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Royal and Ancient Will Charge Small Admission Fee for 1926 Championships

The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, which is the lawmaker and arbiter of golf, following the example of the United States Association and the Royal Canadian Golf Association, has yielded at last to the demand that a fee be charged spectators of the championships to be decided over the famous Scottish course this year. All Scotland will be interested in the Amateur Championship and the fight for the famous

Walker Cup, as America will be strongly represented, and at these meetings the little seaside town will be filled with enthusiasts. In all Christendom it would be difficult to find a more conservative body than the Championship Committee of the R. and A. With the tenacity of a dour Scotsman fighting for sixpence a hole, it clings to precedents and customs—and all golfers give it full respect. One dares venture the guess that the Committee gave little thought to the revenue from Spectators, but a great deal of attention to the comforts of the actual contenders. In other words the taint of commercialism was feared less than the possibility of the players being bothered by the gallery, as happened last year, especially in the cases of MacDonald Smith and Miss Joyce Wethered. The object of an admission fee is to discourage those who have small respect for the etiquette of the game which St. Andrews holds in reverence. Just how much

of a wrench it must have been—as very well stressed in an editorial in the New York "Herald," for the Championship Committee can be appreciated by golfers acquainted with America's efforts to have the R. and A. approve the use of a lighter ball. Changes and reforms are resisted stoutly by St. Andrews, but chiefly because of a desire to preserve the greatest of individual games.

Youth and the Walker Cup Competition

"Choose a young team for the Walker Cup contest," is the advice of British golfing experts, backed by Cyril Tolley, who captained the team sent to the United States two years ago, and who afterwards played in Toronto, Hamilton, Ottawa, Montreal and Quebec.

The trouble is that apparently Great Britain has no young players developing along the lines of "Bobbie" Jones, Watts Gunn, "Jess" Sweetser and others who are sailing from New York next May to again play for the possession of the Walker Trophy. Now and ever since its inception, held in the United States, Harris, the present British Amateur Champion, is in the forties and Wethered, Holderness and Tolley himself, three other ex-Amateur Champions, can hardly from a golfing standpoint be classed as young. And yet in choosing a representative British team, this quartette of players certainly can not be overlooked. It is all very well for Tolley and the experts to urge the selection of a "young team," but where in Great Britain are there eight or ten youngsters fit to cross clubs with the U. S. invaders? In the popular vernacular, "there aint."

Municipal Courses Never a Tax on the Taxpayer

The coming season will witness the opening of several more Public Golf courses in Canada, bringing the total up to a score or so in the Dominion. It is only a few years ago that Edmonton boasted the only Municipal course in Canada. The advancement here has been of a steady, although not by any means of a rapid character. For instance, in Chicago alone there are now eighteen Public Links, or about the total for the whole of Canada. Several other cities in the United States also have three or more Municipal courses. Boston is this year contemplating building additional links. The President of the New England Golf Association, who has gone very carefully into the whole question, is the authority for the statement that a Public Golf course can pay four per cent. interest on the investment and extinguish the principal in about twenty years. That is pretty good business. Canadian Municipalities can make no mistake this year in providing facilities, or in the case of larger cities, increased facilities for its citizens to play the Royal and Ancient game. The record of Municipal Courses in Great Britain, the United States and Canada, is that they are never a tax on the taxpayer.

A Link with the Past. The Passing of Mr. Andrew Forgan

The passing of Andrew Forgan the other day in Montreal, at the advanced age of eighty, removes the last link with the golfing giants of the past. He was a contemporary of "Auld Tam" Morris, old Willie Park and other Scottish celebrities of days lang syne. He came of the famous golfing Forgan family of St. Andrews, whose descendants still maintain most successfully the manufacture of golf clubs there, with a world-wide reputation. "Auld Andra" had played golf for over 60 years and in his time was a well known professional and himself no mean wielder of the wood and iron. He had a wonderful collection of old feather balls and ancient clubs, and was deeply versed in the lore of the game he loved so well. He came to Canada a few years ago to live with his daughter, and was always a picturesque figure, with his white beard and rosy cheeks, as he wandered over the links in Montreal when any Championship events were being played. A dear, loveable old golfer has played the last game of all and his passing will be mourned in Old St. Andrews, in Canada and for

that matter, throughout the golfing world, where his name was so well known and honoured. Mr. Forgan was an uncle of the multi-millionaire Chicago banker, Mr. J. B. Forgan, who came out to Canada from St. Andrews in 1873 in the service of the Old Bank of British North America and played golf on the Halifax Common with two or three other enthusiastic young Scottish bank clerks, whilst stationed in that city. He afterwards went to the Western States and when he died a year or so ago in Chicago was looked upon as the financial "Pierpont Morgan" of the West. True to family form the Chicago Forgan never lost his love for the Royal and Ancient game, and was instrumental in forming the first golf club in that city. There are hundreds there now within a radius of fifty miles of the Western Metropolis with a membership in the hundreds of thousands.



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

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Harry Vardon, most famous of all golfers, writes from the South Herts Golf Club, Totteridge, London N., January 1st, 1926:

"Here's wishing you and your Magazine every success during the coming year. I have read it the past year with as much pleasure as before. So please continue to send it. Cheque enclosed."

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The death occurred in Toronto last month of Mr. Watson T. Bradshaw, formerly Manager of the Murray-Kay Company, and a well known business man of the Queen City. He was 59 years of age. Mr. Bradshaw was a member of the Lambton Golf and Country Club and very popular in golfing and financial circles.

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Work on the new bridge across the river from Buffalo to Bridgeburg, Ontario, is progressing apace. When completed in 1927 this magnificent structure will bring the golf courses on the Canadian side of the river in closer contact with the business centre of Buffalo than the majority of the golf clubs on the U. S. side. It will be a great "boon and boom" to that section of Ontario.

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The decision of the Canadian Ladies' Golf Union to hold the Ontario Championship the first week in June on the course of the London Hunt Club, is a very happy one. The London Hunt Club links are in splendid shape and particularly lend themselves to the Ladies' Championship. The Ontario event was played there six years ago and was generally voted a pronounced success. London golfers, both women and men, have an enviable reputation for hospitality and the Ontario lady players who participate in the 1926 Championship are assured of a good time both from a golfing and social standpoint.

Americans are now in the lead in membership in the Seniors' Northwest Golf Association, which was organized in Victoria, B. C., three years ago. The total membership is to-day 285, with 161 from the United States and 124 from Canada. Seattle leads with 71 members, followed by Victoria, B. C., with 68 and Vancouver and Portland 41 and 42 respectively. As the Association membership is restricted to 300, its roster is expected to be completed very soon.

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Golf was played in Ireland 300 years ago, according to a discovery made by Joseph R. Fisher, member of the Boundary Commission. He has unearthed records which show that land was granted Lord Montgomery by King James near where the famous Newcastle links now are. Montgomery gave a site for a school on this land and records show that he allotted sufficient space for schools to "play at golf." These disappeared during the troubled years of the civil war and rebellion in the latter half of the seventeenth century.

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Mr. A. S. Patterson, Australian Manager for the Massey-Harris Co., writes interestingly:

"I will always be glad to give yourself or any of your enquiring friends any information I could pick up for them about golf or golf courses in Australia or New Zealand. You need have no hesitation in assuring any enquirers that excellent golf under ideal conditions is to be had at each of the important cities in Australia and at the four principal cities in New Zealand. There are excellent courses in nearly every country town in New Zealand on which golf can be played throughout the year. There are also good courses in most of the country towns in Australia but on account of the extremely hot summer weather on the Continent, only Coastal courses are playable throughout the year. Most of the courses in the interior are closed from October to May."

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A prominent Torontonion who is golfing and fishing in Florida, writes:

"I would say that Key West is one of the pleasantest places in all Florida for any Canadian to go for the Winter. There is a charming hotel in beautiful grounds, with a miniature golf course all around the hotel, which is situate on the brink of the sea and Florida Straits. There is also the regular golf course, seven minutes drive; and about the best fishing obtainable in Florida, and plenty of boatmen which one can hire by the day for a fishing outing. It is the only place I have seen in Florida that is not over run by the frenzied tourist. How long it will remain so depends upon how quickly the roads can be built from the mainland to it. Palm Beach has a golf course (I think called the Everglades), of which I was told the entrance fee was \$10,000 in order to make it exclusive."

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Miss Joyce Wethered is reputed to have greater concentration than any other woman golfer, as very well pointed out by the "Globe." Recently she was playing a three-yard putt when a railroad train whizzed by within 100 yards of her. She sank the ball in spite of the noise. One of her companions remarked that he was surprised the train had not interfered with her. "What train?" she asked. Miss Wethered is in Switzerland enjoying winter sports. She refuses to devote her entire time to any single form. Her refusal to play for the golf championship is said to be due largely to unwillingness to give up all other outdoor sports.

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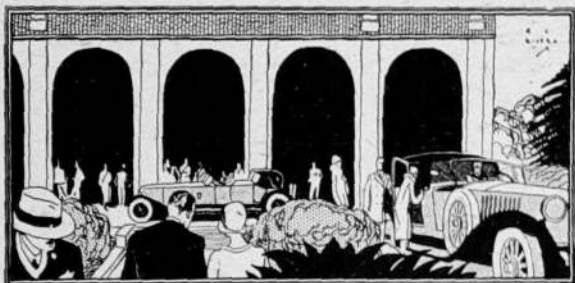
A despatch from London, February 10th:

"How King George, when golfing some years ago 'holed out' in one—into a cow's ear—is disclosed by Sir Theodore Andrea Cook, "Editor of 'The Field,' in a new book published to-day. He relates that some years ago he published in 'The Field' the following story:

'A distinguished golfer in Scotland who had just played his approach shot was distressed to see his ball hit a cow. He walked up, but the ball was nowhere to be seen. Shaking her head more in sorrow than anger, the offended cow moved forward, and then dropped the sphere upon the green out of her left ear.'

The story at the time was received with derision by contemporaries. Now Sir Theodore in his book reveals the identity of the distinguished golfer. He writes: 'There can be no harm in saying now that the player was His Majesty King George the Fifth at Balmoral.'

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New York "Times":

"Referring to the Walker Cup Team, the wires are being kept hot these days getting acceptances and straightening out tangles. It is expected that practically all those selected as regular members and that quite a few of the alternates will make the trip, and in this event old John Bull is not only in for a tussle over the Walker Cup, but to keep his own Amateur Championship safe from the representatives of democracy.

According to present plans, a jolly well big party will sail from New York at the time the team goes, something around May 1. It is now almost certain that in addition to the members of the team, President Fownes and former Presidents Howard H. Whitney, J. Frederic Byers and W. D. Vanderpool will be members of the party.

While abroad President Fownes and the other U. S. G. A. executives will hold a conference with the British golf authorities over the matter of the ball and rules."

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Ralph Adams Cram, architect of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, has suggested a design for the stained glass chapel window in the sports bay of the Cathedral. The design is subject to alteration and rearrangement by the trustees and the committee representing amateur sports which is raising the funds

for the bay. The design shows an angel crowning a victor with laurel. A group follows, that on the medal of the 1924 Olympic games in Paris. In the left-hand panel—six by eighteen feet—are shown polo, golf, tennis and baseball, with steeplechasing, cycling, basketball, handball, swimming, gymnastics, yachting, bowling and billiards as minor sports. In the right panel, of the same size, are shown horse racing, rowing, track and field and football, with pole vaulting, boxing, trap shooting and motor boating as minor sports.

CHARLIE MURRAY TIES DIEGEL'S RECORD

Montreal Pro Playing Splendid Golf in Florida

THE record-establishing performance of the present season was hung up by Charlie Murray, professional of the Gulf Stream Golf Club, Delray, Florida, in playing over his course with W. Thorne Kissell, of New York.

Murray negotiated the course, which measures 6,481 yards in length, in 67, which equals the record made last year by Leo Diegel, present Canadian Champion. Par for this course is 71. His card was as follows:

Ont . . 3,5,4, 2,4,4, 7,4,3=36. In . 4,4,3, 3,2,3, 4,4,4=31=67

In tying the record Murray shot eight birdies. The most remarkable fact about the performance is the fact that it was done after taking a seven for the 500-yard seventh hole. He lost a penalty stroke on this hole when his ball sailed into the water and also lost a stroke for the same reason on the eleventh hole. Obviously the 7-11 combination was not lucky for the popular professional.

Murray, partnered with Willie Klein, who won the Miami Open in December, is playing Massy and Compston at Sanford the latter part of February, and the same pair is also scheduled to meet MacFarlane and Diegel at Palm Beach for a thousand dollar purse, at an early date.

"FROM A BROAD AND NATIONAL STANDPOINT"

The Major Championships of Canada Should Be Held Alternate Years in Leading Centres, Both East and West

THE Editor is in receipt of the following outstanding letter from Mr. J. H. Riddell, Toronto, Manager for Canada of the Eagle, Star and British Dominions Insurance Company, ex-President of the Scarborough Golf Club: "I have read with a great deal of interest, the report of the Annual Meeting of the Royal Canadian Golf Association, held in Toronto on Saturday, February 6th.

I observe that a committee is being named to revise the constitution of the Association, dealing principally, I believe, with changes which are deemed necessary in connection with championships.

It is stated that "in recent years there has been a decided rift between East and West, and this has been due almost entirely to geographical conditions, and unless something is done, there is no doubt that the R. C. G. A's powers in the prairie provinces will be taken over by the recently organized Western Canada Golf Association."

The suggestion was also put forward that the finalists, and possibly the four semi-finalists in each of the Provincial Association Championships be sent to the Dominion Tournament, and that they be admitted to the Championship play without the necessity of qualifying. The question of the expenses in this connection evidently was considered as a violation of the rules of the Royal and Ancient Club of St. Andrews. As a frequent visitor to Western Canada and British Columbia, I am very much interested in this question.

While these suggestions are possibly steps in the right direction, it seems to me that the Association are evading one of the principal issues at stake, namely, "where shall the Championship be played?"

It is all very well to say that many of those competing in the Championship, who are resident in Eastern Canada, could not afford to play in this Championship if it were held in

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Western Canada or British Columbia; this also applies to golfers in Western Canada and British Columbia who desire to play in the Championship when it is held in the East.

The criticism has been made that the R. C. G. A. is controlled in Toronto; it is true that the official office of the Association is in Toronto, but I think that at every possible opportunity, this criticism should be met with a prompt denial.

The Association's Executive would appear to be very unwilling to let the venue of the Championship get away from Eastern Canada. My view is that the Championship should be held in Montreal, Winnipeg, Toronto. Alberta or British Columbia, in alternate years, and if it is found that there is a suitable course for holding this event in the Maritime Provinces, then that also should be considered. I venture to say that if the Championship is held in Vancouver or Victoria, that you would have as large an entry, and also as representative an entry, as could be obtained in Eastern Canada.

I think that you, being familiar with golfing conditions throughout the Dominion, and also as the Editor of the 'Canadian Golfer,' should take this matter up actively, and I hope that the Executive of the R. C. G. A. will look at this question from a broad standpoint, and let those other Provinces which have many excellent golfers, participate in the Amateur Championship, under similar conditions as those with which the golfers in Ontario and Quebec have been favoured in the past."

[The Editor of the "Canadian Golfer" is strongly of the opinion that the suggestion outlined above by Mr. Riddell, a very keen student of the game, is worthy of every consideration. The "Canadian Golfer" for many years now, has advocated the holding of the major Championships in the leading golfing centres of the Dominion, both East and West. In this way, and in this way only, can the best interests of golf in Canada, be served and conserved. The Championships, Amateur and Open, should not be confined year after year, to centres in Ontario and Quebec.—Editor, "Canadian Golfer."]

FARRELL WINS BIG EVENT

A DESPATCH from Sanford, Florida:

"Johnny Farrell won the Central Florida seventy-two hole Open Golf Championship yesterday, defeating Walter Hagen by one stroke. Farrell turned in a score of 285 and Hagen 286, while Archie Compston, British star, was third with 288. Compston set a course record of 67 here yesterday. Par is 70. Eddie Loos also broke the former record of 69, set by Massy on Wednesday. Hagen and Diegel, making the 18 holes in 68.

Other scores included: Loos, Lakeland, 291; Massy, France, 294; Brady, Miami, 301; Barnes, Tampa, 303; Sarazen, Miami, 303; Bolest, Tampa, 303; Ayton, Tarpon Springs, 306; Walker, Winter Haven, 306; Bydolek, Pasadena, 313."

HUTCHISON CAN USE A PUTTER

Almost as Well as Most Men Can use a Driver—Some of His "Stunts" are Quite Remarkable

ALTHOUGH not classed as a trick golfer like Joe Kirkwood, there are a few "stunts" in the golf bag of Joek Hutchison, formerly British Open Champion. The Chicago professional conjures his marvels at long distance with a putter.

Hutchison, who was brought to America from Scotland some fifteen years ago by the Carnegies, uses an aluminum headed putter, which has no loft on the face and has the head set almost at right angles to the short shaft. But with the stick, intended to

tap a ball not more than twenty yards over a closely cropped green, he can attain great distance from the tee and approach uncannily.

His ability in this respect, not having reached the ken of most golfers, permitted him to win wagers last summer. It was at the White Bear Yacht Club, St. Paul, that "The Hutch," as he is familiarly known, first worked his one club wizardry. Hutchison remarked to some players that it was the swing and timing that made for distance, regardless of the club. He averred that

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he could outdrive the ordinary player, using his putter.

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"I'll take the bet and make it that I outdrive you."

The challenger put all his energy of his 180 pounds into a straight drive that took the ball 225 yards before it stopped. It looked as though the Scot would have to squeeze out \$10, but before reaching for his wallet he took his putter and drove. The ball went 230 yards, and when he of the proverbially thrifty race unslashed his pocketbook he added to what he already had.

"I'll give you a chance to get even," sympathized Hutchison. "I'll bet this same bill that I can make the first hole in par 4 with only the putter." The hole is not only 384 yards long, but the

green is on the brow of a hill, whose face is a mammoth sand trap. The exposed back of the pit rises even higher than the green, so that the ball must carry to the carpet. The wager was affirmed.

Jock drove even better this time, getting 240 yards; and, with a twist of the wrists he managed to lift the ball high in the air for 140 more with the straight faced club, landing it at the edge of the green, whence he holed in two putts and won.

