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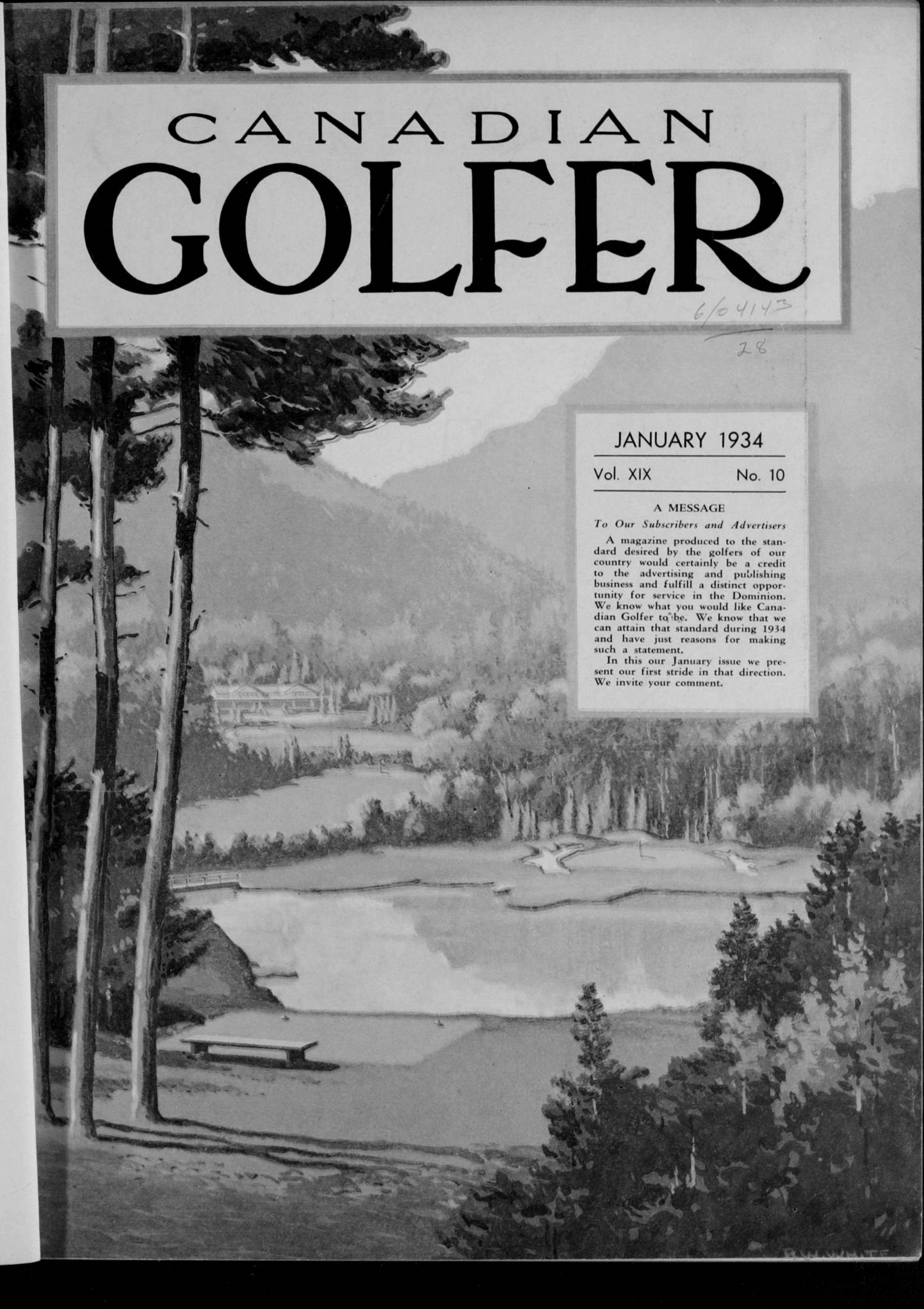
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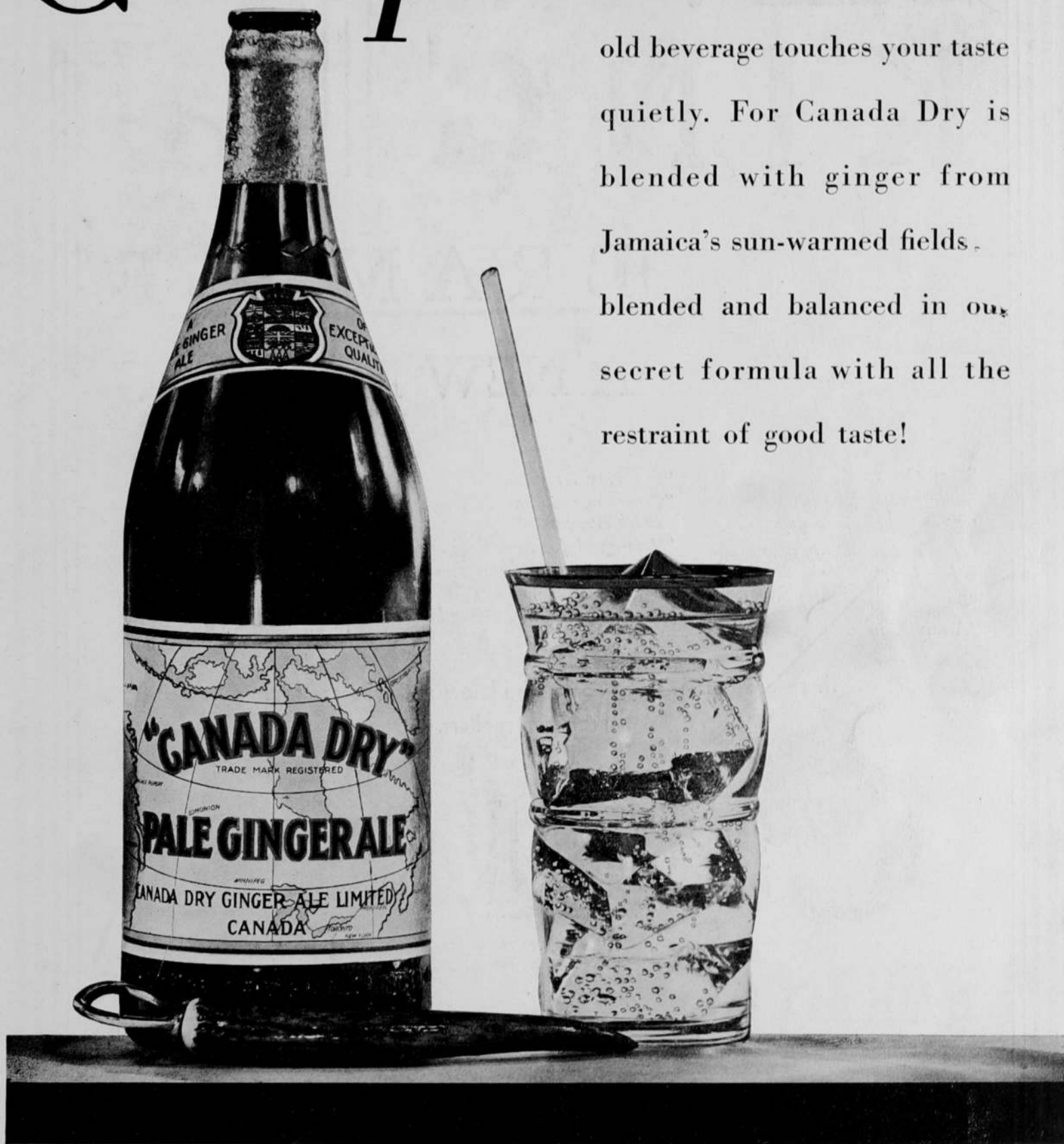
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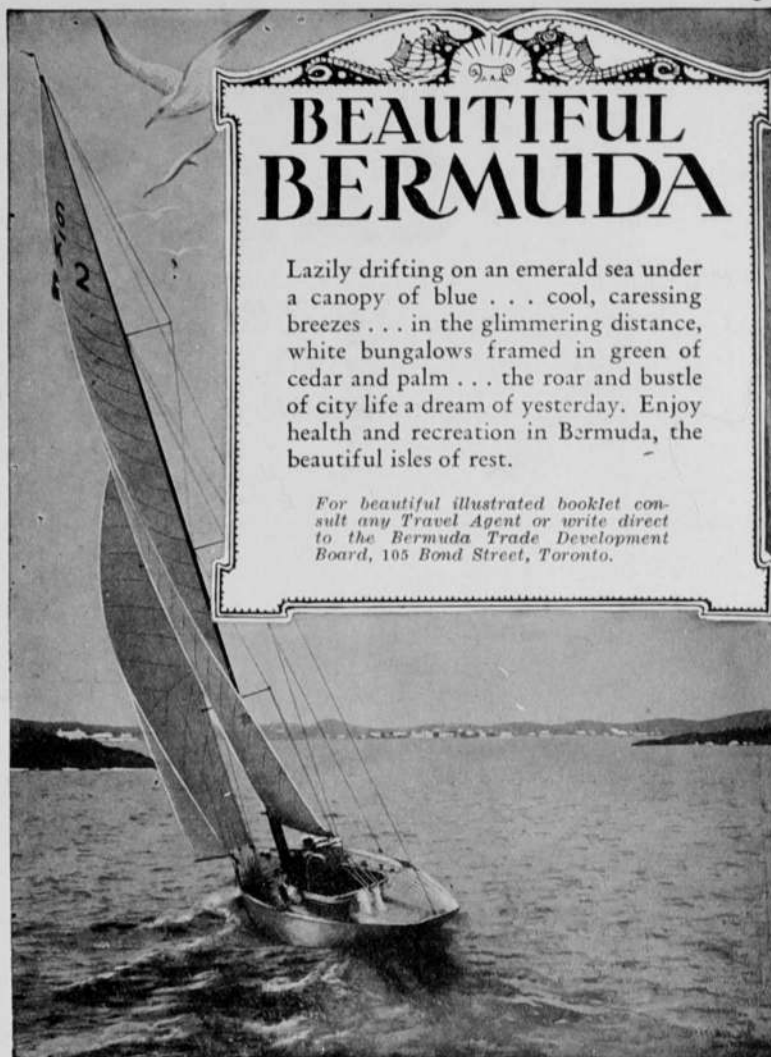
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We know what is expected from the CANADIAN GOLFER by the governing associations the low handicap players, the high handicap players, the professionals, and the greenkeepers, and we expect to produce a publication to these requirements. As we climb to that standard we ask our readers to really be interested, to thoroughly read the magazine each month, (not just to glance at the pictures), to talk about it, to write us what you think, to tell us what we should know, so that the receipt of the CANADIAN GOLFER the middle of each month will be regularly looked forward to by all.

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# Royal Canadian Golf Association to Hold Annual Meeting

## Comments on Changing the Canadian Amateur Play New Slate of Officers



C. W. JACKSON, Winnipeg  
Retiring President of the Royal Can. Golf Association

WHEN the governing body of Canadian golf meets at the Queens Hotel in Montreal on February 19th, there are not likely to be any outstanding announcements forthcoming, with the exception of the usual notification of the election of a new incoming slate of officers. The meeting will take place on the same night as that of the Province of Quebec Golf Association. The Quebec meeting will be called at 5.00 o'clock, prior to a dinner which will be served for both Associations. The meetings are so arranged that officials will be able to devote the evening to the working matters of these two bodies. Following the dinner the R.C.G.A. general meeting will be held, after which the entire gathering is invited to a complete showing of Bobby Jones's most recent series of moving pictures, "How to break ninety".

The report of the year's activities, which will be presented by President Clarence W. Jackson, of Winnipeg, will be an interesting one, and will make history in the annals of the association. An outstanding difference between President Jackson's report, and those presented in other years, will be the recording of the first Canadian Amateur Championship to be held beyond the Rockies, thereby illustrating the governing body's desire to see that the scope of their interest is in no way centered in the Eastern Provinces.

In this report, the West will also prove that it has certainly taken full advantage of this year's opportunity, and apart from the perfect tournament conducted, will also be able to show that golfing interest in the West will always attract large enough galleries to ensure the financial success of a major tournament. The R.C.G.A. executives from the West showed their keen interest in golfing affairs by whole-heartedly supporting the amateur event, and Eastern and Western golfers will not soon forget the genial associations with Mr. H. Milton Martin, Mr. Robert Jacob, and Mr. K. A. MacLennan. The efforts of the British Columbia Association and the Shaughnessy Club officials have been mentioned in numerous reports, but should again receive a hearty vote of thanks for having accomplished

in so superior a manner the operation of their first amateur championship. The ultimate result of these successful achievements will in all probability bring about a decision from R.C.G.A. to grant the same honour to the West at regular intervals in the years to come.

In brief, golf in 1933 contributed in a material way to the fostering and extending of a genuine friendly interest between the provinces in the Dominion.

### Mr. Geo. H. Forster President-Elect

According to the slate to be presented by the nominating committee, Mr. Geo. H. Forster Vice-President of the Association will succeed Mr. Jackson in the presidency. Mr. Forster's record in his association with the game of golf has been an impressive one which has proven an exceptional ability in the management of association affairs. Under his direction we predict a year of accomplishment.

In an informal chat in which certain of the matters discussed are not to be in any way termed official, Mr. Forster gave his personal views on several matters of vital interest along with the proposed, and likely to be accepted, dates and venues of this year's major Canadian championships. No definite programme for the year 1934 is likely to be announced at the forthcoming meeting.

### Open at Lakeview

The date for the Canadian Open which is to be held at the Lakeview Golf & Country Club, Toronto has been under consideration for some time. Following the decision of United States P.G.A. to hold their annual tournament at the Park Club in Buffalo July 24th to 29th inclusive it has been definitely de-



MR. GEORGE H. FORSTER, Montreal  
President-Elect of the Royal Canadian Golf Association

cided to hold the Open Championship on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th of August. The short distance between these two events will ensure an exceptionally large entry of American Stars at the Lakeview Club, Toronto, in August.

