

AT THE DOOR

(By Edgar Guest)

He wiped his shoes before his door,
But ere he entered he did more;
'Twas not enough to cleanse his feet
Of dirt they'd gathered in the street;
He stood and dusted off his mind
And left all trace of care behind.
"In here I will not take, said he,
"The stains the day have brought to me.

"Beyond this door shall never go
The burdens that are mine to know;
The day is done, and here I leave
The petty things that vex and grieve;
What clings to me of hate and sin
To them I will not carry in;
Only the good shall go with me
For their devoted eyes to see.

"I will not burden them with cares,
Nor track the home with grim affairs;
I will not at my table sit
With soul unclean, and mind unfit;
Beyond this door I will not take
The outward signs of inward ache;
I will not take a dreary mind
Into this house for them to find."

He wiped his shoes before his door,
But paused to do a little more.
He dusted off the stains of strife,
The mud that's incident to life.
The blemishes of careless thought,
The traces of the fight he'd fought,
The selfish humors and the mean,
And when he entered he was clean.

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—D. R. FORGAN

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Parliamentarians and the Golf Game.

Word comes from England, that amongst the first of the important events to be revived this Peace Year, on the Links, is that of the Parliamentary matches and handicaps, and that the Prime Minister, Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. A. J. Balfour, Mr. Bonar Law and other notables have expressed their intention as usual, to participate. The Parliamentary handicap in which members of both the House of Commons and House of Lords take part, is one of the big features of British golf, as many as 150 and more participating.

All of which gives rise to the thought, why do not the Canadian Parliamentarians organize along similar lines? As all the world knows the Prime Minister, Sir Robert Borden, counts golf as his favorite amusement. So does the Finance Minister, Sir Thomas White. The Secretary of State, the Hon. Martin Burrell would sooner play golf than—well almost anything else, either in the heavens above or the earth beneath. Other golfers in the two Houses are: Hon. J. A. Calder, Hon. Mr. Meighen, Hon. Mr. McLean, Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, Sir James Loughheed; H. C. Frupp, Ottawa; J. D. Chaplin, St. Catharines; Senator Lynch Staunton, Hamilton; W. F. Cockshutt, Brantford; W. A. Boys, Barrie; Major Hume Cronyn, London; Major D. F. Redman, Calgary; F. S. Scott, Galt; H. B. Morphy, K.C., Perth; P. F. Green, Kootenay; W. A. Buchanan, Lethbridge; Senator McLellan, Senator White, Senator Barnard, F. F. Pardee, Sarnia. No doubt there are many others, but here is a first class nucleus for a Parliamentary team that perhaps might take on as a diversion, a team from the U. S.

Senate and Congress, or as in Great Britain, representatives of the banking or legal or other important interests. Such a team of Senators and Members of Parliament, would have any of the noted courses gladly placed at their disposal for a match, and the outing would provide no end of enjoyment to the participants. It is understood, at the present session in Ottawa, that action will in all probability be taken to form such a Parliamentary Club. There should not be the slightest difficulty in successfully launching the project. The recent remarkable success of The Canadian Seniors' Golf Association, shows how keen men, no longer eligible for championships or strenuous matches, take up with the idea of coming together for a few days' outing and good fellowship on the Links. The Senators and M.P.'s should get together more, and golf is the thing to bring about that desideratum.

**R.C.G.A.
Directors
and the
Championship**

At a meeting, held recently in Toronto, of the directors of the Royal Canadian Golf Association, the suggestion of Mr. R. C. H. Cassels, in reference to enlarging the scope of the Canadian championship, which appeared in the January issue of the "Canadian Golfer" was taken up and thoroughly discussed both pro and con. Mr. Cassels, on invitation, was in attendance at the meeting, and altogether the whole question was subjected to very critical and careful consideration.

The consensus of opinion was undoubtedly in favour of a change in the mode of holding the championships. Mr. Cassels in his article suggested a division of the Dominion into five competitive districts. The directors, however, seemed to think that if the proposed change was made this could well be reduced to four.

Everyone strongly supported the idea that in future the West was entitled to greater recognition in the golfing counsels of Canada, and that in the years to come it would be well to have championship meetings held there.

Of course nothing definite can be done until the annual meeting of the Association this summer at Lambton, but in the meantime the whole question will be thoroughly thought out and considered again at another meeting of the Directors to be held before the annual gathering.

An excellent start has been made, and the representatives of the clubs at the annual meeting this year can rest assured that the Directors will have a very comprehensive and interesting report to bring in for their consideration.

In all there are now 62 clubs belonging to the Association, entitled to be represented at Lambton.



Golfing Term "Playing Two"



At the Winter Tournament of the Advertising Interests, recently held at Pinehurst, there were sixty-three handsome prizes donated. "Sudden death" on the course was the only possible escape for an entrant, not securing a trophy to chesterly carry home to an admiring family and friends.

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One of the most important changes brought about by the cessation of the war will be the general restoration of that most delightful feature of golf, the inter-club match. Once again the coming season these fixtures will be general. Home-and-home matches should be on the schedule of every club. They are in the very best interests of the game from every viewpoint.

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Applications are still coming in for The Canadian Seniors' Golf Association from golfers, who have not yet arrived at "years of discretion," namely, 55. Members of clubs are again reminded of the fact that the membership limit of 250 having been reached the Membership Committee of the Association cannot possibly, under the By-Laws, entertain applications from golfers under 55 years of age, and it is useless to send them into the Honorary Secretary.

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The British Prime Minister, Mr. Lloyd George, entered with zest into a Christmas Day round of the course at Walton Heath, where too, General Botha was having a game with Sir A. Bailey. General Botha took up the game after the South African war. His enthusiasm, for it much encouraged the game in South Africa, where, during recent years, it has spread more rapidly than in any other part of the world. During the war, the demands from there for balls and clubs have increased at least six-fold.

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The Canadian Amateur Championship will once again be revived this year and the week of June the 30th has been decided upon by the Directors of the R.C.G.A. as the date, and Lambton, Toronto, as the place. The directors have not yet decided upon the dates for the Open Championship and Ladies' Championship, and authorize the "Canadian Golfer" to state that they would be glad to have invitations from clubs desiring these important events. Communications should be addressed to Mr. B. L. Anderson, Hon. Secretary, 18 Wellington St. E., Toronto.

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Three prominent Toronto golf clubs, Rosedale, Scarboro and Lakeview, are having their annual meetings this month, and one and all, will show balance sheets of a most satisfactory character for the past year. The coming season all three organizations are anticipating a record membership and are making their plans accordingly. It is a conservative estimate indeed, that if demobilization is completed this summer, it will mean the return of between 400 and 500 former Toronto golfers, alone, not counting the men who have picked up the game whilst overseas. Congested courses, in 1919, are a certainty, as the eight Toronto clubs, in addition to the returning military members, will be called upon to absorb a very large number of new players. The situation has quite its serious aspects.

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The record of The Royal Montreal Golf Club, in the late war, was certainly a glorious one. No fewer than 133 members donned khaki, and of this num-

ber 18 made the supreme sacrifice. It is doubtful whether another club in the Dominion, golf or otherwise, can show such an enviable record, although Beaconsfield, Montreal, with 120 (16 killed) very nearly approaches it.

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'Tis nice to be a champion and a popular champion at that. Mr. George S. Lyon is already an honorary life member of nearly every club in Toronto, in addition to Hamilton, and now Mississauga has honoured itself by honouring him, too, with a life membership.

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A word of special commendation is due the Calgary Golf and Country Club members for the splendid contribution of nearly \$1,300 they made to the R.C.G.A. Red Cross Drive. This was easily the largest amount raised by any club in Alberta, Manitoba or Saskatchewan. It was a worthy offering from a representative Western club which has always lived up to the very best traditions of the Royal and Ancient.

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Mr. "Chick" Evans, American Open and Amateur champion, traveled over 26,000 miles and played fifty-two matches for the Red Cross, the past season, assisting thereby in raising over \$250,000. This is certainly fine work, and something that "Chick" can always look back to with pardonable pride. Four of the matches were played in Canada—two in Winnipeg and one each in Hamilton and Scarboro, Toronto. These four matches raised over \$6,000 for the Canadian Red Cross.

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Harry Vardon's great feat last autumn in making five consecutive twos at the short hole at Totteridge, his home course near London, has been eclipsed by the American veteran and ex-champion, Mr. Walter J. Travis, who recently has been credited with seven consecutive twos at No. 2 Garden City, also his home course. Incidentally seven straight twos at this season of the year, when the turf varies, one day frozen, another day soft, and so on, deserves to be ranked amongst the rarest of the performances, accredited to this fine golfer.

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Remarkable incidents in connection with this remarkable winter are reported from two such divergent points as Calgary, in Alberta, and Brantford, in Ontario, which are a matter of over 2,000 miles apart. On Saturday, Jan. 25th, on the golf courses of both these places, golfers were enjoying, under most wonderful sunshiny conditions, a round of the Links, whilst on the rivers Elbow and Grand, which respectively run contiguous to the two courses, in question, skating was in full swing. This easily establishes a unique dual sport record in the Dominion.

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That very progressive golf club, the London Hunt, is making preparations for a most successful season over their new 18 hole course which this year should be in splendid playing condition. The Hunt this season has appointed an "Events Committee" which is a subsidiary to the Golf Committee. It will be responsible for all home and home matches, handicaps, etc., and is already looking round and securing information from the "Canadian Golfer" and other sources in reference to ideas for special features during 1919. An excellent institution this "Events Committee." Other clubs could take up with a similar institution to advantage.

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For several years there was a very successful and jolly golf organization known as the Lake Shore League, which held an annual Tournament at Buffalo and Rochester. Two Canadian Clubs had the honour of belonging to the organization—Brantford and St. Catharines. The Park Club of Buffalo, one of the most prominent clubs in the League, is opening its new course at Orchard Park, near Buffalo this season, and the intention is to ask the clubs in the old League, to send teams of ten men to take part in an Auld Lang Syne Tournament over the new course. It should be a particularly happy outing and will undoubtedly be eagerly anticipated by former Lake Shore Leaguers.

The "Canadian Golfer," many times, has had a subscriber pay two years in advance for the magazine and a well known Montrealer, last autumn, in subscribing sent a cheque for \$9, or three years in advance. But this month along comes a Torontonion, very prominent, indeed, in Insurance and Golfing circles alike, with a cheque for \$15 or five years in advance. Such implicit confidence in the "Canadian Golfer," its business management and its future is naturally keenly appreciated—not to mention the cash itself these days of high printing and paper production generally. Toronto can always be depended upon in everything to "Go over the Top."

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Beaconsfield, one of Montreal's big clubs, has recently had its annual meeting, and like its "brithers" of Toronto and elsewhere, shows a record of advancement, and expansion in 1918. The total revenue was \$38,000, compared with \$27,000 in 1917 or the substantial increase of \$11,000. The excess of revenue over expenditure was the particularly gratifying one of \$5,274. The revenue of the House account \$10,900, compared with \$7,800 in 1917. In fact in every department of the club's activities a most gratifying advance was shown. The magnificent sum, during the year, of \$6,850 was raised by the members of Beaconsfield, for patriotic purposes, which places Beaconsfield second only to Lambton, Toronto, in the whole Dominion. Well played, ladies and gentlemen of the club, which proudly boasts such a ringing Imperialistic name.

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Quite a number of British pros. are writing out to Canada, expressing a desire to come here, and take up positions. At one time the Clubs in the Dominion were all manned by Scotch or English experts, but of recent years the "home brews" have been much more in evidence, as witness the two Murrays in Montreal, the two Freemans in Toronto, Nicol Thompson, Hamilton, and other clever Canadian-born instructors from Coast to Coast. There are, too, at present, quite a number of young Canadians, qualifying for positions. There should however be room for a few good men from "over the pond," but they want to be top-notchers. The game here has developed far beyond the time and conditions when anyone from Great Britain could come over and secure a good golfing job. Only men with first-class recommendations can now hope to secure a position worth while.

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The Thirty-Eighth Annual Report of that very progressive Company, the North American Life, makes interesting and satisfactory reading alike for policy holders and shareholders. In the very comprehensive and well thought-out address of the President, Mr. L. Goldman, at the annual meeting, he was able to point out that the Company, during the past year, had issued and revived policies aggregating the magnificent sum of \$13,552,161 or the largest amount of business ever issued by the Company in one year. He pointed, too, with pardonable pride to the fact that policy-holders the past ten years had been paid \$2,043,035 in dividends; that the total assets of the Company now round out the commanding figure of \$70,950,000; that the cash income is \$3,467,000 and total assets \$18,185,000. Big figures of a big company with the appropriate slogan "Solid as the Continent."

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Mr. John Low, the old Cambridge University captain, who is chairman of the Rules of Golf Committee, of St. Andrews, writes that the Committee will resume its meetings in May. It has not met during the war, but it has carried on its work of adjudicating on the questions that arise constantly in connection with the game. It has given 400 answers—mostly to problems submitted from overseas, although a good many have come from Ireland. In Canada, there is a Rules of Golf Committee, of the Royal Canadian Golf Association, which gives decisions here, based on those of the parent Committee of St. Andrews. This committee is composed of Messrs. Geo. S. Lyon, Toronto (chairman); P. D. Ross,

Ottawa; T. B. Reith, Montreal; Vere Brown, Winnipeg; and Ralph H. Reville (Hon. Secretary) Brantford. The coming season this committee will be very pleased to hear from golfers from any part of the Dominion, who want an authoritative decision on the Rules. The committee will gladly solve any and all knotty questions.

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In connection with the letters elsewhere in this issue, from Mr. Lawford, of Montreal, and Mr. John Martin, of Toronto, in reference to proficiency in other games being, or not being, a passport to excellency in golf, Mr. Martin brings out especially a very strong point when he quotes Mr. Fry and other expert billiard players as notable instances in favour of the affirmative side of the question. Come to think of it, hardly without an exception a good billiard player is a first-class golfer. Mr. S. M. Fry, of course, is an outstanding example. He won the amateur billiard championship of Great Britain in 1893, 1896, 1900 and 1916. In golf he has also a superb record. Was only beaten in the final round of the Amateur Championship in 1902. Won the highly prized St. George's Cup in 1901, and again in 1909. Was runner-up in the Irish open championship in 1900, 1907 and 1910, and also in South of Ireland championship in 1901 and 1910. Partnered by J. H. Taylor he won the London Foursome Tournament 1906, the first year of its institution.