After the small gallery had marvelled over this performance and condoled with the loser all the way back to the club house, Hutchison assumed a compassionate expression and said:

"I took an advantage of you, but here's another chance. I noticed that you had \$5 left, so I'll bet you even against \$5 that I can hit a golf ball with my niblick and be up with its flight in time to catch it before it hits the ground."

Again the pact was sealed. The Scot dropped the ball, laid the back of his niblick blade flat to the turf, slid it under the pellet with a sharp rap that sent the globule high in the air almost

perpendicularly from where it lay. He took one step forward, seized the descending ball with one hand and with the other snatched the \$5 bill as he stepped back.

WESTERN CANADIAN GOLF ASSOCIATION PLANS THIRD ANNUAL TOURNAMENT

Will Be Held at Elmhurst Club in August

THE Winnipeg officials of the Western Canadian Golf Association met this month in Winnipeg and laid plans for their third annual tournament, which promises to be a record one. Three new directors were elected to fill the positions to which the province in which the tournament is held is entitled. They are: H. T. Hazelton, of the Elmhurst and Niakwa Clubs; C. C. Fields, of Pine Ridge, and Allan S. Bond, of St. Charles and Winnipeg.

The meeting received and accepted with regret, the resignation as director of R. H. Baird, now resident in Regina. T. E. English, of the Norwood Club, was elected in his stead.

Mr. George B. Saunders, Vice-President of the Association, presided at the meeting, the chief business being the appointment of Chairmen for the various committee which will have charge of the elaborate preparations for the big tournament to be held at the Elmhurst Golf Club, which possesses one of the finest courses in Canada. Mr. C. E. Harvey, President of Elmhurst, is the Chairman of the general tournament committee, and Mr. G. Innes Mackenzie will act as tournament secretary.

A PROMINENT GOLFER RETIRES FROM ACTIVE BUSINESS

Mr. L. Goldman is Succeeded by Mr. W. B. Taylor as President of North America Life

MR. L. GOLDMAN, a prominent member of the Lambton Golf Club, and the Canadian Senior's Golf Association, has occupied the Presidency of the North American Life Assurance Company for the last nine years and was known throughout insurance circles as the "Dean of Life Insurance." At the annual meeting of the Company held last month Mr. Goldman announced his retirement from the active sphere of business. He still plays a very good game of golf and has always been a strong supporter of organizations promoting sport. These associations will provide ample activities now that he has severed the link with his life long work. The new President, Mr. W. B. Taylor, is also well known to the golfers of Canada, having made golf his principal hobby

for many years. He is a member of the Lambton Golf Club, Toronto and also of the Royal Canadian Yach Club. The business record of these two golfing Presidents is very interesting:

Mr. Goldman is in his seventy-fifth year, and has taken an active part in the management of the North American Life since its inception, forty-five years ago. He was the Secretary when the Company started business, and for the past twenty-three years has been the Managing Director, being appointed Vice-President in 1912, and President in 1916. In his long connection with the Company he has devoted himself whole-heartedly to its advancement and to the improvement of the life insurance business in general. He has won recognition as one of the best informed life insurance men in North America, and has the hearty respect of his colleagues and all those with whom he came in contact. Mr. Goldman's resignation comes at the conclusion of the most successful year in the Company's history. In every phase of the business there was great progress, and this and the excellent



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Mr. W. B. Taylor, the new President and Managing Director, has been in the service of the North American Life since 1900 and Secretary of the Company since 1903. The duties of Secretary imply a thorough knowledge of the life insurance business in all its branches, and ability to meet and dispose of the difficult situations which are constantly arising. Life Insurance has so developed that to carry on the business of a large company it is necessary that those managing its affairs have a wide experience and a thorough knowledge of all the intricate details of the business and sound judgment in problems requiring a wise and equitable solution. Matters of this kind have for many years had the careful consideration of Mr. Taylor, and, being in such close touch with the Company's development, his appointment to the position of President and Managing Director comes as a logical promotion. Mr. Taylor is a graduate of the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Law of the University of Toronto, and possesses the knowledge, the experience and the ability necessary in his duties as the chief executive of the Company.

Mr. Goldman has always been a staunch friend of the "Canadian Golfer," and the Editor can testify to many courtesies extended the Magazine

in the past by this outstanding supporter of the Royal and Ancient game in Canada. May he live many more years to tread the verdant fairways he loves so well, will be the ardent wish of golfing friends throughout the Dominion.

Recently at the York Club, Toronto, Mr. Goldman was tendered a complimentary dinner by some 75 representative business men of the Queen City, upon which occasion he was presented with a solid silver salver, suitably engraved. A tribute well deserved in every respect. The Menu Card at the dinner was a very handsome work of art, with Mr. Goldman's photograph on the back cover. Many laudatory speeches were made, the guest of the evening making an apt reply. For half a century he has been an outstanding figure in the financial, business and social life of Toronto and retires "full of years and honours" with a name irreproachable for integrity and worth.

WHO WILL MEET ABE MITCHELL?

Details of Great Golf Challenge

A GREAT deal of interest and comment has been aroused by the backing of Abe Mitchell by "Golf Illustrated" for £500. Sarazen and Diegel have already signified their acceptance of the challenge and undoubtedly more acceptances will follow. In order that Canadian readers can follow the discussion that is arising as the result of this challenge, we reproduce herewith the official challenge as made by "Golf Illustrated":

"The Proprietors of 'Golf Illustrated' are prepared to back Abe Mitchell, representing Great Britain, for the sum of £500 (Five Hundred Pounds), in a contest by Match Play, over 72 holes, to take place in Great Britain this year, against any American golfer."

"Abe Mitchell, of course, has agreed to take part in such a match.

This great sporting challenge is issued primarily as a stimulus to British Golf during the coming year—a year which, we believe, will mark the invasion of the strongest contingent of American golfers that has ever visited Great Britain to compete in our Championships. We sincerely hope that one of the invaders will take up the challenge, and thus make it possible for the golfing public of Great Britain and America to be provided with a match of surpassing interest.

In Abe Mitchell, Great Britain undoubtedly has one of the greatest match players of modern times, and we think we are echoing the opinion of golfers generally when we state that he is a worthy antagonist to be pitted against any player that our friendly American rivals care to put forward.

Until the challenge is formally taken up—which we have little doubt it will be—it is impossible to announce the full details of the proposed match, but by way of preliminary announcement, we can state that if a challenger comes forward the match will take place during the month of June or early in July next. The question of the actual venue will be a matter for later consideration.

Should more than one American player accept the challenge, we propose to refer their names to Mr. W. C. Fownes, President, United States Golf Association; Mr. Robert A. Gardner, Captain of the 1926 American 'Walker' Cup Team; and Mr. Grantland Rice, Editor of the 'American Golfer,' who will be asked jointly to decide which player shall oppose Mitchell."

THE LURE OF PINEHURST

Famous Resort in North Carolina Offers Thirty Miles of Fairway to Golfers from the Frozen North

(Special Correspondence to the "Canadian Golfer" by Mr. E. Ellsworth Giles)

GOLFERS coming from the ice bound north rejoice in finding the tender spears of new Bermuda grass shooting through the dormant carpet of grayish brown turf here, while they may roam over the rolling terrain of the seventy-two separate fairways, under a brilliant sun which during January ranged from 50 to 65 degrees. As one looks out over the various courses, he is reminded of mid-April in the north land when sleeping Nature is just awaking, and putting on its garb of green. It is fascinating to the eye and sense of the golfer.

We are writing in the headquarters of perhaps the most complete winter

golfing resort in the whole world, for here is what is known as the Sandhill region there are no less than seven 18-hole golf courses and one 9-hole course, making 135 separate and distinct golf holes with a playing length if the holes were arranged end on end, straight away, of something like 30 miles of fairway. So one may breakfast early, and if of the mind and mould of Fred. W. Knight, of Marathon fame, he may play 36 holes before lunch, and 36 more before dinner, travelling meantime over some fifteen miles of separated and distinct fairways, returning four times to the club house in the regular process of play. After this

there will still be 45 holes of unexplored golfing territory left.

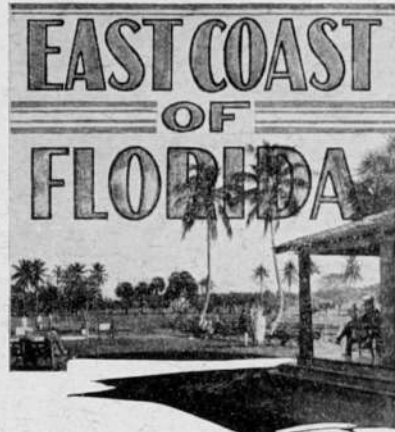
Pinehurst is a big resort, for in addition to the golf, and adjacent to the several courses, the horse lover finds two or three polo grounds, and the race courses for lovers of animal speed.

This does not mention the dogs and guns and the tennis.

The golfers who come down here soft handed and out of conceit with their clubs may expect to find stiff opposition from among the colonists who are not only very familiar with putting on sand greens, and picking the ball off the smoothly rolled Bermuda grass turf, but who are in hardened golfing form from daily practice and competition.

There has been a lot of activity among the pros stationed here, who from time to time are visited by the itinerant mentors. Being much rivalry between two teams composed of Joe Capello, of Hiannisport, Mass., and his partner, Emmet French, formerly of Youngstown, O., and Bert Nicholls, the Belmont Springs, Mass., pro and his partner, Teddy Gow, stationed at Weston, Mass., the guests back their favourites in best ball matches, of which there have been several. Over the Southern Pines course a day or two ago the teams finished all square with a best ball of 67 for each side. On this occasion Joe Capello, the young Italian, had 72, Bert Nicolls 71, Teddy Gow 72 and Emmet French 71. It was here at Pinehurst, that Gene Sarazen, the first golfer of the world among the Italians, attracted attention as having a game sufficient to carry him to the professional heights. Now the same men who picked Sarazen to win the National Open, are picking on young Joe Capello to duplicate Gene's trick and take a really big event.

Capello, a rangy fellow weighing on the light side, 138 pounds, can hit the ball and play all the shots. He is right around the 70 mark on the 6,559 stiff No. 2 course regularly, and frequently he is under the three score and ten figures. The wise boys say watch Capello.



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KIND WORDS FOR CANADIAN PROS.

Noted California Golf Writer Thinks a Good Deal of Professionals From This Country

MR. D. SCOTT CHISHOLM, Golf Editor of the "Los Angeles Express," and Associate Editor of the "Country Club Magazine," writes the Editor from Los Angeles:

"Your last number is a crackerjack and I hasten to hand you my congrats. It's so full of newsy items that one cannot lay it aside until he reads the whole blooming thing through. A few of your Canadian pros visited us in Los Angeles during the Los Angeles \$10,000 Open Championship and they acquitted themselves excellently and like gentlemen. Davie Black, of Vancouver, was far from being himself while here. He had a bad cold and this affected his game. Phil Taylor, of Victoria, a fine, gentlemanly golfer of rare playing skill, did very well and took home some of the bacon to the Oak Bay links with him. Phil could not understand the Southern California weather. He said he heard a lot about this blooming sunshine and balmy weather in mid-winter, but he never paid any attention to it. 'But look at it. Look at the gorgeous flowers. My word, it is marvellous,' said Taylor.

Bill Kinneer, of Saskatoon, the genial Scot that owns the land on which his own club members play their golf, is still in Los Angeles having a lay-off. Bill is looking braw and is dicker-ing in real estate. He put one big deal over for a handsome profit quite recently. Andy Kay, professional at Lambton, did not do so well in the \$10,000 championship as was expected, but he claimed the sunshine, the glitter of Old Sol on his shiny irons, affected him slightly. Be that as it may, I put a few bawbees on Andy to show in that big tourney. I liked his compactness of form. We are to have another \$10,000 championship next year in Los Angeles, a \$4,000 one at Long Beach, a \$5,000 one at the Parkridge Country Club near Los Angeles, and possibly a \$10,000 one in San Francisco.

Wish you would let me know if Jack Cuthbert, of Winnipeg, is the same wee Johnny Cuthbert that was born next door to me in Kingussie, Inverness-shire. I have a slinking idea he's the same loon."

THE SECRET OF IRON CLUB PLAY

The Flick of the Wrists.

(By Abe Mitchell.)

LIKE so many present-day golfers, I used, in my amateur days, to expect my iron clubs to cover quite huge distances. Only after I became a professional was it forced upon me that control was far better than length. This is especially so in these modern days, when courses are most closely guarded near the putting greens. This severe bunkering has made accurate steering of the ball one of the essentials. No doubt had I been playing for fun I might not have altered my game, but I found that accurate play with the irons was a necessity were I to have even the slightest chance against my brother professionals. All of the great players I met early in my career were experts with the iron clubs, and the half-shot was to them a simple matter. In envied them their skill and deadly accuracy, took the lesson to heart, and set about finding out how best to play this most telling shot.

The half-shot can be played with any of the irons, and nowadays it is not often that I hit "all out" with such clubs. Control of the ball is best maintained by not forcing with the irons. Length is a secondary consideration; only by accuracy, combined of course with a fair length, can anyone expect to score well. In my practice I found that the inclination to use the arms too much and the body too little, is the chief reason why the iron shots are apt to go astray. So now I make a point always of doing a very complete turn of the body, not so full as in a drive, but greater than most golfers think is necessary. If the body turned quite a lot, I discovered that I got all the power of the back muscles into the blow. To do this I found that the easiest plan was to keep my left arm straight and taut as long as was comfortably possible. A too quick bend of the left arm makes most players stop the pivoting action too quickly, and instead of

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all the body power of the striker going into the shot there is only the power of the arms. These alone are insufficient to drive the ball any great distance.

But whilst keeping the left arm straight, both hands, and, of course the arms, must rotate, so that the club-face at the top of the back swing is "open." Or in other words, it will be square to the ball. The club face must not point to the sky. The wrists bend to permit the club head to get that "tail" into the swing, of which I wrote recently when on the subject of putting. The club-head must be allowed to go its full distance, and in order to make sure of that I never hurry an iron shot. There is, in fact, quite a pause at the top of the swing; a most purposeful pause, for it permits me to wait for the "tail." Golfers all know that feeling of "rebound" from the top. Once I feel that, I am fairly certain everything is well.

Now I have found, after making a complete pivot going up, that when the down-swing is started there is an

absence of any tendency to lunge at the ball. I am able to stand, shall I say, quite central, and just rotate the body from the hips. There is, of course, a slight forward movement, but it is negligible. I would suggest that a good plan for those who like to try this method, is to keep the weight well on the right foot all through the swing. If this is done the shoulders will turn round as the club descends. Speed up the club-head with a turn of both arms so that the right hand on impact almost covers up the left. This turn is the one movement which can give pace to the club-head. The hands alone cannot do it. Indeed, their speed is much the same all the way, but the climb-over of the right hand, coupled with a downward turn of the left hand towards the turf, so that the back of the left hand on impact faces the turf, is the secret of the flick of the wrists which not only gives accuracy, but length.

This is quite a simple movement. Anyone can do it. If tried first of all

with a mashie shot of about 90 yards, the ball will come off the turf quite easily. The ball will rise, too, perhaps to the surprise of the player, who perhaps may be attempting to scoop it up. Make the club-head turn over, until at the finish the club face points in exactly the opposite direction to what it did at the top of the swing. The stance should not be wide. Keep the feet fairly close to each other. That will do much to prevent a body lunge and greatly assist a correct pivot. The stance should be slightly of the open type—with the left foot a shade behind the right. I am not very concerned

about keeping the head still: if the weight of the body be placed more on the right than on the left foot, the tendency to sway back will be practically obviated. Do not swing the club quickly. If you do it will prevent the "climb-over" of the right hand coming in at the exact moment. Remember that the downward swing occupies very little time, and if done too fast the hands and arms have not enough time to perform their correct movements. A few slow swings at a ball will impress this point, which in my opinion is just as important as the old saying: "slow back."

BARNES AND FARRELL FOR BRITISH OPEN

A RECENT despatch from Tampa, Florida:

"Jim Barnes, British Open Golf Champion, will return to England next summer to defend his coveted title. The attenuated linksman made this announcement here to-day. He will be accompanied abroad by Johnny Farrell. Both Barnes and Farrell are representing Tampa in the various golf matches and tournaments in Florida this winter.

Barnes has brought the British Open Championship trophy to this city and showed it to local golf followers for the first time at a luncheon which followed the international match here Sunday with 'Long Jim' and Farrell against Archie Compston and Arnaud Massy.

The ceremony was witnessed by Compston with mingled regret and determination. Barnes defeated the Manchester giant by a bare stroke in the British Open Championship, and the pair will likely meet again in Great Britain the coming summer.

The decision of Barnes and Farrell to go after the British Championship enhances the chance of America winning the big title for the fifth time in six years. Arthur Havers has been the only Briton to score for his country in the last five years. Jock Hutchison won in 1921; Walter Hagen came through in 1922 and 1923, and Barnes won last year.

Farrell played at Prestwick last Summer, but his chances were destroyed by an infected finger. Johnny has been showing astonishingly improved form during his stay at Tampa and will be a dangerous contender in the British Open this year."

BILLION MARK PASSED

Remarkable Showing of the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada

IT is seldom that a financial institution is able to mark the completion of its year with two such happy announcements as those made at the annual meeting of the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada. At the meeting in question, President Macaulay was able to announce that the assurance in force of the Sun Life Company is now considerably in excess of one billion dollars—a level never before reached by a Canadian company.

In the same address he stated that although, owing to the rapid expansion of business, it had been found necessary to greatly extend the head office building accommodation (the formal opening of which followed the annual meeting itself), it was evident that still further space must at once be provided. This in spite of the fact that the new Sun Life

Building is one of the finest and most commodious in Canada, is devoted exclusively to the use of the Company, and houses about eleven hundred of a staff.

The fifty-fifth annual report which appears in another column, reflects the enterprise which has marked the Company's operations, and the comprehensive way in which it is expanding, not only in Canada, but throughout the world. It has become not only one of the outstanding financial institutions of the Dominion, but shares with one or two of the banks and transportation companies the honour of being one of Canada's best known institutions abroad. Its ramifications now extend to forty-four countries and states, and its branches birdle the globe.

The assurance in force was increased last year by \$149,460,644, bringing the grand total

up to \$1,021,097,101. In keeping with this the assets were increased by nearly \$29,000,000, making the total assets now \$303,056,145. Payments to policyholders and beneficiaries of \$35,441,582, brought the total amount so paid since the Company was organized to \$219,239,710. The total net income for the year was nearly \$70,000,000.