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# 1934 Season Opens

## Annual Empress Mid-Winter—Tournament at Royal Colwood Feb. 19-24

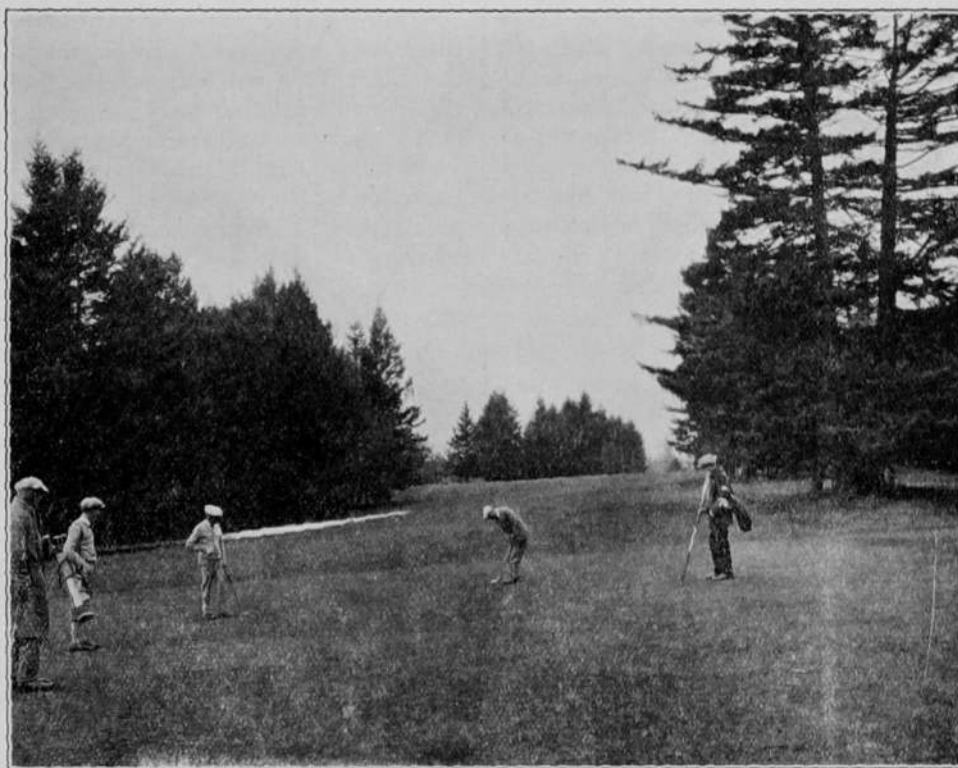
**I**T'S the snow shovel and 20 below in less favored parts of Canada these days. In Victoria it's the mashie and 55 above.

Preparing for their annual winter week of golf, the sixth annual empress mid-winter tournament, Victoria shot makers are getting in valuable practice rounds these days. Looking towards the silver-ware put up for the International Classic which will be played over the rolling acres of Royal Colwood February 19-24. Inaugurated six years ago by the Empress Hotel and the Canadian Pacific

Railway as a means of showing the world that the North Pacific Coast, like California and other warm spots, offers golf as one of its winter attractions, the Empress event has gained steadily in momentum since 1929. Last year an entry list of 150 established a new high and entrants were drawn from all parts of Canada and the United States. This year J. K. Hodges, Manager of the Empress, J. A. Gayward, Veteran President of Royal Colwood and other Victoria sportsmen who are behind the Tournament, expect an even bigger entry, basing their hopes on what appears to be a general improvement in business conditions.

Frequently dubbed the "Duffer's delight" because on occasions 16 handicap players have annexed the E. W. Beatty Championship Trophy the Empress event is a handicap tournament open to amateurs on a club handicap basis. It appeals to those who write 100's and worse on their score cards as much as it appeals to those who make the standard 18 holes in nifty 70's and 80's. For the low handicap and scratch players, the Victoria Chamber of Commerce Cup is offered for the special open championship. Well patronized by players from Seattle, Spokane, Tacoma, Portland and other United States cities in the past, 1934 represents a test case for the Empress tourney so far as American patronage is concerned.

This year sponsors of the popular International Tourney will learn whether Americans who entered in the previous five events were lured by the attraction of reliable beverages or whether



*While the cruel North wind whistles a frigid tune throughout the rest of Canada, Victoria, B. C., basks in the perfect golfing pictured in this scene of Royal Colwood where the annual Empress winter golf week will be held in February*

they came to enjoy the week of golf and goodfellowship which the Empress classic never fails to offer. The tournament's organizers, however, are satisfied that repeal of prohibition in the United States is of little importance to the future of the event which has won friends on its merit as a sporting and social event rather than to accessibility of liquor which even during prohibition were more readily available and retailed at lower prices in the United States than in Canada's government stores.

The largest advance entry ever recorded since the inception of the tournament six years ago has already been filed

for the Empress tournament. On the opening day there will be an 18 hole qualifying round in men's and women's events for the E. W. Beatty trophy, open to amateurs with club handicaps. The first sixteen in each class will constitute the qualifying flight. On the basis of qualifying scores a selected four-man team and four-woman team will contest for the J. R. Matson interdistrict team match cup, and the trophie for men and women interclub team matches. There will also be a number of consolation matches during the rest of the week with four flights being played along with mixed foursomes and special events.

The tournament is sponsored by the Empress Hotel and the Canadian Pacific Railway and will be given the active support of the Victoria Chamber of Commerce. The Empress tournament of 1934 should fulfill predictions of being the largest international midwinter tournament held in Canada.

A number of leading golfers from below the border both men and women are becoming more and more interested in this event, and it would not be surprising to see one or two of the outstanding luminaries in the tournament list. At any rate for those who are golf-minded and who have become tired of winters relentless blasts the Colwood course, the trip to British Columbia and the change of climate would be the return compensation for visiting Canada's Winter Playground.



*Another view of Royal Colwood an interested group of spectators viewing one of the matches in the Annual Mid-winter Empress Tournament*

# Change Comes Again to the American Amateur Championship

ONE of the most drastic changes ever to take place in an American golf classic will take place this summer when the "old order" will be changed in favor of the "catch-as-catch-can" theory of the British Amateur Golf Championship will supplant the former methods of deciding the "Simon Pure" title of the United States. Herbert Jacques, who for two years has been the president of United States Amateur Golf Association was the moving factor in a new clause which will see the ruling for play in the amateur championship run out in favor of an adoption of six days of matched play.

Formerly the thirty-six hole qualifying test on the first two days of the championship settled the issue of the personnel of the qualifying list. It was deemed, however, an unfair test which often was responsible for some of the best players through misfortune or a temporary "ragged streak" to find themselves amongst the spectators before the actual play began. Only last year was that grand golfer, F. Ouimet caught in the throes of a poor qualifying round in the sectional test and as a result the tournament was robbed of one of its outstanding stars, even before the cream of the players of the country had collected at Kenwood. To be certain there will be a terrific struggle that will see many exciting upsets, some terrific battles of recognized stars with "up and coming" unknowns, and in the end a much sturdier test of the nerves and brawn of the new champion.

There are more places available in the sectional tests under the new enlargement of the field, for on the first day of play it is planned that there will be 180 golfers still in the running as compared to the number of 32 of previous years. The emphasis will be now taken off medal-play abilities and an intensity of interest is expected to be gathered, both in the sectional tests and in the championship proper.

Under the latest scheme of things it will be unnecessary for former champions to compete in the qualifying test — all will be given a position in the match play draw.

Under the present arrangement, the championship, which will be held in 1934 at the Brookline Country Club, there will be 180 players officially in the match play with 52 matches being played the first day and 76 players drawing a bye. The 76 byes and the 52 match play winners of the first day will go into the second day's play for another eighteen hole test.

This will reduce the number of contestants to 64. Following this there will be two more eighteen hole rounds on the third and fourth days of the tournament, which will reduce the field to four players. The remaining two matches will go thirty-six holes and when the champion has finally emerged victorious, any golfer may say with genuine sincerity "what a man!"

Experimentation has been the by-word of the governing bodies of the American Amateur Championship and 1934 will see a revision of the plan that was used over two decades ago when the 1903 championship had 140 entries and was all match play.

All together since the inception of the tournament in 1895, there have been seven changes made in the method by which the U. S. Title has been settled. In the first year there were thirty-two qualified, but during the next two years only sixteen were admitted after a thirty-six hole qualifying. For three years following this, thirty-two was again the number of qualifiers, after a thirty-six hole medal test. During 1921 to 1924 and again in 1926 the tournament has reverted to this method.

In 1902 there were 64 qualifiers over the eighteen hole route and in 1904 the strange number of 54 holes was played to govern 32 qualifiers. From 1905 to 1914 two courses were used for thirty-six hole qualifying. This also being the case in 1916 and 1920. In 1925 only sixteen qualified, all matches being played at 36 holes. The system which has been discarded recently began in 1927, but it was not until 1931 that the narrowing of the field, which had become over-crowded and impossible to handle was cut down by the sectional qualifying plan, now in use. The "seeded" draw plan which has existed off and on was dropped last year.

The association has been under something of a financial strain during the past year and the treasurers' report shows a slight deficit but this condition was only made possible by the sale of \$19,061.15 worth of securities, so that quite obviously golf has shown the depression in this phase, at least.

At the annual meeting 238 clubs were represented and it was moved and passed that the experimental departments of the green section must be curtailed, inasmuch as this particular section cost the association \$29,354.00 during the past year.

On being questioned, of late, as to their own personal desires and opinions upon the subject of eliminating the qualifying round which had been a part of the championship for a number of years with very few exceptions United States' leading golfers have voiced almost a unanimous opinion favouring the recent change. The general consensus of opinion has run something along the line that in the course of a season there are more than enough tests of the players medal play prowess and that there should be one major tournament to be decided by match play entirely. The popularity of qualifying rounds may be discovered from this

to be at a very low ebb for even the most consistent players show qualms before these all important test-rounds. How often have we seen Mr. Jesse Sweetster fail to qualify with the American amateur championship, and yet as a matter of fact in match play there is probably no more consistent and more dangerous opponent to be met in amateur circles than the 1926 British Amateur titleholder who is the only other American besides Bobby Jones to have ever held that distinction. All and all it cannot be considered a questionable move on the part of the American Association when from every side favourable comment and approval had been expressed by all those concerned. Certainly from the point of view of the gallery match-play is by far preferable.



MR. GEORGE LYON, Toronto  
Runner-up, in the American Amateur Championship  
in 1906

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have carried the Maple  
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Amateur Classic*



MR. "SANDY" R. SOMERVILLE,  
London, U. S. A. Titleholder in 1932

## Much Accomplished by Ontario Association in '33

### Mr. Geo. L. Robinson to Succeed Mr. Cassels

**A**MONG the most important fixtures on the golf calendar for the immediate future is the annual general meeting of the Ontario Golf Association to be held at the Royal York Hotel, Saturday, Feb. 3rd. This year's gathering of Ontario's Golf Executives will certainly reveal that 1933 has been a most progressive year for the Ontario body, and that 1934 will see the further extension of these developments.

During his twelve months in office Mr. Cassels has through generous effort materially strengthened his provincial organization, covering as it does a most widespread area of golfing interest, the workings of the Ontario Association are made extremely difficult. Mr. Cassels in developing and setting in working order a unified handicapping system accomplished notable work in the development of an active interest on the part of the various executives in districts outside of Toronto. This active interest was created and official handicaps granted as result of an extensive series of field day golf tournaments which were conducted in various districts throughout the province. This year's handicapping efforts were concentrated on the low handicap players with the result that 236 players with a handicap of 11 and under have been officially rated by the Ontario body. With a system now in operation the year 1934 will doubtless see the extension of this list close to the 1000 mark, as the programme to interest the higher handicap players is set in motion. A complete list of this year's field day results appears at the completion of this article.

#### An Important Change

Upon the recommendation of the 1933 executive it has been decided to open the Ontario Amateur Championship to all amateur players. This will cast a new light upon this major provincial championship, which is this year scheduled to be played on June 28th, 29th, and 30th at the Essex County Golf & Country Club in Sandwich, Ontario. The close proximity of Sandwich to the American border, (across the St. Charles river is the City of Detroit) will mean that the Ontario Provincial event in 1934 will be another of those tournaments in which golfers from United States and Canada will meet in friendly competition.

#### Another International

Whenever our Canadian amateur championship event has been held in an Ontario City many of United States, most prominent linksmen have been on hand, and it is, therefore, natural to expect an exceptionally strong American entry for the Ontario event at Sandwich this year. It is not likely, however that the invaders will meet with much success when facing the opposition which Ontario can produce in such players as Don Carrick, Sandy Somerville, Phil Farley, Jack Cameron, Fred Hoblitzel, Jack Nash, John Lewis, Geo. Boeckh, the Thompsons and others in the same class. With this newly created interest the Ontario Amateur will surely develop to be a hot-bed for potent shot makers. It is a new addition to Canada's international golfing relations which are growing each year. A subject which when studied reveals that although there is no official team competitions existent between Canada and the United States, there are any number of major golfing events which include the international aspect. This is especially true in the far West where they have such tournaments as the Pacific Northwest championship, the Empress Midwinter tournament, the

Prince of Wales Invitation tournament, the Jasper Park Totem Pole tournament and so on while the East has its Leslie Cup Matches. Developments along these lines will soon bring about an invitation for Canada to compete as a team internationally.