"BOY WONDERS"

Scotland Has a Fifteen-year-old Champion of Great Promise

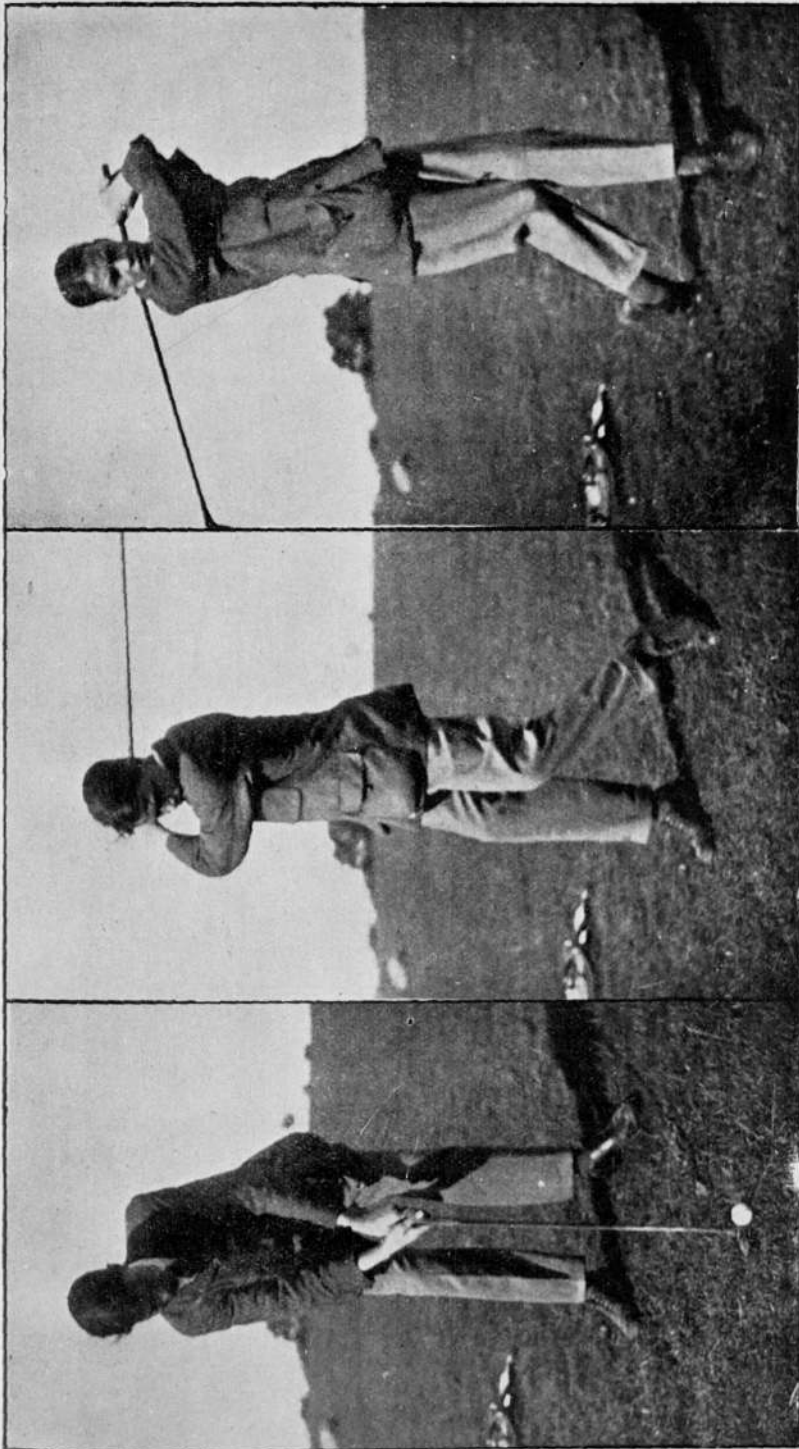
THE United States has not a monopoly altogether of golfing boy wonders. Scotland, in Master Alastair Hall, photographs of whom appear in this issue, has a 15-year-old player of championship calibre. He recently registered a 74 in a College championship over the famous Braids Hills course and is looked upon by the experts as a possible coming amateur champion.

Great Britain has had two ex-amateur champions who were "boy wonders." Mr. John Ball, eight times Amateur Champion and once Open Champion, when 15 years of age finished sixth in the Open Championship at Prestwick, beating such famous professionals as Tom Morris, Willie Park, Sr., and Mungo Park. This was in the 1878 competition, in which Anderson did the 35th hole in one, a feat which won him the championship.

Mr. James Robb, the Amateur Champion of 1906, was one of the two representatives of the St. Andrew's Thistle Club, in the Annual Scottish Foursome Tournament before he had reached the age of fifteen.

In his twentieth year, Mr. A. G. Barry won the Amateur Championship at Prestwick in 1905.





A Remarkable Boy Golfer

Master Alastair Hall, aged fifteen, winner of the Watson's College Golf Championship, with a scratch score of 74, on the Braid Hills, Scotland. Young Hall gives every promise of taking a prominent place in amateur golf this season. He is 6 feet 1 inch in height, and has a fine graceful style. He is a natural, and largely a self-taught golfer. In the three photographs, taken on the Barnton course, some idea of his easy methods are conveyed.

THAT ENDURANCE RECORD

A VALUED Toronto correspondent, who follows all features of the game most carefully and closely, calls the attention of the "Canadian Golfer" to the fact that in the last issue, Mr. Leveson-Gower is given credit for the greatest endurance feat ever recorded on a Canadian course, viz., 7 rounds over the Royal Ottawa Links in one day in the summer of 1908. He rather disputes this and quotes the very notable feat performed by Messrs. E. Beatty and Edward Faulds, a couple of seasons or so ago over the Rosedale Course, Toronto. Starting at 4:15 a.m. and finishing at 8:15 p.m. they, too, were able to get in 7 rounds, equal approximately to 28 miles.

The Rosedale course, however, is 6,000 yards, or was then, whilst The Royal Ottawa measures 6,270 yards with some longish walks to negotiate between holding out and the next tee. It is conservatively computed, therefore, that Mr. Leveson-Gower, who comes of a celebrated English family of golfers and cricketers, and who at the time was Comptroller to the late Earl Grey, Governor-General, had to negotiate 30 miles in his weary grind, so the "Canadian Golfer" still considers he holds the Canadian record with Messrs. Faulds and Beattie a close second. The Toronto players, however, had a better average than the doughty Britisher, who took 97 and a fraction per round. Mr. Beattie, on the other hand, averaged 89 per round and Mr. Faulds 92—both performances superior to Mr. Leveson-Gower's even allowing for the extra length of the Royal Ottawa course. Mr. Leveson-Gower's "stunt" was pulled off on one of the hottest days of the summer of 1908—and when 'tis hot in the Capital 'tis 'ot. On the other hand the Rosedale men had to contend with a very high wind and a deluge of rain during the last round, so honours perhaps as regards the weather conditions were about even. As mentioned in the January issue the British record is 40 miles, average strokes 82½ per round.

SEVEN GOLDEN RULES

THE seven golden rules of the golf drive, as prescribed by Harry Vardon, are as follows:

1. Keep the head steady and do not let the left heel turn outward, when the body can only wind up when the arms go back.
2. Grip firmest with the thumbs and forefingers—they are not so well adapted as the other fingers to the purpose of taking a strong hold, and they are the most important of all for the purpose of the golf grip.
3. Let the club head lead, the left wrist turning inward, the arms following the club head and the right hip screwing next.
4. Don't throw the arms forward as you start to come down as though you were mowing grass. Rather throw them back, and let them come around in their own way from that point.
5. Let the movement of the right shoulder be steady and rhythmic; it should have nothing in the nature of a sudden drop or jerk.
6. Don't be afraid to hit hard; if you are swinging correctly, hard hitting is not "pressing."
7. Keep your head still until the club has struck the ball. Don't be in a hurry to "look up."



JUNE THE THIRTIETH

Is the Date Fixed for the Start of the Canadian Amateur Championship at Lambton

AFTER a lapse of five years the Canadian Amateur Championship will be revived the coming season. At a meeting of the Directors of The Royal Canadian Golf Association held in Toronto on Wednesday, Jan. 22nd, this was decided upon. The date fixed for the opening day is Monday, June 30th, giving a clear week for the running off of the various events. The Lambton Golf and Country Club course, Toronto, will be the venue of this notable gathering, which promises to be the most memorable one in the history of the Royal and Ancient in the Dominion. Full particulars of the meeting will appear in subsequent issues of the "Canadian Golfer."

In regard to the Ladies' Championship and Open Championship it was decided to request the "Canadian Golfer" to intimate that the date and place of these championships have not been fixed, and the Association is open for invi-



Lambton's Stately Club House, Which Will Be the Scene This Season of the Amateur and Seniors' Championships

tations from any clubs which may desire to have these championships held over their courses.

The report on the highly successful Thanksgiving Day Tournament was unanimously adopted, and the report will be sent to all the members in due course.

Mr. R. C. H. Cassels, of the Toronto Golf Club, attended the meeting and his ideas in connection with the changing of the method of holding the Amateur Championship were discussed at length, but no decision was reached. Another meeting will be held later on to especially consider this very important matter.

It was decided not to take any definite action in regard to holding another Patriotic Drive on May 24th—the date generally suggested for this year—but to await developments and bring the matter up again.

The Hon. Secretary, Mr. B. L. Anderson, was instructed to write Mr. Charles Evans, Jr., U. S. Open and Amateur Champion, and heartily thank him for his most generous offer to donate a set of clubs for competition among Canadian golfers on Patriotic Day. When the date is decided upon Mr. Evans' kindly gift will come in most appropriately.

PUTTING GREENS AND TEEING GROUNDS

Former Scarborough (Toronto) Professional Makes Some Interesting Suggestions in Regard to Canadian Courses

(Special Contribution to the "Canadian Golfer" by Corp. D. Spittal, "A" Battery, C. R. A., Borden Camp, Hants, Eng.)

IS enough attention given to putting greens and teeing grounds? I don't think there is, especially at some of the "young" clubs commencing, in Canada. A thing I noticed out there is, you most always play off the same teeing ground. Not, perhaps, at the larger clubs, but at some of the smaller ones. I don't know if the fault lies with inexperienced green-keepers or with those who laid out the courses, but some of these courses need a lot of attention and work put in at the right place. Good tees and putting greens are the first essentials for a golf course; and on nine-hole courses playing off the same teeing ground from May to the end of October, is poor fun for members, especially as with nine hole courses the teeing grounds are played double in a competition, and you know that on Sunday mornings they are often in pretty bad shape.

At Golf courses in Canada, where I have been employed, the first thing one finds they have *not*, is a Compost heap for top dressing the greens and teeing grounds. Again, there is seldom any seed in the tool shed. Now Canada is a Country where seed and top dressing should be used fairly heavily, and green-keepers should not be afraid to put the dressing on and chance what the Committee may say about it. If this chance be taken, results may be shown. Again, —where the green-keeper, and not the professional, is in charge of the grounds, in some cases they are "butting up" against one another. If the professional is of long experience the green-keeper should look to him for advice, for the good "Pro" sees how things are going when playing round the course, and is the man to know if the work is done as it should be.

There is another point to be considered by new Clubs when two or three extra workmen are taken to "rush" the course on towards good condition. The hot weather begins, and the ground "lets up" a bit. The first thing the Secretary does when this happens is to "fire" the helpers, just when they should be working on the Compost heap, getting the top dressing ready for the fall, and fixing, or facing up the bunkers; for in Canada it is not like the Old Country, where men can repair all the winter through,—work out here must be done in summer and fall. So a club needs a "live" man in charge of the grounds and one who will put in the work at the right time. Don't wait for the rainy day to fix your putting greens. That rainy day will fix the fairway, but not the greens. Keep your hose on those—I will wager that the average green-keeper seldom looks to the right place for advice. I have had many strange questions put to me in places where I have been.

Well here is a word to the young clubs.

Get a competent man to look over your course in the spring and fall. (But not too late in the fall.) Do what he tells you, and *Do it* thoroughly.

Meantime, here are one or two hints to go on with.

1. Switch your greens well before you cut or roll them.
2. Greenkeepers should instruct men not to always cut and roll greens the same way.
3. If you remove weeds from a green, do not cut them off short, leaving the roots. When they are removed, place a few seeds in the cavity.
4. When you are top dressing don't be afraid of being too heavy with the rake if the turf is not good. Apply plenty of seed; for there is nothing more

satisfying to the golfer than good greens. If you do not possess temporary greens to use while the dressings are being done, it will not hurt the greens to be played on.

5. An important part of green-keeping—often sadly neglected—is, the approach to the green. That is where an old mowing machine comes handy.

A player gets sore when,—having played a nice pitch and run shot to the hole—he finds his ball some ten yards short of the green; and he is certain he would have won that hole if the approach to the green had been better kept. I must say some of them need attention badly.

6. Don't leave the teeing box on the same part of teeing ground for a whole week.

7. Dress the fairway where it needs patching at the end of a season, with a sprinkling of seed and dressing.

8. Lastly—a green may get "winter killed." Many try seed and dressing when this happens; but there is nothing better than re-turfing; and that is where a small "nursery" in a sheltered spot comes in. If you re-turf the parts which have been killed,—seed, and dress—it will be ready for play in a very short time.

Now for the Golfer himself:

If you "hook" or "slice" your ball into the "rough" don't blame the Green-keeper for not having that part of the course the same as the fairway. The "rough" is meant to be there.

If you are playing "a mashie" shot to a blind hole and you send your caddie up the hill to give the line, don't forget to replace the turf yourself.

If there is mud in the Creek Short of the Green—don't curse it. Put a complaint in to the Green Committee. A few cartloads of sand—if the water is not too deep—will prevent the loss of balls—for many golfers do not care to play with "floaters."

These little things count; and I think members are more satisfied when work is well done, for it's the Golfer who spends the dollars to get the goods. Perhaps you can see from these remarks what a Golfer's eye takes in during his round.

Give him good greens and teeing grounds, and a good approach to the hole, and I will stake a box of the best that he will forget the few bad lies he has had through the fairway.

So look to the things I have said above.

"LET US ALL GROW MORE AND MORE IN ALL RIGHT THINGS"

MR. J. B. BRYAN, of Rochester, ex-President of the Oak Hill Country Club of that city, a former out-of-town member of Lambton, who is spending the winter at his California home, during the course of a most interesting letter, says:

"Here I am in my Pasadena home. The weather is wonderful, but even the bright days and clear air have not prevented the "Flu" from bringing down a great many.

The horrible war is over, thank God, and we must not allow other troubles, no matter how trying, to keep back lasting thanks for our great victory over the Devil.

The "Canadian Golfer" is always welcome, the only Golf magazine I now take. Not because others are not good, but I am very fond of Canada—proud of Canada, the land of my birth. That may give added interest to the reading of the "Canadian Golfer."

Now that the war is over I shall be able to run over to Canada several times I hope next summer for a round of the links. We, and by "we," I mean not only the U.S.A. but all our good friends in the great job of licking the Huns, have shown what we can do in war. Now, we will show the Huns how we can develop in peace. The war has made us all bigger and better I am sure. Let us all grow more and more in all right things."

CALGARY ST. ANDREW'S GOLF CLUB

Prominent Western Organization Had a Splendid Year in 1918—Result of the Season's Competition—Proud Record of 114 Men and 3 Lady Members Who Went Overseas

(Special Contribution "Canadian Golfer")

THE Calgary St. Andrews Golf Club has just closed one of the most successful seasons in its career. During the past season, which has been an exceptionally favorable one from a Golfer's point of view, the Club held a number of competitions all of which were very closely contested.

On Good Friday and Easter Monday a Bogey competition won by Mr. M. G. Constable; On May 24th, Moffat Trophy, won by Dr. L. A. Maxwell and Bogey Competition won by Mr. M. G. Constable; On June 15th and 16th, Tombstone Competition for Graham Trophy, won by Dr. L. A. Maxwell; On July 1st, Martin Trophy and Bogey Competition won by Mr. M. G. Constable; Labor Day Competition for D. E. Black Trophy, won by Mr. F. T. Fletcher, Bogey Competition by Mr. W. Agnew; On Thanksgiving Day, Hester Cup for those with a handicap of 21 or over, won by Mr. C. E. Barthe, 2nd Mr. D. M. Stirton, Dunbar Shield for best gross score made by a beginner in any competition during season won by Mr. F. T. Fletcher; Royal Canadian Golf Association Red Cross Tournament won by Mr. T. Coates, 2nd Mr. C. E. Barthe; Bogey Competition also for Red Cross won by Dr. L. A. Maxwell, 2nd Mr. V. A. Newhall; Men's Hole & Hole Tournament won by Dr. L. A. Maxwell, runner-up Mr. W. Petrie, semi-finalists Mr. J. L. McCornack and Mr. J. W. O'Brien; Mixed Foursome Competition won by Mrs. Lucey and Mr. C. E. Barthe, runners-up Mrs. Ambrose and Mr. H. Black; Club Championship won by Mr. H. Black, runner-up Mr. A. E. Cruttenden; Ringer Competition for the Season won by Mr. W. Petrie (53), 2nd Mr. J. W. O'Brien (56) and 3rd Mr. H. Black (58); Weekly Gold Button Competition for best net score turned in each week during season won by Mr. Leo. H. Miller who, in the 28 competitions, won three and one-half points, having won three times and tied once. Half of entry fees for all competitions were devoted to Patriotic purposes.