Policyholders will share in another increase in profits—the sixth consecutive increase of this kind.

The profits of the year based on valuation of securities made by government officials has been \$21,666,284. From this amount it has been thought advisable to deduct \$3,000,000. During the year there was paid or allotted as profits to policyholders the sum of \$7,662,784. After deducting this sum, and accretions to shareholders' account, allocating \$2,500,000 to contingency account, writing off \$750,000 on buildings and real estate, and setting aside \$350,000 to further strengthen the special reserve to provide for possible greater longevity among annuitants, the Company has added \$6,532,642 to its undivided profits. Its total surplus over all liabilities, contingency accounts and capital is now \$28,640,000.

The mean invested assets of the Company have earned during the year 6.41 per cent.—a remarkable showing in view of the downward tendencies in interest. One of the important factors in producing this gratifying result was an increase in the dividends paid by some of the corporations in which the Company has substantial stock holdings.

The wise selection of investments, which has marked the policy of the Company is also shown in the remarkable increase in the market value of its securities. For many years the Sun Life has specialized in long term bonds and has preferred and common stocks of outstanding corporations in both Canada and the United States. It is now reaping the reward of that policy. On actual sales of municipal debentures and other securities which had arisen to high premiums, it realized a net profit of \$2,215,772, while the increase in the value of securities still held has been even greater.

The Company has not only highly efficient management, with Mr. T. B. Macaulay as President, but has a very strong Board of



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Directors, including some of the leading financial and industrial figures in the Dominion. The Board, which has hitherto consisted of twelve, is being increased to fifteen.

Altogether the report of the Sun Life, establishing new and remarkable levels in business, makes very heartening reading for the people of Canada.

The "Sun never sets" on the activities of this outstanding Canadian Company, which in volume of business and in high-class securities and assets compares favourably with the showing of the giant U. S. Assurance Companies—certainly a remarkable record of which Canadians should be and are naturally proud.

WILL CONSULT ABOUT RULES AND BALL

A GOOD deal of criticism is being levelled at the Committee of the United States Golf Association which in selecting the Walker Cup Team left off the name of Chick Evans, Jr. This is the first time in many years that the Chicago expert has not been on an International roster and a U. S. team without the redoubtable "Chick" hardly looks right. However, golf is an unblinking game and the 19 and 20-year-olds are slowly but surely eliminating from the picture the man of thirty years and upward, although Francis Onimet is still "going strong" and is included in the fortunate ten headed by "Bobbie" Jones," who sail from New York May 1st, to once again play for the possession

of the Walker Cup, emblematic of the World's Amateur golfing supremacy. Accompanying the team will be President Fownes, ex-President Byers and other notable Executive officers of the U. S. Association, who whilst abroad will consult with the Officials of the Royal and Ancient in reference to the much debated question of a lighter and larger ball and also the matter of some slight changes in the Rules which have not been revised now for some years. It is understood that Great Britain and the States will this year legislate in common on these important questions. In the best interests of the game it is sincerely to be hoped that there will be no divergence of opinion, no rift within the golfing lute. It would be nothing short of a golfing calamity—in Canada as elsewhere—if these two leading Executive bodies failed to agree on legislation in the future, as they have in the past. It would be a serious set-back to the game, here and everywhere.

PRAISE FOR SWIFT CURRENT

A DESPATCH from Chicago, February 1st:

"Golfers of the United States are working night and day to provide facilities for tremendous increase of players of all ages, and the example of Swift Current, Sask., in building an eighteen-hole course, is cited as an example of how the dearth of golf courses in small towns can be overcome.

The Associated Press, in a recent despatch, has this to say about Swift Current's golf course:

'Three citizens who obtained permission to use a piece of prairie, invested five dollars in shovels and picks, donned overalls and began to dig out a course for themselves. They made three holes and induced some fellow-townsmen to try their luck over the rugged fairways from the earthen tees to the sanded greens.

'No western boom was ever greater than that of the Swift Current Golf Club, for within a few weeks, there were a hundred members, all willing workers. They kept delving into the virgin prairie until eighteen holes were completed, and then they chipped in and bought the land, some 400 acres. Using a farm house for a club house they began to improve the course with bunkers, a watering plant and a rustic gateway.'

Municipal courses and fee courses have partly made a place for the golfer of modest means, but the demand has not been half supplied. Another aim is to get the price of golfing paraphernalia down to bargain prices.

There is still a dearth of golf courses in small towns, but these places are rapidly getting courses. Golf is particularly cheap in several cities, because land can be obtained for a small sum, transportation is without cost and there is no social side to require large funds.'

SUMMIT GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB, TORONTO, HAS MOST SUCCESSFUL SEASON

AT the recent annual meeting, President I. H. Weldon, reported to the shareholders of the Summit Golf Club the most successful season in the club's history. The statement reveals that the club operated successfully through the co-operation of a loyal membership rather than through the addition of members during the season. Its income amounted to \$53,504, which includes entrance fees of \$1,117. The expenditures were: General, \$11,776; house, \$29,260, and course, \$10,450, giving a net operating improvement of over \$4,000 compared with the year of 1924.

During the year no work was undertaken which involved more than a nominal outlay. Improvements were made to the course, some of which will not be apparent until play is resumed this season. These improvements include the re-conditioning of the eighth green, altering the contour of the twelfth fairway, and the adding of distance to the third and fourth holes. As a result of the changes there are only two clubs in the district with longer courses. Mr. Weldon's observation is that the Summit course is now a happy medium.

Mr. Fane Sewell, who has served the club most faithfully as Captain during

the past three years, was lauded by the President and Directors for his untiring efforts in arranging fixtures and events for the playing by members of the Club. Last June the Ontario Championships were held at Summit and their success was in no small measure due to the work of Mr. Sewell and Mr. Jackson Walton, the efficient club secretary. The members elected E. Gordon Macmillan, S. C. Snively and Dr. Ralph W. Emerson to fill the vacancies created by the retirement automatically from the 1925 Board of Directors of Gordon Medland, H. J.

Welch, and W. T. Beaton. The Club Captain will be E. V. Paisley, who acted as Vice-Captain last year.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board of Directors, Mr. Fane Sewell was elected President and will also continue as Chairman of the Green Section, a branch of the game which Mr. Sewall has made his hobby. Mr. N. B. McFayden, another well known golfer, was appointed Vice-President.

With its course in first-class condition and a playing strength of nearly 500, Summit can look forward to a banner season in 1926.

"HEARD ON THE LINKS"

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

"George dear," said the golfer's wife, "what does that sign, 'Replace the Turf,' mean?"

"Don't worry, Helen," was the reply, "That's nothing to do with you. That's only for people who hit on to the fairway."

Why all these articles in golf magazines on how to put out on a ball? Any dub can cut a ball more in one hole than an expert in a full round.

There was an old golfer and he had a wooden tee,
That never could be found where he thought it ought to be;
So he tied it to a string to a button on his pants,
And it never interfered with his pivot or his stance.

After shooting he would pull on the string and to his pocket
The tee hiked along like a lawyer to the docket.
That is how he keeps his tee. Oft he shows folks how it works—

When they think they've found a tee,
that is just the time he jerks.

—"Western Golfer."

A tuft-hunter asked a famous golfer why he carried four putters.

"Don't you know?" he replied.
"Why, the first is a driving putter to

use when I get to the edge of the green. The second is my approach putter. The third is for laying the ball dead. The fourth is for holing out. Thank you. And the next article?"

He who swings and lifts his head will say things better left unsaid.

She—"Why didn't you carry a shotgun in your golf bag, dear?"

He—"What for?"

She—"Well, I heard Mrs. Fairway say her husband shot two birdies and an eagle yesterday."—"Life."

Topper—Well, old man, how do you lie?

Slicer—Oh, about the same as you do, two strokes to every hole.

Long hitting may be ruining the game at that, but it's not our long hitting, it's the other fellow's that ruins the game for us.

It was an off hour among the caddies at the golf club.

"What kind of a score did that guy make you was toting for to-day?" inquired Jimmy idly.

"Listen here," retorted Johnnie.
"That gent gave me two bucks an' his score is whatever he says it is."

Love is like golf; it depends a lot on the approach.

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Of all the golfers doubly blest,
The duffer is the happiest;
For he's content to sock the ball
And drive it anywhere at all.

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An English golfer, a beginner, after watching another man play, turned to his caddie and said, "Why couldn't that fellow get his ball into the hole?"

"He was stymied, Sir."

"Oh, was he?," replied the dub. "I thought he looked rather funny at lunch."

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Golf dispatches the old and distracts the young.

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Mrs. Goodsole: "While you were abroad did you visit the holy land?"

The Golf Bug's Wife: "I didn't, but my husband did. He wouldn't go home until he'd played St. Andrews."

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Canvasser: "Does your husband play golf?"

Lady of the House: "Yes."

Canvasser: "Then I'm sure you will be interested in this set of thirty-eight volumes I am selling. It will help you to while away many a lonely hour."

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The true golfing spirit is best exemplified by the man who boasts his time

is worth \$50 a minute spending three minutes to hole a putt of two feet to win a nickel apiece from fellow millionaires.

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An effort to improve our game by indoor putting practice is being seriously handicapped by the belief of the family cat that this game was invented solely for its amusement.

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Joe Jigger had a sunstroke in the bunker at the fifth, and Sandy Hook, the club professional, who was playing against him, made him count it.

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It is much simpler and easier to hit the back of the cup on the 19th hole.

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The Optimist: "The day I get round under a hundred there is half a pound for you, my boy, so do all you can."

Pessimistic Caddie: "I'll not need it then, sir, I'll be drawin' the old age pension."—"Golf Monthly."

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The golf club's most vitrolic member was playing in the monthly medal. His golf was very bad indeed, and at one particular hole he found every hazard. As he located the tin in double figures he cursed his luck with appalling and novel fluency. "H'm," murmured his partner as he recorded the score, "it's rather a pity there's no column for 'Remarks' on the card."

ROSEDALE'S THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL

C. D. Shurman is New President, Succeeding Mr. R. C. Matthews, the Very Capable Presiding Officer for the Past Two Years

COMPLETE harmony marked the annual meeting of the Rosedale Club, of Toronto, held this month for the purpose of reviewing the work of 1925 and electing new officers for the coming season. The members were very pleased with the Directors' report presented by the retiring President, Mr. R. C. Matthews, and hearty votes of thanks were extended to the retiring officers for their successful efforts. Mr. Matthews has completed two years

as the executive head of the Club, and much of the success and progress of Rosedale during this term has been due to his untiring efforts. The announcement that finances had permitted a reduction in the mortgage on this valuable property, which is bordered by exclusive residential property, was received with pleasure.

The financial statement showed that after making full allowance for depreciation, the operations for the year

showed a surplus of \$219.06. The income for the year, while only \$50,240.-54 in the statement, was considerably larger than that if computed in the customary way, but the Rosedale Club includes in its income only the surplus from the dining room, cafe and sale of golf balls, each of these departments showing a profit on the year's operations. Annual fees, green fees and bungalow rentals provided \$48,636.50. The sum of \$8,200 for entrance fees was included in the capital account.

The election of three directors to fill the vacancies caused by the completion of the three-year terms of President R. C. Matthews, H. H. Donald and E. S. Wellington resulted in the selection of Dr. Adam Beatty, F. R. MacKellan and Thomas Reid. The other members of the Board are J. D. Fraser, R. M. Gray, Jr., J. Sale, Jr., C. D. Schurman,



Murray White and C. A. Withers. At a subsequent meeting of the new Board Mr. Schurman was elected President. Dr. Adam Beatty and John Lindsay were re-elected Captain and Vice-Captain, respectively.

WELL KNOWN ORGANIST AND GOLFER

MR. EDMUND JAQUES, has just completed twenty-five years' service as organist of the historic St. Paul's Church, New York. This is the church where George Washington worshipped and where his pew is still kept in exactly the same state as when he occupied it. Another notable feature of old St. Paul's is the Prince of Wales' plumes, which adorn the pulpit and which were not removed at the time of the Revolution. Mr. Jaques, who is a leading exponent of the best school of English organists, ranking high in Gotham's musical circles, many years ago lived in Canada, and was at one time organist at the Institute for the Blind, Brantford. He is an enthusiastic golfer and has the unique honour of being one of the very few civilians (the Vicar of St. Paul's is another), who is allowed to play over the Military Course at Governor's Island, which is just across from the heart of New York's financial district. It is the most unique golf course in America, as the towering buildings of Wall Street are almost within a good tee-shot of the links. To play over the Governor's Island course is one of the greatest privileges in golfdom on this continent. The Editor always accounts his visit there as one of the most pleasurable of his golfing experience.

MARINE DRIVE GOLF CLUB

Successful Vancouver Club Holds Annual Meeting—Mr. Frank Parsons Unanimously Elected President

THE annual general meeting was held at the club house on Friday, February 5th. A large number of shareholders, in addition to many lady members, were present. The President, Frank Parsons, occupied the chair. After the reports of the various

Chairmen of Committees had been read and adopted, the financial position of the Company was reviewed. An audited report showed the Company as being in a healthy financial position and the operating results of the past year were very satisfactory. The President

reported that the Board of Directors had made arrangements during the past year to retain the services of A. V. Macan, the well known golf course architect, in a consulting capacity, and any changes or improvements made would be strictly in accordance with Mr. Macan's recommendations. This met with the full approval of the shareholders and future Boards of Directors will be required to act in accordance with this arrangement.

It was decided to limit the number of resident male shareholders of the Company to three hundred, and as there is no other class of playing members than the shareholders and family members, it will ensure in perpetuity a course that will never be uncomfortably crowded or congested.

Mr. A. E. Philp, the retiring Honorary President, was again elected to that office and Dr. Brett Anderson was

again elected Honorary Vice-President. Mr. J. B. Giffen, the retiring Vice-President, was also elected Honorary Vice-President. Mr. Frank Parsons was by acclamation again elected to the Presidency of the Club. Mr. E. S. McCadden was elected Club Captain. The following were re-elected on the Board of Directors: Ernest Rogers, A. K. Henderson, Ray E. Lee, George I. Legate, C. C. Carter, R. B. Sharpe, F. A. Burgess and Harry Duker. Others elected to the Board of Directors were R. E. Jamieson, Gordon Wismer, H. C. N. McKim and John Crawford.

Appreciation was unanimously expressed by the members of the valuable service rendered to the Club by the Secretary-Manager, Mr. A. S. Smith, whose untiring efforts, combined with an unusual degree of ability and courtesy, contributed to a great extent to the Club's success.

NEWS FROM THE MIDDLE WEST

Winnipeg, St. Charles and Assiniboine Clubs Elect New Officers—January Golf Is Played

MR. C. S. HARVIE, President of the Elmhurst Golf Club, Winnipeg, represented the Canadian Western Golf Association and the Manitoba Golf Association at the annual meeting in Toronto of the R. C. G. A. Mr. R. C. S. Bruce, who had been appointed as the official delegate was prevented from attending owing to pressure of other duties.

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A start in the arrangements for the third Western Canada Golf Championships, which will be held this year at the Elmhurst Golf Club, Winnipeg, was made this month, when the Manitoba Directors of the Western Canada Golf Association met at the Marlborough Hotel, with George B. Saunders, Vice-President of the Association in the chair.

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Estevan, Sask., Jan. 19.—If the weather is any indication, the 1926 golfing season has opened in Estevan. On Sunday afternoon, A. B. Stuart,

inveterate local golfer, played over six holes of the nine hole course, and found the going fairly easy. March weather prevails, and if it continues, in another two or three days there will be no snow left.

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At a meeting of the Directors of the Alerest Golf Club, Winnipeg, Messrs. W. J. Faulkner and J. S. Lamont were appointed delegates to the Manitoba Golf Association, and the Board of Directors unanimously endorsed the reorganization proposals of this Association. Other matters relating to the conduct of the club during the ensuing season were also discussed.

A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to G. Innis MacKenzie for his services as Secretary during the past year. W. J. Macdonald was appointed to fill the position vacated by him.

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Mr. R. I. Clancy was re-elected President of the Sandy Hook Golf Club,



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Winnipeg, at the annual meeting. Ralph C. Duncan was the choice for Vice-President and the affairs of the Club will be in the hands of the following Directors: H. T. Jaffray, A. E. Grassby, H. E. Hudson, W. G. Manders, W. R. Campbell and Dr. Currie McMillan.

The report of the season's activities brought out the fact that considerable improvements had been effected, the total length of the course having been increased to 3,100 yards, and a satisfactory watering system installed.

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The new Board of Governors of the Winnipeg Golf Club held its first meeting and elected the following officers: Honorary President, Manlius Bull; President, Gordon E. Hunter; Vice-President, T. E. Thoreson; Secretary-Treasurer, Bruce W. Thompson.

The committees will be in charge of the following Chairmen: Green Committee, W. Reynolds; Match Committee, A. J. Stevenson; Grounds Committee, T. H. Johnston; House Committee, J. A. Acheson; Membership Committee, T. E. Thoreson; Entertainment Committee, J. R. Milne; Roads Committee, B. W. Thompson.

Captain Hall will again have charge of the Club's operation under the title of Managing Secretary.

A special committee of fifty has been appointed, each member of which has pledged himself to see that all members, particularly new ones, are made to feel that they are part of one large organization carried for the mutual benefit and pleasure of all.

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Mr. and Mrs. George Matheson, of Winnipeg, have indulged in several

games of January golf at the St. Charles Club. They state that for real exhilarating exercise it has the Sunny South easily beaten.

For several seasons Mr. and Mrs. Matheson have been enjoying winter golf, but this is the latest that they have ever played on Winnipeg courses. Last year their last game of the season was in December.

It is probable, when the golf season closes here, that they will seek other climes for a few months before the opening of the summer season.

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T. J. Lytle was the unanimous choice for another term as President of the Assiniboine Golf Club at their annual meeting, which was well attended by the members. R. Thoms was elected Vice-President, and W. B. Thomson was returned to office as Secretary-Treasurer.

The reports presented to the meeting, covering the past season's activities, showed that the finances of the club were in good shape, and that a lease for the property had been secured from the municipality of St. James for a further period of five years.

Five Directors were appointed to take the place of those retiring, the following being elected: T. J. Lytle, R. Thoms, D. N. Arnott, W. Gray, George R. Mackay. The balance of the Board will be made up of W. B. Thomson, Hugh Mackay, Walter Craig and Harry Ankle.