MR. GORDON CASSELS  
Retiring president of the Ontario  
Golf Association

### Mr. Geo. L. Robinson Ontario's President-Elect

According to the slate presented by the nominating committee it will probably be the work of Mr. Geo. L. Robinson to carry on, where Mr. Cassels leaves off. Mr. Robinson has long been actively connected with the game of golf in his province where he is a representative of the Royal Canadian Golf Association at the present time. The complete slate proposed by the nominating committee for 1934 is as follows:

Adams, A. A., Hamilton Golf and Country Club.  
Brown, Dr. W. J., London Hunt and Country Club.  
McCullough, Hugh, Waterloo Country Golf and Country Club.  
Wood, L. M., York Downs Golf and Country Club.  
Ritchie, Frank, Brockville Golf and Country Club.  
Gray, R. M., Rosedale Golf Club.  
Givens, Dr. W. C., Scarboro Golf Club.  
Grout, H. C., Mississauga Golf and Country Club.  
Dixon, Elmer, Oshawa Golf Club.  
Hay, Frank Thornhill Golf and Country Club.  
Young, R. K., Summit Golf and Country Club.  
Firstbrook, Harold, Lambton Golf and Country Club.  
Platt, Jack, Essex County Golf and Country Club.  
Lyon, Geo. S., Royal York Golf Club.  
Lang, Geo., Westmount Golf and Country Club.  
Abbott, Robert, Peterboro Golf and Country Club.  
McSloy, Ivan, St. Catharines Golf Club.  
Wigle, G. W., Burlington Golf and Country Club.  
Gould, E. C., Brantford Golf and Country Club.  
Robinson, G. L., Toronto Golf and Country Club.  
Sedgewick, Joseph, Cedar Brook Golf Club.

#### By-Laws Section 3 Article 8

For the information of club-members in Ontario the following is an excerpt (section three article eight) of the constitution of the Ontario Golf Association which is the governing clause explaining the method of choosing representatives for the executive.

SECTION 3:—Any two Club Members of the Association may in addition to the nominations of the nominating Committee, Nominate as a Candidate for the Executive anyone who is a Member of a Club having Membership in the Association and such Nominations shall be in writing and shall be in the hands of the Secretary at least three days before the Annual Meeting.

Each Member Club may be officially represented by one delegate who shall file this authority in writing before or at the commencement of the meeting; but any golfer interested in the affairs of the Association is invited to attend the luncheon and meeting.

Every club in the province of Ontario should express their co-operation and support to the Ontario Association by being a member-club. This club support should come through the recommendation of the captain or the chairman of the tournament committee who are in a position to readily realize the

### Amateur at Laval

The Canadian Amateur is tentatively set for the Laval Sur-le-Lac Course in Montreal during the last half of the month of August. The definite passing of these dates and courses by the association at the annual meeting is generally only a formality, and there is, therefore, little likelihood of any change in these plans except for extreme reasons. Definite dates for the amateur event will be announced in the near future.

### Will Canada Change

When questioned as to the likelihood of Canada adopting the British method of settling their Amateur championship, (now the method to be used by the U.S.G.A.) Mr. Forster felt that there was no reason why Canada could not, and would not emulate the action of these two great associations by the elimination of a 36 hole qualifying-round. Mr. Forster stated that he personally was in favour of such a change if it was desired by the golfers of the country. Such a change brings up many interesting points most of which could be easily dispensed with by certain minor adjustments in the regulations. It would require 128 players to complete a bracket of six rounds. Our average Canadian entry is between 100 and that number, and therefore, a system of byes in the first round would balance the draw after the first day for the remainder of the week.

A natural result of such a system would be the necessity of a uniform national handicapping system. Mr. Forster, one of the prime instigators of the movement which brought a standard provincial handicapping system to Quebec and other provinces has long carried the hope that one day this system will be uniform throughout Canada. At present the same method is in force in three other provinces which brings under the same rigid system Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and British Columbia. Although it is not likely that Mr. Forster's conception of a national handicapping system will be completed this year, there is no reason to wait for its completion before making a change in our amateur event. The fact that the Province of Quebec and the Province of Ontario, where our next two amateur championships are likely to be contested, are both governed by this uniform system, eliminates the necessity of a long wait before making the change. Past records show that the entrants from the provinces where this system has not yet been adopted are usually limited to the Willingdon Cup players, all of whom should naturally be eligible to compete.

We have written several of our outstanding amateurs on this subject, and their opinions follow.

Gentlemen:—

A year ago I would have answered your letter and the question contained somewhat differently. During the last year my opinions have changed and I must admit that, as yet, I have not arrived at any definite conclusions as to the best method to conduct an Amateur Championship. I began to put down some thoughts on this matter but after reaching the end of the second page decided that before I would finish, even a synopsis would take too much space. However I will try to give you some comment and perhaps at some future time have some further discussion. As you know this is a subject which allows lots of room for a difference of opinion.

There is no great reason to worry in any event. Under any of the systems used by the golfing authorities, in most cases the winner was a good golfer and as such was not an adverse reflection on the particular system employed. In other words, we know from past examples, that whatever system we use we cannot go wrong very far because these systems have in most occasions declared a winner whose ability cannot be questioned.

Just now there does not appear to be any great reason to change the procedure of the Canadian Amateur. The numbers may be further restricted when necessary as our handicap limit will allow some further reduction. The Inter-Provincial Team match assures the attendance of at least the greater share of the best golfers in the country. The qualifying rounds are a request

that a champion must have a fair standard of medal play ability. The scores required to qualify have not been particularly low and have not been too much to ask from any good golfer. The thirty-six hole matches are a fair test and are not a physical impossibility. The good, fair and indifferent golfer receives under our system just about the amount of golf that their game deserves.

As our country grows in numbers we may have to make some changes. The U.S.G.A. found this necessary and experimented with several systems over a period of years. Quality and quantity created a new problem this last year and another change is being made. It would seem best under the circumstances to see how their new experiment works out before we contemplate any radical changes in the Canadian system.

Very kind wishes

C. Ross Somerville

Gentlemen:—

I think the U.S.G.A. have made a very constructive step as far as their own golfers are concerned. This decision to start play without a second qualifying means 180 players instead of 32 and always you are bound to find a good many first class golfers who, if they could once get by those tense, and nerve racking qualifying rounds, would defeat even the best medal players.

As far as affecting Canadian entrants it make very little difference in so far as we would have to qualify in one of their Zones as before.

For several years the U.S.G.A. have allotted several places among the select 160 to ranking players from England but never have they extended this privilege to Canada.

It was my suggestion to Harrison, Johnston and Francis Quimet four years ago at Beverley to allow Canada six places among the 160 or seven in 180. Then we could either have our own elimination or the R.C.G.A. could select a truly representative group and in that way help to build up the prestige of Canadian golf to even a higher peak than it is today.

Getting back to the actual playing of the new system. It will do a lot to stimulate the younger unseasoned tournament players as they will play at least one match and maybe more. It will make it harder for the older more seasoned player who takes a few holes to warm up. In 18 hole matches a few holes sometimes is too many. However the four that reach Friday's semi-finals will certainly prove that they can stand both the grueling of 36 holes a day as well as that of meeting and defeating players in a short 18 hole match.

Personally I hope the R.C.G.A. stick to their 36 holes a day for each match as it has proven itself to be ideal as far as we are concerned.

Sincerely,

Jack A. Cameron.

Gentlemen:—

The recent decision by the U.S.G.A. to change their amateur championship to match play has certainly given the tournament golfers something to think about.

My views on the subject are just about evenly divided although I think I am inclined to favor our present system. I base my opinion mainly on one point and that is the "Stymie Rule." To me this is one thing in golf that should be abolished. For a game whose tradition has always represented the ultimate in management and direction. I am at a loss to understand why the Governing Bodies have not changed this rule. When a player wins a hole or match by means of a stymie there is no satisfaction in it for him and the player who has lost is certainly not convinced he was beaten. By changing our method to the all match-play system the "stymie" would play an even more important part and would thus add further to the dissatisfaction of the players.

The decision of the R.C.G.A. on the subject you bring up will certainly be awaited with interest by the golfers as a whole.

Yours very truly

Gordon B. Taylor.



The above scene is of the Shaughnessy Heights Course where the Canadian Amateur Championship was played this year in Vancouver, B. C. In the immediate foreground is the fourth green beyond which can be seen the first and second holes leading away from and back to the club house. No. 1 which measures 520 yards was the subject of much discussion and of many comical arguments indulged in between the players and the genial Davie Black, professional at Shaughnessy. The boys were slamming home their seconds on this hole when they happened to connect with two of their best, and this extremely healthy hitting must have seemed a little sacrilegious to the respect which the popular Mr. Black has always born for the length of this hole. His favourite remark to the contestants who would say "I was home with a drive and a spoon on the first hole" was "I'd like to see you young fellers play that hole in the winter season (the rainy season in British Columbia) it'd take you a drive and two of any clubs in your bag to reach that green and there'd be few of you who would be able to touch the second in two shots". The general answer was something to the effect that it was then summertime, which usually left the good-natured Davie without much of a comeback.

## Golf Finds Fertile Soil in British Columbia

### Amazing Strides of B. C. Golf

IN A province where the awakening of interest in golf has been only equalled in extent by the general excellence of the calibre of play demonstrated by its rising group of young stars 1933 has seen British Columbia take paramount position as the golfing centre of the Dominion. The outstanding events held in this province during the past year have been the Canadian Amateur Championship, the Pacific North West Championship, the British Columbia Amateur and Open events and the Willingdon Cup Team Trophy tournament.

### Second in 1932

Having to content himself with second place at Toronto in 1932, Jack Matson, well-known figure in British Columbia golf, led a smart scoring combination of young golfers to a well-merited victory over Canada's best team combinations to win the Willingdon cup.

Despite the fact that British Columbians were not always successful does not cast any reflection on their golfing ability as demonstrated in 1933. In the Pacific North West Championship as in the Amateur Championship, Frank "Scotty" Campbell, Seattle shot-maker, defeated two of British Columbia's most stellar performers in the finals. Ken Black was the victim in the latter while Alan Taylor of Victoria, B. C. was forced to bow in the former. Taylor's exhibition in the Pacific North

Officials of the British Columbia Golf Association for the years 1933-34 are as follows:

President, D. B. Manley; Vice-President, J. R. Matson; Directors, W. S. Charlton, E. M. Boyd, H. I. Bird, A. S. G. Musgrave; Secretary, A. V. Price, Victoria, B.C.

West Championship played over the Oak Bay Links was indeed a dazzling performance, and in working his way to the finals he disposed of by far the most difficult bracket of players. In the British Columbia Amateur Championship the Veteran Alex "Sandy" Watson put on a most spirited battle to reach the finals, and then gave young Ken Black, runner-up in the Canadian Amateur, a stirring battle for the title.

### 282 by Taylor To Win!

In Vancouver again the victory of Phil Taylor, most consistent of the West Coast Professionals, in the British Columbia Open Championship was not unexpected, but the canny performer from Victoria was forced to shoot a splendid score of 282 for the 72 holes of that tournament.

Of the golf courses that were most used during this season in the British Columbia tournaments Shaughnessy Heights at Vancouver and Oak Bay at Victoria were the outstanding.

### Vera Hutchings Still Reigns

In the domain of women's golf on the West Coast the former Mrs. Vera Hutchings, (now Mrs. Dr. Ford) of Vancouver, clicked off another year in her perennial string of victories in outstanding tournaments in this province. Again she was unbeatable in the Pacific North West title chase, and with the same ease of manner that has characterized all her victories her experience and stroking led her to another British Columbia title.

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Much Accomplished by Ontario Association in '33

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necessary and valuable work carried out by the provincial golf bodies.

The following is the official list of Ontario titleholders followed by a list of the winners of the Ontario Golf Association field days.

Ontario Title Holders

- Ont. Amateur — Don Carrick, Scarborough.
- Ont. Open — Art Hulbert, Thornhill.
- Ont. Junior — Jack Chinery, Humber Valley.
- Ont. Parent & Child — Geo. S. Lyon and Fred Lyon, Lambton.
- Ont. Fall Tournament — Bill Eckhart, Mississauga.

Ontario Golf Association 1933 Field Days

FIRST FIELD DAY		Hamilton Golf and Country Club, May 17th.	
Low Gross		J. S. Lewis	Brantford 73
Low Net	11 and over	J. J. Sullivan	Waterdown 90-20-70
Low Net	10 and under	A. Eagle	Royal York 77-8-69
Low Gross	11 and over	Jack O'Connor	Waterdown 83
SECOND FIELD DAY		York Downs Golf and Country Club, May 31st.	
Low Gross		Murray Lapp	Thistledown 73
Low Net		W. H. Batten	Lambton 76-10-66
Low Gross	11 and over	J. Chinery	Humber Valley 78
Low Net	11 and over	R. K. Young	Summit 88-18-70
THIRD FIELD DAY		Brantford Golf and Country Club, June 3rd.	
Low Gross	10 and under	E. C. Gould	Brantford) tied 77
Low Gross	11 and over	A. M. Edwards	Galt )
Low Net	11 and over	N. Brown	Brantford 76
		F. A. Popplewell	Brantford 66
FOURTH FIELD DAY		Oshawa Golf Club, June 15th	
Low Gross		Phil Farley	Cedar Brook 70
Low Net	10 and under	J. Holden	Summitt 72-8-64
1st Low Net	11 and over	F. Zinkan	Clon Mawr 82-18-64
2nd Low Net	11 and over	S. Whiddon	Peterboro 77-11-66
FIFTH FIELD DAY		Toronto Golf Club, July 14th.	
1st and 2nd Gross		Don Carrick	Scarboro ) tied 74
		W. Eckhart	Mississauga )
Low Net	10 and under	G. Reed Blaikie	Toronto ) tied 77-10-67
Gross	11 and over	R. V. S. Johnson	Toronto )
		M. Cox	York Downs ) tied 82
Low Net	11 and over	J. Wallace	Royal York 80-12-68
SIXTH FIELD DAY		Waterloo County Golf and Country Club, Galt, August 12th	
Low Gross		E. C. Gould	Brantford 77
Low Net		E. Parks	Grand River 78-10-68
Low Gross	11 and over	P. Phillips	Galt 81
Low Net	11 and over	A. M. Edwards	Galt 85-18-67
SEVENTH FIELD DAY		Peterborough Golf and Country Club, August 26th.	
Low Gross	10 and under	W. J. Thompson	Mississauga 76
Low Net	10 and under	G. Reed Blaikie	Toronto 79-8-71
Low Gross	11 and over	D. Payne	Peterboro 76
Low Net	11 and over	L. S. Killally	Peterboro 80-12-68
EIGHTH FIELD DAY		Woodbine Golf Club, September 30th.	
Low Gross		W. J. Thompson	Mississauga 74
Low Net		Harry Phelan	Royal York ) tied 80-9-71
		J. W. Dunlop	Thistledown )
		Gill Walker	Royal York 81-10-71
Low Gross	11 and over	Dr. Gibson	Lakeview 79-8-71
Low Net	11 and over	L. W. Manning	Woodbine 85
			89-18-71

Will Canada Change

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Gentlemen:—

I have yours of the 17th instant re mode of playing the Canadian Amateur Golf Championship. I might say that it has always been my opinion that the system of all match play should prevail, the same as has been in vogue in the British Amateur for years. I have seen good players fail to qualify because of one bad hole in the qualifying round. By following the example set in the Old Country you get more entries and it does not take up any more time.