The ladies also held a number of competitions: On May 24th a Beginner's Competition won by Miss Gunn; On June 3rd Tombstone Competition won by Miss McVeigh; On July 1st Ladies' Cup won by Mrs. Lucey; On Labor Day a One Club Competition, Class A won by Miss E. Gardiner and Class B won by Miss J. L. McCornack; Thanksgiving Day Competition won by Mrs. S. M. Hartrouft; Ladies' Hole & Hole Competition won by Miss E. Gardiner, runner-up Miss S. Gardiner.

The past season has been a very favorable one for Golf in Calgary, as owing to the very dry summer play was not interrupted for more than one day at a time during the season, then the Daylight Saving gave the Golfer plenty of time to have a round in the evening after dinner from May to October, and as the Club is so conveniently situated, having a fifteen minute car service which lands you at the Club House in twenty minutes from downtown, a very large number of the members are able to enjoy a round any evening during the week. This is a great boon to those whose work keeps them indoors all day, as the pure air on the hills very quickly revives the tired body, and the magnificent view of the Rockies to the West and the City lying in the valley to the East makes the Golfer forget he has done a hard day's work and invigorates him as nothing else will do.

The St. Andrews Club has maintained its popularity all through the trying years of war and this year has a membership of one hundred and eighty ladies and one hundred and ninety gentlemen; this does not include those who went overseas (their membership was maintained by the Club and there were one hundred and fourteen men and three ladies).

Now that the war is over the Club is looking forward to the early return of a large number of their members, but unfortunately all will not return as a large number of those who went away have fallen on the battle fields of Europe, but the memory of their glorious achievements will live in history as long as the world shall last.

GOLF IN ST. JOHN

Riverside Golf and Country Club Has Sporting and Picturesque Course— Principal Results of 1918 Competitions

(Special Correspondence "Canadian Golfer"—Mr. Herbert Pike)

THE Riverside Golf and Country Club of St. John, N. B., now situated at Riverside on the line of the Canadian Government Railway, has been no exception to the Golf Clubs located in city districts, in being compelled to seek suburban quarters, owing to land values and other causes. Some few years ago it decided upon pitching tent on a parcel of land on the banks of the historic Kennebecasis River about seven miles out, accessible also by motor over an up-to-date highway.

Booking from the Union Station convenient for the business man whose motor perchance the female part of his menage has commandeered, our train runs through, as all well behaved trains have the habit of doing, a region of back yards (with clothes lines full of variegated laundry, to make a Neapolitan green with envy), thence into pastoral marsh land, emerging therefrom to the shore of the beautiful river with the unpronounceable name, past the station of Renforth, named in memory of the celebrated oarsman, to Riverside, where we detrain.

The temporary Club House is situated a fair championship tee shot from the station, at the door of which we face our first negotiation—a gradual slope to the objective some four hundred yards away. From here we get a fair idea of the terrain and scenery, and are tempted to enjoy the backward view at the expense of the necessary concentration on the matter in hand. As one progresses further, it becomes apparent that artificial remedies against careless golf are not required to any extent, owing to the skill on the part of those responsible in taking advantage of the various side slopes and other penalties nature here has provided, which experience has resulted in a fairway, interesting and sporting enough to satisfy the most critical.

The hazards, confronting us from some of the tees, are rough enough to break one's heart and niblick, should you not carry, and bear testimony to difficulties overcome, and to be conquered should the Club have occasion to lay out the full course of 18 holes. Much credit is due to Mr. Andrew Jack, chairman of the green committee together with his co-laborers in the cause, for the skill and patience they have shown in the work of elaborating out of most difficult surface conditions, a home for the present local lovers of the game, and those to come after.

A round of Riverside demonstrates that it is a thoroughly interesting course throughout, calling for well placed shots. The views to be obtained from many points of vantage are fairly ravishing. Take for instance No. 6. Here the broad expanse of the Kennebecasis faces us. At this point the river is three miles wide, narrowing far away to the right towards its source among the distant hills. Fringed with maple, birch and ash, the panorama is entrancing.

We finish an interesting round of 9 holes at the club house green, which is a difficult pitch to hold and then tea and toast and jam, a delightful motor ride back to town and a visiting golfer says au revoir with keen regret as St. John hospitality to the stranger within the gate is proverbial, and to visit the delightful city and charming golf course is to wish and hope for an early return.

The officers of this interesting club are: President, Mr. J. G. Harrison; Vice-President, Mr. C. H. Peters; Treasurer, Mr. F. S. Crosby; Secretary, Mr. L. W. Peters.

The season of 1918 was a very successful and enjoyable one. One of the principal events was the Royal Canadian Golf Association "Drive" on Thanksgiving Day. The weather was ideal and the event was the most successful yet held on the new links, the splendid total of \$410 being raised for the Red Cross Fund.

The competition for the R.C.G.A. Cup was played in the morning and was won by Mr. N. R. DesBrisay, District Passenger Agent of the C. P. R., with net score of 74. In the afternoon a match was played—President vs. Vice-President. It was very closely contested, and the President's (Mr. Jas. G. Harrison) team won out by one point.

The club championship in 1918 was captured by Mr. R. Downing Paterson, with Mr. Jas. U. Thomas, the runner-up. Mr. A. C. Currie won the "Weldon Cup" and Mr. F. A. Foster the "Thorne Cup." The ladies' championship was won by Mrs. N. R. DesBrisay.

An interesting course with delightful environment, but best of all possessing a membership of charming women and genial, generous men, Riverside, Saint John, is worthily upholding the best traditions of the Royal and Ancient in one of the most interesting districts of the Dominion.

"HOLES-IN-ONE"

They Are Still Bobbing Up Serenely—An Xmas Day Performance—A Remarkable "One Shot" at Regina

THERE seems to be no end to the 1918 Hole-in-One stunts, and it remained for B. C. to register the final "one-er" of the year. Mr. J. S. McKay, a member of the Vancouver Golf and Country Club, celebrated the Festal Day by negotiating the 3rd hole, with the appropriate Xmasly appellation of the "Punch Bowl" in one. This is the fifth time in 1918 that the "Bowl" has been made in one shot, which surely must constitute a record for any hole in the world. It is doubtful if a hole on any old established course, over a long period of time, has ever been made five times in one, and here is this "Punch Bowl" effect, allowing five shots in one year only, to find the cup from the tee. The hole ought to be handicapped or something of that sort. It certainly has "won" for itself a distinctive place in golfing records.

The "Canadian Golfer" recently registered the performance of a hole in one at the Wascana Country Club, Regina, by Mr. W. S. Gray, of the Dominion Bank, a member of a well known golfing family, who is now once again a resident of Toronto after 17 years' residence in the West, during which period he held the Presidency for one year of Wascana (1917). This "hole in one" is deserving of more than a passing notice.

It was Hole No. 14 at Wascana, a distance of some 140 yards, the greater portion of which is a pitch over water. The strangest thing about the shot was that, as the day was windy, Mr. Gray played it with a mashie, pitching the shot very high, the ball alighting fairly in the cup and was found imbedded at the bottom of the cup in the soft dressing which had been, but recently, swept off the green. It was the only one-shot hole recorded in 1918 that actually landed in the cup without first touching the green.

The Hon. Sir Frederick Haultain, of Regina, Chief Justice of the Appeals Court, an enthusiastic devotee of the game, was really the instigator of "the crime," for it was he who loaned Mr. Gray the mashie which "turned the trick"—a new one which he had just purchased, in order that Mr. Gray might try a shot with it. If during the coming season "Holes-in-One" increase in the same ratio as 1918 over 1917, this "great family golfing journal" will be in the financial "hole" alright and no mistake. Because it is the full intention to start the competition again May 24th next to extend as usual until Oct. 31st.

"PROFICIENCY IN GOLF"

MR. L. C. LAWFORD, of Montreal, writes:

"In reference to your statement that 'proficiency in other games is no passport to golf,' I would like to call your attention to the following instances of men, most of them either school-fellows or intimate friends of mine, who refute I think very forcibly the assertion.

H. F. Lawford, runner-up to the late W. Renshaw, in English Lawn Tennis championship from 1881-86; winner of Lawn Tennis championship 1887.

H. L. Doherty, winner of English Lawn Tennis championship 1902 to 1906.

Walter Riddell, winner of Australian Lawn Tennis championship, 1886-1888.

The Late A. G. Steel, one of the greatest all round English cricketers.

Dudley Pontifax, first-class bat and wicket keeper about 1878-1882, Cambridge XI and played for Somerset and Surrey.

The late W. J. B. Salmon, Lawn Tennis champion of New South Wales about 1880-81.

T. McLoughlin, U. S. Tennis champion a few years back.

The above are men who were absolutely top of the tree at tennis and cricket, and whose handicaps at golf are or were 'plus' or better. I only quote from memory and have no doubt some of the Seniors could supplement. Proficiency in cricket and lawn tennis can only be attained by suppleness of body, accuracy of eye and constant practise. Which, when applied to golf, are bound to apply equally, and to bring men up to the top."

And this from Mr. John Martin for many years Captain of Rosedale, Toronto; and a very thoughtful student of the game:—

"I agree with Mr. Lawford and have noticed many cases at Rosedale of men who have been good at their school at games.

They develop much more quickly than men who have not taken much interest in sports. There also seems to be a connection between Billiards and Golf. It may be from the fact that the ball you are striking is at rest in both games and that you must keep your eye on it.

I met a Mr. Lawford in England who is a Tennis Champion and a Gold Cup winner at that game. He is also first class at amateur billiards and golf.

Mr. Charles Hutchings is another in the first rank at Billiards and Golf.

Mr. S. H. Fry, Cricket, Billiards and Golf.

And hundreds of others not so well known.

In our own country we have Mr. George S. Lyon, 1st in Cricket, Curling and Golf.

On the other side of the shield, what about the late W. G. Graee, that incomparable wielder of the willow? He played golf almost exclusively of late years, but never attained any prominence whatever in the game. And there are many other champions in other sports who were and are in the "dub class" at golf, like Dr. Graee, of beloved memory. However, our Montreal and Toronto correspondents certainly make out a strong case in favour of their contention.



THE MAGIC BALL

(By W. Hastings Webbling)

“**P**ARDON me, sir, but I do wish you would try this ball; something entirely new.”

Being at that particular moment three down and four to go in the finals for the summer cup, presented by the Beachville Hotel Co., against a chap named Plummer, and who looked the part, I might say that the offer came at an inopportune time, and I was about to brusquely decline the favor when my impatient glance happened to meet the big brown eyes of a faded little man who stood close by my side, an earnest and rather compelling look on his delicately lined face.

“I really wish you would,” he urged with strange insistence.

“Thanks,” I replied, but without enthusiasm, “it might change the luck—can’t be worse, anyway.” Whereupon the new ball was placed in my hand impressively. I examined it with curiosity, while my opponent went through his usual gyrations on the tee. So far as I could discover, there was nothing noticeable about this particular pill. It was round and white, without brand or marking, just an ordinary plain golf ball, “simply that and nothing more,” yet for all it seemed to compel my attention in a rather mysterious manner.

My opponent’s impatient, “Come along, play up,” recalled me to the fact he had finally landed his ball straight down the course as usual about 220 yards.

It was this painful regularity of his driving that had finally cornered, gathered in, and securely tethered my angora. It had always been up to me to play the odd, which as one well knows, counts a whole lot, no matter how much the veranda brigade may declare there is nothing in a long drive. Thus, at the end of the first round, I was three down and began to press. My head came up with every shot and the balloon soared. The match looked all over but shouting.

Yet, strange as it may appear, I teed up my new ball at the fourteenth with a confidence born of a new hope. I promptly forgot the critical state of

the match, the little gallery that followed, even Plummer’s blatant air of conscious superiority lost its power of annoyance. I thought only of that strange ball before me, and swinging with easy freedom, managed to connect and shot a peach straight down the course, out-driving my opponent’s ball by ten to fifteen yards.

There was a buzz of applause, and I turned with a look of gratitude in the direction of my little friend with the big brown eyes.

I won the hole. I also won the next, about 425 yards, by fetching the green with my brassy and laying dead for a three. The short hole came next, 125 yards. I got a perfect mashie and nearly hit the pin. Plummer failed to hole his putt, and the game was all even.

My opponent was now playing like a man in a trance and showed signs of mental break down. I had him going and he knew it. I felt intuitively that I would win the last hole and the match would be mine. I did, and it was.

Poor old Plummer’s face was purple with suppressed emotion and I feared apoplexy. He managed, however, to mutter something about congratulations and more about luck. I then turned to find my mysterious friend, the owner of that wonderful ball, but he had disappeared, and no one seemed to know who or where he was. Unfortunately, he must have taken the magic ball with him, for sad to state, that neither could be found.

Of course many reasons were advanced by those interested, to account for my surprising change of form and sensational victory, while guesses ranged from hypnotic suggestion or mesmeric influence to narcotic injection, potent liqueur, or some marvellous creation of an entirely new and altogether superior golf ball. But strictly speaking, just between ourselves, deep down in the caverns of my heart I am sometimes led to believe the practical and therefore rather uninteresting explanation of it all was to be found in the fact that I jolly well kept my old bean down where it belonged—what?

MISSISSAUGA'S ANNUAL

Prominent Toronto Golf and Country Club Has Splendid Year—Mr. J. M. Lowndes Elected President

THE annual meeting of the Mississauga Golf and Country Club was held in the Committee Room of the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, on Saturday, the 25th of January.

There was a large and enthusiastic attendance of members who had the pleasure of listening to most gratifying reports for the past year.

The following are extracts from the Directors' report, presented by Mr. G. A. Morrow, the President:

The Board is satisfied that the Annual Fees as at present are sufficient to maintain the Club and give satisfactory service.

Thirty-six of our members offered themselves for Active service of whom two have made the supreme sacrifice, namely: Captain George O. Hall and Captain F. W. Ott. The Club mourns the loss of these officers.

Patriotic Day Events were held on the 29th June, 1918, and on Thanksgiving Day. The members of the Club gave generously to the funds, and a total of \$2,700 was raised and distributed between the Red Cross, the Prisoners of War Fund and the Navy League.

Many important improvements were made on the Club property during the season, chief among which was the protection of the river bank to the west of the 4th green, where a retaining wall was built at a cost of \$1,200.00, and it is hoped that this will prevent further inroads by the river at this part of the property. Three new greens were made and other necessary improvements effected on the grounds and to the stables.

The plumbing system within the locker rooms has been entirely rebuilt upon solid and permanent foundations, reinforced with steel "I" beams; and a new bathroom installed in the bedroom wing. The cost of these improvements amounted to about \$1,900.00.

The production of vegetables again proved to be a success, besides supplying the house throughout the season, there was a surplus

left over and sold to the members.

The Club Competitions for the year resulted as follows:—

1st Flight Championship, W. J. Thompson; runner-up, H. S. Reid. 2nd Flight Championship, Hugh Johnston; runner-up, H. S. White. 3rd Flight Championship, D. C. Haig; runner-up, T. L. Monahan. Highlands Trophy, W. J. Thompson; Forester Trophy, B. H. L. Symmes; F. B. Robins Trophy, A. J. Rolph and J. C. Murrie; W. B. Meikle Trophy, Mrs. W. B. Meikle and D. A. Dunlap.

The Club played home-and-home games during the season with Galt, Brantford, Scarborough and Lakeview, winning six games, losing one and one game being drawn.

Mr. F. W. Kennedy having resigned his position as Secretary of the Club to take effect on 31st December, 1918, your Board have engaged Mr. H. Donnelly as Steward and Secretary, and he enters upon his duties on the 1st day of March, 1919.