A special vote of thanks was passed to C. E. Truscott for his valuable service as Vice-President of the Club during the past year, and as a Director for several years previous. His refusal to continue further in office was felt as a real loss to the Club.

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The movement at present on foot to reorganize the Manitoba Golf Association was noted at the meeting, and a motion was passed to signify the club's intention of giving their whole-hearted support to the proposed changes.

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D. W. Dingwall was elected President of the St. Charles Country Club, at a dinner meeting of the Club Governors, at the Royal Alexandra Hotel.

Other officers elected were: Vice-President, P. J. Montague; Honorary Secretary, C. W. Jackson; Treasurer, R. J. Gourley; Chairman of the House Committee, K. Patton; Chairman of the Grounds Committee, C. F. Joyce; Chairman of the Sports Committee, C. I. Hall. Other Governors of the Club are: G. W. Matheson, S. F. Pierce, J. C. Gage, R. K. Bearisto and J. V. Nutter.

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Mr. George C. Holden, retiring President of the Regina Golf Club, writes:

"Golf was played all November and personally I played about 12 games in December. We could have played in January, as it was a very mild month, but a little skiff of snow made playing difficult."

ISLINGTON GOLF CLUB HAS FINE YEAR

Membership Has Doubled in First Season of Play

THE Islington Golf Club has just issued its financial statement, covering its first operating year, preparatory to calling the usual annual meeting for the election of officers and taking into consideration the fact that this baby club started off in 1925 with but a very small active membership of some 140 and wound up the season with double this and a well balanced financial showing, it goes without saying that the management and Direct-

ors have certainly been most careful in their financing. While the revenue was not sufficient to meet all capital liabilities, it was sufficient to meet every current liability and then some, as the club added about fifteen hundred dollars to its equipment item as well as making extensive improvements to the course.

As is usual when a new club commences operations, it is customary to look for at least a small assessment at

the end of the first season, and the members are disappointed if such is not the case. However, Islington passed through its most strenuous year without having to levy a tax and in all probability the nominal fee for 1925 will not be increased for the coming season. Islington has limited membership to five hundred and judging from the number of new applications filed during the past month it is quite likely that this limit will be reached before midsummer at the latest.

It is understood that Norman Bell, so well and favourably known throughout the golfing fraternity, will be re-engaged as professional for the current season.

Captain Millar, the Secretary-Manager, is undecided as to just what he will do. Being of a somewhat nervous temperament, he usually works like a section gang foreman until such time as he has everything to his liking and to the liking of all other interested parties and then finding that there is but routine work to do he transfers his affections to some other organization that can keep him busy more than twenty-four hours a day.

Captain Millar in his report to the Directors has made it very plain that not to him alone is due the success of the Islington Club, but to his outside staff under the supervision of John Abbott, his green keeper, much credit must be given. Had it not been for the sympathetic co-operation of every

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TALES OF A WAYSIDE TEE

By Grantland Rice.

“**W**HYY,” asks Professor Walter Hagen, “should so many golfers kid themselves?”

Why, indeed? Isn't this one of the great pastimes of all existence in every known walk of life?

By “kidding yourself” Hagen means the average golfer's refusal to accept the penalty for a poor shot.

If he hooks or slices back of a tree he will try to play some miracle recovery instead of chipping safely into the open and losing a stroke.

If he tops a drive he will attempt some impossible carry to make it up.

If he reaches a trap or a pit he will try some desperate recovery that still may reach the green.

About ninety-nine golfers out of ninety-nine never will say: “Well, I've lost a stroke. I deserve to be penalized. I'll take the penalty. I'll play this one for the fairway.”

Instead of this they stalk forth to out-Hagen Hagen or to out-Jones Jones

through a miracle recovery they never could make in 17,000 years.

Whereupon they hit a tree and bound still deeper into the woods, or they still remain in the bunker after a violent lunge with a midiron, and finally wind up with a 7 or an 8 in place of a 5.

When you miss a shot in golf you are supposed to lose a stroke. That's the average law of the game. The best way to get it back is to reach the fairway on your next effort, and then either get an approach close to the pin or else sink a tidy putt. Your attempted "miracle recovery" will cost you just twice as many strokes as it saves. Plus a good many more. Don't try to duck all the penalties. That's what the pits, traps, bunkers, ponds, trees, lakes, rough, rivers, thickets, bushes and ditches were put there for.

In other words, as Professor Hagen says: "Don't kid yourself."

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BUNKER PLAY.

Good bunker play is largely a matter of mind over matter. "Mind," relates Don Marquis, "is superior to matter—when there's nothing the matter."

That's where the rub enters. When you are in a bunker or a trap it often matters a great deal.

In playing from the sand there are just a few details that are highly important, unless you like the sand better than the fairway.

The first move is to get the feet firmly planted and to keep the body as relaxed as possible.

This "jousting in the sand-filled trough" calls for more flexibility than stiffness.

If you are exploding the ball out, always the safest method, pick out a spot just back of the ball—ordinarily about an inch back—and hit down through that spot under the ball. You lift as the sand is reached.

You will have a much better chance to emerge if you lighten your grip to give the wrists their chance, and don't hurry the blow. There is only a slight turn of the body on this shot, and don't stop the club head in the sand. Let it gouge its way on through.

Most golfers enter a bunker taut with desperation and stiffened by despair. The usual mistake is to dig too far back of the ball, dropping the right shoulder as they swing down.

Bunker play must be orderly and unhurried, backed up by mental poise.

Those who surrender as they peer into the depths are licked in advance.

After all, it is part of the game, and one of its most important and most exciting moments.

Stand back of the ball, not too far away, and use a more upright swing, where the hands and arms do the work—not the body.

Don't be afraid of the shot. Slash through with abandon and enthusiasm, defying fate and gravity. The main idea is to reach the open again, and not to be too fancy.

FLORIDA PARSON BAITS TRAP FOR SUNDAY GOLFERS

SUNDAY golf, traditional bane of the churches, has been turned to good account by at least one minister. The Rev. Thomas Benjamin Powell, rector of the Coral Gables Congregational Church, has solved the problem to the satisfaction of all concerned by instituting five o'clock "golfers' services," which are attended in force by the homeward-wending devotees of the game. Dr. Powell's church lies only two blocks from the eighteenth hole of the Miami-Biltmore course, in that city. Time was when he watched scores of the sun-burned sportsmen pass his church without stopping in the course of an afternoon. Now, when the last putt is holed and the day's diversion is over, they all step over to the afternoon services at the summons of the vesper bell, attired in their

plus fours and carrying their clubs with them. The service is kept short, seldom lasting an hour. An effort is made to provide something out of the ordinary in music. The innovation has been so successful that evening services have been discontinued altogether, all the emphasis being placed upon the "golfers' service."



Gene Tunney Performs for His Critics. The Light Heavyweight Champion of the World puts his "Shock Punch" behind a drive on the new course at the Coral Gables, Fla., Golf and Country Club. In the gallery are Leo Diegel, Gene Sarazen and Henry Cruick, all amply qualified to tell Gene the fine points.

HALIFAX GOLF CLUB'S ANNUAL REPORT

Great Progress Made During Year

RETIRING President Peter R. Jack was in the chair and presented the report of the Directors for 1925, in which particular attention and stress was made on the fact that the Halifax Golf and Country Club was successful in securing the Maritime Golf Championship meet for this year to be played at Ashburn. This will be the first time that this Championship has been played on an 18-hole course, and in Halifax.

In dealing with the progress of the club it was shown that there was an increase of 18 members over that of 1924. At present the club has a membership of 519, composed of 241 men and 236 women, with the balance made

up of junior, temporary and non-resident gentlemen and lady members.

Improvements to the Greens and the course in general were necessary. The entire 18 holes were completed with the opening of the 13th and 14th holes. The recommendation of the Directors for a larger dam was adhered to and during the year the prevalent dry weather made it necessary and the dam was increased to hold 500,000 gallons.

The visit of Mr. Tregillus, advisory expert of the newly-formed Canadian Greens Association, was most gratefully appreciated and his advice will help in the future treatment of the course.

The club members adopted the recommendation of the Board that in future the Directors be elected on a rotary system, newly elected members of the Board to serve a three-year term in office. Mr. Jack, who has made such an efficient and popular President, was prevailed upon to accept the Presidency for another term. A glowing tribute to the work of the retiring

Directors was paid by Hon. President George S. Campbell. Mr. Murray moved a vote of thanks to the lady members of the Club who at all times have given their services in helping to entertain visiting golfers.

Dr. J. H. L. Johnstone was elected Captain and George E. Mahon, Vice-Captain. Harvey E. Crowell was re-elected Auditor.

GOLF REWARDS IN 1906 AND 1926

SHOWING the difference in golf from a monetary standpoint, to-day and two decades ago. Recently Harry Cooper, a 21-year-old English youth now following his professional avocation in Texas, received the record sum of \$3,500 for winning the Los Angeles open tournament. Twenty years ago George Low, veteran Baltusrol professional, who resigned at the end of 1925 after spending twenty-three years in the same harness, captured the U. S. Metropolitan Open Championship. The field against which he competed was for those days a brilliant one, making due allowance for the difference in time—as brilliant as that which Cooper had to face in the California event. Furthermore, Low's score was 294 for the seventy-two holes at the Hollywood Golf Club. His reward was \$150. and a gold medal, and in 1906 that was considered quite remarkable remuneration for a two-day golf competition. To-day leading pros spend in caddie fees alone, during a big tournament, almost as much as the \$150. which rewarded Low's victory in the Metropolitan twenty years ago.

MEHLHORN DEFEATS CRUICKSHANK

In Play-off for the Big Hot Springs Tournament, by One Stroke

WILLIAM (Wild Bill) Mehlhorn, of Chicago, defeated his fellow-townsmen, Bobby Cruickshank, by one stroke for the South Central open golf tournament at Hot Springs, Ark., in the eighteen-hole play-off of the tie in the seventy-two hole match. Bill's card was 73, Bobby's 74.

Both professionals showed results of the strain of tournament play, which was the fastest ever witnessed on a local course.

Cruickshank took the first hole with one stroke. Mehlhorn squared the match on the second and the next two holes were halved. Cruickshank again went into the lead on the fifth, with an eagle three against five strokes. Mehlhorn gained a stroke on the sixth, halved the seventh and evened matters on the eighth. He forged into the lead by two strokes on the ninth, when Cruickshank went into a ditch.

The tenth was halved, with Mehlhorn gaining two more strokes on the eleventh hole. The twelfth was split, but Cruickshank recovered on the thirteenth to cut down Mehlhorn's lead to three strokes. Mehlhorn, however, again brought his lead to four strokes on the fourteenth. The fifteenth was made in par threes.

Cruickshank made the last three holes in par fours, while Mehlhorn took fives, and the match ended with Mehlhorn enjoying his slender lead. The winner took first money of \$1,500. Cruickshank's share of the prize was \$1,200 for second place.

Macdonald Smith, of New York, and Al Watrous, of Grand Rapids, in a tie for third place, each received a check for \$800, there having been purses of \$900 and \$700 for the two places. Under the rules in golf, except for a first honour, the purse was split.

GREAT BRITAIN AND OVERSEAS

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

THE Prince of Wales has accepted nomination for the Captaincy of the Mid-Surrey Golf Club, of which he is a member. He frequently plays over the club's course in Richmond.

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The Canadian curlers visited the Edinburgh Burgess Golfing Society—the oldest golf club in Scotland—and those who were able to play the Royal and Ancient game were equipped with clubs and enjoyed a round of the famous links.

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This year the President's Putter of the Oxford and Cambridge Golfing Society will carry two names on the ball which marks the winner of the event. This is the strange result of the final round between Mr. Roger Wethered and Mr. Eustace Storey, which was all square at the eighteenth. They continued the match, followed by a large gallery, but neither could gain an advantage until on the sixth green, the 24th of the match, play had to be called on account of darkness. The first intention was to replay the match on the following Sunday, but it has been finally decided to divide the honours by inscribing both names on the emblematic ball which is attached annually to the President's Putter.

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Coghurst Hall, for many years the seat of the late Sir Hylton Brisco, Bart., has been sold along with the remainder of the estate and it has been announced that the Hall will become the club house of a new golf club.

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The Amateur Golf Championship of India has been won for the third successive time by Mr. G. D. Forrester, of the Royal Calcutta Golf Club. His fourth victory was achieved recently when he defeated Mr. J. R. T. Hay, a former Cambridge golfer, by 5 up and 4 to play. The Championship trophy

was presented after the match by His Excellency The Viceroy, Lord Reading.



Mr. Rex Hartley, Captain of the Cambridge University Team and considered the most finished golfer in the ranks of English University golfers.

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One often hears of a bird being struck by a golf ball, says the "Glasgow Evening Times," but surely the Killing of a fish by one is a unique occurrence. This happened on Hogmanay, on the East Renfrewshire Club's course at Newton Mearns. Mr. William Campbell, Giffnock, when playing to the 15th hole, saw his ball

drop into the burn. When he reached the spot he observed a small trout moving very feebly in the water. He picked up the dying fish, and noticed an abrasion near its head. The ball was found at the bottom of the pool from which the trout had been taken. I wonder if a casuist could contend that this was a contravention of the fishing rights of the landlord.

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Horace Fulford, the well known British professional, has resigned from the Northwood Club to accept the professional's post at Belmont Hills, Ohio, U. S.

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Carnoustie, Scotland, was the scene of a most interesting event, when a match was staged between 18 local club members and the same number of professionals, former Carnoustie men now home from America on leave from their clubs. The match was in the nature of a foursome and finished all even—4 matches each and one halved.

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Arthur Havers, the Coombe Hill professional, playing over that course on January 25th, in company with Mr. Billy Merson, accomplished a very fine performance. His figures were:

Out ... 4,3,5, 4,4,3, 4,3,3=33

In 3,3,3, 4,4,4, 3,3,4=31=64

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T. P. Dobson, the Scottish Amateur Golf Champion, has accepted the post of professional to the East Renfrewshire Golf Club, near Glasgow. Dobson, it will be recalled, was green-keeper at the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers at Muirfield when the Championship was held there in July.

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Sir Drummond Drummond Fraser, K. B. E., playing over the Royal Eastbourne Golf Course, did the eighth hole, which measures 153 yards, in one stroke. By a strange coincidence, Sir Drummond accomplished a similar feat at the same hole in October, 1914.

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Perey Allis, a British professional who has accepted the professional

appointment at the new Wannsee Club, Berlin, Germany, at a salary of £800 a year. This is a new club along the lines of American country clubs and will be on a very luxurious scale. Golf in Germany is of course only in its infancy, this being the second 18-hole course in the country. The course was constructed according to British ideas and Allis compares it to Sunningdale. The rules of St. Andrews have been translated into German and all is ready for a boom in golf at Berlin.

Most of Allis' time will be devoted to teaching, and while this may not help him to develop his own game, it should be highly profitable. Most of his pupils will be novices, and there should be a ready sale of clubs in the shop. Indeed, if Allis does not make £2,000 during the first year I imagine that his expectations will not be realized.

It is undoubtedly a splendid appointment for a young player, but the Wannsee have chosen their professional wisely. For Allis is a golfer with a sound and pleasing style, free from mannerisms, and if his pupils have the aptitude to copy him they will go a long way towards success.

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In Mr. Wm. Read's new book, "Golf Reminiscences," which provides a splendid history of the game from 1887-1922, he thus describes the early championships:

"In these days of much formality, it is difficult to realise the almost haphazard manner in which in the eighties the great event of the year in golf (the open championship), was encompassed. I am told that at one time it was advertised that the championship would be played on such and such a date, and that the competitors simply presented themselves at the first tee at the advertised hour of start and gave in their names.

In 1889, of the 48 players who entered, 22 were Musselburgh men. Four rounds of the nine holes course were played, and as daylight was waning with a round of the course still to be overtaken, the sum of 5s. was offered to such as would retire and thin the field. We had thus as far back as 1889 the germ of the elimination business, which has given us so much concern in recent years."

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west," with the destruction of the secretary's office at Westward Ho! Major Newton King was out on the course when the fire began, and by the time it was discovered the only thing to do was to concentrate effort on preserving the main building of the club house, which is separated by only a few yards from the secretary's office.

Men and women members of the club joined with the staff in carrying buckets of water to fight the flames, and as the wind was fortunately blowing away from the club house, the damage was confined to the complete destruction of the office and the club archives, which date back to 1864.

The Scottish Professional Championship is to be played over the Bruntfield course, at Barnton, on June 2nd and 3rd. The match between East and West will be played over the same course on June 1.

The Championship Committee is laying plans for a more systematic

selection of the team that will meet the American "Walker" Cup team. In the course of a few days they will publish a list of some 20 of the recognized best amateurs. This will give the selected 20 an opportunity to tune up their game and the ultimate selection will be made from those whose game is at the highest pitch of excellence rather than from those whose past record is the best. It is further advocated by Sir Hedley Le Bas, of "Golf Illustrated" that the four great professionals, Vardon, Taylor, Braid and Herd, be retained to take the team in hand and coach them in the fine points of the game. A national interest is being awakened in this approaching international contest and for the first time plans are being laid for an organized British victory.

The selection committee for the British "Walker" Cup team will consist of Messrs. Bernard Darwin, Robert Harris, H. H. Hilton and W. A. Murray, a choice who are perfectly capable of selecting the most representative team available.

Miss Eileen Mary Cowrick, a nineteen year old English girl, has just won the Ladies' Open Championship of Spain for the second year in succession.

At a meeting of the Surrey County Golf Union, held at the Colfers' Club, Whitehall Court, London, it was decided to invite the American "Walker" Cup team to a dinner and also to place two motors at the disposal of the American team during their stay in London, a facility which should add much to the enjoyment of the visitors' stay in town.

On February sixth, James Braid celebrated his fifty-sixth birthday.

Sir S. Guise-Moores, K.C.B., C.M.G., Governor of the Isle of Wight and the members of the Osborne Golf Club, entertained the I. W. Alliance at Osborne recently. There was a large gathering and a very handsome prize list to compete for. Mr. F. C. Tillett's

cup for the leading amateur was won by Mr. E. D. Marvin, of Ventnor, with a score of 75. The Governor's Cup for the best score was won by Eric Bannister, of the St. Charles Club, Winnipeg, with the remarkable score

of 73, made in a strong wind and rain over a course which he had not played over previously. Following the tournament the players had tea in the Governor's quarters and the prizes were presented by Lady Guise-Moores.