I am strongly in favour of all match play.

Very sincerely,  
Geo. S. Lyon.

Gentlemen:—

Inasmuch as most of our Amateur championships are determined by match-play for the players who successfully come through the test of qualifying rounds of medal-play I am inclined to believe that the British "All match play system" would add considerable more interest to our amateur tournaments.

There are a large number of very good golfers who prefer match-play to medal-play, and if they could survive the usual qualifying tests, might successfully win any championship.

While I personally feel that medal-play is the best test of

golf, yet match and medal-play are entirely different, as it often happens that a low medal score loses out in match-play.

I do not see any reason why the all match play system should not be tried out here.

Yours truly,  
Fred G. Hoblitzel.

Gentlemen:—

You nasty men reminding me of qualifying rounds.

Seriously speaking though, I think it would be a good idea, first, because Match Play is far more interesting from a gallery point of view and again it relieves the pressure from many good golfers who because of probably one or two bad holes fail to qualify (no excuses for myself as I had many bad holes and would have lost to anybody in match play).

However, having had no experience with this type of tournament I think it much better to take the opinion of those who have.

Yours very truly,  
Phil Farley.

Incoming Slate

G. H. Forster, Montreal, President. Executives W. S. Charlton, British Columbia O. L. Leigh-Spencer, Alberta; Major J. D. Gunn, Saskatchewan; Robert Jacob, K.C., Manitoba; E. C. Gould, G. L. Robinson, A. W. White, Ontario; L. W. Barker, Geo. P. Murphy, J. I. Rankin, Quebec; Frank L. Lewis, Maritime Provinces.



# Golf Comes Back in Great Britain

By DUNSTAN McWOTHINGTON

## Optimistic Keynote

**O**PTIMISM is the keynote of British golf, as Englishmen look forward to the year 1934, with hopes of extending the improved position which the Old Country has wrought for itself during the past season. Up until the past season outstanding British players have been buffeted about by their par-haunting American cousins. It should be a pleasure for Canadians to realize that the home land, really the cradle of golf, is once again returning to a position of free eminence after a lapse of a good many seasons.



MR. MICHAEL SCOTT

1933 winner of the British Amateur title and the man who stopped the rampant George Dunlap in the semi-finals. Scott will probably lead the British Walker Team which will be hosts to the Americans in May

## Ryder Cup Upset!!

Foremost in the year's achievements of the British Isles we see a group of intensely determined British professionals reaping the reward of training and serious practise as the British Ryder Cup Team caught the invading American team flatfooted at Southport and after a rampant first day, in which they took a commanding lead, the bulldog tenacity stood them in good stead, to withhold a closing challenge of the debonair Americans. To be sure the English could not stand off the Americans in the Open Championship of Great Britain, but young Sid Easterbrook only failed by a single putt to create a three corner tie with Craig Wood and Densmore Shute. It was United States tenth victory in the British Open.

## All-British Final

In the amateur championship there was an all-British final with two very fine players showing to advantage in their reserve stamina, as well as their golfing skill. They were Michael Scott and T. A. Bourn, the former being the victor in the British Classic. It was Bourn's second set-back, the former Cambridge star having been defeated by John Woolam, a new player from Cheshire — in the English championships. Another outstanding amateur during 1933 was Jack McLean, a youngster of outstanding consistency, who won the amateur titles of Scotland and Ireland for a second consecutive year. In the Irish championships McLean had to defeat Eric Fiddan, who has been considered one of the outstanding golfers in Great Britain for some time. Undoubtedly Scott, Bourn, Fiddan, McLean and L. G. Crawley (the only man who won a British point in the singles in 1932) will form a nucleus of the 1934 British Walker Cup Team.

## Miss Enid Again!!

Among the women players Miss Enid Wilson's third consecutive victory in the British Championship was sufficient to put her in a class with the great Joyce Wethered and the equally famous Cecil Leitch. Miss Wilson retires this year from competitive championship, so no doubt we will hear more of Miss Diana Fishwick 1929 champion and Miss Molly Gourlay, also an outstanding British player. Miss Wilson completed her third attempt at the American Women's Crown this year, but was decisively beaten in the semi-finals by a relentless Miss Virginia Van Wie.

R. A. Whitcombe  
-72.52 Average

Amongst the British professionals R. A. Whitcombe of Parkston Dorset compiled the most outstanding record for the season as he completed twenty-seven rounds of competitive play for a 72.52 average. T. H. Cotton, now situated in Belgium competed in rounds of championship play during the season to compile a record of 1,164 strokes or an average of 72.75 per round. C. A. Whitcombe, Crows Hill, had twenty-nine rounds, averaging 72.76. A. H. Padgeham played thirty-two rounds for an even total of 73 strokes per round. With records such as these, four Britishers appear to be the outstanding crop of the

professionals in Great Britain. Sid Easterbrook, the young man who defeated Desmore Shute on the last green in the Ryder Cup matches, must also have his name placed amongst this group and as they are all comparatively young, they too should form a strong quintet about which the 1935 professional team may be constructed.

All in all it has been an improved season for British golfers and Canadians must feel some degree of pride in that golf is returning to its own in its birthplace.

## Outstanding British Golf Dates

- April 23.—English amateur championship at Formby.
- May 11 to 17.—Women's open championship at Royal Porthcart.
- May 28.—British amateur championship at Prestwick.
- June 4.—Irish Women's Close championship at Portmarnock.
- June 6 and 7.—Scottish professional championship at Nairn.
- June 11 to 14.—Welsh women's championship at Harlech.
- June 14 and 15.—Walker cup match at St. Andrew's.
- June 16 to 22.—Scottish women's championship at North Berwick.
- June 18 to 21.—Irish close amateur championship at Ross-lare.
- June 25.—British open championship at Sandwich.
- July 3 and 4.—French open championship.
- July 9.—Women's international championship of France at Le Touquet.
- July 17 and 19.—Open championship of Ireland at Portmarnock.
- July 23.—Scottish amateur championship at St. Andrew's.
- August 16 to 18.—British international matches at Royal Porthcawl.
- Sept. 8.—French amateur international championship at Chiberta.
- Sept. 10 to 14.—Irish amateur open championship at Portmarnock.
- Sept. 29.—The Prince of Wales cup, at Prince's, Sandwich.
- Oct. 1 to 5.—English women's championship at Seacroft.

# SHORT PUTTS

By RALPH REVILLE

A graceful and well deserved tribute has been paid Miss Ada Mackenzie of Toronto, by the sports writers of Canada who have voted Canada's outstanding woman golfer to be the outstanding woman athlete of the Dominion, in 1933. Behind her trailed the track elite of the country led by Hilda Strike of Montreal, who was chosen the outstanding woman athlete for 1932. In third place was Miss Frizzell of Vancouver the 100 metres champion. Fourth was Miss Betty Taylor of Hamilton, the 17-year old champion hurdler.

Ever since 1919 Miss Mackenzie has more or less dominated woman's golf in Canada. Last year it will be remembered at Winnipeg, she easily won both the Canadian Ladies' Open and Close championships, duplicating a similar performance, also in Winnipeg in 1926. Newspapermen considered, and deservedly so, her "come back for the golfing heights" the outstanding individual performance in women's sport in Canada, in 1933."

Miss Mackenzie is not only a great golfer with championships, National and Provincial, literally by the score to her credit, but she has unquestionably done more for women's golf in the Dominion than any other player. She it was who organized so successfully some years ago the Ladies' golf club in Toronto the only club of its kind in Canada. Then too, she has for many years taken the keenest interest in young girl players, to whom she has been a veritable "golfing godmother." She instituted the first Junior championship in Canada, for these youthful golfers and now every Province in the Dominion has its girl championships, thanks to Miss Mackenzie's initiative.

Richly therefore she deserves the honor of being acclaimed "Canada's best woman athlete" to which might well be added "Canada's most unassuming and best beloved woman golfer."

This is a great winter season for the canny Scot golfer. Willie MacFarlane, and Tommy Armour have been pulling down the plums at the big money tournaments the past few weeks and now MacDonald Smith and Willie Hunter have decided to get into the picture and demonstrate that others of the clan are capable of picking up a few more bawbies. Smith, the 42-year-old Carnoustie veteran romped away with the juicy first prize — \$1375 in the Los Angeles Open this month, putting on two superlative last rounds of 69 and 68 to post the winning score of 280.

Then tied for second place with big Bill Mehlhorn of Brooklyn at 288 or 8 shots back of the winner, was Willie Hunter of Culver City, California, who pulled down \$745. Hunter is another Scot who before

he joined the ranks of the paid brigade won the British amateur championship in 1921. Hang up a pot of gold and it is uncanny how these Scottish pros "go for it."

MacDonald Smith is "the world's greatest golfer" who has never won either the British or U. S. Opens. He did land the



MISS ADA MACKENZIE, Toronto  
a credit to golf — and sport

Canadian Open in 1926 but the two major titles have persistently eluded him although he has gone after them time and time again. Experts claim that "Mac" is as great a golfer as Bobby Jones, Walter Hagen, Tommy Armour, Gene Sarazen or any other of the big guns. Some even go so far as to say he has more shots in his bag than any of them, but ill-luck has persistently dogged him in the British and U. S. Opens. Twenty years ago he finished fourth in the U. S. Open whilst his record in the British Open shows how narrowly on several occasions, he missed annexing the title. He finished third three times in succession — 1923, 1924 and 1925 and in 1931 was in fourth place. A little bit of luck, with a putt here or there, and the dour Carnoustie expert might easily have won the championship more than once.

"Mac" is very well known and popular in Canada. He generally participates in our Open Championship where he is always followed by a large gallery as he is a great stylist. It is generally reported that he is the best off financially of all the leading pros, he, running true to his nationality, having invested his winnings wisely and well.

The annual Father and Son tournament at Pinehurst, N. C. played January 3rd witnessed some very fine golf. George T. Dunlop jr. amateur champion of the United States paired with his father returned the splendid score of 78 over the long and difficult No. 2 course, but this was equalled by two Canadians Percy W. Thomson and his son Eric of St. Andrews, N. B. However, the Dunlops won the event as they had a handicap of 10 which brought their net to 68, whereas the Canadians with a handicap of 9 had a net of 69.

The Thomsons are well known residents of New Brunswick but the family has for some years spent the winter at Pinehurst, where Mr. Thomson has a palatial home. Both father and son are outstanding golfers and have won many events, the past few seasons at the popular North Carolina resort.

Word comes from Mafeking, South Africa, of a colossal tee-shot measuring 448 yards or over a quarter of a mile, hit by John H. N. Hobday. There was a following breeze and a hard fairway. If this is an authentic drive and it is said to be properly vouched for, it constitutes a world's record. Heretofore, E. C. Bliss of Herne Bay, England, has held the honor. 'Way back in August 1913 he banged a ball 445 yards, so Hobday has gone him three yards better.

The world's newly crowned longest driver, is 26 years of age and is a fine all-round athlete. He was educated at the City of London School. He qualified as B.Sc. and M.R.V.S. at the London University and the Royal Veterinary College respectively, and after holding the position of house-surgeon at the Veterinary College, London, was appointed Government Veterinary Officer at Mafeking — the place which loomed so large in the Boer War and the defence of which brought Baden-Powell enduring fame. Mafeking can now lay claim to another celebrity although this time not on the battle-field but on the field of peaceful sport.

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# A Great American Squad to Compete at St. Andrews

## 1934 American Walker Cup Team Chosen



MR. LAWSON LITTLE  
senior finalist in the American Amateur Championship — serving his first year in Walker Cup Play

IT SEEMS quite a long way in advance, but at the annual meeting of the U. S. Amateur Golf Association, recently held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City the 1934 American Walker Cup Team was chosen. The tournament which will be held again at St. Andrew's in May against the British, finds a most capable assortment of representatives bearing the stars and stripes.

After a year which saw the

1931 champion fail to even qualify, Francis Ouimet of Boston was named as Captain of the team which will defend American supremacy of amateur golf. These matches which have been played at two year intervals since 1924 and every year prior to that time since 1921 have seen United States victorious in every meet. There have been eight to date, during which time United States has compiled 67 points, each representing a victory, against 24 in favor of their British cousins.

Apparently the squad picked for the international fray in Scotland this spring will be another of the powerful variety, which United States seems to have no trouble in turning out. Heading the list is George Dunlap, the New Yorker who this year won the Amateur Championship of United States to culminate a splendid season at home and abroad. He was semi-finalist in the British Amateur Championship, going before Michael Scott.