The financial statements show Mississauga to be in an enviable position. The total revenue for the year amounted to \$35,215. There is a substantial sum to Reserve and altogether the balance sheet shows a very healthy state of affairs. The membership of the club is now 482.

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A very tender and fitting resolution was unanimously carried that the portraits of the members, Capt. Geo. O. Hall and Capt. W. F. Ott, who paid the supreme sacrifice overseas, be placed on the walls of the clubrooms.

Mr. Capreol, on behalf of the members of the club, tendered to Mr. G. A. Morrow, the retiring President, the club's thanks and appreciation for his able and valuable services in the interests of the club during his term as President and as Director, and general regret and disappointment that his



Mr. J. M. Lowndes, President of the Mississauga Golf and Country Club, Toronto

many activities precluded a continuance of his guidance for the future.

Mr. Morrow, who is one of Toronto's most prominent financiers, for three years has occupied the Presidential chair. Mississauga owes much to him.

Mr. George S. Lyon, the amateur champion, was unanimously elected to an honorary life membership in the club.

The following were elected to the Board of Directors: L. A. Hamilton, A. M. Capreol, David C. Haig, J. Mont. Lowndes, G. T. Peppal, Lieut.-Col. Weir, W. C. Brent, F. L. Langmuir and H. S. Reid.

Mr. Thos. Allen, a very popular member of the club, was elected to the Captaincy, and Mr. A. K. Muirhead to the Vice-Captaincy.

Mr. George J. Webster, of Marquette, Mich., a former Captain of the club, has very generously donated a shield, on which will be engraved the championship winners for the several years.

Mr. Donnelly, who has been appointed Secretary and Steward, has had much experience. He is at present on the staff of the St. Charles Hotel, Toronto, but will assume his new duties the beginning of next month.

In succession to George Daniels, J. H. Pritchard, who is about to be discharged from the Flying Corps, was appointed Professional of the club. He has been assistant to W. M. Freeman at Lambton and gives great promise of excellence both as a player and instructor.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board of Directors the following appointments were made: President, Mr. J. Mont. Lowndes; Vice-President, Mr. G. T. Peppal; Chairman Green Committee, Mr. Hugh S. Reid; Chairman House Committee, Mr. D. Haig; Chairman Entertainment Committee, Mr. W. G. T. Peppal; Chairman Transportation Committee, Col. Weir.

It was decided not to advance the

price of stock until the 1st of May.

Mississauga is very fortunate in securing such an able successor to Mr. Morrow in the Presidential chair. Mr. J. M. Lowndes is one of Toronto's best known business men. He is Vice-President of the wholesale manufacturing firm of The Lowndes Company, Limited, and is also identified with other important financial undertakings. He takes a keen interest in military matters and after war broke out, was granted a commission in the 48th Highlanders and did much to help that crack regiment "carry-on" after all the younger officers had gone overseas. The new President of Mississauga can certainly point with pardonable pride to his family's record in the war. His eldest son, Capt. Roy H. M. Lowndes, went overseas in 1915 and was attached to the 2nd Divisional Train and received his promotion for gallantry in the field and was mentioned in despatches. His second son, Lieut. Erle B. Lowndes, M.C., went overseas with a draft from the O. T. C. when he was only eighteen, and was attached to the famous Gordon Highlanders. He won the coveted Military Cross thirty hours after going into the front line trenches, which it is generally thought constitutes a record. Mr. Lowndes' son-in-law, Capt. Gordon Hunter, R. F. C., was wounded and taken prisoner by the Germans, losing his left arm there as a result of brutal neglect.

Lieutenant Lowndes, M.C., is a member of Mississauga and a most promising young golfer, whilst Capt. Hunter is now an enthusiastic one arm golfer and plays already a very fair game indeed.

Mr. Lowndes, in addition to the great interest he takes in golf, is a warm supporter of all clean amateur sport. He is an Honorary President of the Island Aquatic Association, Honorary President of the Toronto Swimming Club and is also a member of the Royal Yacht Club, National Club and Board of Trade.



BEACONSFIELD GOLF CLUB

Leading Montreal Organization Has a Record Year to Its Credit—Mr. David R. Brown the New President—The Club's Enviably War Record

(Special Correspondence "Canadian Golfer")

THE annual meeting of the Beaconsfield Golf Club Incorporated was held at the Windsor Hotel, Montreal, on the 22nd, ult.

The President, Mr. G. H. Napier, presented the Annual Report and Balance Sheet, and the result of the operations of the year's working showed that the Club was in a very strong financial position. The mortgage on the Club's property has been reduced to \$50,000, and the meeting decided that a 6% Bond issue, distributed among the members of the Club be substituted for the existing mortgage. The members will be duly circularized to this effect.

Various patriotic functions were held during the summer, among which may be specially mentioned a Red Cross fete organized by the Ladies' Branch, which netted the handsome total of \$2,600.00.

The functions were the means of collecting a very considerable sum of money amounting in all to over \$6,800, which was distributed amongst the various war funds, including \$2,600 Red Cross, and \$2,700 Khaki League Building Fund.

To provide an additional attraction for the members, especially those who are unable to get away from business early enough to play a full round of golf, the Directors have undertaken the construction of a bowling green, which is expected to be ready before mid-summer.

On the 25th June the Club House and grounds were placed at the dis-

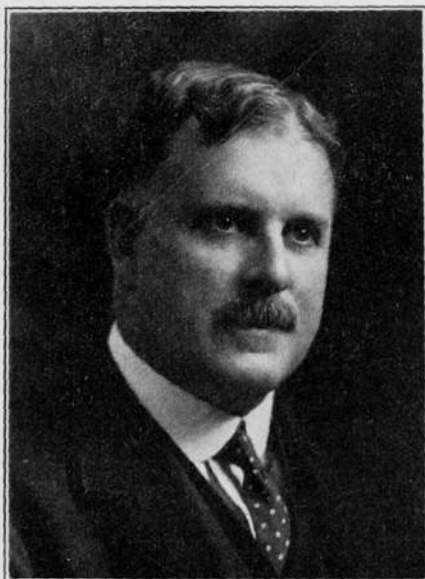
posal of the O. C. Military District No. 4, for the purpose of entertaining the officers and men of the Chasseurs Alpins (Blue Devils) of France, and in this connection and as a mark of appreciation of their heroic sacrifices and devotion to duty, the Directors elected the officers of this famous regiment, Honorary Members of the Club.

A vote of condolence was passed at the death of two past Presidents of the Club, Mr. Wm. Starke and Mr. B. Tooke. Mr. Starke was one of the earliest Treasurers and President in 1907. Mr. Tooke held the office of President for a continued period of thirteen years.

Both these gentlemen were distinguished and valued officers of the Club during the course of many of its years of infancy and youth. These gentlemen sat in the high places of the Club with a distinguished, courteous and generous bearing; and by

their patience and endeavour built the foundation upon which one of the most successful and up-to-date Golf Clubs on this Continent has been erected. Both these gentlemen were keen admirers and lovers of manly sport to which they had contributed during their useful careers in no mean measure.

The following officers were elected: President, Mr. David R. Brown; Vice-President, Mr. Norman B. Stark; Hon. Secretary, Mr. James L. McCulloch; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Geo. T. Hartt; Directors: Messrs. C. H. Allan, W. H. Barry, J. A. Mann, K.C.,



Mr. D. R. Brown, President of the Beaconsfield Golf Club, Montreal

and W. W. Walker.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the retiring President, Mr. J. H. Napier for his valuable services in the chair for the last two years.

As an ex-officio member of the Board the Directors will still have the benefit of Mr. Napier's wide and matured experience, a by-law being passed at the meeting making a retiring President ex-officio a member of the Board during the tenure of office of the incoming President.

After the conclusion of the Annual Meeting, a Directors' meeting was held, at which the following Committees were appointed:

expenditures was the gratifying one of \$5,274.

The new President of Beaconsfield is one of the leading architects of Canada, a member of the firm of Brown & Vallance. Some of the finest buildings in the Dominion are to his credit.

Amongst others the Medical Building, McGill University, University of Saskatchewan, Board of Trade Building, Montreal; Regina College, Regina; Quebec Bank, Winnipeg; Canada Life Assurance Co.'s Buildings, Calgary and Regina. He is an ex-President of the Province of Quebec Association of Architects and has a continental reputation in his chosen



The Beaconsfield Golf Club House, Showing No. 1 Tee to the Right

Executive—Messrs. Brown, Stark, McCulloch and Hartt.

House—Messrs. Hartt, Allan, Barry, Hodgson, Mann and McCulloch.

Green—Messrs. Meakins, Brown, Galloway, Galt, Stark and Walker.

Property—Messrs. Meakins, Brown and Stark.

As showing the marked progress of Beaconsfield during the past year the total revenue was \$38,053 in 1918 compared with \$27,659 in 1917. The House account revenue was \$10,927 in 1918 compared with \$7,881 in 1917. The assets of the Club are placed at the very substantial sum of \$140,117. The excess of revenue for the year over

profession. Mr. Brown is a member of many clubs, both in the East and West, and is deservedly popular with a large circle of friends throughout Canada. Beaconsfield is fortunate in having such an able chief executive at the head of its affairs this important golfing Peace Year.

The Club has a most enviable war record, 120 of its members having enlisted. Sixteen of this gallant company paid the price of Liberty. Here is the Honour Roll to which Beaconsfield proudly points:

IN MEMORIAM

Capt. L. H. Curry—42nd Battalion,

- R.H.C., Killed in action at Messines, Oct. 19th, 1915.
- Capt. M. Greenshields—13th Battalion, R.H.C., Killed in action at St. Julien, June 3rd, 1916.
- Capt. E. J. Vessey—60th Battalion, Killed in action at Ypres, June 3rd, 1916.
- Lieut. W. M. Notman—Trench Mortar Battery, 3rd Canadian Division, Killed in action at Ypres, June 5th, 1916.
- G. W. Parke—P.P.C.L.I., Reported Missing, Ypres, June 5th, 1916.
- Lieut. N. T. Patterson—31st Battery, Field Artillery, Died of wounds received at Ypres, June 1st, 1916.
- Lieut. A. B. Fraser—72nd Seaforth Highlanders, Vancouver, Killed in action at the Somme, Nov. 1st, 1916.
- Lieut. G. Sheffield—148th Battalion, Died of wounds received at Vimy Ridge, April 13th, 1917.
- Lieut. J. Morgan—73rd Battalion, R.H.C., Killed in action at Vimy Ridge, April 24th, 1917.
- Capt. D. J. Barker—245th Battalion, C.G.G., Killed in action at Avion, Sept. 27th, 1917.
- Capt. Act.-Major Talbot M. Papineau, M.C.—P.P.C.L.I., Killed in action at Passchendaele, Oct. 30th, 1917.
- Capt. N. A. Magor, D.S.O.—Royal Air Force, Killed in action over North Sea, April 25th, 1918.
- Capt. G. A. Magor—Royal Air Force, Reported missing after being engaged in action, April 22nd, 1918.
- Lt.-Col. J. V. O'Donohoe, D.S.O.—87th Battalion, C.G.G., Died of wounds at Etaples, May, 1918.
- Capt. A. N. Selater, M.C.—6th Field Ambulance Corps, Killed in action, Aug. 8th, 1918.
- Lieut. G. J. Baillie—60th Battalion, Killed in action, Aug. 8th, 1918.
- "And How Can Man Die Better"*

SUDDEN PASSING OF MR. J. T. SMALL

Well Known Toronto K.C. Expires on the Links at Pinehurst, N.C.

ANOTHER of Toronto's eminent jurists has passed in the person of John Trumbull Small, K.C., 32 Huntley Street, of the firm of Henderson, Small & Co., who dropped dead last month while playing golf at Pinehurst, N. C. He left Toronto for the South January 7th, not in the best of health, but his condition was not in the least regarded as critical.

The late Mr. Small was particularly well known for his work in connection with the Canadian Red Cross, of which organization he was Honorary Solicitor and also a member of the Executive. He was a prominent clubman, being identified with the Toronto Hunt and R. C. Y. clubs. In the latter he was a life honorary member. He was a Conservative, an Anglican in religion and a member of St. Paul's Church.

Born in Toronto in 1853, the son of

late Dr. John Small, he was educated at Upper Canada College, Toronto University and Osgoode Hall. He entered the firm of Henderson, Small & Co. in the early '80's. His practise was not directed to civil and criminal court procedure, but principally in estate management, and many of the largest Toronto estates at one time or another have been under his trusteeship.

His wife is the only survivor in his immediate family. There are three brothers, Mr. Sidney Small, the prominent real estate man; Mr. H. C. Small, Secretary of the Ontario Railway Board, and Dr. Arthur Small, of Chicago University, who is at present in charge of an American Hospital in France.

His quite tragic demise was heard of with general regret by golfing and other friends throughout the Dominion.



NOTES FROM GREAT BRITAIN

Interesting Items of the Royal and Ancient
from Overseas

WHEN the arrangements for the amateur championship come to be made, it is certain that there will be a determined effort to introduce the scheme of an eliminating competition by strokes, with the first 32 or first 16 players qualifying to take part in the match tournament. It would not be surprising to find this proposal put forward again by the Royal St. George's Club.

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If we had a Golf Controller, probably his first step in this period of the game's revival would be to limit the number of clubs and balls anybody might buy.

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The North Foreland Club, whose admirable course is situated between Margate and Broadstairs, had a bogey competition extending over three days, and in a field of 6 players Mr. E. G. Cutler won with a return of five holes down.

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Now that so many officers are on leave and other people are returning to the links because to be seen with a golfing outfit no longer provokes a self-consciousness of trifling, the demand for requisites is making big gaps in depleted stocks and there are pessimists who declare that by the spring there will be none left.

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He is a very lucky person who can be sure of getting the brand of ball he considers vital to his game, but the scarcity of balls is not likely to last long. One hears of many developments in connection with their manufacture. Important rubber companies which previously have not produced golf balls or have included them only as small side-lines have schemes for entering the trade on a big scale and they do not anticipate any difficulty in obtaining the necessary materials.

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Before the war golf-ball making gave employment to many thousands of men and women, and it has possibilities of

great extension. One of the leading firms, for instance, has had orders during the last four years as big as in any previous era—most of them from abroad. Demands from South Africa have increased five-fold since 1914—a remarkable tribute to the growth of the game there—and those from Canada, Australia, India, and other over-seas countries have at least doubled.

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In ordinary circumstances the short holes on a course are played many thousands of times every year, and it has been calculated that the odds against accomplishing the irreducible minimum are about 25,000 to 1.

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A visitor to the Sandy Lodge Club on Christmas Day—Mr. P. J. Robertson, a Scottish golfer—did a hole in one, possibly the first such feat performed since the general resumption of golf. In the club-house is a record of all the 1's accomplished at Sandy Lodge since the opening of the course in May, 1910.

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There had been none for years. Mr. Robertson has now brought the total to 17—an average of two holes in a stroke each a year, which is perhaps a fair indication of the chance of performing this most accurate of flukes.

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Nevertheless a few uncanny people have made a habit of doing it, as for example, Alexander Herd, who has nine 1's to his credit. Vardon, on the other hand, has only once secured the magic 1, and he excuses that on the ground that he was not well at the time.

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Everywhere committees throughout the United Kingdom are collecting their forces with a view to making 1919 a season of justifiable celebration. In no other game are there so many controlling committees as in golf. It advanced so rapidly in the fifteen years before the war that it outstripped its own government, and almost every new

competition and every other development resulted in the formation of a fresh body to control the affair.

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The Royal and Ancient Club is content to guide rather than to command. Its rules of the game are accepted all over the world. That nobody wants to break away from St. Andrews is just because golf happens to be golf.

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Be it said, however, that the absence of a bureaucratic government of the entire golfing state expresses in negative form the spirit of the game, for of all its charms, its freedom and its freemasonry, and the circumstances that it relies upon the honour of the player rather than upon his fear of laws, are greatest.