MR. GEORGE H. BARR, K.C., NEW PRESIDENT

Of the Regina Golf Club—Season of 1925 Best in History of Club

UNDER the very capable guidance of Mr. George Holden, the Regina Golf Club reports 1925 as being the most successful in their experience, both from a golfing and a

operating statement of the club is one to be proud of, showing total revenue of \$9,729, and a net balance of \$1,238, after providing for depreciation on buildings and equipment. As the re-



The 18th Green and Club House of the Regina Golf Club on the occasion of the visit of a large party of American Golfers last August. "Chick" Evans has just driven the green, 268 yards, but missed a ten foot putt for a two and the match.

financial viewpoint. In his retiring address Mr. Holden announced that despite the fact that a new club house had been completed during the year the club was able to finish the season free of all debt of any nature, and that Stanley Thompson & Co., of Toronto, had been engaged to plan improvements to the course that would result in one of the best courses in Western Canada. The actual carrying out of these plans will proceed on a gradual scale, but the club's finances are such that a start can be made at once. The

result of the annual meeting Mr. George H. Barr, K. C., was elected President, Mr. J. W. Smith Hon. Pres., and Mr. J. D. Dawson was chosen Captain in succession to Mr. Henry Ward. The new Directors are J. D. Dawson, C. P. Church, D. MacMillan, W. G. Garland and G. E. Leighton. This year the Provincial Tournament will be held on the Regina course and it is interesting to note that the first Saskatchewan Championships were played at the Regina Club in 1908-1909.

SARAZEN ACCEPTS MITCHELL'S DEFI

GENE SARAZEN, runner-up in the Canadian Open Championship two years ago in Montreal, is the first of the big U. S. professionals to "throw his hat in the ring" and accept Abe Mitchell's offer to play any golfer in the world in a 72-hole match for £500—the purse offered by Sir Hedley Le Bas for such an event. Sarazen, however, wants 36 holes played in Great Britain and

36 holes in Miami, Florida. Sir Hedley says he will be glad to have Sarazen accept the challenge as outlined and added that the offer of the former American Open Champion would be considered along with the others which were sure to be made. When all the acceptances have been received an American Committee will be asked to pick Mitchell's opponent, the main idea of the match being to foster the sporting spirit between the two countries.

POLICYHOLDERS TO GET LARGER DIVIDENDS

North American Life Announces Increase

GOLFERS holding policies of the North American Life Assurance Company will be pleased with the announcement of a higher dividend scale for 1926. This company has been increasing policy dividends steadily, and during 1925 paid out over \$676,779. to Policyholders in surplus. This latest increase will be extremely gratifying.

In all, policyholders received over \$2,910,000 from the North American Life last year. Of this amount matured policies and dividends represent \$1,665,000, which proves the life insurance policy of to-day to be a safe and profitable investment as well as sure protection.

The insuring public of to-day is looking for a safe and secure depository for their savings, and the strength and stability of the various companies are becoming more and more a factor in their choice. The financial statement of the North American Life shows

its position to be an enviable one among life insurance companies in general.

The Company's assets, which are valued on a very conservative basis, have now reached \$29,288,000, and exceed the total liabilities by over \$5,000,000. A feature of the Assets is the Company's holdings of government and municipal bonds, stocks and debentures, which amount to \$17,340,000. These are carried at their book value, notwithstanding the fact that their present market value exceeds this amount by over \$1,110,000.

No better evidence of the solid financial position of the Company could be found, and the fact that this is appreciated by the public is evidenced by the volume of new business secured in 1925, which amounted to twenty-nine and a quarter millions. The Company has now \$138,000,000 in force, and expect that this will be greatly augmented by the business of 1926.

ANNUAL MEETING OF BRANTFORD CLUB

Receipts for 1925 of a Very Satisfactory Character—Election of Four Outstanding Directors for 1926

AT the annual meeting of the Brantford Golf and Country Club, held in the Board of Trade rooms on Monday, reports for the year were received of a satisfactory nature. Dr. C. D. Chapin, President, occupied the chair, and there was an excellent attendance.

K. V. Bunnell, Chairman of the Finance Committee, submitted the financial statement. It showed \$11,471 in men's fees; \$5,140.50 in ladies' fees; \$660 temporary fees; and sundries for a total of \$18,053.71. The dining room and buffet had receipts of \$7,918.40, with balance, after meeting all expenses, of \$43.71. Assets and liabilities showed a close balance of \$100,822.85. E. M. Hurn, Secretary-Treasurer, and F. Andrews, Auditor, certified the report.

Col. M. E. B. Cutcliffe, Chairman of the Grounds Committee, E. M. Cockshutt, Chairman of the House Committee, and D. McLennan, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, reported with regard to various activities and improvements.

As the result of a ballot it was announced that Dr. J. A. Marquis, J. S. Lewis, D. S. Large and C. G. Caudwell had been elected on the directorate board. They succeed the retiring directors, Dr. C. D. Chapin, K. V. Bunnell, C. M. Sheppard and L. M. Waterous.

Dr. Chapin was elected as honorary president and hearty thanks were extended to him for his excellent work while in office. The choice of a new president will be made by the directors. Prospects for the ensuing season are regarded as very bright.

THE ROYAL CANADIAN GOLF ASSOCIATION

C. A. Bogert Succeeds W. E. Matthews as Chief Executive—Constitution is to be Revised—Amateur Championship to be held at Toronto Golf Club and the Open at The Royal Montreal—Dr. R. A. Oakley Gives Scientific Address on Development of Green Section

THE King Edward Hotel, Toronto, Saturday, February 6th, was the scene of the 27th annual meeting of the Royal Canadian Golf Association. The business session was preceded by a delightfully served luncheon in the "yellow room," at which the head table was occupied by the executive officers and many prominent guests. The attendance of delegates was very large, and included Mr. G. H. Forster, of the Beaconsfield Club, Montreal, representing a number of clubs in that district, and Mr. C. E. Harvey, President of the Manitoba Golf Association, the Elmhurst Club and a director of the Western Canada Golf Association. Among the guests were Mr. N. D. Roadhouse, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Dr. R. A. Oakley, Vice-Chairman of the Green Committee of the U. S. G. A., and Prof. A. H. Tomlinson, of the Ontario Agricultural College, their presence strongly indicating the interest being taken by scientific observers in the development along scientific lines of turf for golf courses.

The retiring President, Mr. W. E. Matthews, of the Royal Ottawa Golf Club, occupied the chair and opened the business proceedings of a meeting which promises developments in the Canadian golfing world on a scale never before attempted. Last year's meeting was an epoch-making one in that it marked the establishment of the "Green Section"; this year marks the establishment of plans that will culminate in the co-ordination of all golfing bodies throughout the Dominion and the nationalizing of the Dominion championships. These pronouncements were included in the report presented by Mr. Matthews on behalf of the Executive Council, from which the

following interesting extracts have been made:

EXTENSION.

Your Executive has endeavoured to awaken an interest, through the length and breadth of Canada, in a confederation plan involving co-operation between the various Provinces and the central body, which, if made effective, will give added importance to the Royal Canadian Golf Association.

One matter of importance I would like to speak of particularly is a number of suggestions which have been made to the Executive Committee in regard to a change in the Constitution, which, if possible, will make the work of the Association more effective in its various departments and at the same time more Dominion-wide in its scope. One is the matter of holding the Amateur Championship—that as far as possible, each Province hold an Amateur Championship and send their winner and runner-up to compete in the National Amateur Championship. Another is that the Green Section could function more effectively if the work could be localized to some extent through the Provincial Associations. The Executive Committee favour generally these ideas, as expressed in the following minute, passed at the last meeting held December 11th, 1925:

"That this Executive approved a general plan looking to closer co-operation between Dominion and Provincial Golf Associations, and the appointment of a Committee composed of Gen. Mitchell, Mr. H. L. Kerr, and the Secretary, to confer with Mr. R. C. H. Cassels, K. C., in the working out of necessary amendments to the Constitution for tentative consideration at the next Annual Meeting, with a view to a change in the Constitution, taking effect January 1st, 1927."

GREEN SECTION.

During the past year your Executive have successfully put into practice the plans for the Green Section organized in 1924.

In this activity we have been fortunate in having the fullest co-operation of the Dominion and Provincial Departments of Agriculture. The monthly bulletin, issued through the courtesy of the "Canadian Golfer," we trust, has been found helpful, and we are hopeful that the handbook for Greenkeepers, now in preparation, will fill a long felt want. While the returns from the Green Section Tournament were not as large as we had hoped, a good start was made, and when the underlying idea is more fully understood, financial support will be much more generous.

The report of the Executive Committee as submitted by Mr. B. L. Anderson, the very efficient and energetic Secretary-Treasurer of the Association, was particularly comprehensive. The following extracts are of particular interest to golfers at large:

MEMBERSHIP.

On December 31st, 1924, the Association had a total membership of 131 clubs, of which 28 were Associate, 102 Allied Members and 1 Affiliated. On December 31st, 1925, the total membership was 148 clubs, of which 29 were Associate, 118 Allied and 1 Affiliated Association. Since the last general meeting 4 clubs have been dropped from membership and 21 clubs were elected to membership, a net increase of 17.

GREEN SECTION.

Field Work.—During the playing season of 1925, representatives of the Green Section visited 190 courses. Where clubs were in difficulties regarding Green work, the matter was followed up by re-visits and correspondence. Concerning the general condition of golf courses in Canada, as observed from these visits, there is naturally much variation. Where greens are not giving good satisfaction, the cause in most cases simmers down to one or two general reasons. Of these the most common is poverty, since the fact does not seem to be fully appreciated that continual close cutting exhausts the soil very severely and unless liberal amounts of fertilizer are added, the grass growth will be so weakened that weeds and moss are likely to take possession. The second very general cause of poor Putting Greens is the wrong kind of grass.

Experimental and Research.—Considerable work has been done in the study of grass, soil conditions, fertilizers, etc. The Forage Plant Division of the Experimental Farms Branch of the Dominion Department of Agriculture has established test and multiplying plots of many imported and native grasses, to determine their quality of turf for Putting. In addition, a quantity of Creeping Bent has been distributed from the Central Experimental Farm, sufficient to enable clubs to start a small nursery. The Agricultural Colleges of the Various Provinces, Municipal Boards, and many of the golf clubs, have assisted greatly by growing grass plots for observation. While Creeping Bent Grass is considered by many to be the last word in Putting Green Turf, and much work has been done to encourage its use, there has also been considerable attention given to Rhode Island Bent grass. This is a species that is grown from seed and is not creeping to the extent of Creeping Bent. Due to the energies of Dr. Malte and the Dominion Seed Branch, a very fine type of this grass was discovered in Prince Edward Island. Every effort is now

being made to develop the grass seed industry in this Province and provide this country with a native source of supply.

Greenkeepers' Association.—Every assistance has been rendered the Greenkeepers' Associations. We have attended as many of their meetings as could be arranged, it being realized that great benefit will accrue to clubs and courses by fostering and encouraging an exchange of ideas and a general co-operative spirit by those in charge of the Green work.

Literature.—The Bulletin of the Green Section of the Royal Canadian Golf Association has been published each month in the "Canadian Golfer." This has taken the form of articles dealing with subjects related to course maintenance with due recognition to factors bearing particularly upon our Canadian conditions from East to West.

In the general work of the Green Section, admirable assistance has been given by technical men throughout the Dominion. Special mention must be made of the Seed Analysts who, taking great interest, have spent a great deal of time and energy among the clubs, also the staffs of Macdonald College and the Ontario Agricultural College, and the Division of Forage Crops at Ottawa for the very practical assistance they have given in matters affecting the management of golf turf.

The Green Section Tournament held June 13th was won by Mr. John Berg, of the Weston Golf and Country Club, handicap 34, par of course 71, score 92, resulting 8 up on par. A silver cup suitably engraved has been presented to Mr. Berg by the Royal Canadian Golf Association.

The Committee recommend that the Green Section Tournament this year be held Saturday, June 5th.

LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Ladies' Championship for 1925 was again successfully conducted by the Canadian Ladies' Golf Union, on the same lines as the 1924 Championship.

APPRECIATION.

On behalf of the members of the Association, the Committee desire to put on record its appreciation of the action of the officers and members of the Royal Ottawa Golf Club, Ottawa, and the Lambton Golf and Country Club, Toronto, in extending the privileges of their course to the Association for the playing of the annual championships, and for the kindness and attention extended to the players in the various Championships.

RULES OF GOLF.

Questions of interpretation of the Rules have been submitted during the year, and have been referred to the Rules of Golf Committee, consisting of Mr. George S. Lyon, Chairman; Mr. R. H. Reville, Mr. C. P. Wilson, Mr. P. D. Ross, Mr. R. C. H. Cassels, and B. L. Anderson, Secretary. Decisions have been given by that Committee on the questions submitted.

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SELECTION OF COURSES FOR THE 1926 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Invitations have been received by the Association from the Toronto Golf Club, Toronto, for the Amateur Championship, and from the Royal Montreal Club, Montreal, for the Open Championship. Your Executive Committee recommend the acceptance of these invitations.

FINANCIAL.

At the end of the year 1924 the Association had a surplus amounting to \$4,033.23. At the close of the year 1925 the Association had a surplus amounting to \$3,643.44. It must be borne in mind, however, that a large extra expense was incurred this year through establishing the Green Section.

After considerable satisfaction with the report had been expressed by the delegates, it was unanimously adopted on motion of Gen. C. H. Mitchell, of Toronto, seconded by Mr. G. H. Forster of Montreal.

The recommendations of the Executive Committee acting as the Nominating Committee, were accepted without discussion and resulted in the following officers being elected for the year 1926, namely:

President, Mr. C. A. Bogert, Toronto Golf Club, Toronto.; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. B. L. Anderson, Toronto; Committee-men, F. M. Chaldecott, Vancouver, B. C.; A. L. Smith, Calgary, Alberta; R. Charlton, Regina, Saskatchewan; R. C. S. Bruce, Winnipeg, Manitoba; H. L. Kerr, Toronto, Ontario; C. H. Mitchell, Toronto, Ontario; W. H. Plant, Toronto, Ontario; G. H. Clark, Ottawa, Ontario; W. W. Walker, Montreal, Quebec; E. A. MacNutt, Montreal, Quebec; K. T. Dawes, Montreal, Quebec; A. J. Welch, Quebec, Quebec; W. A. Henry, K. C., Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Asst. Secretaries, R. J. R. Stokes, Montreal, Quebec; G. Innes Mackenzie, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

The Committee is a particularly representative one and their close knowledge of the needs of the game and their enthusiasm for its advancement should result in complete harmony in the working out of the Association's ambitious plans for 1926.

The election of Mr. C. A. Bogert to the Presidency is particularly suited to the work that lies before the Executive; as Vice-President and General Manager of the Dominion Bank his exceptional executive abilities have been recognized in financial and other circles and it is felt that his experience in organization work will have an important effect on the co-ordinating of the legislative golf bodies in the Dominion.

On occupying the chair he drew attention in a brief address to the enormous geographical difficulties which confronted the Executive in bringing about closer co-operation of the Provincial bodies. He expressed his assurance that the Executive, assisted by the Committee appointed for the purpose, would have the very difficult question sufficiently threshed out to permit enabling legislation at the next general meeting.

In the discussion which followed, Mr. C. E. Harvey, of Winnipeg, very ably presented the "Western" opinion whilst Mr. G. H. Forster, of Montreal, presented the "Eastern" view in a convincing manner. It was the consensus of opinion and the expressed feeling of the meeting that some action must be taken to bring about a more complete representation of all the provinces in the Dominion championships. Whilst it would appear necessary to devise some scheme whereby provincial representatives would be assisted to reach the scene of the tournament, it was made clear that no action could be considered that would in any way approach infringement of the amateur status as laid down by the Royal and Ancient of St. Andrews.

On account of the many difficulties involved it will not be possible to institute any changes before 1927, but it is understood that the Executive, assisted by the special committee, will have a comprehensive plan ready for ratification at the next annual meeting.

The appreciation of the Association in the accomplishments and untiring efforts of the retiring President was expressed by a hearty vote of thanks moved by Mr. Forster and seconded by General Mitchell. Thanks to the

retiring Executive Committee was expressed by Mr. Palmer, President of the Lambton Golf Club, seconded by Mr. Lyman Root, of the Mississauga Golf and Country Club. Mr. Matthews paid a glowing tribute to the unselfish manner in which the Executive had devoted their time to the conducting of the Association's business.

The meeting was fortunate in having as their guest a representative of the United States Golf Association in the presence of Dr. R. A. Oakley, Vice-Chairman of the Green Section of that body. Dr. Oakley favoured the gathering with a very clever address on the part played by the scientific experts in the betterment of golf courses and their more economic upkeep. He humourously compared the green experts of golf to the scene painters of the opera, hidden to the public eye, but playing a very essential part. He emphasized the fact that close co-operation existed between the Green Sections of the Canadian and United States governing bodies. There is no international barrier to scientific knowledge, declared Dr. Oakley.

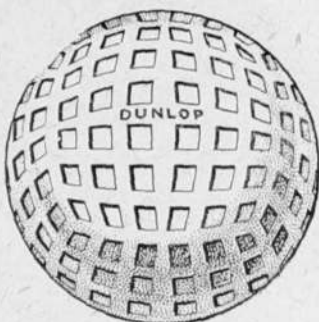
His address, which should be read by every member of a green committee and is of interest to every golfer, was as follows:

CONTRIBUTIONS TO GREENKEEPING BY THE TRAINED INVESTIGATOR

Greenkeeping is a very old art. Certain features of it had their beginning long before golf itself, and the advent of the game did not bring with it anything new in turf growing. Early greenkeeping had a very crude beginning. It involved neither construction, soil preparation, sowing of seed, artificial fertilizing, watering or mowing, as we practice these features of culture to-day.

We have made much progress in the art since the fifteenth century, or whenever it was that golf made its first real, recognized start. Modern greenkeeping owes its birth to the rotary mower, or the lawn mower, as it is now called. Had it not been for this mechanical device or had something to do similar work not been invented, our conception of a putting green to-day would be a closely grazed bit of sward which would permit a putted ball to approach the cup with a minimum of hops, skips and jumps. Modern greenkeeping then may be said to have its origin in the vicinity of 1870; for it was about that time that the rotary mower came on the scene.

