition match in which Harry Vardon and Ted Ray played against a couple of amateurs at Roundbay, Leeds.

That golf will "boom" the coming season in Canada, seems to be an assured fact. Although all the courses, with the exception of those perhaps in British Columbia, are out of commission, the game is not being allowed to drop from notice. As an evidence of the interest being taken in it, the indoor golf school has made its appearance. At the Ritz-Carlton, in Montreal, the well-known pros., Albert H. Murray and Jimmie Black, are conducting a successful school, whilst in Toronto, A. Keeling of Lambton is teaching the "young and old idea" how to play the game at Wilson's sporting goods store, 297 Yonge St. In the States these indoor schools have been in operation for some winters, and it looks as though they will be equally popular in this country. They are a splendid institution.

If you have a golfing friend at the front send him a copy of the "Canadian Golfer." He'd appreciate it.