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No doubt Miss Cecil Leitch will defend her title of lady open champion. The event is proposed for decision at Burnham, Somerset—a fine course of majestic sand-hills, where Mrs. Kenyon, then just fresh from India, won some years ago. Nearly all the leading lady golfers have been nursing or doing some other form of war work, and at least two of the best known—Miss Neill Fraser and Miss Mary Dickson—died while serving over-seas.

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The majority, however, have come back to resume their acquaintance with the links, and one finds among them the faith that their golf will be none the worse for the interregnum. Miss Leitch has been working in various parts of the country, but she is so natural a player that no doubt need be entertained as to her ability to regain her form. I suppose that she has had no equal in ladies' golf in her power of recovery from long grass, gorse, bracken, bunkers, and the other pitfalls of the links. Certainly she has had few in her ability to steer skilful shots clear of those places of tribulation.

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Another event capable of ready revival is the Parliamentary Handicap, which up to 1914 was the chief annual affair in the outdoor lives of our legis-

lators. It usually attracted about 150 players, and so far as can be judged from the known preferences in recreation of the new members of Parliament, there will be as many as ever this year.

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It is now likely that the spring meeting of the Royal and Ancient Club will be held, as usual, in May, after a lapse of five years. Some of the leading members who have been to the war are golfing again. They include Captain Cecil K. Hutchison, of the Coldstream Guards, who was captured during an attack in 1915, and who for the last two years has been interned in Switzerland. He has just arrived home, and in his first round at Woking a few days ago he played just about as well as ever.

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Captain Angus V. Hambro and Mr. H. Mallaby-Deeley appear to be the only scratch players in the company, but there are plenty with short handicaps, and many more whose allowances vary from 12 to 24. Mr. Lloyd George will not be absent when the bell rings for the resumption of this event. He supported it almost without a break from the time that he made his first appearance in it at Deal about 18 years ago, and his belief in golf as a restorative has increased during the past four years.

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In every quarter arrangements are being made to revive club competitions, and in many places those engaging trifles known as monthly medal days—occasions of tranquil rivalry in scoring—will be resumed next month. By March they will be in full swing. Secretaries report increasing numbers of candidates for membership. One prominent amateur who belongs to half a dozen clubs tells me that in particular is there an influx of people who before the war regarded cricket and football as their games, and who dabbled in golf only in a dilettante way when they happened to be invited to visit a course.

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"The last four and a half years have made a lot of difference," he says, "and men who were 35 or so when the

war broke out seem to be disposed to give up the more energetic games now and resort to golf." This, at any rate, is nothing new, nor does it apply only to the 35-year-olds. One recollects the Warwickshire County Cricket secre-

tary complaining years ago of the difficulty of inducing amateurs to play for the county because they would not give up their golf, and I think the Kent secretary has confessed many times to similar trials.

A RECORD PRICE

The Famous Schenectady Putter Which Won the British Championship for Mr. Walter J. Travis Sells for \$1,700

AND here is a picture of the celebrated United States golfer, Mr. Walter J. Travis, and his equally celebrated Schenectady putter, which won for him the Amateur Championship of Great Britain in 1904 at Sandwich. It will be remembered that at an exhibition match at Garden City last November against his old time rival, Mr. Findlay S. Douglas, a St. Andrews golfer who won the U. S. championship in 1898 and 1899, this famous "weapon" was put up for auction and bought by Mr. Lapham for \$1,700. The purchaser immediately most generously handed it over to the Garden City Club and it will be kept there for all time as an heirloom.

A word or two about the history of this historical putter will be read with interest by all Canadian followers of the game:

It formerly belonged to Mr. Harry L. Phillips of Arcola and was given to Mr. Travis by him the day before the championship started at Sandwich. The to-be champion, ever since his arrival in England a month prior to the tournament had been putting very indifferently but the first ball he struck with the new weapon brought back the touch, the feel of the ball, and as this

was the only department of the game in which he had been at all wobbly he went into the fray with all confidence. In each of his matches, seven in all, against H. Holden (4 and 3); James Robb (1 up); A. W. Murray (3 and 1); H. E. Reade (2 up); H. H. Hilton (5 and 4); H. G. Hutchinson (4 and 2); and E. H. Blackwell (4 and 3) he ran down two or three long ones and missed only one short one in the final against Mr. Blackwell at the Maiden hole.

In the gallery at Garden City were four Americans who witnessed the play at Sandwich. They were: Mr. Harry L. Phillips, Mr. Simeon Ford of Apawamis, Mr. James L. Taylor and Mr. H. B. McQueen of Ekwanok.

It may be added that some time after the Sandwich meeting this particular type of putter was barred by St. Andrews. The United States Golf Association, however, declined to follow the lead of the R. and A. and specifically sanctioned its use and there the controversy still rests.

Mr. Travis has never played in any of the principal golfing centres of Canada. This Peace Year it would be most delightful if he would pay us a visit.



Mr. Walter J. Travis
Ex-amateur champion of Great Britain and America, with his famous putter which sold for \$1,700 for the benefit of the United War Work Fund of the U. S.

HICKORY FOR GOLF SHAFTS

Well Known United States Expert Explains Why Good Second Growth Wood Is Still Plentiful, and Scouts the Idea of a Shortage

(Special Contribution to the "Canadian Golfer" by Mr. William Burke, Newark, Ohio)

HAVING promised our friend, Mr. Charles L. Millar, of the Mappin Building, Montreal, to write an article for the "Canadian Golfer," I have much pleasure in doing so. More especially I feel like fulfilling this promise on account of the great and glorious part Canada has taken in the war. Your boys, and our boys, have fought so gallantly, each for his Country, and both for humanity, that there is a feeling in my heart that we are no longer strangers, but loyal friends; yes, may I say, brothers. Although separated by a boundary line, we feel as one people, and I trust our friendship shall continue forever. However, the writer did not promise Mr. Millar to write about patriotism, or friendship, but about possibly a more prosaic subject, but a very important one from a golf standpoint, and that is the question of hickory and persimmon woods for golf clubs.

In the States the writer needs no introduction as a hickory or persimmon expert, having had forty-three years of practical experience in hickory from the tree to the finished product. Twenty-two years of this time was spent in the manufacturing of carriage and wagon material, or horse drawn vehicle goods, and the latter twenty-one years in the manufacture of golf shafts and

golf clubs. For twelve years he was associated with and a member of the American Hardwood Association, as chairman of the Hickory Dimension Department.

More than fifty per cent. of the statistics now in the files in the American Forestry Department on hickory, persimmon and ash woods were contributed directly or indirectly by the writer,—hence his knowledge of these woods and the manufacture of the products that he writes about was gained through practical experience, and not written by some theorist or someone aiming to exploit some patented article with a view to frighten the users of hickory for golf shafts, claiming that there is a frightful scarcity in the States of hickory suitable for golf shafts and that no more was to be had. To the well posted American Hickory expert such talk

would be called camouflage, which we Americans are using so much for a slang word. We have not consulted Webster's Dictionary as to the meaning of this slang word, but we have some suspicion that it may have originated in the office of that hickory shaft alarmist.

Now for the benefit of your Canadian Golf Professionals and those interested in golf generally, we would say, Do not worry about not being able to procure



Mr. William Burke, President and General Manager of the Burke Golf Company, Newark, Ohio—the well known hickory and persimmon wood expert

an abundance of good shafts. Ask Mr. Charles L. Millar of your country where he saw more than a million shafts and shaft stocks when he visited the States some months ago.

It is true that the stumpage of forest hickory has very rapidly been divested in the past seven or eight years, but there has certainly been very little decrease in second growth hickory stumpage in that same period of time. It would be safe to say there might even be an increase. In explanation of this great decrease in forest hickory stumpage. It is due to the increase in the use of the motor cars and motor trucks, and the almost complete discontinuance of light horse-drawn vehicles almost all over the world. In the material for the use of automobiles, and motor trucks of recent years, very much oak and ash have been used for spokes, rims, etc. For motor vehicles and trucks, the larger the forest trees utilized the more cheaply these products can be manufactured, as the dimension or size of motor vehicle parts are so much larger than horse-drawn vehicles, and they are all shod with rubber or pneumatic tires, and do not require the strongest and stiffest wood as does the light horse-drawn vehicle of former days. This accounts for the possibly slight increase of second growth hickory stumpage that we speak of as against a decrease in forest growth.

However, there is an element of difference in the cost of production of forest growth timber and that growth of stock or small sized material such as is used for light vehicle spokes, rims, golf shafts, etc., manufactured from second growth. One of the most important items is the small number of feet that a small log will produce as compared to a large forest growth log with practically the same handling and the same proportion of shrinkage or offal. The most important of these items of comparative cost is in producing an equal number of logs or board measure, as all kinds of material is figured by the foot whether automobile or golf shaft material, or any kind of wood products.

To Illustrate—A hickory log eight feet long, (we take this as an average length), cut for one length material for

motor vehicle stock will make two lengths for golf shafts.

Explanation—One log eight feet long and twenty-four inches in diameter will produce two hundred feet board measure of sawed material. Now this dimension of log is a fair average size of forest growth hickory that is mostly used for motor vehicle stock.

Now compare an average growth log of eight feet long and twelve inches in diameter,—it will produce thirty-two feet of material log or board measure. Note the difference.

The average layman would suppose that both logs being eight feet long, the one twenty-four inches in diameter and the other twelve inches in diameter, that two logs twelve inches in diameter would produce an equal amount of log or board measure, but such is not the case. It requires nearly seven logs eight feet long and twelve inches in diameter to produce the same number of log measure or board feet.

Now, to carry the same comparative operation into the expense account. It will take two woodsmen over five times as long to fell and log off nine logs eight feet long and twelve inches in diameter as it will require to fell and log off one log eight feet long and twenty-four inches in diameter, and all other operations such as handling logs, hauling logs to the mill and sawing up into lumber, will require the same length of time, namely, five times.

Another element of increased cost about second growth timber is the scattered growth of such timber over such a wide area of land. Much of this land is known as "cut over" timber lands. This land having been cut over for its larger timber some years ago the small trees were permitted to stand, and they have been growing into a fine second growth tree, which is now producing our "best" golf shafts. I repeat again that they are costly to produce into such stock, but the quality is the finest and the quantity abundant.

After carefully considering what I have written, you will, I think, clearly see that there is plenty of material for good golf shafts yet to be had, but that such material must also command a good price owing to the increased cost of production.

NOT TILL 1920

Will Vardon and Other British Experts Visit Canada—Brae Burn Wants Champion as Coach

THE Editor of the "Canadian Golfer" is in receipt of the following letter from Harry Vardon, six times open champion:

South Herts Golf Club,
Totteridge, London N.
Jan. 15th, 1919.

"Many thanks for your letter of recent date. A little late perhaps, but may I wish you and all my good golfing friends in Canada a very Happy New Year.

Now about us (meaning himself and probably Taylor, Braid and Ray) making a trip to the United States and Canada this year, I am afraid it cannot possibly be managed for 1919. You see we have to "put our house in order." We all have had to run single-handed over here the past four years, and we must see things properly going again before we can think of the trip.

No doubt in 1920 we could arrange this if there is still a chance of being welcomed, which I am quite sure we should be.

Will you please extend to the President and Governors of The Canadian Seniors' Golf Association my appreciation of their invitation to play for them at their Annual Tournament this year. I trust in 1920 to have again the pleasure of an invitation.

With best wishes to all my Canadian friends,

Yours sincerely,

HARRY VARDON

It is with genuine regret that golfers generally in Canada will hear that Vardon and his confreres have definitely decided not to come here this season, but it is good news, indeed, that the champion will make the trip in 1920. A Royal welcome awaits him from golfers from Coast to Coast—he can rest assured of that.

Talking of the Champion. On Janu-

ary 30th the following despatch was sent out from Boston:

"The Brae Burn Country Club to-day sent a cablegram to Harry Vardon, the English golf player, asking him to consider an offer to serve as professional at the Brae Burn Club. The message points out that the open championship of the United States Golf Association will be played at the Brae Burn course this year.

Vardon won the open golf championship of the United States in 1900 at Chicago. He

finished second to Francis Ouimet in the same event at Brookline in 1913, after there had been a triple tie between Vardon, Ouimet and Ted Ray, another English golfer. Vardon has won the British championship several times."

Which despatch led the sporting editor of The Toronto "Globe" to facetiously observe under the heading, "Must Have Press Agent":

"Yesterday's despatch to the effect that the Brae Burn Country Club of Boston had cabled an offer to Harry Vardon, the English golfer, to become professional at Brae Burn will raise a laugh even if it has no other effect. Vardon is a very wealthy man and his annual income from golf alone

is tremendous. He could buy the Brae Burn quarters and use it for a caddy house."

Brae Burn, of course, is one of the most prominent golf clubs in the United States and the members are in a position to offer, and undoubtedly would offer Vardon a princely salary. There is not the slightest chance of the champion, however, accepting.

The Globe is quite right. For many years now Vardon has ceased to worry about mere pounds, shillings and pence. He is exceedingly well off, with a assured income of a very handsome character, even in these days of big incomes.



Harry Vardon, "Champion of Champions," who promises to visit Canada and the States in 1920

THE CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Interesting Letters from Well Known Western Golfers in Reference to Changing the Method of Holding the Events

IN connection with a change in the method of holding the Canadian championships and the thoughtful article by Mr. R. C. H. Cassels, which appeared in the January issue of the "Canadian Golfer," the Editor is in receipt of the following interesting letters.

From Mr. V. C. Brown, Winnipeg, Superintendent of the Central Western branches of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, winner of the Amateur Championship in 1899:

"I am entirely in accord with the general plan proposed by Mr. Bertie Cassels for the annual competition for the Canadian championship, though the details would require careful consideration. It would add greatly to the standing of the competition if the entrants were limited to players who had won distinction in district or provincial championships or qualifying tournaments. I am inclined, however, to think that the West and East are too far removed from each other geographically to justify hope that an ordinary meet of the Canadian Golf Association held in Winnipeg would be much more largely attended from Ontario and Quebec, than the tournament now held at alternate Eastern points is attended by players from the West.

In my opinion the logical development would be an Eastern Association and a Western one, or possibly four Associations, namely: British Columbia, the Prairie Provinces, Ontario and Quebec, and the Maritimes—retaining, however, the organization of the Canadian Golf Association for the purpose of conducting authorized Dominion championship competitions."

From Mr. W. G. Chace, President of the Elmhurst Golf Club, Winnipeg:

I have to acknowledge your letter of January 23rd, which I received last evening, a few minutes after a casual conversation on the subject you mentioned with Mr. T. K. Middlemass, newly elected President of the Winnipeg Golf Club and Secretary of the Manitoba Golf Association.

I read Mr. Cassels' article, which seems to me to point to a practical solution of the distance difficulties associated with the holding of a representative championship meet each year. As you know, the Manitoba Golf Association has made application for the 1920 meet, to be held in Winnipeg, where four 18-hole courses are now available and will, we hope, by that time be in condition for such a meeting.

While Mr. Cassels does not say so, I assume that he proposes that the entries at such a

meeting will still be open irrespective of the results of the district matches which are presumed to have been held as a preliminary round. I should very much dislike to see the district idea developed into a trial for exclusion, or to think that only those might compete for Canadian championship honors who should have been so fortunate as to be among the semi-finalists of the different districts. I think Mr. Cassels' idea would be most satisfactorily applied if it were used merely for the selection of four players from each district whose expenses were to be met by the Association, and if entries should be made as at present open to all comers properly qualified.

I like the idea of the rotation of the meet and will suggest that so far as available the points for holding meets should be selected alternately east and west of Port Arthur.