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Greenkeeping as it exists to-day is very largely the product of empiricism. The results of cut-and-try methods comprised most of it, but the same may truly be said of plant culture in general. Science, however, has made contributions to it, and very important ones. Science through the trained investigator (the term is used here in the collective sense), has contributed to greenkeeping in two general ways: (1) by exposing mysterious and fake practices and materials and doing away with honest but erroneous practices, and (2) by making discoveries in new lines. Indirectly trained investigators have been assisting greenkeepers for many years. Hundreds of them to-day are working on problems related to it without knowing it, but it is not so many years since the trained investigator actually enlisted in greenkeeping and commenced work specifically on its problems. In fact, his specific enlistment dates back scarcely more than a decade and a half. To understand more clearly just what he has accomplished since he was recruited to the service it is well to recall some of the conditions which existed in greenkeeping when he entered the field. It has accumulated many of the unsound theories and practices of gardening. There was no specific literature on the subject except that published by the purveyors of seeds, materials or equipment used in connection with it, so that a new comer or in fact a veteran of a studious turn had no source of unbiased information. In brief, this very unsatisfactory condition existed; the golf course architect, the builder, the turf expert, the seedsman, the fertilizer man, and the equipment man were all tied up in one organization, and, sad to relate, this organization too frequently was tied up with the greenkeeper through a system of rebates. In a way this was a natural development, but a very unhealthy one. The unsound practices of the greenkeeper and the trade had become pretty thoroughly entrenched. To use a common expression, the trained investigator was up against a hard proposition in assuming the role of reformer. Briefly to anticipate the outcome of his activities let it be said without going further that the architects, the builders, the merchants, and the greenkeepers, with few exceptions, have accepted him as a useful servant of the profession. Even at the outset this group was only a little less willing to recognize the trained investigator than were the golfers and green committee men who hailed him as a theorist.

One of the first lines of study the trained investigator undertook in greenkeeping was that of the species of grasses best adapted to fine turf making under various conditions of soil and climate. As in the other lines of his research, he had no object other than to discover the facts. After extensive and careful testing he found that the good northern fine turf grasses are few in number, that many that were commonly used in putting green or fairway mixtures were expensive away beyond their usefulness, if useful at all,

and that the theory and practice involved in the use of special seed mixtures for special conditions were for the most part unsound and uneconomical. The acceptance of this by the greenkeeper has resulted in better putting greens and a vast saving in money to the clubs, since special mixtures were appreciably higher in price than were their useful constituents.

Almost coincident with the breaking down of the special seed mixture practice came a great reduction in the rate of seeding. It likewise was the result of carefully conducted investigations. The sowing of 20 pounds of seed to each 1,000 square feet of putting green finally gave way to 5 to 7 pounds of red fescue or 3 to 5 pounds of bent to each 1,000 square feet. This likewise produced a very material economy.

Secret fertilizer mixtures could not withstand the analysis of the trained investigator. He soon reduced them to their component parts and informed the greenkeeper as to how quite as effective fertilizers could be compounded much more cheaply. Later he did more than this in the field of fertilizers. He virtually revolutionized this part of greenkeeping. Proprietary compounds all along the line were investigated. Earthworm eradicators came in for their share of study. A little investigation disclosed the fact that the powder or meal that was sold under various names as an earthworm eradicator was composed of meal from the seed of the butter tree of India (*Bassia latifolia*)—called mowrah meal—and usually a considerable percentage of inert matter was included with it. Of course the pure product purchased under its proper name was much less expensive than the trade product. An analysis of liquid worm eradicators sold as proprietary compounds showed the active principle in the best of them to be mercuric chloride (corrosive sublimate). In some of them certain substances such as ammonium chloride were added with a view to increasing the solubility of the mercuric chloride and of decreasing its tendency to burn the turf. Out of this bit of investigation came the very simple practice of using 2 to 3 ounces of mercuric chloride with 50 gallons of water, sprinkling this on each 1,000 square feet of green to be wormed and then watering freely. It is highly efficacious and much cheaper than the proprietary earthworm killers.

The trained investigator has pulled apart many other patent compounds used in greenkeeping, including weed killers, ant killers, and fungicides.

One of the best pieces of destructive work done by him was in fighting the use of peat commercialized under the name of humus. The sale of this product had reached large proportions, based chiefly on the fact that it is organic matter but partly on its color. Its use is not only a waste of money, but the material itself in the vast majority of cases is prejudicial to the growth of grass. Nearly every good point claimed for it, it does not

possess. It is relatively high in nitrogen, but the nitrogen in it is almost totally unavailable to the grass plant. It is organic matter, but it is not humus, since to be humus, organic matter must be in a fairly rapidly decaying condition. Peat decays about as rapidly as charcoal, which is one of the most inert common substances known. After much effort backed by unimpeachable evidence against it, the trained investigator has succeeded in putting peat very largely in the discard, where it is hoped it will remain until he or someone else discovers how it may be used advantageously in turf growing.

Freak and more and less harmful practices in green construction have been broken up as the result of investigations. The layer method of building a green involving cinder layers, peat layers, or other unusual layers, has been thrown into the scrap heap. Many relatively harmless, but quite expensive or wasteful practices have been exploded, among them spiking, scarifying or disking the turf to rejuvenate it or to prevent it from becoming "sod bound," regular reseeding of old turf, spring and fall, the use of charcoal to sweeten the soil, and the use of lime for a similar purpose—although this last can not be said to be a harmless practice where bent and certain other greens are involved.

The foregoing are some of the more important freak, fake, unwise or useless practices the trained investigator has been largely responsible for upsetting. His work in this direction has in a sense been destructive, although withal very constructive. Attention is now called to the truly constructive work along new lines which can be definitely credited to him.

Critical studies in fine turf grasses did more than determine their soil and climatic relations. They disclosed the details of the habit of growth of each species. In this connection some very useful discoveries were made. The reason why red fescue will not withstand close cutting on putting greens while bent will thrive under it was learned by a study of the basal parts of the shoots of these grasses. This study provided a basis for their treatment on greens so as to obtain the best results, with each. A similar discovery was made in the case of Kentucky blue grass and Canada blue grass. The habit of growth of the basal part of the shoot of Canada blue grass is such that no system of culture can make a true turf grass out of it.

The discovery of how grasses perennate—that is, how they live year after year or become perennial, and the annual nature of the roots of perennial grasses are outstanding features of work of the trained investigator in his studies of the fine turf species. In brief, he has pointed out that a grass is perennial through a succession of shoots or new plants and that the roots of those grasses do not live indefinitely as do the roots of oak trees or alfalfa plants, but last for only a relatively few months, when they give way to new roots from new shoots which are continu-



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ally forming. These two discoveries very greatly modified the practice of soil preparation of putting greens and likewise certain features of the cultured treatment of greens. To-day the builder of putting greens, if he is wise, will reserve most of his supply of manure for the compost pile to be used as top-dressing for his turf later, rather than attempt to incorporate large quantities of it with the soil before sowing the seed or planting the stolons.

Since turf is a succession of grass shoots with roots constantly developing, the plants must have good soil at the surface to produce their best growth. If soil is not added as top dressing the shoots that make the turf are compelled to live on the remains of their ancestors, which condition is not conducive to their health and vigor. Furthermore, the trained investigator discovered that the roots of grasses under putting green conditions do not penetrate deeply into the soil during the growing season, but remain near the surface, where they make up an important part of the turf. Good putting green turf and deeply penetrating roots is an impossible combination. The rich soil, therefore, should be on the surface, and not a great deal of attention need be given to the under soil except to its drainage, which is exceedingly important.

A very useful outcome of the critical studies of grasses was the working out of characters whereby the seeds of the common bents may be distinguished from those of red top and from one another. This marked an important step in the use of the bents. Prior to 1914 no one, not even seed special-

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ists, attempted to distinguish between bent seed and red top seed. This permitted a very unsatisfactory condition to exist in the merchandising of bent seed. Unscrupulous dealers found it easy to substitute red top seed and red top chaff for bent seed, and honest dealers and the clubs were their victims. The discovery of characters whereby these species can be positively identified has brought about a great reformation in the sale of bent seed, which has resulted in better and cheaper greens.

Along with the studies of seed characters of the bents came studies of their vegetative or leaf and stem characters. Species and strains were studied critically in isolated clumps, in rows, and in turf plots. These studies disclosed the fact that at least three species are included in what was commonly called creeping bent or what is now known as German mixed bent. These species pass by the common names of Rhode Island bent, velvet bent and creeping bent. It was found that there are many strains of velvet bent and true creeping bent, varying appreciably in their putting green making qualities.

The story of the development of the vegetative propagation of creeping bent for making putting greens has much of romance about it but it is now so generally known among golfers that it need not be repeated here. It is one of the outstanding accomplishments of the trained investigator. Some have said

it is his best offering. Certain it is that the critical seed and vegetative studies put the bent grasses decidedly to the forefront as putting green grasses where these species can be grown. This is truly a blessing of the greatest magnitude to golf.

Putting greens have their diseases and insect pests. Fortunately in Canada the notorious disease of putting greens called brown patch is as yet not a serious problem. Southward in the United States it constitutes one of the most serious putting green menaces. Trained investigators are at work on it and already have done much in developing measures for its control. These involve the use of resistant strains of grasses, special fungicides, fertilizers, and the adaptation of certain of the features of culture common to greenkeeping.

In the fight against earthworms and insects which injure turf, the trained investigator has helped and promises greater help. The improvement of the carbon disulfide emulsion method of exterminating grubs has assisted very greatly in solving the problem created by the June beetle, Japanese beetle and others of their kind. Within a few days there will be published the results of three years' experiments which point quite clearly to the possibility of rendering the soil of putting greens immune to the attacks of earth worms and grubs by mixing with it certain substances that are poisonous to the pests but are not harmful to the grasses. Lead arsenate and sodium silico-fluoride have been used very successfully in experiments, but a large number of others will be tried out thoroughly. This line of investigation promises much.

Diseases and insect pests are serious enough but after all are secondary as compared with weeds. When the earth was cursed to bring forth "thorns and thistles," chickweed, pearlwort, crab grass and a dozen other putting green weeds were included with them. The weed problem is always before the greenkeeper. It is his Nemesis. Thus far hand methods have been his heavy artillery in the fight against nearly all of the important putting green weeds. Relatively recently, however, careful investigations have pointed to another and simpler method of warfare. In brief it involves the systematic and continuous use of such fertilizers as ammonium sulphate and ammonium phosphate—nitrogenous fertilizers which tend to produce an acid condition in the soil. The explanation seems to be relatively simple. The best northern putting green grasses—that is, the bents—are able to thrive on soils that are regarded as highly acid to a much greater degree than can the weeds that compete seriously with them on relatively alkaline soils. Fertilizing to produce acidity in the soil, then, is the green keeper's hope in his fight against weeds in the future—not all weeds probably, but the most troublesome ones. This means that he must avoid lime or similar alkaline substances which have been used extensively

either as soil amendments of fertilizers in the past.

The trained investigator is at work on a very large number of problems relating to greenkeeping, but the field is merely being scratched. In what he has done, the help he has received from greenkeepers, green committee men and merchandizers of golf course supplies and equipment has contributed very largely to his success.

What he may accomplish in the future will depend largely on the financial assistance he receives and the co-operation that those groups give him. There are a great many problems still to be solved. The requirements of golf are becoming more and more exacting in the matter of fine turf. Green keeping must keep pace with them. More and more training will be required of the greenkeeper as time goes on. In helping him to keep pace with his profession he will find the trained investigator his best friend and lieutenant. He will find the Green Section of the Royal Canadian Golf Association an institution upon which to lean and to which he may go freely for assistance.

Mr. G. H. Clarke, Dominion Seed Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, and who has played an important part in the development of the Green Section of the R. C. G. A., expressed the warm appreciation of the meeting in Dr. Oakley's visit to Toronto for the purpose of making this address, and also their regret that Dr. C. V. Piper, Chairman of the Green Committee of the U. S. G. A. had found it impossible to attend. It was also announced by the President that the Thistledown Club of Toronto, would hold a City Championship Tournament this summer, the proceeds of which would be turned over to the R. C. G. A. Green Section.

[Ed. Note.—Since the meeting the death of Dr. Piper is announced from Washington. His passing is a distinct loss to golf throughout America.]

THE PASSING OF DR. PIPER

Noted Authority on Creeping Bent Grasses Dies in Washington, D. C.

IT will be with extreme regret that Canadian golfers, especially those interested in the upkeep of courses, will hear of the death of Dr. C. V. Piper, the noted authority on creeping bent grass, who was born in Victoria, B. C.

Mr. C. E. Gapen, Chief of the Press Service of the United States Department of Agriculture, writes the Editor of the "Canadian Golfer":

"Dr. Charles Vancouver Piper, in charge of the Office of Forage Crop Investigations, United States Department of Agriculture, died at 10.40 Thursday evening, February 11th, at the Emergency Hospital, Washington, D. C. For some time Dr. Piper had been in poor health, but continued to carry on his work at his office. He suffered a slight stroke of paralysis at his office Monday morning and was taken to his home at 1499 Irving Street, N. W., from where he was removed to the hospital the following day.

Dr. Piper has been connected with the Department of Agriculture for 23 years, during which time he made a world-wide reputation as an authority on forage crops and grasses. Through his efforts many plants and grasses of inestimable value to American agriculture were introduced from foreign countries and established in the United States.

Probably he was more widely known to the general public through his work in de-

veloping the creeping bent grasses for use on golf greens than through any other single accomplishment. In his introduction of various grass seeds for lawns and other purposes he found a number of varieties of creeping bent grass. Some of these were isolated and tested at the Arlington Farm, where due to the lack of seed development, he devised the vegetative method of propagating and distributing them.

In 1919 he discovered a clump of bent grass growing on a green at the Washington Golf and Country Club. By the vegetative method of propagation he secured a quantity of roots of this grass and in 1921 distributed the stolens or roots to various golf associations for trial. The grass has since become known as the Washington creeping bent and is now found growing on thousands of golf greens throughout the northern sections of the United States.

At the time of his death he was Chairman of the Green Committee of the United States Golf Association which he was largely instrumental in organizing and Editor of the monthly publication issued by the Association. Through its columns he has brought about the use of these improved grasses for greens and by his efforts created golfing conditions enjoyed by thousands of golfers everywhere.

Through this medium, he also found an outlet for his characteristic philosophy which he expressed under a monthly contribution called 'Meditations of a Peripatetic Golfer.' One

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bit taken at random and expressing the thought that the primary purpose of a golf club is to promote the game, is "Will wonders never cease? A modern golf club where most of the money is not put in the house."

His contributions to the forage and grass industry of practical agriculture are so numerous that it is difficult to single out the most outstanding achievement. However, it was the work of Dr. Piper that secured the introduction and establishment of the now widely known Sudan grass which is native to Africa. In a comparatively short time this grass has become one of the very valuable hay and pasture grasses over a large part of the United States. Likewise the rapid spread of soybeans in this country can be credited to his introductions and investigations. He is author of more than a hundred papers and

books on botany, agriculture, and allied subjects.

He was born at Victoria, B. C., June 16th, 1867. In 1885 he received his B. S. degree at the University of Washington, and his M. S. in 1892. He remained at that institution as professor of botany until 1903, when he received his appointment to the department at Washington, D. C.

He was a member of the Botanical Society of Washington and its president in 1908-9; the Biological Society of Washington; Society for the Promotion of Agricultural Science; and the American Society of Agronomy, of which he was president in 1913-14.

Dr. Piper is survived by his wife, his mother, three brothers, and three sisters. He had no children.

BAYVIEW GOLF CLUB

Progressive Toronto Organization Will Limit Membership to 500—Handsome Gift of \$1,000 from An English Friend of the Club

MEMBERS of the Bayview Golf Club, Toronto, have accepted an increase in annual fees and in playing membership to 500 as a means of providing the club with the revenue which will be necessary if the club is to operate without a deficit in 1926. Meeting February 13th in the Prince George Hotel, the club chose the increased fee and limited membership rather than retain the present scale of fees and increase the number of playing members to 625.

The statement of the club's affairs, which was presented by the very capable secretary, G. E. Mearing, showed that it operated with a loss of \$2,246 in 1925. Mr. Mearing explained that the loss was largely due to heavy capi-

tal investments and might be met by an annual fee of \$50 and a limited membership or a substantial increase in membership with the certainty of a crowded course.

The club's income in 1925 amounted to the substantial sum of \$20,903. Its assets were increased by \$18,000. The statement was adopted unanimously.

Sufficient stock was placed with the directors of the club by those individuals who assisted it in 1924 and 1925 to allow for the increase in membership on the understanding that it would be sold at \$50 a share, and that each purchaser would become a playing member. At present the club has an exceedingly active membership. Of the

515 shareholders, 437 were playing members last season.

The annual statement contained the announcement of a gift of \$1,000 from S. Sheppard, London, England. Mr. Sheppard is a keen golfer, a friend of officials of the club and gave the money to construct a green. It also announced that arrangements had been made for an improvement in the bus service from Yonge Street.

The following officers were elected: Honorary President, J. M. Copeland; President, E. S. Duggan; Directors, Wallace Waller, A. E. Fraser, J. S. Beatty, Edwin Mearing. Captain, C. W. Long; Vice-Captain, G. R. Boas; Women's Captain, Mrs. H. C. Ferguson; Vice-Captain, Miss M. Burgess, Handicap Committee, C. Pascoe, A. Siddall and Leo Blenkarn.

REVISION OF THE RULES

Several Changes to Come Into Effect Shortly in Connection with Auction Bridge

A DESPATCH from New York, February 9th (it is generally thought that the changes below noted will also be accepted by Canadian players who more or less follow the American Bridge experts and their rulings instead of the English authorities):

"Representatives of the Whist Club of New York, the American Whist League, the Knickerbocker Whist Club and the New York Bridge Whist Club have agreed upon a revision of the rules of auction bridge.

The change in the manner of scoring relates only to honours. It was decided to equalize all suits as to honours, clubs counting as much as spades, hearts or diamonds, according to the following rules:

'Honours are to be scored in the honour score of the side to which they are dealt; their value is not changed by doubling or redoubling. All honours held by each are scored according to the following table:

0 in one hand, 3 in the other, count 30 points.

1 in one hand, 2 in the other, count 30 points.

1 in one hand, 3 in the other, count 40 points.

2 in one hand, 2 in the other, count 40 points.