It must be a great deal of satisfaction for the second chosen member of the team, Mr. John Goodman of Omaha, Nebraska, to realize that at last he has made the grade for the Walker Cup Team, and make it he has done, for he



Left to Right: Mr. Jack Westland, Chicago Western Title Holder Mr. Chandler Egan, Del Monte Calif. Amateur Champion in 1903-4 who staged a come-back this year, and Mr. Gus Moreland, Dallas, Texas, sensational youthful player

carries no less a title to the historic old course, in Scotland, than that of American Open Champion. The most fastidious association in the world could not overlook such a title as this in choosing an amateur golfer, and Johnny is expected to be a consistent point winner, when his "low - skudding" shots battle the crosswinds of rolling St. Andrews. Gus Moreland, a young man who has shown consistent class, for

the past three years, since he came out of Texas, has made his presence so felt in every tournament which he has since entered that he cannot be over-looked. He was a member of the 1932 team.

Chandler Egan, of Del Monte California, was champion of the United States back in 1904 and 1905, but never has he been a member of the Walker Cup Team. His fine play in the U. S. Amateur, no doubt, gives him this rating. In the 1933 Championships he put Johnny Goodman out of the running and had to shoot a seventy to do it!! The California Veteran more than convinced the Association that he still has a great competitive game. The next member of the team, Johnny Fisher, of Cincinnati is the same player, who last year,

in the qualifying round at Kenwood set a new record for the qualifying round shooting a 69 on the last day to accomplish the feat after sinking a 175 yard iron shot over a clump of trees. He is another golfer of the fighting variety, who pulls miracle shots at crucial moments.

The next man to be chosen is another Californian, from San Francisco and he is none other than the conqueror of Canada's own Sandy Somerville in the 1933 American Amateur Championship. For those who do not remember his name, he is Lawson Little Jr. He has been a consistent qualifier in the American Amateur Championships for a number of years. Max Marton, of Philadelphia, and runner up in the 1933 U. S. Amateur Champion-



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MR. GEORGE DUNLAP  
U. S. Amateur Title Holder and a former member of the team



MR. MAE MARSTON,  
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# “Coastal Comment”

By STUART KEATE

## “Go West” Young Golfers!!

While golf clubs are being stored away in favor of skis and skates in Eastern Canada, British Columbians sally forth for their round of golf oblivious to the terrors of that much-publicized old gentleman known as “King Winter”. No snow that touched Vancouver in December lasted more than a day or so. On January third, a fine sunshiny day, your “Coastal commentator” played eighteen holes over the Jericho course, where every permanent green was in use!

## He Trimmed “Light Horse” Harry

Harry Winder, professional at the University course, Vancouver, and uncle of Ken Black, started 1934 with a New Deal which he hopes will bring home the golfing “stakes”. Harry left his home course to do the “Southern Loop” of big-money tournaments in California, where he will compete with the best players in the United States. The stocky young Vancouverite, who once took the measure of “Lighthorse Harry” Cooper, started well by qualifying against a strong field in the \$5000 Los Angeles Open.

## The Best the West Has Heard!!!!

What was the best golf story of 1933?

In the opinion of the writer, the best of all “gags” was released by Al Pearce, known to thousands of radio listeners on the Coast as the star of the famous NBC “Gang”.

Al, it seems, is very fond of golf and does heated battle at every opportunity with his equally well-known brother, “Cal” Pearce.

One morning Al went off by himself to play nine holes of golf.

Coming off the ninth green, he saw brother “Cal” standing nearby, rushed up to him and blurted “Cal, I—I—went out in 33!”

Unmoved, “Cal” flicked the ash from his cigarette, “Yes”, he nodded, “and so did Mr. Hoover.”

## “Swiped from ‘Chic’ Johnson”

Olsen and Johnson are another pair of radio favorites that enjoy a round of golf, but it is rumored that they’re as crazy on the course as they are on stage, screen and ether waves.

At any rate, Alex Duthie of the Jericho course, Vancouver, who is a close friend of the famous pair, has in his possession a most unique golf ball.

The property of “Chic” Johnson, it bears the stamp “Swiped from Chic Johnson” on the mesh-work!

And how could any golfer with a free conscience play with a ball like that?

# SHORT PUTTS

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## Willie Lamb to Lambton

One of the most important changes in Canadian professional golfdom for some time was reported this month, the Lambton Golf & Country Club, Toronto, announcing the appointment of Willie Lamb as professional of the club, in succession to Andy Kay who has held the position for some years. Lambton is considered one of the outstanding professional positions in the Dominion.

Lamb is another Scottish amateur who, turning professional has made a name for himself on this continent. He came to Canada as a youth from the Land O’ the Heather to take the post of assistant to George Cumming at the Toronto club. He quickly proceeded to demonstrate that he was a player of no ordinary ability, and during the past few years has won every important championship in Ontario, Quebec and the Canadian Professional championship, many of them several times. Latterly he has been pro at Uplands, Toronto, with a winter engagement in Mexico where too, he has annexed more than one championship. On his record “Willie” is unquestionably, the outstanding profes-

sional of Canada, although his compatriot, Lex Robson, of Islington, Toronto, also a former Scottish amateur, runs him a close second. Lambton has made a wise choice. There were a large number of applicants for the covered position.

The following in tabloid form is the story of Lamb’s career: He was born in Montrose, Scotland 31 years ago, was a member of the Mercantile Club there and one of its leading players for several years appearing quite frequently in the final of the various championships. In 1924 he came to Canada to take a position as assistant professional to George Cumming at the Toronto Golf Club. He was there for five seasons before going to Uplands, Toronto, as professional. He was also at Monterey, Mexico from 1925 until 1930 before immigration laws and the depression halted operations there. He has won the following championships since coming to Canada, Professional Golfers Assistant championship, Lambton, 1927. Canadian Professional Golf championship, Summit, 1928, Laval-sur-le-Lac 1929. Burlington 1930 and 1933 at Toronto Golf Club. Ontario Open championship,

Mississauga, 1930 and at Rosedale, 1932. Quebec Open championship, Summerlea 1931 Senneville, 1932 and Islesmere, 1933. Altogether an outstanding six-year record which has never been equalled by any Canadian professional.

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## H. R. H. Club Captain

The Prince of Wales has accepted the invitation of the Prestwick Golf Club, Scotland, to be their Captain this year. As the British Amateur championship is to be held at Prestwick the week of May 28th. this acceptance of the captaincy by His Royal Highness, will be especially gratifying to golfers as it will mean that he will be sure to attend this event, participated in by players from all over the world. The Prince has previously held the captaincy of the Royal & Ancient, St. Andrews, Royal Mid-Surrey, Royal St. Georges, and Royal Wimbledon. Incidentally, he is Patron of the Laval-sur-le-Lac Golf Club, Montreal, the only club so honored in Canada — a Royal recognition especially appreciated by the members of this outstanding French-Canadian club.

## 1933 Sees Golfing Interest at High Pitch Amongst Canada's Doughty Links Veterans

ONE of the most creditable bodies, or organizations of which golf can boast, saw another of their splendid meetings during 1933 at the Seigniory Club in the Province of Quebec. This was the Canadian Seniors group.

Mr. Albert A. Adams playing his first year of senior golf led the field from the first of the 36 holes medal play, making a 79 on the first day and adding a consistent 82 the second. This total gave him the Canadian Senior's title for the year 1933. In the runners-up position J. Dix Fraser of Lambton Toronto was six strokes behind while in third place Thomas Rennie was one stroke back of Fraser. Played in conjunction with this event, and opening the ceremonies the two-ball foursomes attracted 45 teams in which Dr. E. Wilson of London, Ont. and W. H. Oliver of Toronto returned victors with a one stroke margin over J. A. Ogilvy of Brantford and Thomas Rennie of Toronto. The outstanding event outside of the actual tournament was the brilliantly colourful dinner in the famous Log Chateau. A most distinguished group of officers presided at the banquet where Sir Robt. Borden Hon. President of the Association was seated on one side of Mr. Frank Rolph, new elected president, with Mr. E. W. Betty, K.C. on the other. Major General J. G. Harbord, president-elect of the United States Seniors, and Mr. Frederick Snare, the American team captain, were also present.

At the annual meeting to which the Seniors gathered at the completion of the second day of play, it was unanimously moved that Frank A. Rolph maintain his presidency of the Association.



Forming an interested gallery on the first tee at the Seigniory Club during the 16th annual Seniors Championship of Canada. Left to right they are: H. C. F. Post, Cornwall, D. McLennan, Montreal, C. L. MacKay, Sarnia, J. Dix Fraser, John Rennie, of Toronto, Dr. W. W. McGuire, Simcoe, A. A. Hodgson and J. W. Ross, Montreal



A. A. ADAMS of Hamilton, Ont. at the Seigniory Club in the Province of Quebec. In winning the 16th Annual Tournament of the Canadian Seniors, Mr. Adams obtained his first and only major title after a long career on the links. The new 1933 champion defeated that well-known American Seniors player, F. S. Douglas in the International matches for the Duke of Devonshire Trophy, notwithstanding, however, the Canadian team lost by a score of 21 to 11



Center: A foursome in the Annual tournament of the Canadian Seniors Golf Association held at the Seigniory Club. From left to right they are: A. E. Dymont, C. A. Rogert, J. M. Lyle, and G. W. Blaikie, all of Toronto

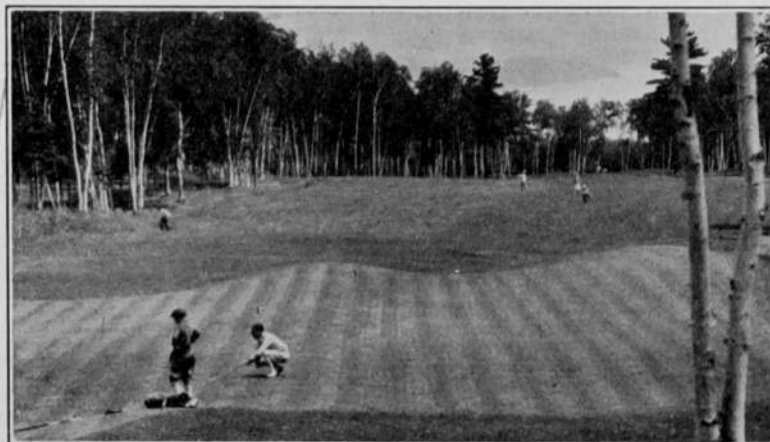
With this having been done it was moved and passed that the entire slate of officers and governors with one exception be returned to office. The sole exception was the replacement of J. L. McCulloch of Beaconsfield, Montreal by Mr. N. A. Timmins of the same club due to retirement. The Vice-

president of the Canadian Seniors is the Hon. Martin Burrell, of Ottawa, the second vice-president is R. H. Green of Toronto. The financial condition of the Canadian Seniors association was considered satisfactory, and the whereabouts of the 1934 championship was to be chosen by a committee which was formed at the last meeting.

The official tournament results saw the International match for the Duke of Devonshire Trophy again won by the United States team by a score of 21 points to 11 points over Canada's representatives. This match was played under the Nassau system. In the individual championships North American Title was won by R. W. Lee of Youngstown, Ohio, who had a gross score of 80. E. A. MacNutt of Montreal, was runner-up with an 83 while the defending champion Geo. S. Lyon required 99 strokes.

Several other leading scores in this tournament were: G. L. Robinson, of Toronto 85; F. S. Douglas, of New York, 86. D. N. Tallman, Wilmar, Minn. 87; G. T. Gregg, Pittsburgh, 88; and A. B. Jenks, Manchester, N. H. 89.

One of the most interesting fixtures of the Canadian 1934 season will be the Senior triangular matches which are scheduled to be played in Toronto next September. The Toronto Club will in all probability be the venue.



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## Jots From the Canadian Golfing World and Elsewhere

By T. HIGH

### The West Sets the Pace

SOMETHING which rather shows the way to Eastern golf clubs in the line of social activity is a regular Club musicale which is not only held weekly at the Shaughnessy club in Vancouver, but contrary to expectations and most athletic associations these functions are actually well attended. The musicales are held at the tea hour on Sundays in a large and comfortable lounge of the club house. Indeed, golf and its organization on the west coast are taking a definite lead over the rest of Canada. Another very tangible example of this rise of the sport in the mild-climed Canadian West is the fact that at this very club which has been mentioned the British Columbia team succeeded this summer in annexing the Willingdon Cup which takes the Dominion Championship away from the East. The logical conclusion which must be drawn from these facts is that the longer and fuller season of golfing weather which the West enjoys is beginning to show in their social interest and also in the calibre of play of their golfers. Moral — Easterners! Look to your laurels!!

### Cold Attracts New Comers

MORE and more the lucrative value of the Southern and West coast tourneys is being realized as new-comers are constantly adding their names to the lists of Big time stars during the winter months. It was not so long ago that we were first hearing of such stars of the present golfing welkin as Densmore Shute, Craig Wood, Paul Runyan and many others. They were the product of winter tourneys in the Sunny South and there they got an early training that has stood them in good stead in the major title bottles which take place in the summer months. It has been an alluring pot of gold that has created a nomadic band of wandering warriors of the fairways amongst the Ace American Professionals. In one California tourney alone \$4,000 is the amount of the prize money. This is the Pasadena Open.

### Grand Slam Champion Gives Warning

That Bobby Jones the Grand Slam champion is still capable of "slamming in the sixties" was demonstrated a few days ago when in opening the 18-hole municipal course at Atlanta, Georgia, which is named after him, he put on a 67 or four under par to give his pay-as-you-go public links imitators, record to aim at for some time. Bobby is still the superlative artist with both woods and irons and it seems a pity that he has more or less dropped out of championship golf although it is rum-

oured that he may this year compete in Open championships again. Unfortunately he is not now eligible to enter for amateur events having been professionalized by the United States Golf Association.

### Canadians to Golfing "Entente"

OUTSTANDING among the appointments which have been made to Canadians in the past history of golf in Canada is the invitation of Andrew Kay and Sandy Somerville to the "Entente" of world famous golfers who are gathering together at Augusta in March of this spring.