We have in Manitoba a Provincial Golf Association and hold an annual series of matches between teams of seven men from each of the Clubs in the Association. At a recent meeting of the Manitoba Golf Association, the Secretary was authorized to correspond with the Western Clubs with a view to forming a Western Canadian Golf Association and explicitly for the purpose of urging the officials of the Royal Canadian Golf Association to hold the meeting of 1920 at some Western city. This correspondence was welcomed and the idea was met practically with unanimous support among the Western clubs. I should not like to see any duplication of organization that could be avoided, but the Western players are in earnest, and without doubt will proceed with the organization unless encouraged by the fellowship of the Eastern clubs.

The ideas expressed herein above are personal with the writer, who has not had an opportunity to discuss Mr. Cassels' proposals with his fellows here."

And this from Mr. T. R. Billett, President of the St. Charles Country Club:

"Before we can consider playing championships in Winnipeg, we should have to have a course. We have nothing yet that we could ask men to come and play over. However, the various local clubs are all taking up very earnestly the matter of improving their courses this year, and we should have something presentable later on. You probably know that our soil is difficult to do much with, and also that it is a struggle to bring the greens through our severe winters.

The number of golfers is increasing very rapidly and the game seems to be getting more popular each year, but we do not seem to be making any golfers, that is, getting any of our boys interested and promising. You know

in the old days of cricket there were usually some boys standing around watching the players and getting ideas, but not so with golf. I presume the reason is that our links are most of them out of town and not available to the boys. Probably when we get Public Links

we shall see a different state of affairs."

[Other opinions from prominent golfers in the West will appear in the March issue.—Editor "Canadian Golfer."]

MID-WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP

Unique Event in Calgary Is Won by Mr. C. G. K. Nourse

"SUNNY Southern Alberta" has certainly done herself proud this winter and Calgary Golfers since January the 8th have been playing continuously on the courses of that favoured city.

On January the 12th, under ideal weather conditions, a very unique event

J. O. Miller	96	"	13	83
H. K. Richardson	99	"	15	84
W. L. Walsh	102	"	18	84
H. de Burlet	99	"	15	84
W. Ardern	112	"	27	85
G. H. V. Burroughs ..	101	"	15	86
J. L. Bell	93	"	6	87
E. B. Roach	105	"	15	90



Group of Prominent Participants in the Mid-winter Golf Championship at the Calgary Golf and Country Club January 12th

Reading from left to right, C. G. K. Nourse (the winner); Lieut. Arthur Lowes, M.C.; J. O. Miller, H. K. Richardson, G. H. V. Burroughs.

took place on the links of the Calgary Golf and Country Club, when a Mid-winter Championship was staged with a capital number of entrants.

The event, 18 holes medal handicap, was won by Mr. C. G. K. Nourse, manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce in Calgary, who is, by the way, well known throughout Ontario. The following are the principal scores in this most interesting event:

C. G. K. Nourse	92	less	15	77
A. T. Lowes	84	"	5	79
W. E. Underwood ...	101	"	18	83

Others competing were Messrs. A. L. Smith, A. M. Berryman, H. K. Reed, C. R. Young, J. R. Jaynes, C. D. Betts, T. Allen, P. H. O'Reilly.

Hearty congratulations to Mr. Nourse on bagging the first Mid-winter Championship of Canada—outside of British Columbia.

Incidentally it's a great advertisement for Calgary climatically, to be able to publish abroad "Golf in Mid-Winter." The city's publicity man can play the "stunt" up with telling effect.

MR. WILLSON RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT

The Coming Season Will Be the Most Important in the History of Lambton

IT is anticipated by the Lambton Golf Club, Toronto, that the coming season will be a very active one. Arrangements are being made to play a number of inter club matches, and preparations are under way to put the course into the best possible condition. The amateur Canadian championship will also, as previously announced, be played off at Lambton the latter part of June, and in September the tournament of the Senior Golfers' Association will be held there.

The directors have elected the following officers and committees for the season:— President, C. H. Willson; Vice-President, C. L. Wisner; Captain, Geo. S. Lyon; Vice-Captain, Geo. L.

Robinson. Executive Committee, R. J. Dilworth, Chairman; T. A. Brown, H. H. Williams, House Committee, T. A. Brown, Chairman; J. W. Gale, J. A. Fraser, Green Committee, C. L. Wisner, Chairman; H. H. Williams, H. M. Wetherald.

The re-election of Mr. Willson as President is particularly appropriate this the most important, season, that has possibly ever been recorded at Lambton. He has done splendid work for the past year in the Presidential chair and has for many years taken a very keen interest in all affairs appertaining to the club and the welfare of its large and representative membership. He has an able coadjutor in Mr. C. L. Wisner as Vice-President.

RULES TO GOVERN GOLF PLAYED ON HIGH SEAS

GOLF has the distinction of being played the wide world over and the ubiquitous devotee can indulge no matter in what corner of the earth he finds himself. Now comes a story of a game played on the high seas, on a ship in the British navy. The rules of St. Andrew's are adopted, subject only to such local rules as the committee may consider necessary to meet the requirements of the case. It is from the local rules that one can gather what sort of a game golf is at sea. Here are a few:—

“No person shall be allowed to play unless he holds a member's card and has paid for the same.

“The proceeds of the sale of members' cards shall be given to the Liver-

pool Seamen's Orphanage.

“A ball driven off the course may be replaced at a distance of one foot. Penalty, one stroke.

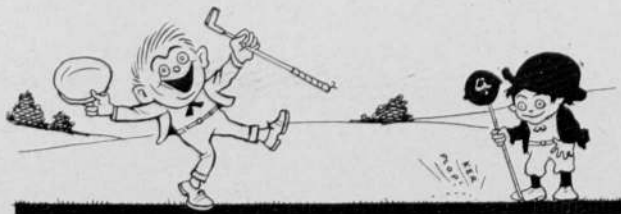
“A ball driven in the bunker, that is, scupper, may be replaced on deck with the penalty of a stroke.

“A ball driven overboard is considered lost. Penalty, two strokes, a shilling to the orphanage and purchase of a new ball.

“A ball driven into the coal bunkers wins the game.

“Members are requested not to jump after the balls driven overboard.

“Caddies may be selected from the committee at a nominal rate of 15s 9d per round of nine holes.”



A GALLANT YOUNG OFFICER

Captain Douglas Weir did much Important War Work before he passed away at Edinburgh, Scotland

BRIEF mention was made in a previous issue to the lamented passing out at Edinburgh, Scotland, fact, possessed of every endowment for a brilliant and useful career. He responded to the call early in the war, having



The Late Captain Douglas Weir, Canadian Forestry Corps

land, just after the armistice had been signed, of Captain Douglas Weir, son of Mr. R. Stanley Weir, K.C., formerly Recorder of Montreal, and a golf writer of International reputation.

Captain Weir was a clean-cut young Canadian of outstanding abilities, in

previously joined the militia when an undergraduate of Ontario Agricultural College which is affiliated with the Toronto University. He was a graduate of Toronto, Cornell and McGill Universities and received the degree of Master of Science from the latter. Al-

though never able to command the leisure necessary for golf he was brought up in the atmosphere and played occasional games with great zest. His last game was played in Halifax just before going overseas.

At first stationed in Quebec as an instructor of officers in training, he was later transferred to Halifax, where he was in command of the 4th Divisional Train. Being a musician of uncommon accomplishment he organized a band for the regiment, and in many other ways developed a splendid esprit de corps among the men.

Crossing over to England in June, 1916, he was appointed Chief Forester, with headquarters in London. Conspicuous ability in this work made him widely known in France and Britain. It is feared that the tremendous work of his Department told upon his health,

although he was uncommonly well endowed physically. Early in the present year he was offered three months' Canadian leave, but, preferring to stick to duty, he changed his headquarters to Stirling, Scotland. Here the deadly 'flu caught him as it did so many others, and, after an illness of one week, he died at Edinburgh on November 12th, 1918, to the great grief of his comrades and friends. Buried with military honours on the second anniversary of his wedding, the deepest sympathy goes out towards his widow and infant child.

Captain Weir was a young man of most engaging presence and personality, making admiring friends wherever he went. Tributes to his memory have been many and sincere. He is another of that all too numerous band of splendid young Canadians who have gone to sacrificial death for King and Country.

THE UNITED STATES SENIORS'

Will hold a Notable Dinner March 27th at Delmonico's, New York, in Honour of Mr. Hotchkiss—The By-law Governing the International Match

MEMBERS of the Canadian Seniors' Golf Association will be very interested to hear that the parent organization in the States is having a dinner at Delmonico's in New York, March the 27th, to celebrate the 77th birthday of Mr. Horace L. Hotchkiss, the beloved founder of the U. S. organization, who was a guest of honor at the first Canadian tournament in Montreal last September. Some of the prominent officials of the Canadian Association have been invited to attend this notable affair, and are making arrangements to do so. It will be easily one of the most remarkable golf gatherings ever recorded on this continent, bringing together men prominent in all walks of life.

In connection with forthcoming International matches the United States Association has sent on the following By-law for the consideration of the Canadian Association:

"Section 1. There may be held each year a contest with The Canadian Senior Golf Association for the Duke of Devonshire trophy, under such rules and regulations as may be jointly adopted by the Tournament Committee of the two Associations.

Section 2. The number of players on the team representing this Association, which shall be known as the International Team, shall be limited to fifteen, and they shall be chosen by the Tournament Committee. One of their number shall be elected by the team as its Captain and he shall have full and complete authority to arrange the individual matches in conjunction with the Captain of the Canadian team.

Section 3. The Tournament Committee shall have full authority to represent this Association in arranging the details of match, the time of holding same, and the conditions of play. The matching of the individual players shall, however, devolve upon the Captain of the team, as provided in Section 2.

Section 4. On alternate years when the International team representing this Association shall visit Canada, the transportation expenses of its members shall be paid by the Association."

The above sections will be carefully considered by the Canadian Seniors.

The United Seniors are also passing a By-law this year to increase the annual dues from \$2.00 to \$5.00. In Canada the annual dues are \$2.00 only.



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GOLF FROM A MEDICAL STANDPOINT

By *Burdett O'Connor, M.D.*

GOLF has fortunately been introduced to the American public and has met the great need of the present sedentary generation. From a medical standpoint, we require more judicious outdoor exercise and less of the mental exertion resulting from the commercial life led by so many. Any outdoor game which may be enjoyed by young and old, and golf is surely one, will obtain a place in the hearts of so sports-loving a people as Americans.

We, as well as the English and Scotch, are naturally a nation of confining business interests, but after performing the same number of hours of indoor labour we are unable, as they are, to go out into a long twilight, lasting until even nine o'clock, to play tennis, cricket and golf. However, our Saturday half-holiday has given us one afternoon a week, and it is for us to elect whether we will spend that time out of doors in athletic pursuits.

Football, baseball and tennis, properly indulged in, are glorious sports, but require constant practise and training, time for which the ordinary business man does not possess. Golf, on the other hand, has the advantage of offering thorough enjoyment for all, with the element of personal danger and the necessity of keeping "in training" eliminated.

Owing to the great popularity of golf, our physicians are being constantly consulted by their patients as to the advisability of their playing. While there are many who are physically unfit to play, golf does not exclude, on that ground, as great a number as do the more violent athletic pastimes. As an ardent advocate and player of the "Royal and Ancient game," the writer may perhaps be permitted to speak advisedly of its benefits and dangers.

It is an outdoor sport requiring a large area of land. This means a country or suburban situation away from the polluted atmosphere of a large city. It is well known that country air is

rich in ozone, which is a rapid oxydizer, causing fuller and deeper respirations, thus giving the lungs more thorough expansion and exercise, to say nothing of the amount of pure oxygen which the system would not otherwise receive. But few golfers have noticed that on all long shots, especially on the drive, a full inspiration is taken involuntarily, the breath escaping as the swing goes through. The very fact that so few persons fully expand their lungs even once daily emphasizes this latter statement.

Freer respiration is gained not only by the extra physical exertion, but also by the walking demanded. Ordinary eighteen-hole courses vary in length between five and six thousand yards, and because of the unexpected direction often taken by the ball, particularly if the player be a beginner, the distance traversed is considerably greater. Increased walking in the fresh air is the result, and its benefits are too well known to require further comment. Especially is this of benefit to our women, club and overworked business men, who, as a class, are non-athletic and too prone to indoor life. While golf was originally considered by some a fad and played on that account, its delights have become so well known that it is now the chosen pastime of those in need of light outdoor exercise.

Its fascination rests not only in fresh air, but also as a rational developer of the muscular system.

One of the racial characteristics is to possess a good physique, and golf with all its outdoor advantage offers more than the result of exercise in a stuffy gymnasium. In their ardor to become "well developed," many of our young men carry this indoor exercise to such an excess as to become "muscle bound."

Golf was mentioned above as a "rational muscle developer" because its physical demands are moderate as compared with other athletic sports; therefore, there is no possible danger of a resulting "muscle bound" condition.

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As the arms and shoulders are the most important factors in every stroke, we may look there for the best showing, but no stroke by which the ball is driven any distance is properly accomplished unless almost every muscle of the body comes into play. An approach pitch strengthens the wrists, and in the swing and follow of the long distance shots, the large muscles of the chest and back come into action. The muscles of the legs and abdomen are also used in the imperative walking and hill-climbing, irrespective of their well-known motion in every stroke. The weight of the clubs is a matter of no mean consideration; as a general rule, light clubs should receive preference, for obvious reasons.

A rational costume, especially for women, is an essential feature. Loose clothing, allowing perfect freedom in movement of body, limbs and arms, should be worn by all. Thick-soled, broad-toed shoes, water-tight if possible, will be found not only comfortable but necessary, owing to tramping over rough and oftentimes marshy ground. The practise of playing without a hat in too cold or too warm weather, so common to many, should be condemned. There is no healthful reason why one should discard customary head covering while engaged in so reasonable a pastime as golf. Individual taste, however, will in a great measure, determine the selection of dress, regardless of any advice which may be given.

Perhaps one of golf's most important

benefits is its salutary effect on the nervous system. There is no game which does more to promote sociability in the fresh air in the midst of picturesque scenery, all of which serve as a relief to the nervous, overworked business man and neurasthenic.

How tantalizing golf is may only be appreciated by those who have missed a few successive shots. The control of the temper under such provocation is an index of the nervous tone, and moderation of speech, if nothing else, is taught.

The concentration of purpose and exercise of will power put forth in calculating distances correctly trains the eye and promotes steady hand and nerve. At such moments personality is lost, as it were, and one becomes totally oblivious of thoughts of self and ailments. The game recommends itself then as an invigorator and furnishes a needed mental tonic.

It has not been the purpose of this brief article to dictate any absolute medical rules, but only to suggest a few practical points which may be considered by all.

They who either have, or fancy they have, any physical ailment, should obtain the opinion of his or her medical adviser before indulging in a game, the fascinations of which are apt to lead the player to forgetfulness of physical condition and so possibly bring discredit upon the glorious game where praise alone should rest.



THE OPTIMIST

UNITED STATES GOLF ASSOCIATION

Mr. B. L. Anderson, Hon. Secretary of The Royal Canadian Golf Association, Attends Annual Meeting—All Championships to Be Revived This Year

AS stated in last month's issue, M. B. L. Anderson was the guest January 24th in New York, of the United States Golf Association at its annual meeting and dinner. This is the first time the governing body of golf in Canada has ever been represented at this important gathering of the U. S. Association.

Under date of February 4th, Mr. Anderson submitted a very interesting report of his visit to the President of the R. C. G. A., Mr. Rolph, from which the following extracts are taken:

Believing that now is a propitious time for a closer coming together of the United States Golf Association and the Royal Canadian Golf Association, you and the Executive Committee decided that I, as Secretary of the Royal Canadian Golf Association, should attend the Annual Meeting of the United States Golf Association which was held at the Waldorf Astoria hotel, New York City, January 24th, at 8 p.m.