2 in one hand, 3 in the other, count 50 points.

0 in one hand, 4 in the other, count 80 points.

1 in one hand, 4 in the other, count 90 points.

0 in one hand, 5 in the other, count 100 points.'

No change is suggested in honours at no trump.

The other change of importance relates to the revoke, modifying the penalty by giving the other side one trick but no penalty in points. The whole rule is to be changed to follow this version:

THE PENALTIES.

'The penalties for each revoke are:

(a) The revoking side cannot score for tricks, under tricks or penalties; honours, as held is the only score they can make.

(b) One trick taken from the revoking side and added to the tricks of the other side. It shall count in both trick and honour scores exactly as if won in play; it may assist declarer to make his contract or go game, or may assist the adversaries to defeat the contract. If it makes the total twelve or thirteen tricks it shall carry the slam bonus and if the contract be doubled or redoubled, the trick shall count its doubled or redoubled value and carry a full bonus in the honour score. No penalty may be claimed if the revoking side have no trick. When more revokes are made than the revoking side have tricks, all they have may be taken.

(c) If the revoking player after the revoke, wins a trick with a card of the suit in which the revoke occurred, or if he lead a card of that suit and his partner win that trick (by trumping or otherwise), said trick may be claimed as an additional penalty, provided the claim be made before the claimant or his partner lead or play to the next trick. Such trick shall count for the side of the claimant as if won in play; but only one extra penalty trick may be claimed for one revoke. Additional tricks, if any, won with cards of the revoke-suit, cannot be claimed.

When a trick is so claimed, the lead to the next trick shall be made by the side of the claimant; if the trick be taken from the adversaries the declarer may take the next lead either from dummy or closed hand; if the trick be taken from declarer, the adversary who claimed it may lead or direct his partner to do so. When a trick is claimed under the provisions of this section, if the revoke be disputed the previous tricks may be examined to settle the question.'

When the rules are ready for publication the Whist Club will announce the time at which they are to become effective.'

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OF THE GREEN SECTION OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN GOLF ASSOCIATION

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Turf Improvement

Division of Forage Plants, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa.

WORK on the development of turf grasses was started at the Central Experimental Farm during the Spring of 1924. In that year a collection of seeds and plants was made which included seed from parts of Europe, particularly Sweden, and plants from different locations in the vicinity of Ottawa and also a few lots from the Maritime Provinces. The material was put out in short multiplication rows and left for observation. In all over a hundred varieties and species were set out of different turf grasses.

In 1925 a more extensive and intensive study was started and more land being made available, an experimental area was prepared and partially seeded to different mixtures and grasses which are recommended by Seed Merchants for various turf purposes. A trip was made also, to Washington and other Eastern American Stations where turf grass experimental work was being undertaken and a collection of the best strains of bent grasses were obtained and planted at Ottawa for multiplication. There are now at the Experimental Farm over two hundred plots of selected grasses under observation. These again have been subjected to a more critical study and the most promising set out in larger lots to determine their value under lawn and putting green conditions. In 1926 their putting qualities will be judged by relative tests with a mechanical putting device.

There has also been sown in duplicate plots, the following grasses for comparative tests:

- Chewings Fescue.
- South German Mixed Bent.
- Sheeps Fescue.
- Rhode Island Bent.
- Red Top.
- Kentucky Blue.
- Canada Blue.

Further, representative mixtures from the various seed houses have been secured and sown at the rate recommended for lawn or sports purposes.

In order to test the spreading power of Bents, long rows of the seven selected best strains were set in through an ordinary lawn at distances apart of three feet. The sod was opened with a spade and after the bent stolons had been laid in the opening closed by going over once with the lawn roller.

There are in Canada, in many districts, types or strains of Bent in great variety and large quantities. The practised eye can readily pick out likely specimens which, when properly treated, will make a suitable turf. The cost of establishing a sod of this grass is merely that of labour once the right kind of Bent is located. Within five miles of Ottawa fifty bushels of pure bent has been collected and prepared for planting in half a day.

Unless people are well acquainted with the characteristics required of bent to make a first-class turf either for lawn or green, they would be better advised to secure a small quantity of an approved strain and multiply it in a nursery. This is a simple matter as the grass will spread very quickly; a turve a foot square if pulled apart and dibbled in, will make a row fifty feet or more in length, which in the course of a season may increase to a width of three or four feet. This amount of material is sufficient for considerable planting. In this connection the Forage Plant Division at the Central Experimental Farm are prepared to supply clubs with a small quantity of material of any approved strain to start a nursery of Bent grass. Enquiry to the Chief of the Division is all that is necessary to secure these stolons.

The work for the coming year includes work upon plants and grasses that are native to the prairies in order to develop the best species and strains for lawn and green making in Western Canada. Preliminary work done in this direction show that there are many possibilities in this field.

Turf Nursery at Windsor Park Municipal Course, Winnipeg

With the organization of the Green Section of the Royal Canadian Golf Association, research in turf grasses for lawns and greens was commenced in Western Canada with a view to introduce those grasses that are best suited to the conditions in that part of Canada, and also to develop the native grasses, that present promising characteristics.

The turf garden at Windsor Park was established by Mr. George Champion, of the Winnipeg Parks Board, and F. Foulds, Official Seed Analyst. Mr. Foulds has had the supervision of the grass experiments and the following condensed report shows the progress already made under his direction.

1. Grasses at present in Grass Garden at Windsor Park Municipal Course, Winnipeg, Man:

Creeping Bents:

- "Washington," from U. S. Golf Association.
- "Metropolitan," from U. S. Golf Association.
- "Virginia," from U. S. Golf Association.
- No. 1 Clark, from Rivermead Golf Course, Ottawa.
- No. 2 Clark, from bank of Rideau Canal, Ottawa.
- "Ball Park, Hull," from Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa.
- "Brewery Creek, Hull," from Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa.
- "Macdonald College," from Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa.
- "Virginia," (?) Stumpp & Walter.
- Same as used on No. 14 Green, Windsor Park.
- "Champion," found by Mr. George Champion on bank of Red River at St. Andrews.

Velvet Bent:

1. A strain from Mr. Clark, Seed Branch, Ottawa, secured from Northern Europe.
2. A strain from Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa.

Carpet Bent:

1. A strain from Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa.

Agrostis tenuis:

1. Browntop, from Prince Edward Island.
2. Colonial Bent, from New Zealand.
3. South German Mixed Bent.

Red Top.

Fescues:

- Sheep's Fescue.
- Hard Fescue.
- Meadow Fescue.
- Chewing's Fescue.
- Creeping Red Fescue from Munich, Germany.
- Red Fescue, from Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa.
- Festuca arenaria 0 from Experimental Farm, Ottawa.

Festuca arenaria 1 from Experimental Farm, Ottawa.

Festuca arenaria 2 from Experimental Farm, Ottawa.

Festuca ovina tenuifolia.

Blue Grasses:

Kentucky.

Canadian.

Crested Dogstail.

Western Rye Grass.

Kentucky Blue Grass 80% ; Red Top 20%.

2. Material located in Manitoba and Saskatchewan and ready to be moved to the Grass Garden.

Creeping Bent: Wild forms found at:

- (a) Royauumont Golf Course, on bank of Assiniboine River.
- (b) Raglan Creek, St. James.
- (c) Winnipeg Golf Course, Bird's Hill.
- (d) Selkirk, on Bank of Red River.
- (e) Delta of Red River into Lake Winnipeg.
- (f) Matlock, on Lake Winnipeg.
- (g) Wascana Country Club, Regina, on bank of Wascana Creek.

Commercial strains of:

- "Washington," from Royauumont, Niakwa and St. Charles Clubs.
- "Washington," from U. S. Golf Association at Southwood Club.
- "Columbia," from O. M. Scott at St. Charles.

Forms of German Mixed Bent Origin:

- (a) Pine Ridge Club, Winnipeg.
- (b) St. Charles Club.
- (c) Bowling Club, Saskatoon.

Grama Grass at:

- (a) Pine Ridge Club, Winnipeg.
- (b) Brandon Country Club.
- (c) Qu'Appelle Valley, etc.

Creeping Fescue at Elmhurst Golf Club, Winnipeg.

3. Material promised for Spring delivery. Browntop, from Prince Edward Island.

Velvet Bent, from Prince Edward Island.

Seaside Bent, from Prince Edward Island.

Seaside Bent (Cocoos Bent), Coos Bay, Oregon.

Creeping Bent "Columbia."

Creeping Bent "Vermont."

Yarrow.

Creeping Red Fescue from Brunn, Czechoslovakia and England.

NOTES ON GRASSES AT WINDSOR PARK, OCTOBER, 1925.

Western Rye Grass, produced very luxuriant quick growth, but upon mowing became quite stubbly and in the hot weather of July and August turned quite brown. It has become greener with the Fall rains, but is decidedly too coarse for turf purposes.

Fescues.—The Meadow Fescue, like Western Rye Grass, made rapid growth, but soon became coarse and shows itself as a farm grass

rather than a lawn grass. The Sheep's Fescue showed very uniform covering. The Hard Fescue and Chewing's Fescue did not secure as good a catch. None have spread during the summer; any uncovered spot is as much bare now as three months ago. The grass is wiry, but will withstand quite a bit of drouth.

Blue Grass.—The Canadian Blue Grass grew much more rapidly than the Kentucky, but soon became coarse and by itself was unsuitable for turf. Rain must have washed some seed of the South German Mixed Bent on the adjoining plot into this plot, as quite an amount of Bent has come up in the Canadian Blue Grass plot. The Kentucky Blue Grass was probably the last of any of the plots to produce a turf but it held up well during the summer and now has a good surface of fine grass a darker color than the Canadian Blue.

Crested Dog's Tail.—Produced a poor catch of rather coarse, undesirable grass. Mr. Wilson, the Greenkeeper, wanted to clear the plot out, but we left it simply to show its undesirability.

Bents.—The Red Top showed remarkable growth, producing a good appearing plot of green in ten days after seeding. When the clearing of the land was done some stumps and rubbish were burnt where this plot was later made and in the centre of this plot there has been a very rank growth all summer over an area of two feet in diameter. Toward the latter part of the summer this grass became quite coarse, especially in comparison with the plots of *Agrostis tenuis*. The three plots of the latter are undoubtedly the best plots in the nursery. The sample of Colonial Bent seed was very small and only a sparse covering was secured. However, all three plots showed quick growth and remained fine and a good green color all summer.

Creeping Bent.—Mr. Wilson, Mr. Edwards, Greenkeeper of Southwood, and I considered that the Washington and Metropolitan strains are the most desirable of the creeping bent in the nursery. The Washington strain has not shown as great a growth as some of the others, especially those from the Central Experimental Farm, but at all times has maintained a lead as regards fineness and color. The Metropolitan has been approximately as good and has shown more growth than the Washington. The Virginia at first looked

much poorer. It was received here in the poorest shape of the three and took longer time to make a good stand. However, this Fall it appears a good strain of Bent. The Virginia supplied Mr. Champion is decidedly inferior, having turned brown and very stringy. The strain which he found growing wild near St. Andrews has shown itself very hardy and a vivid green. It is slightly coarser than the three strains from the U. S. Department. However, Mr. Strathlee, Greenkeeper at St. Charles Country Club, preferred it to any other strain in the nursery, placing it first, the Metropolitan second, and the Washington third. The three strains of Creeping Bent from the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, have made rank growth, in some cases the rows being five feet across and frequently four. The strains sent by Mr. Clark appear very good, the one resembling Washington Strain very closely; it has not made as great growth as the others.

The other is somewhat coarse. All the rows of Creeping Bent are at least three feet across. The Velvet Bent from the Experimental Farm has grown well, producing the finest grass in the nursery. It does not spread as rapidly as Creeping Bent, the rows being now only about 10" to 12" in diameter, but the mat produced is very thick. Earlier in the summer it tended to produce "nubbins," that is a shoot would send out anywhere from 25 to 50 short branches from one point, thus making a hard ball or knot in the turf. These practically disappeared as the summer progressed. The row of Velvet Bent from Mr. Clark shows only six or seven clumps of sod in 100 ft. This is probably due to the manner in which it is shipped. The Carpet Bent seems much similar to Velvet Bent, but not quite so fine.

Creeping Red Fescue has made remarkable growth by underground stems and the thread-like row has become a row 1½ feet across. The grass is very coarse and stiff and has absolutely no value for a green. However, it is probably the best grass yet found for tees. Mr. Champion is very pleased with the appearance of this row. Nothing much can be said about the three rows of *Festuca arenaria* or the lot of *Festuca ovina tenuifolia*. The grass is fairly coarse and wiry. These rows will need careful roguing next Spring, as much wild grass has crept in.

Commercial Cultures for the Encouragement of Plant Growth

In one of the early numbers of this bulletin, attention was drawn to a commercial culture placed on the market for which rather extraordinary claims were made. At that time it was pointed out in these columns that while bacteria are absolutely essential to normal plant growth, there are very few soils that are not adequately supplied in this respect, the part played by the bacteria is to prepare the food material for plant absorption, not

to feed the plant directly. By reason of their rapid multiplication if sufficient food material is at hand, nature usually takes care of this phase of soil activity without further assistance. In a recent number of "Scientific Agriculture," A. G. Locheed, Dominion Bacteriologist, contributes a treatise on a series of experiments conducted with "Soil-gro," a preparation for which a vigorous selling campaign was inaugurated in the

Spring of 1925. In comparison with good garden soil it was found that the "garden soil appears to contain not only more ammonifying and nitrifying bacteria, but also considerably more *Azotobacta* organisms, which are the most important living group of bacteria capable of fixing atmospheric nitrogen."

In summing up the various tests, the investigator remarks as follows: "In considering the various field crop tests, it is seen that in some cases the treated, but in an even greater number of cases the untreated crops gave a higher yield. With field experiments no two areas of the same crop, even under the same conditions of treatment and cultivation, will produce identical crop yields. Local differences in soil environment always lead towards a certain unavoidable variation tending to be greatest in those cases (e.g. potatoes, carrots, beets), where room for replication was not available. Consequently, we do not infer that Soilgro is to be regarded as actually harmful in those cases where the crop yields were heavier without treatment, and in like manner we believe a similar judgment should be exercised in considering those cases where yields have apparently favoured the culture.

"Taking the results of the field tests as a whole, we consider the culture to be valueless, which judgment bears out the results of

the more accurately controllable greenhouse tests in pots, and the results of the bacteriological laboratory tests.

"Since the above data were accumulated there has come to our notice the report of tests made with 'Soilgro' by L. T. Leonard, of the Bureau of Plant Industry, United States Department of Agriculture. The results of these tests are entirely in agreement with our own, and indicate no practical benefit to be derived from the use of this culture. This is shown, not only by the bacteriological examination of the preparation, but also by tests made with the crops tried out, namely, radishes, peas, and with lawns.

"Total bacteria, ammonifying and cellulose decomposing organisms were found to be much fewer in number in 'Soilgro' culture than in the so called 'Bacteria Food' (supplied with the culture), and also in soil and manure samples tested for comparison. Furthermore, 'Soilgro' was found to be inferior to potting soil, both as regards nitrogen fixing power and ability to cause nitrification of ammonium salts.

"Tests with radishes showed no superiority on the part of 'Soilgro' either in the stimulation of germination, earliness of crops or weight of crop, while tests made with peas were likewise negative. The same negative results were found when 'Soilgro' was applied to lawns."

Greenkeeping Conference

During the first week of March, a series of lectures will be given in The Sons of England Hall, Richmond East, Toronto, on subjects related to the care and management of turf for golf and similar sports. The attendance last year was very successful and it is hoped that this year even a larger number will be present.

The Green Section of the Royal Canadian Golf Association and also the Greenkeepers' Association has been functioning since the last Course, and there is not a shadow of doubt but that the accumulated experience and observations of these two organizations should bring forward some interesting information and data.

The programme as at present drawn up is as follows:

Tuesday, March 2nd:

- 9.30. Soils and Soil Treatment.
- 11.00. Golf Course Weeds.

2.00. Grasses for Golf Turf.

3.00. Drainage.

Wednesday, March 3rd:

- 9.30. Compost and Topdressing.
- 11.00. Water Systems.
- 2.00. Commercial Seed Supplies.
- 3.00. Vegetated Bent Greens.

Thursday, March 4th:

- 9.30. Chemical Fertilizers.
- 11.00. Care of Machinery and Equipment.
- 2.00. Green Supervision.
- 3.00. General Discussion.

The lectures will be delivered by specialists who are well qualified to speak authoritatively on their respective subjects.

As mentioned in last month's issue of the bulletin, the lectures and discussions are open to the public and any who are interested in green or turf management in any of its branches will be at liberty to attend.

Tree Planting on the Golf Course

Aside from the ornamental and aesthetic consideration, reforesting the unused portions of the golf course has a very real and tangible effect upon the value of the property. There are many courses through the country with hillsides, abandoned gravel pits, and areas out of play that could be turned to valuable account in this respect at very small cost. Stock for this purpose can be obtained by any golf course in Ontario by application to the Ontario Forestry Branch, Parliament

Bldgs., Toronto. The trees are supplied for reforestation, not for the planting of wind breaks, though they can be secured for the latter purpose if they are first planted in a nursery and later when they reach sufficient size, transferred to their permanent location. The labor expense of planting for reforestation is from four to ten dollars per acre, a gang of two men working together will handle up to 2,000 trees per day.

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ANOTHER interesting “Golfing Match” has to be recorded. Last year Miss Alexa Stirling, the famous U. S. woman golfer, became the wife of Dr. Fraser, of Ottawa, whom she met whilst playing in a Canadian Championship, and now word comes of still another wedding as a result of a meeting on a Canadian golf course. Mr. Jesse Sweetser, the celebrated young U. S. amateur last Spring paid a visit to Canada, playing over the Lambton and Hamilton golf courses, where, partnered with a fellow young countryman, W. L. Abbott (an 8 handicap man; Sweetser is 1 handicap), he played against Mr. George S. Lyon and Andrew Kay at Lambton and at Hamilton against Messrs. John Lewis and A. A. Adams, the former winning 3 and 2 and the latter 1 up.