They will be playing over the ideality-constructed course which the old master, Bobby Jones, has designed for his own pleasure from his intimate knowledge and vast contact with famous golf holes all over the world. Foreign countries which have produced outstanding golfers will be represented and only after a most meticulous choice on the part of a committee have invitations been tendered. It is more than a passing compliment that Canada should have two golfers chosen in this group and their play should be watched with something more than passing interest by Canadian enthusiasts. The winner of this Tournament might easily lay claim to the title of world champion — incidentally Mr. Jones is choosing this tournament in which to commence his comeback after a retirement of three years.

### Maritimes Bereaved

PROFESSIONAL golf in the Maritimes suffered a severe loss last month in the tragic death of Thomas Cornfoot, for many years professional of the well known Halifax Golf & Country club and winner of many Maritime golfing events. A few days before Christmas, Tom Cornfoot went out on the course to cut down an Xmas tree for his young daughter and unfortunately stepped into a hole in a tank which was used to supply the club house with water and was drowned. He was extremely popular with the members of the Halifax club and golfers throughout the Maritimes. He leaves a wife and a twelve-year old daughter to mourn his tragic passing. There were few better equipped professional golfers in Canada, than Tom Cornfoot. A brother, Nat Cornfoot is professional at the Langara Club, Vancouver, B. C.

Paying their last tribute to a fine golfer a large number of prominent citizens took part in the funeral service conducted by Dr. C. M. Kerr pastor of St. David's Presbyterian church, Halifax, assisted by the Rev. A. D. Mackinnon, of the Bethany United Church. The casket was draped in the Union Jack for Tom Cornfoot the soldier, who had a most honorable war record. The last post was sounded at the

grave at St. John's cemetery, where interment took place, Masonic rites were solemnized.

THE U.S.P.G.A. title lately won at Blue Mound Country Club, in Milwaukee, by Gene Sarazen, is coming closer to the Canadian border than at any previous time in the history of the tournament. At the Williamsport Course of the Park Club of Buffalo, the ace performers of United States, will be called upon to meet in an effort to settle their major match play title of the year. It was twenty years ago when the U.S. open was played in the border city that Buffalo last saw a major golfing championship. That year the title was won by J. J. McDermont at the Buffalo Country Club. It should be a splendid opportunity for Canadian golfing enthusiasts to get a peek at an unusual sight of top ranking golfers in a match play tournament.

### Thunder Bay Takes to Golf

ONE of the most successful seasons which has been experienced in many years has been reported during the past year by golfers of Thunder Bay Ont. The outstanding course of the district, the Port Arthur Country Club has been maintaining the best condition of the courses career. In addition the tournaments held representing the Thunder Bay Championships were particularly well patronized during 1933. Mr. Jim Whalen won the men's title, while Mrs. R. L. Seamen won the women's championship. The outstanding round played at Strathcona Country Club when Charles A. Nixon established a new record with a beautiful 69. Inter club competitions were held with a great deal of enthusiasm and generally speaking Thunder Bay golfers were treated to as replete a season as could be possibly hoped for.

### 108 Arpents of Hampstead

GOLF has taken hold in a most sound manner in the town of Hampstead which is a residential suburb of Montreal. The mayor of the small municipality was the perpetrator of a resolution whereby the town will donate 108 arpents of land to construct a new and better course than the one which is now being used. So enthusiastic were the people of this community that when mayor A. F. Beyers made the proposal the idea was passed unanimously. Indeed the depression may have dampened the ardour of the money spending activities of most people in connection with most things, but here is one group in which the "call of the fairways" has been more of an influence than the "Call of the pocket-book" which is something to write about in this day and age.

## The Business of Being a Successful Professional

**T**O MANY who know golf, this heading must appear almost banal! Perfectly obvious, no doubt, to most people just what constitutes a successful professional, but this article is not written with the idea of being valuable in a direct way to the average club member. Indirectly, it should be!

Analytically, the problems of the professional divide themselves into three major heads. In order of their importance, they are, contact with members, correct shop maintenance, and personal golfing ability. Indeed, probably there are few golfers who have considered these last two requisites in just the light in which they are discussed here. Shop maintenance is sometimes considered by the laymen as an important item to his professional's success, but undoubtedly, the old argument arises which asks why a professional need be an outstanding player himself? (but that will be treated with in its correct order).

A New Year's resolution of infinite wisdom for professionals throughout the country, and one which should not only be found a sound policy but a profitable one in the long run, would be the cultivation of a "contact front" (which does not necessarily mean an insincere show of interest) with which to treat one and all of the members. As a servant of the club it is not the professional's business to be over-bearing or too self-assertive in his dealings with members. His personality, in its rightful relationship, is expected to be as unchanging and as stable as the bunkers on the first fairway. It should be as much his business to spend time with the poorer player as with the "low handicappers" at his club and he will find that a little consideration to the "dubs" will be far more remunerative in most cases than a great deal more interest which he may evince in some of the better players. In short, the most successful professional must find a way of making his personality as constant and as dependable as Tennyson's "brook", and his interest must

be as wide-spread and as undivided in its tensity as humanly possible. It is not an uncommon situation to find a golf club where a professional has let his personal feelings and interests turn one half of his membership against him and these form one faction which is opposed to those who are his friends. This sort of thing is an extreme case, but even in minor instances it is generally due to poor division of interest and an unthinking front which a professional has allowed to be his, while contacting certain members.

In the case of shop maintenance much is dependant upon the space donated by the club, but even so, the general personality and character of a professional is reflected in the type of shop which he maintains. It is not a matter of extensively stocked show cases or brilliant displays, but more a well ordered and cleverly appointed atmosphere, which should prevade about the club showroom. A professional's business is his shop and because he is on the fairways a good portion of the day giving lessons is no reason why he must overlook the appearance of his store. Another point which is of paramount importance is the fact that a professional can be and very often is a really good business man. To those professionals who have found the revenue from their shops comparatively negligible a glance about at some of the more successful professionals may give them a fairly good idea of just why this is. Generally the difference between a financially successful or unsuccessful professional can be easily detected in the difference of appearance of their shops. The modern professional is more than a craftsman — he is a merchant.

Lastly, why is it necessary that a professional be a sound and dependable golfer? It is the same reason that a good air instructor should himself be a good pilot. In order to learn any

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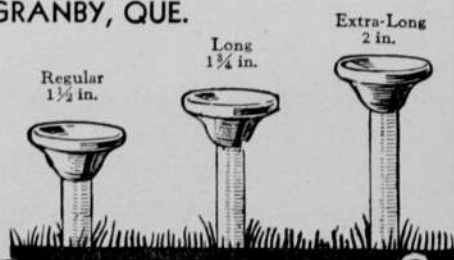
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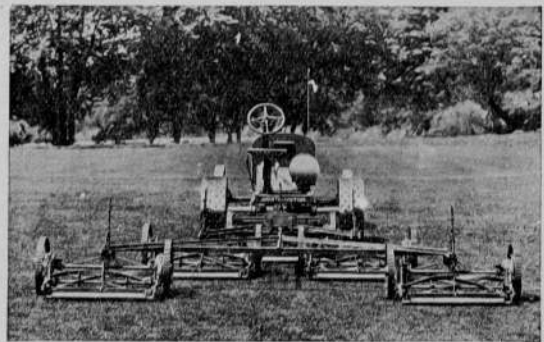
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game from another individual the student must have confidence in his instructor. Therefore, knowing the fundamentals does not alone qualify a professional for the job of teaching. If one stops to think one can undoubtedly remember various professionals, holding down a good position for some length of time, while they, the professionals were known to be unable to consistently beat the low handicap players in the club, but despite the fact that in such cases one often hears "he is a nice fellow and he can teach", it does not take long for these chaps to quietly lose their holds on the membership in favor of some hard-hitting assistant. Of course, this is not always the case and there is always a place for the "old timer" who knows his golf, but it is a very profitable and sensible thing to do, on the part of any professional, to keep his game at its highest pitch. Again this is a reflection on his "wares-in-trade".

### A Great American Squad to Compete at St. Andrews

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ships, is chosen for the first time in his career, despite the fact that he too was actually champion in 1923. The stocky veteran was playing the best golf of his career this year and seemed to have regained his putting touch which kept him in the background for a decade amongst the top-ranking players.

Jack Westland is the remaining member of the team, and he is the Western Amateur title holder. He was runner up to Ouimet in 1931 at the Beverly Country Club and since that time has maintained an even tenure in his play.

Scheduled for May 11 and 12th the Walker Club matches are dated so as to allow the Americans a brief respite before the British Amateur Championship at Prestwick Golf Club, Scotland, which will take place between May 28th and June 2nd. The British Open Championships will not be played until the 25th of June and will take place at the Royal St. Georges Club at Sandwich, which will make it doubtful whether the Americans participating in the Walker Cup matches will remain in England until that time. With five veterans and four newcomers to the Walker Cup play, the American team is well balanced in this respect as well as in respect to youth and experience. None of the players may be termed inexperienced, but Ouimet, Marston and Egan lend the staidness to the team which is always valuable in such cases. From such an early date predictions are difficult, but it would not be surprising to see this group of golfing gladiators gaining the ninth American victory in the Walker Cup Matches this spring.

### Greenkeepers Meet Jan. 30th

The National Greenkeepers Association of America are meeting this year in the City of Pittsburg, from January 30th to February 3rd. This annual gathering of the continents leading agronomists has been the means by which the extensive knowledge of these gentlemen has been exchanged and disseminated. Canadian greenkeepers are part of this outstanding organization, and during 1934 it is highly possible that its Canadian Vice President will be promoted to the presidency, Mr. W. J. Sanson, Greenkeeper at the Toronto Golf Club is the gentleman likely to become the president of the National Greenkeepers Association of America. His appointment to the presidency will bring next year's annual gathering to Toronto, thereby, affording Canadian Greenkeepers an exceptional opportunity to listen to, and exchange ideas with many of the continents foremost turf experts. Arrangements are being made by the Canadian Golfer to publish many of the reports that will be presented to this year's annual convention.

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By GEO. GADD

CONSTRUCTIVE work for the ardent golfer is a difficult thing to achieve during the winter months. Perhaps the only part of the game which can be truly studied is the putting stroke and the reason for this lies in the fact that almost any hall or living room rug can find its counterpart as to texture on some putting green. For that reason the winter time can see a player so developed in this department that the change will be most surprising, when the snow has departed and the battle against par is again taken up in its natural environment.

"The man who can putt is a match for anyone." Old as the saying is, it is as true to-day as it ever was. However, I am afraid that comparatively few golfers realize how many strokes they squander on the greens. Personally, I did not realize until about eight years ago, when, as a putter. I was just about as unreliable as you could find in all the professional ranks.

But happily the awakening came and I worked desperately hard to find a style which would not let me down. Whatever success I have achieved in the meantime I attribute to my new method.

Before I came to any definite conclu-

sions, I watched the putting of every golfer I came across, the professional, the amateur and the handicap player, both man and woman, and I noted one remarkable fact. In four instances out of five, when the ball missed the hole it did so on the left side. What was the cause?



Before I went further, I tried to solve this problem, and, by experiment, I convinced myself that the fault was due to the roll, or the turning over of the left wrist at the moment of impact with the ball. Obviously, I had to find a way to prevent this movement of the left wrist, and this was how I did it and how I have since putted.

Turn the left hand so far over that you can see all four knuckles, and place the elbow so that it is pointing to the hole; at the same time grip tightly with the third and fourth fingers. To complete the position, stand upright and put the feet fairly close together.

In my opinion, putting should be a one-handed operation, and my aim is to put the left out of action. This is why I grip so keenly with it. Take the club in your hands and adopt the method I have described, and you will find that the right hand is hitting up against the left.

You will probably say, "Yes, but how awkward." This feeling will soon work off, and you will settle down to putt in comfort. Besides, a little temporary inconvenience can be tolerated if the left wrist is prevented from turning over, and, what I believe to be a vital fault is cured.



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In the Victoria City & District Championships Mrs. Jackson of Uplands, administered a sound defeat to the medal list then went on to take the measure of Mrs. Paterson in the finals over her home course.

### Juniors Threaten

In the City & District Men's Championships Bob Morrison of Uplands, gave the youthful Harold Pretty a sound defeat when he regained this title. Junior players on the West Coast were outstanding during the past season for Pretty is still ranked in that class, and Ken Lawson also of Uplands not only won the City Junior Championship but won the Medal round of the Senior City Championship.

The Showing of Ken Black, Stan Leonard, Don Gowan, Dick Moore, Cecil Coville, Alan Taylor, and Jack Moryson, in the Canadian Amateur Championship were the real features for the 1933 season, and should be a definite criterion of the future prominent position which this province will hold in the Dominion.

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# Fine Turf Maintenance

By O. J. NOER

THE RAPID expansion in golf interest during the past decade is responsible for the tremendous advance in the art and science of fine turf culture. While the broad principles underlying turf management are relatively simple and universal in their application, insistent demand on the part of exacting players for uniform putting surfaces and good fairway turf has resulted in raising the standards of maintenance. Alert club officials recognize the value of good turf as a means of maintaining full memberships of contented golfers.

Grass is the natural coverage of open spaces in all temperate regions of moderate rainfall, but turf acceptable to the golfer develops naturally only where soil and climate are ideal. Club sites are seldom selected on the basis of soil suitability. Accessibility, topography, and cost are usually the controlling factors. Failure to recognize and correct physical soil condition, or supply needed plant food during construction, has prevented early play and in many cases has resulted in turf failure or materially increased the cost of subsequent maintenance. Disappointing growth of established turf is usually the result of plant food deficiencies in the soil, but selection of inferior or unsuited grasses, poor physical soil conditions, improper use of water and fertilizer, or ravages of insect pests and fungus disease may be serious contributing factors. It is useless to expect fertilizer to restore turf if the trouble is due to disease or some other factor other than plant food deficiencies. While fertilization is the most important single factor in turf maintenance, maximum efficiency is obtained only when supplementary conditions are favorable.