On arriving at the hotel on the 24th, I found that the Secretary of the United States Golf Association, Captain Howard F. Whitney, had telegraphed me an invitation to attend the dinner given by the Executive Committee each year prior to the meeting. During the afternoon, Capt. Whitney sent his Secretary, Mr. Wilson, and also came himself to the hotel to personally invite me to the dinner. I, of course, accepted the invitation with pleasure. The dinner was held in the State Room at 6.30 p.m., there being twenty-four present, among whom were the following gentlemen:

President F. S. Wheeler, of New York, President of the American Can Company.

Treasurer Mortimer Buckner, President of the New York Trust Company.

Capt. F. H. Whitney, Secretary, Member of the New York Stock Exchange and of the firm of H. N. Whitney & Sons.

Frank S. Woodward, former president of

the U. S. G. A., Member of the U. S. Food Administration and a prominent lawyer in Denver.

Frederick Byers, Pittsburgh, Pa., well known golfer and business man, Member of the Executive Committee of the U. S. G. A.

Asa P. French, Member of the Executive Committee of the U. S. G. A., and lawyer in Boston.

Francis E. Miller, lawyer in Chicago, and a Member of the Executive Committee of the U. S. G. A.

Daniel Chauncey, Banker, Member of the New York Stock Exchange.

Silas H. Strawn, prominent lawyer of Chicago, former officer of the U. S. G. A.

Robert B. Kerr, Member of the New York Stock Exchange and of the firm of Kerr & Co., Bankers, former officer of the U. S. G. A.

Howard W. Perrin, Philadelphia, representative of Hanna & Co., coal operators, former President of the U. S. G. A.

Charles B. Macdonald, Member of the New York Stock Exchange, prominent in golfing circles since the institution of the game in this country, and well known financier.

Cornelius J. Sullivan, of New York, President of the Metropolitan Golf Association and prominent lawyer in New York.

John J. Sweeney, of Detroit, Mich., former Vice-President of the U. S. G. A., well known in golfing circles, particularly throughout the middle West.

Robert W. Lesley, President of one of the largest U. S. cement companies, and donor of one of the best known cups.

W. C. Fownes, Jr., of Pittsburgh, Pa., former amateur champion of the United States.

As regards the dinner, I may say the Waldorf were evidently told to put on its *best*. On assembling for the dinner in an adjoining room, light refreshments were served while waiting for some of the guests.

On entering the room for dinner, we were asked by the Secretary to find our places, which were arranged by the Secretary and marked by very fitting souvenirs of the United States Golf Association, embossed with the

U.S. GOLF BODY'S DOINGS IN TABLOID FORM

Favored holding a national junior championship.

Repeated 1917 selections for 1919 championships—Oakmont for amateur, Brae Burn for open and Shawnee for women's.

Re-elected 1918 officers.

Recommended employment by clubs of disabled soldiers for links work.

Reported \$124,822 raised for Red Cross.

Announced early compilation of list of players eligible for championship play.

Reported gain in membership and fat balance in treasury.

Made feeling reference to prospective abolition of nineteenth hole under bone-dry law.

gold crest of the Association, with each guest's name embossed on the souvenir. The President, Mr. F. S. Wheeler, sat at the head of the table and proposed a toast to members of the former committee. I was fortunately seated beside Mr. W. C. Fownes, a former amateur champion of the United States, and Mr. Mortimer N. Buckner, Treasurer of the United States Golf Association, from whom I received valuable information as regards the conduct of the Association, its management and practices.

There are several Associations in the United States, such as the Western Association, the Rocky Mountain Association, the Southern Association, etc., but the United States Golf Association recognize no local organizations. It was stated by one of the prominent members of the Executive that undoubtedly ten players from the "Western" could beat any ten players from the United States Golf Association or any United States organization.

The United States Golf Association is managed by an Executive Committee consisting of nine members—President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and four other members. They are chosen by a nominating committee and elected at the annual meeting. Capt. Whitney has been Secretary for five years and Mr. Buckner Treasurer for four years. The Secretary is allowed an assistant at \$25 per month. He usually selects a man from his own office. The Treasurer is allowed \$200 per annum for expenses. The United States Association has 447 members—140 Active—307 Allied. Their fees are: Allied \$15; Active \$30. The Club choose which membership they desire. Active members only can vote and hold championships.

At eight o'clock sharp, the guests all retired to the "East Room," which had been prepared for the annual meeting. There were about three hundred present. The roll was called by Clubs and the usual business proceeded with, such as minutes of previous meeting and various reports. Under the heading of General business, the President, Mr. Frederick S. Wheeler, made a very able speech on general conditions, finally recommending that the championships be resumed in 1919. The question of change in rules was considered and correspondence with the Royal and Ancient Association referred to, and it was pointed out

that the United States Association had agreed to do nothing pending the war, therefore nothing should be done until the Royal and Ancient Association were again communicated with. The main points under the change of rules are:

The lost ball penalty.

Out of bounds.

Advice—willingly or unwillingly.

Stymie.

The general feeling was that there should be but one game of golf the world over.

Pleas were made for the returned soldiers, for the rising generation to take up golf, for the right kind of boys to be interested in the game—young "sons of golfers," and not altogether 'caddie graduates.'

Great competition was evidenced for the next two championships, 1920 and 1921. St. Louis making a strong bid for 1920 and Detroit for 1921. It was suggested that a district system be adopted for young players, age limit to be 19 years. The date for the championship was not fixed, but is left to the Executive and the Club where it is to be held to decide—depending somewhat on conditions at the club where it is to be held. Probably it will be held the end of August or the first part of September. Par distances for the course to be calculated in the usual manner and on the Calkin System.

After the Meeting was adjourned, light refreshments were again served in the adjoining room and old acquaintances were renewed, the members generally leaving about 11:30 p.m.

In general, I believe it was a very profitable visit, and will do much to stimulate co-operation and good feeling between the 'United States' and the 'Royal Canadian' Associations.

The New York Press commented liberally on our representation at the United States annual meeting, and generally encouraged the spirit of good feeling now existing.'

All the leading New York golfers commented enthusiastically on the presence of Mr. Anderson at the New York meeting and generally expressed a desire that there be a strong representation of Canadians at the 1919 championships.

THE ODDEST GOLF LINKS

The oddest golf links in the land has its habitat at Watertown, Mass. It is the Midiron Club. Its course is laid out on a private lawn, and the total distance thereof is 179 yards. There are five holes, to wit: "Architect's Angle," 123 feet; "Junkpile," 68 feet; "The Cottonfield, 39 feet; "Barrister's Bog, 34 feet; "Akron," 63 feet. The course record is 23. Walks, shrubbery, bump ground, a hedge and chil-

dren are the hazards. The cups are made of empty cans, mostly tomato. The trophy is made of an abandoned phosphorous can, with a brass name plate, and has for a base a cigar box, long since denuded of cigars. There are six members, and their clubhouse is the apartment house in which they live and belonging to which is the lawn whereupon is the course.

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FIXTURES

MARCH

- 3- 8 Pinehurst C. C. Fifteenth Annual Spring Tournament.
 7 Belleair C. C. Women's Championship.
 17-21 Belleair C. C. Amateur Championship.
 22-26 Pinehurst C. C. Seventeenth Annual United North and South Amateur Championship for Women.

- 28-29 Pinehurst C. C. Nineteenth Annual United North and South Open Championship.

MARCH-APRIL

- 31- 5 Pinehurst C. C. Nineteenth Annual United North and South Amateur Championship.

APRIL

- 15-19 Pinehurst C. C. Eleventh Annual Mid-April Tournament.

TURNING 'EM OUT BY THOUSANDS

Wonderful Production of Clubs at the Headquarters of Spalding's, Montreal

THE "Canadian Golfer" on a recent visit to Montreal dropped into the workshop of A. G. Spalding and Bros., St. Catherine St. West, and was simply surprised at the activity being shown there in the manufacture of the celebrated Gold Medal Clubs, which are literally turned out by the thousand.

No fewer than four well known Eastern professionals are busily engaged in finishing off these well known clubs for the delight and edification of golfers from Coast to Coast. They are "Jimmie" Black, of Beaconsfield; Frank

Grant, of the Whitlock Golf Club, Hudson Heights; Frank Sinclair, of Outremont, Montreal; and Willie Jones.

Black is one of the best known club makers of the Dominion and his assistants have also reputations of no mean order when it comes to turning out high class "woods and irons."

Mr. T. J. Wall, the General Manager of Spaldings, states that the demand this season for clubs of all kinds is simply unparalleled, whilst the demand for balls has already reached huge dimensions. 'Tis going to be a great golf year alright, alright.

THE END OF THE GAME

(By a Victoria, B.C., Sufferer)

What wrecks the manly golfer's soul,
 What puts him on the doctor's role,
 And keeps him out of every hole?
 "Sciatica."

What takes the zest of life away,
 What makes your head and whiskers grey,
 What gets your goat, and spoils your play?
 "Sciatica."

What bends your back and kiaks your knees
 When on the once beloved tees,
 What wafts your curses on the breeze?
 "Sciatica."

It flitters down from hip to shin,
 'Tis quite impossible to win,
 It stops your Rye, your Scotch, and gin?
 "Sciatica."

Victoria, B.C., Feb. 1, 1919.

What makes your putting so untrue,
 What takes away your carry through
 A d—— sight worse than any "flu"?
 "Sciatica."

What spoils your putt, approach and style,
 What makes you swear, and stirs your bile,
 What makes the little caddy smile?
 "Sciatica."

What sends you home to wife, and child
 With accents strong, and glances wild,
 And broken clubs about you piled?
 "Sciatica."

L'ENVOIE

Some day like me you'll, too, be done,
 (I hate to perpetrate a pun)
 We'll all hole out just won by one.
 "Oh! Sciatica."

—'Foggy'

IN AND ROUND THE CLUB HOUSE

Interesting Happenings in Canada, Great Britain
and United States

THIS habit of Canadian golfers making "Holes-in-One," is being carried with them to the winter resorts. Mr. C. Howard Smith, a prominent member of The Royal Montreal, on January 30th, playing with Mr. Brookfield over the Clarendon Golf and Country Club course at Seabreeze, Florida, negotiated the twelfth there in one. The hole is a sporting little one of 145 yards, and the lucky Montrealer came in for general congratulations on his notable performance.

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In the passing last month of Mr. Benjamin Tooke, President of Tooke Bros., Limited, not only golf in the Montreal district, but the game throughout Canada sustained the loss of one of its most prominent and warmest supporters. That very successful Montreal Club, Beaconsfield, recognized him as the "Father" of the organization. Eighteen years ago he discovered at the little village of Beaconsfield an ideal golfing property, and it was very largely to his enterprise and efforts that this now metropolitan golf club, bearing the name of one of the Empire's greatest statesmen, was brought into being. For many years he was its President and he had the proud satisfaction of seeing it emerge from very small beginnings into one of the recognized golfing organizations of Canada. Mr. Tooke was not only one of the best known golfers in the Dominion, but in Masonic circles he was equally prominent. He had filled practically all the offices in the gift of the Masonic Order in the Province of Que-

bec. He was a great lover of music, and a prominent member of Christ Church Cathedral, Montreal. A splendid type of golfer and gentleman has passed away, and the Royal and Ancient game is all the poorer in Canada for that passing.

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Lieut. P. L. Forgan, who was the author in the January number of the "Canadian Golfer" of that very delightful article, "Golf in Salonica," has just been "demobilised," and has returned to The Links, St. Andrews', to again look after the interests of the old established and world-wide known firm of Robert Forgan and Sons, which by the way is overwhelmed with orders this year—so the manager, Mr. Alex. Brown, writes the Editor.

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Mr. C. H. Willson, President of Lambton, which club has the unique distinction of two big championship meetings this year writes:

"While our course was not at all in bad shape last season (it was really in remarkably good shape—Editor), we feel that we want to do everything possible to put it in the best of condition for this very important year, and with plenty of men again available for the task, purpose doing considerable work on the course. In fact, Mr. C. L. Wisner, chairman of our Green Committee, and I spent much time in mapping this out last year, and expect to get busy with the improvements just as soon as the weather is suitable."

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The "Galt Reporter," February 4th, featured the following interesting golf item:

"The winter of 1918-1919 has established many records, the sporting pages having



The Late Mr. Benjamin Tooke,
Founder and President for
Many Years of the Bea-
consfield Golf Club,
Montreal

chronicled golf and bowling matches in January. Monday another record was established when a number of local golfers turned out at the Preston Road links and indulged in what they call the 'February Handicap.' There was a good turnout of the enthusiasts, who played the entire course. The links are in excellent condition and the day was in ideal one, with the sun casting forth its warm rays. Golfing and bowling become rivals of hockey and curling as winter sports."

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Sir Thomas Tait, Montreal, is enjoying a couple of months golfing in California.

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Nicol Thompson of the Hamilton Golf Club is in Macon, Georgia, where he has a splendid position for the winter months.

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Prospects are quite bright the coming season for the Summit Golf Club, Toronto, being successfully revived. The proposition is a very attractive one indeed.

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Mr. W. R. Baker, President of The Canadian Seniors and The Royal Montreal, who is spending the winter at the Hotel Virginia, Long Beach, Cal., has been elected chairman of the Golf Tournament Committee there.

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Senneville, near Montreal, is another golf club that will be put into operation this season. Jimmy Black is looking after the laying-out of this new course and speaks very highly of prospects generally.

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Senator Lynch-Staunton and Mrs. Staunton, Hamilton, are spending a couple of months in Florida. The Senator, who is an enthusiastic member of the Seniors' Association, intends playing a good deal of golf whilst away.

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Two directors of the C. P. R., Sir Edmund Osler and Mr. W. D. Matthews are amongst the recent distinguished members elected to The Canadian Seniors' Golf Association. Mr. Matthews left the beginning of the month to spend several weeks at Santa Barbara, California.

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Mr. Hilton McKay, who is in the Tank Division of the Canadian Overseas forces, writes the "Canadian Golfer" from Ireland where he had just

made a round of the celebrated Portrush course. The weather was not very favourable, "rather a cold wind and some snow in the traps."

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Mr. W. H. Grant, a member of Rose-dale and the Canadian Seniors' Golf Association, was called to Prince Rupert last month by the sad tidings of his brother's sudden demise.

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The following were the results at the Calgary Municipal Golf Course last year. A most successful season was registered at this interesting club:

Marshall Cup (championship), A. S. Fitzgerald. Searson Cup, W. H. Andrews. Hudson Bay Cup, S. P. Tucker. Black Cup, J. N. Stothers. Moffat Cup, John Hutton. Club Cafe Cup, S. P. Tucker. Moffat Cup (Ladies), Mrs. H. J. Turnbull.

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In the last issue in commenting on the very satisfactory annual statement of The Royal Montreal Golf Club, it was stated that the total revenue was \$25,955.27. This was correct only in part. These figures did not include the House Account, which brought the total up to \$47,830.77. It is only fair to The Royal Montreal to make this correction, as in the reports of other clubs the House Accounts have generally been included in total revenue reported.

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The Western Golf Association at its annual meeting in Chicago re-elected officers except one, awarded medals to Red Cross golfers for raising \$303,000 last summer and voted the amateur championship to the Sunset Hill Club of St. Louis, the open meet to the Mayfield Country Club of Cleveland, and the junior championship to the Flossmoor Country Club, Chicago. The amateur tournament will be held June 16-20, with the Olympic team contest on June 14. The open classic will take place on July 24-26 inclusive, while the youngsters will golf for the title on August 13-15.

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Lieut. Tom A. Barron, R.N., Flight Commander in the Royal Naval Air Service, has been decorated by His Majesty the King of Italy with the Cross of the Order of St. Manrizio and



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Mr. S. R. Hart, ex-President of Lambton, and Mrs. Hart left this month for California.

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Hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Baker, Toronto, on the advent of a lusty young golfer.

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Judge Wallace, Halifax, U. S.: "I enclose my subscription for the coming year, and wish your bright and readable magazine continued success."

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Quite a large number of Toronto and other golfers are at the Pine Forest Inn, Summerville, S. C., this win-

ter. It is a particularly popular resort with Canadians.

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Mr. H. S. Reid, captain of the Mississauga Golf and Country Club, is quite well again, after a nasty attack of ptomaine poisoning, friends will be glad to hear.

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Mr. Frank A. Rolph has been elected one of the Wardens of St. Paul's Church, Toronto, of which the Hon. Dr. Cody, Minister of Education, is rector. St. Paul's last year raised the record amount of \$52,000 for church purposes.

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Mr. C. L. Millar, of Montreal, the well known golf agent, who is now representing the celebrated firm of the Burke Golf Company, Newark, Ohio, is on a trip to the West. He reports record orders and predicts the greatest boom in the history of golf in the Dominion. The chief difficulty this season will be to supply the unprecedented demand for clubs and balls.

Karl Keffer, open champion of Canada, who has been bravely doing his "bit" in France, is expected home shortly and will resume his important duties at The Royal Ottawa.

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Arthur Woodward, of the Country Club, St. Lambert, Montreal, has a very successful indoor golf school at the Montreal Athletic Association Club. He has been teaching a lot of Montrealers "how to shoot."

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The ladies of the Brantford Club the end of January gave a most successful bridge and dance. Nearly 200 golfers participated and a very substantial sum was raised for the ladies' section of the Club, which is in a most flourishing condition.

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Mr. F. W. Kennedy, Toronto:

"Well, Peace has come and I suppose that you will be clearing the decks and preparing for a big season in 1919. It is wonderful how the game in Canada has developed during these last four years. New players of promise have appeared, and what with the many who have gone overseas and who have been spared to come back again, together with an influx of new golfers, you will have plenty of material to work on recording their doings on the links."

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The "Toronto Globe" editorially says:

"General Rennie is to return to Canada as Brigadier of the famous Fourth Brigade, the four Ontario battalions he led in battle so long. That will be a home-coming worth while."

General Rennie is one of the best known members of the Rosedale Golf Club, and was largely responsible for the new course which the members now enjoy.

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Many Canadian golfing friends will be glad to hear that Mr. F. A. Kent, formerly Secretary of the Essex Golf and Country Club, Windsor, who has been living in England the past three years, writes the "Canadian Golfer" that he is greatly improved in health and has some idea of again returning to this side of "the Pond." Mr. Kent was compelled to leave Canada on account of the winter. Any California Club would be fortunate to secure him for secretarial work.

Mr. W. T. J. Lee, the Honorary Treasurer of the Lakeview Golf Club, will in 1920 complete 25 years' service on the Toronto Library Board—a record of honourable public service seldom equalled.

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A despatch from Collingwood, Ont., February 2nd, says:

"The mild weather of the past week has brought out the local golfers and recently some of them played on the local course for one hour and a half. The ground was practically clear of snow, the air exhilarating and the round was much enjoyed."

This constitutes a record for northern golfers.

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In the St. Valentine Tournament at Pinehurst, last week, a number of Canadians were among the entrants. In the qualifying round Mr. Fred W. Kennedy, the recently appointed Secretary of the Scarborough Club, Toronto, with an 85, made the best score of any representative from the Dominion. Henry C. Fownes, Edward Styles and John N. Stearns tied for the lead at 78. They were the only ones to break 80. There was a field of nearly 200.

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J. W. Porte, a Winnipeg golf enthusiast, has invented a new driving machine which is something of a novelty. The drive is made from a mat in the regular way, but the ball is captive in that it travels along a wire and hits a small target about twelve feet away. When the target is forced back it sends an arm at the side forward. A loose ball, which rests in an inclined runway, is forced up the runway by the arm, and the harder the hit the farther the ball travels up the incline. Markings on the runway indicate the distance the ball would have gone. The drive ball has a brass eyelet attached which keeps it on the wire.

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It is an interesting indication of the possibilities of the future, that the Herdon Golf Club, in England, proposes to have a landing-place for airplanes, so that the members who fly can snatch a round even though they have only a few hours to spare. In point of fact, flights in Great Britain to courses have been fairly common

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during the war. In Canada too, they have not been unknown. The most notable instance in this respect was recorded in Hamilton to which course Captain Broughton, an English instructor at the Beamsville Camp nearby, often made a flight "coming to earth" near the club house. The gallant Captain is a very good player indeed, and just before leaving for England, in the big Thanksgiving Red Cross Drive at Hamilton "landed" the medal with a snappy 79—which in the vernacular is some golf on the Hamilton championship course of 6,350 yards. It is recorded of Captain Broughton that on one occasion, his machine got tangled up with some telephone wires as he was preparing to alight. There was a nasty smash-up, but he came to terra firma alright, and after telephoning for the ambulance to come out from the Camp for the wrecked machine, calmly proceeded to play "golf as usual," and good golf, too. Pretty hard to phase those Britishers.

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The annual meetings of the Hamil-

ton Golf and Country Club and the Brantford Golf and Country Club were both held on Friday evening, February 14th, and both clubs reported record years.

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Mr. E. M. Hurn, the very efficient Secretary of The Royal Ottawa Golf Club, intends leaving shortly for England, and there is a chance that he may decide to live there. It will be a great loss to the Secretarial side of golf in Canada if he intends to do this.

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Capt. Howard F. Whitney, Secretary of the United States Golf Association, under date of Feb. 10th, notifies the "Canadian Golfer":

"The Executive Committee of the United States Golf Association, after conferring with the officials of the Brae Burn Country Club, have chosen as the dates for the Open Championship for 1919, to be held under the auspices of this Association, June 9th, 10th and 11th (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday)."

It is understood this year that several Canadian pros. intend to enter for this great golfing event of the season.

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In the article elsewhere in this issue in reference to Mr. Walter J. Travis and the record price paid for his famous putter, it is stated that he has never played in any of the important golfing centres in Canada. In September, 1917, however, he did take part in a Red Cross match over the very interesting 9-hole course at Grand Mere, Quebec, in which in partnership with Mr. Campbell, he defeated Harry Pidduck, the former Grand Mere professional and Mr. Chalfont. Mr. Travis whilst in Grand Mere made plans for the improvement and lengthening of the course there from 2,600 yards to 3,100 yards.

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Mr. J. G. Anderson, the well known U. S. golfer and golf writer:

"There has lately been formed in Canada a Seniors' Golfing Association modelled after our own famous society whose activities are known the wide world over. Soon there will be team contests between the two organizations.

But why should the Seniors lead in that respect? Why not have an international match with ten or a dozen on a side, with a club from Canada or a district playing a club or a section in this country? There have been curling matches for many years between the Montreal and Boston clubs, and the same sectional play in golf in the summer time would add a hundred-fold of interest to the yearly play.

From New York, Boston or Philadelphia it is possible to leave on a Friday afternoon or night and be in Montreal early the next morning, play foursomes in the first round and then singles, and be back home on Sunday or, at the latest, Monday in time for business. The international golf relations not only would be tremendously helped, but the true spirit of golf would become a more potent factor in the lives of all concerned. I am sure that after the war steps will be taken to follow out this plan."

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ROYAL OTTAWA

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Ottawa, was elected President in place of Colonel Courtenay, M.D., who resigned. Mr. Warren Y. Soper was elected Vice-President, whilst the other directors are: J. F. Orde, K.C., P. J. Baskerville, G. Gordon Dale, O. H. Sharpe and J. E. Macpherson. A fuller report of the meeting will appear in the March issue of the "Canadian Golfer."

AN UP-TO-DATE WINTER GOLF SCHOOL

A visit by the "Canadian Golfer" last week in Montreal to the Indoor Golf School of Albert Murray, in the Arliss Building, 725 St. Catherine St. revealed the busiest kind of an institution. Putting, driving and giving lessons was in full swing throughout the commodious quarters, which are fitted up in a most metropolitan man-

ner. The Kanawaki expert and his assistant, A. Desjardins, are kept going "morning, noon and noot," and report easily the most successful winter season ever recorded in Montreal. The school is well worthy of a visit from every golfer, not to mention the novice, who will find here every facility for learning the game.

JULIUS SNEEZER OUR PRO.

By a Western Contributor.

NEVER having met our pro. you certainly have missed the acquaintance of one, whose worth can only be appreciated to its fullest measure, through being acquainted.

Julius as the name implies was born in July, in the Kingdom of Fife, Scotland, at or near some golf links not many miles from the mecca of all golfers, St. Andrews.

Having taken some time to arrive, and getting there during the hottest part of the summer, Julius, Our Pro. did not take up the game until the following season, which gives him a golfing experience of more than 40 years. Julius has not been actively engaged in golf all these years. For a period of 22 years he has been busying himself, rather with alienating whatever loose change the embryo golfer could be separated from, to his own jeans.

As a player Julius is not a Vardon or Braid but knowing our Pro. as I do, fully better than most people, he has confided to me from time to time, many secrets that have been of great value to me in golf, and often, when I lie awake at nights, or more particularly in my dreams, I think that Julius, our Pro. is the best golfer in the wide, wide world.

I have seen Julius, our Pro. angry on but one occasion, and I may relate the story at this time. It was once when he and I were partners in a foursome, that real game of golf, the real Scotch foursome, 2 balls. We were 3 up at the 16th tee. We had been dormy 4, but we lost the 15th through getting into the trees from the tee. The 16th hole on our course is 145 yards in a saucer green. If one gets anything of a shot at all, the ball is liable to run to the hole, unless the hole be cut in a shelf that is on the back left corner of the green; in that case one is liable to run away 30 feet. The green is of reasonable size and on this occasion the hole was cut down in a cup of the green. So, on the tee,

as our opponents were preparing to

shoot, the player, Fred. Leslie, made a remark saying that we, Julius and myself would again spend the better part of the time on this hole in the woods, which immediately brought the challenge from Julius, that he himself would bet five dollars, that playing the hole himself, he'd hole out in two. It was a sporty bet, but Fred's a sport, and Fred played, and found the bunker on the left of the green. With a grin on his face Julius takes his mashie and lands one, as we thought, right on the pin, but on nearing the green no ball was to be seen. We looked in the trap on the front but no ball was there, so I walks up to the flag and there at the bottom of the cup lay the ball. With triumph, Julius picks the ball up and wants to collect from Fred, but Fred says he had to hole out in two. "All right" says Julius, wrathfully, "I've still got a shot in the locker" so he walks back to the tee, and by a truly remarkable happening, again holes out from the tee.

While Julius is walking up to the hole I looked over to where Fred was standing, I could see him looking sort of glum and scratching his head, Fred is one of those golf lawyers who make a study of the rules and I saw he had something on his mind. He came over to the hole and congratulated Julius on the miraculous performance.

Jubilant at his success, Julius again claims the bet, but Fred counters the claim, saying that Julius incurred a penalty of 2 strokes for lifting, making the score 4. "Then how in H." says Julius could I have made it in 2 had I not lifted it and played over. You could, said Fred very deliberately, ascertained the location of the ball, and according to definition 13 in the rules of golf made an intentional miss which would have given you 2. Oh! ho!Bo! from Julius, I never knew we had such a linguist in our community. That is the only occasion I have seen Julius our Pro. the least out of temper, and but for that one outburst, his reputation would be that of an angel.

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He has an abundant fund of graveyard humor, as my friend the scenario writer says. One particular story he tells ends up with, "John you never told me McPherson was dead." It's a scream, and if I had set out with the purpose of writing a humorous story, I would have made an attempt to relate the yarn in his inimitable way. Besides, space in this magazine is particularly valuable. Story may be had from the Editor by sending stamped addressed envelope. Julius was at first intended for the ministry, but there being a surplus of "meenisters," at the time when Julius should have been started on the road to earn a living, the embryo preacher ran away to sea and went half a voyage. We find the preacher-sailor in the city of Melbourne on his 17th birthday.

I said that he ran away to sea (it always sounds better that way in a story), being told by himself it was so, but from conversation I have had with him from time to time I am of the opinion that Dad was the means of his taking a vacation, as an apprentice with Uncle Bob, who was captain of the barque "Lalla Rookh," out of Liverpool.

Sailing from Antwerp, and being unaccustomed to the regularity and rigour with which "all starbowlines" were hauled on deck, after a month or six weeks of getting studding gear rove, helping replace running gear that was unfit, overhauling standing gear, chafings, etc., he sized up the situation thus, "The job of an apprentice in a windjammer is no better than a bally dock laborer, I'll quit the first port," and he did. That is how he came to go half a voyage.

His Uncle Bob, whom I have met, told me he was d—d glad to get rid of him. Julius does not like to tell experiences relative to the second half of the voyage or of his stay in the lovely City of Melbourne, or of the happy (?)

days he spent on the banks of the Yarra Yarra at Port Philip. Suffice it to say that after calls made at Iquique and Valparaiso, the second half of the voyage was ended.

Having missed golf for nearly three years, it is natural to suppose that one who had been reared in the atmosphere of golf, should "tak' a clout at a ba'" at the earliest opportunity.

After a very brief holiday of six months, Julius essayed a course of civil engineering which course occupied the very lengthy period of three weeks, sufficient time for Julius to assimilate all about civil engineering that he cared to know.

Another short holiday of about two months, most of it spent on the links, after which Julius finds himself on his way to Georgetown, Demerara, where an appointment had been found for him up country. Time passed slowly while at work, but the brief periods of rest spent at the "Ice House," in Georgetown, where the Portuguese used to dispense the best of fluid foods at one shilling per, relieved the monotony. So small a drink for so large a sum was, generally, the cause of a mortgage being given on the first end of a string of beads on pay day. At the end of the engagement, the bright lights of Water Street, the Broadway of Georgetown, seemed to pale, and from there to Vera Cruz was but a step, but the jet blacks of Georgetown were preferable to the greasers of the Mexican city, and neither suited, so to New Orleans.

The quiet life(?) of Canal Street made him long for Bonnie Scotland, and leaving New Orleans with many regrets we find him once more by his ain fireside.

To learn the golf business was, if anything could be, the most congenial occupation that could be found for our "Wandering Boy," and but for two or three incursions to places as far apart as Archangel and Rio, Julius, our pro., has been quite content to stay with golf, which was the Holy Grail he was in quest of. A number of years ago our club had difficulty in finding a man desirable in every way to fill the position of pro., so our President, who

happened to be in Scotland on vacation at the time was cabled, telling him to send out a clubmaker and coach.

That is how we find Julius Sneezer pro. at our club. We wouldn't part with him. I have known Julius, our pro., for a very considerable period, in fact since I have played golf, for he made my clubs and gave me all the lessons I've had. In a way, he has a method of getting the most out of a player, both in dollars and "sense."

He is thoroughly honest in his dealings and very painstaking with pupils, and during the periods of rest which pupils need, he will interject one or more of his funny stories, which whiles away the time that costs you a dollar per.

And so this is the story of "Julius, our Pro.," loveable and most likeable of golf mentors, who is teaching us Westerners to play the "game of games," and play it very well, too.

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Mr. Anderson tells the "Canadian Golfer" that every club, both East and West, will be asked to take a personal interest in the championship and send

a strong representation of members. The R. C. G. A. officials this year are setting a very high mark—they want 300 entries at least. And with such enthusiasm so early displayed, the "Canadian Golfer" rather thinks they will get 'em. The governing body of golf in the Dominion has just now a particularly virile Board of Directors and officials, and anything they put their hand to is an assured success. The 1919 Amateur Championship will create a record—make no mistake about that.

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clubs, as with nearly every tee shot we left him ten to twenty yards behind; but this lack of length did not preclude him from winning both matches. Still, once he realized that very many of his opponents would be gaining a considerable advantage in the matter of length, he was troubled in his mind, and, discarding the short light club with which he had been playing all manner of wooden-club shots with extraordinary accuracy, took to a longer, heavier club, and eventually finished hopelessly out of the hunt. No doubt he felt that in order to win outright it was necessary to obtain added length, but on his play that he had exhibited we have an idea that he might have been desperately near to winning that championship had his confidence not been disturbed.



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