An understanding of all the fundamentals upon which grass growth depends underlies intelligent and economical turf management. The basic factors are:

- I. Favorable Air Temperature
- II. Sufficient Light
- III. Adequate Moisture
- IV. A fertile Soil
- V. Use of Grasses Suited to Local Conditions.
- VI. Protection of Turf from Injury

Some of these are not susceptible to change, but others can be modified to promote growth, or avoid serious turf damage during unfavorable weather.

## I. Air Temperatures

Both rate and character of growth are profoundly affected by temperature. Yellow or purplish colors are often associated with low temperatures, and growth may be so slow that young plants succumb to the ravages of insect pests. With high temperatures, rate of growth is rapid, plants tend to attain larger size but are less robust, making them more susceptible to fungus diseases.

The average temperature at which various plants thrive differ. The Northern Grasses, bent, blue grass, and fescue, prefer cool, moist weather, so turf is usually at its best during the spring and fall, especially in sections where July and August are hot and dry.

While climate cannot be modified, varieties of grasses suited to the locality should be selected. Extensive plantings of

untried grasses may prove to be a costly experiment. Obviously grasses adapted to warm climates are not suitable for use in cool sections, and modifying fertilizer and cultural practices will not entirely adapt them to the new environment.

## II. Light

That sunlight is necessary for plant growth is common knowledge, although its functions are not always clearly understood. In the green leaves sugars are produced from the simple substances water and carbon dioxide. Adequate sugar synthesis is just as necessary as a plentiful supply of other required plant nutrients obtained from the soil. Sugar production depends upon the presence of chlorophyll, the green substance of the leaf, and a source of energy which is supplied by the energy rays of sunlight. These sugars are transported to all parts of the plant and there are converted into other essential carbo-

hydrates such as starch, fats, cellulose, etc., or are utilized for the building of proteins and other vital plant products.

Severe leaf defoliation by frequent close cutting may result in gradual turf deterioration. The area of leaf surface is so curtailed that production of an adequate supply of sugar is impossible. In this respect grasses differ, due primarily to differences in habit of growth. Fortunately, the prostrate growing bents used in greens withstand close cutting they still retain relatively more leaf surface than the upright growing blue grass and fescue. With present demand for closely cut putting surfaces, it is folly to expect fescue to survive in greens.

Severe cutting is questionable practice on blue grass and fescue fairways. There is evidence to support the belief that fairways should not be cut closer than 1 to

1¼ inches. In early spring and again in the fall when growth is rapid, somewhat closer cutting may be practiced with impunity, but with the approach of summer, mowers should be raised gradually to the approximate limits suggested above. In moist seasons this may necessitate more frequent mowing.

Insistent demand on the part of golfers for extreme close cutting occurs when fairways are thin, and consequently, cuppy depressions are numerous. Close cutting will never permanently provide good fairways "lies". A program of fairway feeding designed to produce uniformly dense sod is the correct method.

Frequently golf courses show striking effects traceable to shade or light exclusion. Clover, crab grass, etc. may overrun closely clipped fairways and be wholly absent in the adjacent rough. The taller grass in the rough shade and effectively exclude light so these dwarf growing plants cannot survive.

Turf maintenance under dense trees is extremely difficult. The overhanging foliage absorbs the active light rays and thus deprives the grass of needed energy rays. Chewing fescue and poa trivialis are best suited to such locations. Poa trivialis is best in moist locations and the fescue where the soil tends to dry out.

## III. Adequate Supply of Moisture

Water exerts marked effects upon amount and character of growth. On the moister clay and loam soils, grasses have broadened coarser leaves and attain considerable size. Leaves are narrower on the drier sands and growth dwarfed, resulting in

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To the Editor  
Canadian Golfer  
Montreal

Dear Sir,

The article by Mr. O. J. Noer on Fine Turf Maintenance in your June issue was splendid. Let us have an article by Mr. Noer each month. It will save Golf Clubs a great deal of money in their course maintenance if their greenkeepers will read these articles.

I have known Mr. Noer for some years and have yet to meet a man better posted on Soils and Grasses.

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Charlie Murray

fine textured turf. These variations in character of growth, commonly ascribed to specific soil effects, are probably associated with these differences in ability of the soil to hold and release water to the growing turf. Root systems are usually more extensive and deeper in sandy soils because of better soil aeration.

The demand for water in a season is considerable, often amounting to 3,000 to 5,000 barrels per acre. During periods of scant rainfall, turf grasses are among the first to suffer. Root systems are roughly proportional to the amount of top growth, and since turf is kept short by constant cutting, its root system is confined to a relatively thin layer of surface soil. During periods of drought this soil layer is quickly exhausted. Summer dormancy of Northern Grasses is partially due to insufficient moisture. It is folly to expect green turf throughout the season without supplementary watering. This is especially true on sandy soils of low waterholding capacity.

Quantity of water affects both rate and character of growth. As moisture supply increases, rate of growth is accelerated up to an optimum, then rapid decline takes place and growth eventually ceases, because the roots are unable to obtain needed air from a soil completely saturated with water. Rapid rate of growth produces thin cell walls and leaves then become so weak and succulent that they bruise easily. The devastating effect of brown patch and related fungi are so severe that it becomes impossible to effect complete turf recovery between successive attacks. Plentiful nitrogen and high temperatures also increase rate of growth, so when these accompany abundant moisture, especially weak grass is the inevitable result, and complete loss of turf may occur. Summer disaster on greens is largely a matter of providing soil of suitable physical condition, together with careful watering and judicious fertilization.

#### IV. A Fertile Soil

That soils differ in their capacity to support turf growth is generally recognized, but some of the factors which distinguish a fertile from an infertile soil are overlooked.

A soil may contain an abundance of plant food elements and yet be infertile. In a broad sense, fertility refers not only to the presence of these essential nutrients, but the existence of other favorable factors as well. These include proper physical condition, an ample supply of moisture, adequate drainage, supply of decomposable organic matter, presence of beneficial soil organisms, abundant supply of plant nutrients, and the absence of toxic substances.

Since a good soil is so fundamental, a detailed discussion of soil and its relation to turf growth will follow in a succeeding article.

#### V. Use of Grasses Suited to Local Soil and Climate

At one time it was customary to seed with mixtures containing seeds of various grasses. By so doing, it was believed that the varieties adapted to local climatic conditions would spread and assure turf formation. It was thought that difference in growth characteristics of several species would tend to provide green turf throughout the season.

Irrespective of original seed mixture used, Kentucky Blue Grass eventually dominates grasslands and meadows in most northern sections. This may underly the frequent recommendation to seed fairways and other extensive areas devoid of shade with straight mixtures of Kentucky Blue Grass and red top. Blindly following this procedure has resulted in some conspicuous failures, for there are localities where soils are unsuited to Kentucky Blue Grass.

Extensive areas are not adapted to Kentucky Blue Grass due to pronounced soil acidity and associated low supply of available soil phosphorus. Blue grass may germinate and form a reasonably good turf, but deterioration usually begins and unless steps are taken to correct unfavorable soil conditions, thin, weed infected turf is the eventual result. In some sections where bent is the natural grass, seedings of fescue usually succeed. In these localities it is folly to depend upon blue grass. The sensible procedure is to use grasses in original seedings

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suited to local conditions, rather than attempt expensive soil changes.

Kentucky blue grass or fescue should constitute the bulk of the seed mixture on areas devoid of shade. Blue grass is satisfactory if soils are not acid and well supplied with available phosphorus, fescue is preferable on light soils and on heavy soils which are acid. Since both are slow growers it is customary to include red top to provide turf coverage until these permanent grasses become established. Not more than 20 to 30 percent of red top is required. The actual proportion of seeds is far greater because red top seeds are very small. Rye grass, timothy, and even oats are sometimes used as nurse crops because of their quick growing habits. Their use is seldom warranted except on steep slopes and other areas subject to wash, or for late spring seedings to protect the slower growing grasses from the withering effect of intense sun. If the percentage of nurse crop seed is too high the resulting dense growth may so shade the slower growing permanent grasses that many young seedlings succumb for want of needed sunlight. The inevitable result is a disappointing stand of the desirable grasses.

Very recently excellent results have been obtained by including a small proportion of colonial or seaside bent seed in the mixture. On original seedings the amount need not exceed 10 per cent because of heavier rates of seeding, but the percentage should be increased when reseeding established turf. The bent, because of its more prostrate growing habit, produces a denser mat of turf.

Poa trivialis and chewings fescue are the best grasses for shady locations, and are the important constituents of so-called shady lawn mixtures. In damp areas where the soil remains moist poa trivialis is best, and in drier locations chewings fescue is more suitable.

Bent grasses are now universally used on golf greens in the north. The older practice of including fescue has been abandoned because it cannot withstand present close mowing practices. Until recent years South german mixed bent seed was used exclusively, as the name implies, the seed is a mixture of bent species,

which accounts for the "spotty" appearance of well established South german bent turf, and is its only possible objection.

With the development of dependable sources of seed supply, the various colonial and seaside bents are finding increasing favor for use on greens, and may eventually displace South german bent. The seed is harvested commercially and is sold under various trade names in Prince Edward Island, Canada, New Zealand and in the states of Rhode Island, Oregon and Washington in the United States. These grasses produce turf of uniform texture and color, which does not fluff or develop nap, but they differ in their immunity to the various turf diseases.

Turf can be developed by vegetative plantings of creeping bent runners, called stolons. Each node, or joint, takes root when placed in contact with moist soil. The stolons are cut into short pieces, and spread uniformly over the prepared surface soil. They are covered lightly with top dressing, rolled and then surfaces are kept moist to promote root formation. The stolons from one square foot of creeping bent sod will cover from 6 to 10 square feet of surface.

Playable turf can be developed from stolons quicker than from seed. The strains are quite immune to disease and withstand unfavorable weather better than some of the seeded grasses. The prejudice against stolon greens results from "fluffiness" or development of "grain." Fluffy turf is the result of improper care, and pronounced grain is a characteristic of the particular strain used.

Because of marked differences in growth habit and immunity to disease extensive plantings of native bents found on the premises may prove a costly venture. Plantings should be confined to strains which have been thoroughly tested.

#### VI. Protection of the Turf From Injury

These are negative factors and involve protection of the turf from mechanical injury, the ravages of insects such as sod web worm, grubs of May and June beetles, and the damaging effects from fungus diseases such as brown patch, pythium, leaf

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While at the university to complete arrangements Sarazen spoke to the student body outlining certain plans that had been formulated. He revealed that for years he has hoped to have the opportunity to build a course exactly as he believes it should be built. When he saw the land at Colgate he was so impressed with the possibilities that he soon reached the conclusion that it is the type of land on which he can construct his "dream course."

Present plans are to make the course a combination of the three types now in existence, the penal, strategic and heroic, 50 per cent. penal, 35 per cent strategic and 15 per cent heroic.

The strategic type of course is that on which there are several different ways to play from tee to green, calling on the golfer to choose the most practical route.

The penal type makes it vital to be straight, traps and other trouble being so placed that the shot only a bit off line finds disaster.

The heroic type course is a medium between the other two.

### *Airport Planned*

A unique feature of the course will be an airport with the holes laid out around it. Sarazen, who is taking up flying, wants the course for his own use and for that of other members, who are expected to include many of the most prominent men in the United States. Sarazen, while making the Colgate course his home layout, will be away many times for competitions, and will use a new plane for his flying trips.

He explained in his talk that he believes a golf course can be built that will be hard for the professional and easy for the amateur. This was Robert Trent Jones' idea in his course at Atlanta, but Sarazen says it has not been accomplished there. He calls the Atlanta layout a copy of St. Andrews, and says his course will not copy any other, but will be original.

## Snow-Mould Turf Injury

*(Experimental Farms Note.)*

During the past three years, the Dominion Laboratory of Plant Pathology at Edmonton, Alberta, has found that the most important single factor of the cause of winter injury to lawns or putting greens is due to a parasite called snow-mould. The symptoms are first recognized as soon as the snow melts in the spring. As soon as the grass starts to grow, dead areas are found in the turf, which is sometimes covered with an aerial growth of the snow-mould fungus. The fungus is often found to be growing into and through the snow and ice over the turf. This fungus attacks the plants, killing the leaves, stems and roots, thus destroying the crown of the plant. Such plants do not usually recover, and, thus, patches, somewhat circular in outline, often coalescing and covering a large area, are found.

The organism causing snow-mould has been isolated, inoculated into healthy plants, re-isolated, and identified by plant pathologists in Europe and North America. Control of snow-mould has been attempted in different ways with varying degrees of success. Obviously the provision for adequate surface drainage, although it may aid, will not alone control the disease. The use of resistant varieties of grass would be ideal, but unfortunately there are apparently no resistant varieties now known. Mechanical attrition, or brushing the turf, undoubtedly can be utilized in reducing the damage once it becomes evident that snow-mould is present. However, this alone will not control the disease. Removal of the snow from the turf early in the spring, before melting starts, is also helpful, but, unfortunately, in some years when the snow nearest the surface is frozen, it is almost impossible to carry this out without injuring the turf. Therefore, about the only other alternative is the use of fungicides or chemicals for killing the parasite, but not the turf.

The most promising method, which has been successfully used by various golf clubs, is that of using a preventive treatment which can be applied the previous fall, and which will serve to protect the turf throughout the late fall, winter, and early spring. The treatment is as follows: Mix 3 ounces of calomel with 1 ounce of corrosive sublimate with dry sharp sand in an eight-quart bucket about three-quarters full of sand,

for every 1,000 square feet of turf surface. It is essential that the size of the area to be treated be fairly accurately known, as mercury is quite toxic to the turf when used in excessive amounts. The fungicide should be thoroughly mixed with a small quantity of finely screened sand or compost if fall applications are to be made. It is preferable to allow the mixture to stand over night. This mixture should be distributed evenly over the turf. Since mercury is corrosive to metals and very poisonous care should be exercised.

W. C. Broadfoot,

Dominion Laboratory of Plant Pathology,  
Edmonton, Alberta.

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spot, snow mold etc. Unless controlled they may defeat any program of turf improvement or maintenance.

In Canada severe turf injury often occurs during the winter. There are three types of injury which result from different causes, snow mold produced by a fungus, the damaging effects of too much water and ice, and dessication which occurs during dry seasons. Injury from the last cause is usually most apparent on slopes facing the direction of the prevailing winds.

Injury from snow mold is most noticeable and severe on greens. Except in unusual seasons it can be controlled by late fall treatment of the greens with a mixture of calomel and corrosive sublimate. In open winters it is customary to apply a second application during late February or early March.

The injurious effects of surplus water and ice are most pronounced on low lying areas and pockets or depressions. It occurs on greens and fairways. On greens the damage can be partially overcome by eliminating objectionable pockets. It is important that surface drainage be perfect for tile do not function when the ground is frozen. On fairways expense prevents complete elimination of all pockets and depressions. Bents appear to survive best in these locations so it would seem logical to encourage native bents by vegetative plantings in these fairway areas.

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Golfing Gold Coasts!**

**O**F the important tournies which constitute one of the most hotly contested series of winter competitions in history the Pinehurst Mid-South Open was the first of real importance as an individual championship. Coming after the professional "best-ball" matches in which P. Runyan and W. MacFarlane teamed together to win that event, these two were two of the three professionals who tied for the individual Championship. The other member of the successful triumvirate was Joe Turnesa, a player who for some time has been missing from the "top ranks" where he was stationed for a long time. The total of 143 for the 36 hole match gave these hard-working boys the right to divide the \$750.00 prize money three ways and gave them each a good start on the long and expensive Southern jaunt from a financial point of view. In fourth place was Johnny Revolta outstanding money player in last year's tournaments in the South.

**Denny's 68 Loses !!**

At Miami over the difficult Biltmore Course, Denny Shute and Louis Costello went down before the superb stroking of Sarazen and the Veteran Mike Brady of the Winged Foot club in New York. It was only an exhibition match, but Shute carded a 68 and the combined team of Sarazen and Brady had a best ball of 66. This was just one stroke too good for the team of Shute and Costello. Their score was 67 and this was responsible for a deficit of one hole which resulted in the loss of the match.

**Hot Chase for \$10,000.00 Gold Cash**

The outstanding tournament of the early Fla. competitions was the Miami Biltmore \$10,000.00 Open, and this meeting of the "fairway gold-seekers" saw one of the "old guard" banging away at par through four "nerve-fraught" rounds which brought Willie MacFarlane, of Tuckahoe N. Y. in, four strokes ahead of the field. He was tied at the end of 54 holes with two of his fellow contestants. Behind the Tuckahoe professional came the ever-threatening Johnny Revolta, who scored 292 and won the pleasant sum of \$1250.00 for his trouble!! Again Paul Runyan was up "in the money" tied with none other than the "Black Scot", Tommy Armour, of Chicago. Together they shared the proceeds of combined 3rd and 4th prizes which amounted to \$1000.00 and \$750.00. The golf exhibited in this competition was not of the best order, but with one of the outstanding purses hanging in the balance there was a minimum of chance-taking. Al Watrous and Ralph Guldahl, two clever shot-makers, the former of the "old school", the latter only having sprung to prominence in the last six months when he was runner-up to Johnny Goodman in the American Open, were tied with 295's. Shute, the British Open Title-holder, was well back with 299, while Goodman, the American Champion was successful only in leading the amateurs with a total of 304.

Canada was represented in the prize money as Diminutive Jules Huot battled valiantly for a total of 302 (and he is possibly the only Canadian to get into the prize-money for several years in this fast company).

The course was in beautiful condition, but offered a really stiff problem to the crack marksmen of the land. It was a pleasure to the lanky Scotch veteran MacFarlane come through with flying colours as he did. His play was particularly brilliant in the pinches, and he actually came in with a sub-par 70 in the final round!!

## Week of Rest !!

After a week's respite, faces that were prominent on the Florida coast were seen congregated for the first of the Californian money affairs. Following the trail for three thousand miles Pasadena and the \$4000.00 Open event saw the mashie wielding pack ready to tee off. Seven tournaments along the Pacific shores between December 21st and February 4th for a total of prize money amounting to \$26,500.00 is the main attraction.

### Runyan Gets Heel Prints and \$4,000.00

In the Pasadena Open event, MacDonald Smith burst into the picture in the \$4000 event and lopped four strokes from par. His sixty-seven at the Brookside Municipal Course gave him a two stroke advantage over Paul Runyan, the perennial wizard of the winter months. Runyan three-putted three greens and yet managed to turn in a sixty-nine. The rest of the field was scattered high and low, but mostly high. The tournament was played in two qualifying rounds, on two consecutive days. Approximately two hundred competed and thirty-six holes on the last day. One hundred players continued on in this final day.

Equalling Runyan in their bracket Fay Coleman of Culver City, well known amateur, and Willard Hutchison of Santa Barbara, came home with 69's to make a three way tie for second place, as the full two hundred and five members of the field posted their scores.

Of the entire group only thirteen scores matched par or bettered it, but none of the outstanding favorites failed to qualify.

Craig Wood, the defending champion, who won last year's championship with a remarkably low score of 278 strokes, had a total of 72 along with Fred Morrison the Pasadena Pro.


In the second round, however, Paul Runyan set a terrific pace for a total of 136 at the half-way mark, 69-67. Six strokes behind with two rounds of par Leo Diegal was in second place. The most difficult possible conditions around the greens were experienced as the cups were set in trying positions.

On the last day of play MacDonald Smith hung to the heels of White Plains Star and when the latter took 75 for his morning round it appeared that the veteran scot would overtake him. However, the third round seemed to be the nemesis for all of the leaders, and Smith slipped accordingly. Horton Smith came up with a rush along with Denny Shute the British Open Champion, but in the afternoon round Runyan was still safely in the lead deftly added a par 71 despite numerous and almost comical difficulties. So many things went wrong that Runyan must have lost a couple of years in his gallant battle with a most elusive par. Nevertheless, with an incontinent attitude born only through much "big money" campaigning, the New Yorker inadvertently "batted down" the last putt after having experienced everything from heel-prints to mud-holes to play from on the last few holes. At any rate, his gallant gesture in the face of the worst possible breaks, brought him home two strokes ahead of MacDonald Smith and gave him first place money. The field included such stars as Harry Cooper, Densmore Shute, Horton Smith, Leo Diegal, and Mortie Dutra.

### Dutra Takes Six \$100 Shots

In one of the biggest money tournaments of the year, Los Angeles Open, a \$5,000.00 affair, "the big-guns" again gathered to do battle after a short rest. Out of a clear sky smiling Olin Dutra came to life and whipped out a pace-setting 67. The rest of the field faltered rather badly, and no one could do better than a one over par 71 over the Los Angeles Country Club. Joe Kirkwood, Miami, Harry Cooper, Chicago, Roland MacKenzie, Washington, and several others were tied for the second place position at the end of the first round. Dutra was at his best sinking several long putts to go three under par. Craig Wood was again the defending champion.

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Again at the half way mark Dutra was still in the lead, but this time little Paul Runyan had closed a two stroke gap, which had measured the difference in their qualifying scores over different courses and the leading total was 138. 67-71 for Dutra, and 69-69 for Runyan. Had Dutra been under the same star of fortune as he was in the opening round he might easily have been 134. It required a score of 152 to qualify for the last day's play.

Then like a blast out of a cannon the intent and perfect-stroking of Mr. MacDonald Smith finished up with such a blaze that he fairly sizzled over the tricky links. A 69 in the morning and a 68 in the afternoon brought his total to 280. Dutra who had been leading at the end of the third round met with costly disaster on a short par three where he lost six strokes to par, carding a nine at this hole. Runyan, too, blew "Sky-high" with a 78. One of the strange angles of this tournament was the fact that Willie Hunter and George Von Elm, two of the contenders for place money, were caught in the darkness at the sixteenth hole and were forced to delay their final score until the following day when they played the last two holes. Von Elm needed two pars to take second place, Hunter needed two pars for a total of 288 and a tie for third. Von Elm fiddled both holes away with "over par" fives, while Hunter managed to get one four and a five, which gave him second place. Bill Melhorn, of Brooklyn, tied for second place, along with Hunter. MacDonald Smith, the winner, netted \$1500.00 for his three days' work. In the tournament of the week previous his \$600.00 prize money brought his week's earnings slightly above that of a good many movie stars, but just think, he had to shoot eight rounds of golf in the most torrid competition, and he was only one over par for the 144 holes. It was the Scotch professional's fourth victory in the Los Angeles Tournament, which has been played now for nine years.

Dutra's nine at the seventh hole cost him \$100.00 for every shot which he went over par. His total of 290 made him \$220.00 richer, and had he been six strokes less he would have gotten \$825.00, which would have come as a result for tie for second place.

## The "Black Scot" Back

Back in Miami, where another group of money seekers battled in still another winter classic, the Miami Open, Tommy Armour, known as the "Black Scot" in the golfing world, bounded away to the lead with a 67 over the Miami Springs Golf Course. This added to his 69 of the first round left him a stroke ahead of Phil Perkins, the former English amateur champion, and two strokes to the good over a local player, Willie Dow, of Miami. With rounds of 69 and 70 Ralph Stonehouse took fourth place. The first round saw Charlie McAllister away with a course record of 66 but the second day saw him seeking to duplicate numbers, this time, however, with a 77. This round was the finish of McAllister's bid for the \$2000.00 prize money. Gene Sarazen could do no better than 143, and Billy Burke, the former national champion, was only one stroke better.

On the last day of play Armour had two 72's for a total of 280 and it seemed that these rounds would be enough. Phil Perkins had a disgraceful 84 and only earned himself \$100. Then low and behold not only did one person overtake Mr. Armour but two players romped in with incredibly low scores of 279. How many people who are acquainted with golf champions have ever heard of Willie Dow of Miami or Russell Stonehouse of Indianapolis? The former is forty-eight years of age, the latter a youngster of 19 yet it was these two strangers who overwhelmed the field. In the play-off it was Stonehouse who eventually won.

Gene Sarazen showed real class to return a score of 283 after a rather poor start and he was only 3 strokes behind Armour. The tournament prize money left the winner about \$800. richer.

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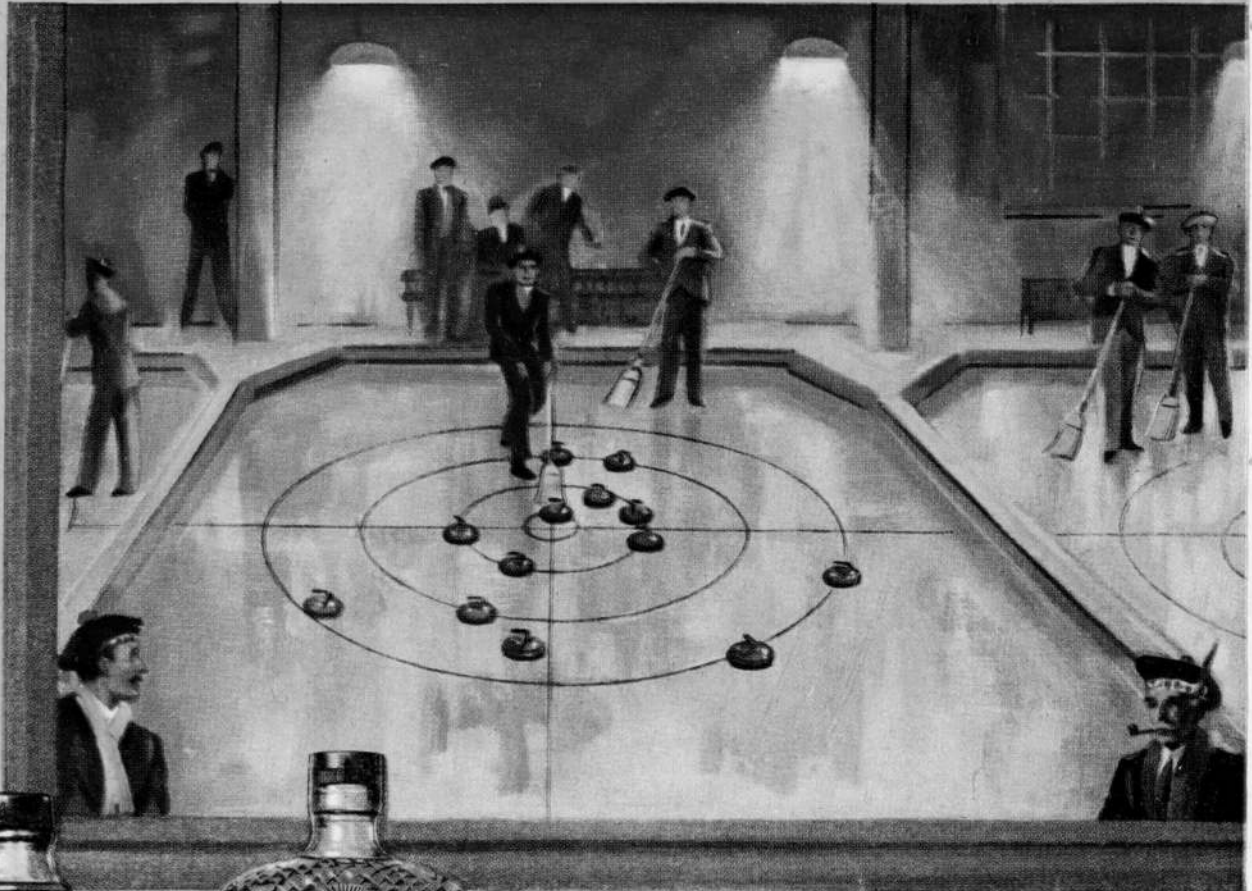


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