At Lambton he met Miss Agnes Isabel Lewis, a charming young Tor-

onto girl, daughter of Mr. Adam L. Lewis, General Manager of the Southam Press, Toronto, and a particularly well known member of the Lambton Golf Club. The meeting culminated in the marriage Friday, February 12th, in New York, of Miss Agnes to Mr. Sweetser. The ceremony took place in the morning at Christ Church, Bronxville, in the presence of the immediate relatives of the bride and groom, who are respectively 20 and 23 years of age. Mr. Sweetser who is a splendid type of a clean-cut American collegian, is a graduate of Yale University, 1922, and is a bond salesman with the famous firm of Dillon, Reed & Company, New York. As a freshman at Yale he won the intercollegiate golf championship in 1920, and in 1922 he won the National Amateur Golf Championship, and in 1923 was only



An International Wedding. Mr. J. W. Sweetser, Famous U. S. Amateur and His Bride (Miss Lewis, of Toronto), Taken Immediately After Their Marriage in New York.

defeated by Max Marston on the 38th hole as a result of a stymie. Mr. Sweetser is the son of Mrs. George W. Sweetser of Bronxville.

The happy couple sailed on February 13th from New York for the Bermudas. In May they will sail for England, the groom being a prominent member of

the U. S. Walker Cup Team. Golfers throughout Canada and the United States will join in the heartiest good wishes for the future happiness and health of groom and bride, "both on and off the links," in which expression the Editor of the "Canadian Golfer" desires to be cordially associated.

WITH THE PROFESSIONALS

Many New Appointments—Canadian Pros. in South and Great Britain
Turning Homeward

WHEN the greens of Canadian links are hidden under their protecting blanket of snow the professionals are afforded several months of freedom from the arduous duties of a summer season crammed full of club-making, teaching and tournament play. It is an opportunity for relaxation and the study of the methods used by greater masters in foreign fields. Many fortunate ones take the trip abroad to renew old acquaintances on the links of the country from which they came, and incidentally, polish up their knowledge of the game and course construction. The vogue of indoor winter golf schools keep many more occupied nowadays, whilst others either take winter positions at Southern resorts or follow the circuit of Southern Tournaments. A. E. Macpherson, the Brockville professional, writes:

"I just got back from California a week ago and never enjoyed a trip so much. The courses out there are surprisingly good and very sporty, the Los Angeles Country Club has a particularly fine course. The brand of golf out there was wonderful. I met Andy Kay out there. It is too bad more of our Canadian pros did not go. I would certainly advise them to go next year because I am sure they would have a very enjoyable time and more than that, they would find the people out there very hospitable."

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Many new faces will be seen among the professionals this year, whilst some of the old ones will be found with different clubs.

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The Weston Golf and Country Club have appointed A. L. Robson, a well known Scottish amateur, rated with a British National Handicap of 3 and judging from his performances of the last few years he will be an important acquisition to Canadian professional ranks. He hails from Blackhall, Midlothian, Scotland, where for several years he headed the team of Stewart's College and for several seasons he has held the record of the Bruntsfield Links Golfing Society and won their

gold medal for three years. Last season he won the Coronation Cup, carrying with it the Championship of the Braid Hill Golf Course of Edinburgh.



The Scottish Amateur, A. L. Robson, who has been appointed Professional to the Weston Golf and Country Club.

He comes to Canada well recommended not only as a player, but as a teacher and club maker by such authorities as Mr. R. T. Boothby, ex-Captain of the Royal and Ancient and Mr. W. Willis Mackenzie, of the 1923 Walker Cup Team. He is also a personal friend of Bobby Cruickshank, the former Scottish Amateur, who has become so popular in the pro ranks of Chicago.

It has been Robson's ambition for several years to locate with one of the strong Canadian clubs and now that he has made the plunge, "here's hoping" he makes good, plus.

The Beach Grove Country Club, of Walkerville, have secured as their new professional Robert McKelvie, 27 years of age, born in the town of Troon, the noted golfing centre in Scotland. McKelvie started playing golf as a boy and after returning from overseas service in 1919 was appointed as professional and green keeper for the Troon Portland Golf Club, Troon, Scotland. He is highly recommended, both by the President and Secretary of the Troon Club, not only from the point of view of his ability as professional and green keeper, but also as a first-class teacher.

Fred Fletcher, who last year was assistant to W. Brinkworth at the Wascana Club, has just been appointed professional to the Moose Jaw Golf and Country Club. Fletcher has had considerable experience and has a good game in his bag—he should do well at Moose Jaw. Last year he obtained patents on a putter guide that promises much success in teaching the art of putting.

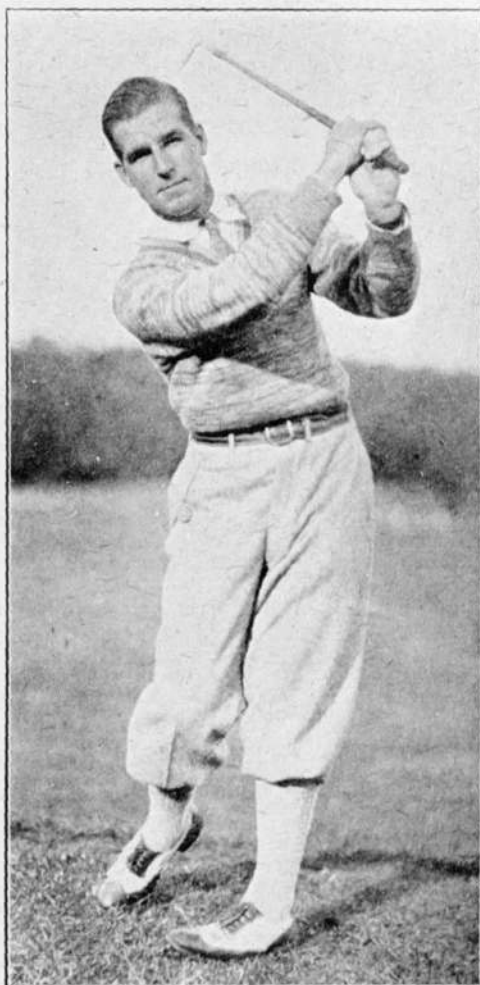
Tommy Morrison, a well known Calgary amateur, has accepted the professional appointment at the Mayfair Golf and Country Club, Edmonton. He was previously Secretary of the St. Andrews Club in Calgary and has occupied a prominent position in Western tournaments for several years. Tommy has had considerable experience in club work and will undoubtedly make a success of his new appointment.

O. J. Brault, former Canadian professional, reports having had a splendid season at Watertown, N. Y. At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors his services were retained for another year.

Appreciation of Brault's ability was expressed by the Directors and he is said to be one of the best instructors in that part of the state.

Macdonald Smith, one of America's leading professional golfers, and his brother, Alec Smith, twice holder of the United States Open title, will op-

pose Archie Compston and Arnaud Massy, European champions, in a 36-hole match to be played at Belleair, Florida, on Sunday, February 28th.



Harry Cooper, the English born professional, from a photo taken by Scott Chisholm at the recent Los Angeles Tournament. Cooper swept the field before him and pocketed \$3,500. He is now touring California under the management of Mr. Chisholm.

"Babe" Ruth, the baseball ace, is in training at St. Petersburg, Florida, and is daily seen on the golf courses there, attacking the links and surplus flesh at the same time. Candor forces the admission that the great baseballer rarely beats the 100's on the golf course.

James Swift, who two years ago was with the Cherry Hill Club, Ridgeway, Ont., is returning from England in March.



Phil Taylor, Well Known Victoria Professional. Photo by Mr. D. Scott Chisholm, taken this Winter in Los Angeles. Taylor did very well in the big Los Angeles Tournament.

—Walter Hagen, P. G. A. champion, and Gil Nichols, former Metropolitan title holder, defeated the Tampans, Jim Barnes, the British Open Golf Champion, and Johnny Farrell in an eighteen-hole match at St. Petersburg, Fla., by 2 up and 1 to play. The match was very close, all holes being won with birdies. Hagen played a brilliant game and received splendid support from Nichols, who turned the tide of the match with a birdie 3 on the sixteenth. Hagen won the eighteenth with a birdie 4 to end the match. Farrel scored an eagle 3 on the eleventh, which measures 531 yards. Gil Nichols is one of the "old school," having come out to this country from England a quarter of a century ago. He is a very fine type of the Old Country golfer, but of recent years he has not been much in the pic-

ture. This winter he seems to be staging a great "come-back." He is playing fine golf, having been well up in several of the big Southern Tournaments. He is well known in Canada, having played here several times. His many friends here are delighted that "Gil" is again striking his stride.

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Alf Binks, the Sarnia professional, is returning from England the last week of February. He sends the following report of a match which he witnessed recently:

"Playing with Mr. "Billy" Merson over the Coombe Hill course, of which he is professional, Arthur Havers, the Open Champion of three years ago, has returned the remarkable score of 64. There were nine 3's in the total by which Havers, who laid his Maxfli 'dead' on six greens with his approach shot, taking only 30 putts in all, now beats his own record for Coombe Hill by a stroke."



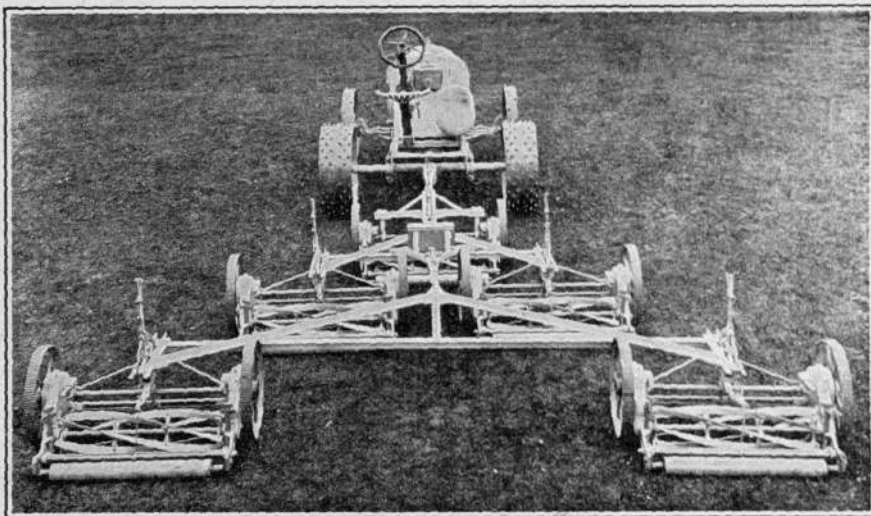
Archie Compston, who will be an "American Invader" at the British Open Championship. A study by Abel Petit, the famous French Cartoonist.

—"Golf Monthly."

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Eric Bannister, of the St. Charles Club, Winnipeg, has been wintering in England with his family and reports having an enjoyable time, despite the unusually severe winter. In the Isle of Wight the snowfall has been the heaviest experienced in 20 years. Bannister has been playing consider-

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able golf, acquitting himself well on all occasions. At Osborne in the Isle of Wight, at the meeting of the Island Alliance, he won the Governor's Cup with 73, termed by the "Country Press" a remarkable score. At Freshwater, where he caddied as a boy and his father was professional for thirty years, Eric in a practice game put on a 66, which would have established a record if made in competition.

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A decided addition to the professional ranks in Canada is George Clark Jones, a clever young Britisher who has been appointed pro at the new St. Andrews Golf Club, Toronto, a club with a particularly bright future. Jones is a son of James Jones, of the famous Beaconsfield Club, Bucks, England, and a nephew of Rowland Jones, of Wimbledon Park, two of the

best known golfers in the Old Country. He was in charge of the golf course at Cannes, France, last year and in 1924 won the Le Toquet Invitation Tournament. He only arrived in Toronto last month, but has already "jumped into the game," here, having established a successful golf school at 13 Adelaide Street East, Toronto. Players of young Jones' ability and standard are heartily welcome to this country.

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"Jack" Pritchard, formerly of the Mississauga Golf Club, Toronto, has been re-engaged for the coming season at the Wanakah Club, Buffalo, one of the most exclusive clubs of the Bison City. He is very popular indeed, among Buffalo players. Wanakah this season is opening a very fine new club house.

A FLOURISHING ORGANIZATION

Is the Toronto Ladies' Golf and Tennis Club—All Officers Re-elected at Annual Meeting

THE annual meeting of the shareholders of the Toronto Ladies' Golf and Tennis Club was held at the residence of the President, Lady Baillie, 146 Crescent Road, last week, with a large attendance. The main business was the reception of the reports of the Directors and Auditors, and the election of Directors and Committees for the new year. The President's report was an interesting one, owing to the fact that the club is the only ladies' organization in Canada, and was also very satisfactory to the members. Miss Ada Mackenzie, the Secretary-Manager, reported that the membership is now 373, and that the financial condition of the club is excellent.

The full eighteen holes have now been completed and the course will be playable as soon as the season opens. A new road from Yonge Street to the club house has been made through the generosity of Mrs. D. A. Dunlop, one of the Directors, while the club house has been furnished and decorated,

mainly through gifts from the Directors.

So satisfactory was the past year that the meeting re-elected the retiring Board for another year, the Directors being Lady Baillie, Mrs. D. A. Dunlop, Mrs. Arthur Miles, Mrs. J. L. Coulson, Mrs. Alex. Rodgers, Mrs. Leonard Murray, Mrs. A. N. Mitchell, Miss Willo Gage and Miss Ada Mackenzie. The Executive Committee is composed of Mrs. Albert Brown, Mrs. J. H. Gundy, Mrs. A. N. Cowan, Mrs. Charles Boothe, Mrs. E. B. Ryckman, Mrs. Farley Clarke, Mrs. F. Risdon, Miss Elsie Thurston, Miss Evelyn Mills and Mrs. Hobkirk. Several life memberships were awarded at the meeting.

It was decided to extend an invitation to the Canadian Senior Women's Golf Association to hold their annual championship tournament this year at the Ladies' Club. Votes of thanks were tendered to the directors for the time and money expended on making the club the success it already has achieved.

GOOD HICKORY SHAFTS STILL AVAILABLE

M R. R. E. DICKINSON, President of the Golf Shaft and Block Company, Memphis, Tenn., a very large and representative firm indeed, in writing the Editor in reference to the much debated question of the shortage of good hickory for golf shafts, says:

"The large quantity of low grade Hickory Shafts that has been offered and is continuing to be offered the trade has had something to do with making the buyers believe that enough good quality shafts cannot be furnished the trade. This is an erroneous conclusion. There is enough hickory to furnish the growing demand for wood golf shafts and of the quality required, to last for many years, in fact, the end is nowhere in sight.

The whole situation is this, viz.: wood turners and cutters of hickory dimension for automobile stock, vehicles, and furniture manufacturers, handle and other turnings, have been making golf shafts and golf dowels. To produce the largest per cent. of first quality shafts, one must first have knowledge of the variety of the hickory wood, and next make the squares and dowels during the proper season of the year, and third (after all this is the most important), to know how to handle and stock during the process of seasoning, giving it the full length of time necessary to season. This necessitates a large amount of money, and in the past there have not been many concerns with experience in producing golf dowels and shafts, who were able to finance the production of any large quantity.

Perhaps 80% of all of the squares and dowels manufactured are sold within two to four months after being made out of the log. No one can select all of the good stock at this stage of seasoning, and further on account of the source of supply, as referred to above, probably 50% of the logs sawn into golf should have been put into automobile spokes or for some other purpose, to begin with.

There are not many (I have not found one), golf players who, without any prejudice or other direct or indirect influence, will not acknowledge that as between first quality Hickory shafts and a steel shaft, their preference is with the wood shaft."

DEMISE OF MR. CHARLES L. MILLAR

Known to the Golfing Trade Throughout Canada and Great Britain

IT is with great personal regret that the Editor is called upon to record the passing in Glasgow, a short time ago, of Mr. Charles L. Millar, known in the Canadian golfing world from Coast to Coast. He came out to Canada in 1914 and established an agency in Montreal "Everything for Golf," in the Mappin Building and from very small beginnings indeed, built up a large business. He was the sole agent in Canada for the famous Burke Golf Co., of Newark, Ohio, Martin McDaid & Son, Leith, Scotland, the Barrowfield Leather Company, Glasgow, Scotland, Goffskorr Marker Co., Birmingham, Hewitt's, Limited, of Edinburgh, Omnes Marking Co. of Birmingham, and the Stell's Rubber Golf Stud Company, Scarborough, England. Of recent years he has sold annually tens of thousands of golf supplies to wholesale houses, professionals and the trade generally throughout the Dominion. When he first came to Montreal he also acted as an agent for the "Canadian Golfer," and this magazine's business relations with him were of the most pleasant and satisfactory character. He was a hard working, clever, upright Scot, and before coming to Canada was also well known in golfing trade circles in Great Britain, where too, he was most highly respected. For the past two or three years he has been in failing health and his demise during a trip to his beloved Scotland was not unexpected. Mr. W. C. Sherwood, Sales Manager of The Burke Golf Company, Newark, Ohio, writes the "Canadian Golfer":

"We shall appreciate your mentioning on our behalf that we keenly feel the loss from our organization of the passing away of Mr. Millar, as our business relations with him for

the past four or five years have been most pleasant."

To Mrs. Millar, the sincere sympathy of golfing friends throughout Canada, will go out in the great loss she has



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been called upon to sustain in the death of her devoted husband.

The business in Canada will be continued to be handled in the future by the same able Montreal staff that Mr. Millar had in his organization, under the firm name of C. L. Millar Reg'd.

GOLF IN SUNNY NICE

MR. R. H. GREENE, of Toronto, a member of Lambton and a Governor of The Canadian Seniors' Golf Association, who with Mrs. Greene is spending a year or so touring Europe, writes from Nice under date of January 8th:

"I received the December issue of the "Golfer" this morning and enjoyed reading over its pages. To me it always seems surprising how you collect all the interesting matter regard-

ing the Royal Game. Golf is in full swing here and I play about every other day usually about 18 holes, but yesterday put in two rounds for a change.

The Nice course at Cagnes is not difficult, but there are some well placed bunkers and ditches which catch a short driver like myself. Still I can hold my own pretty well with the men I play with, who have about the same handicap.

I had a game at Cannes last week with Mr. Baker (President of the Canadian Seniors' Golf Association), who is at the Grand Hotel there. We had a most enjoyable time together and a close match.

We leave here shortly for a town in Italy."

MR. HENRY, K.C. ORDERED TO TAKE REST

MR. W. A. HENRY, K. C., of Halifax, N. S., the best known golfer and golf executive in the Maritimes and a member for some years of The Royal Canadian Golf Association, whilst on a visit to Ontario was advised by his physicians to take a complete rest and is now in the Private Pavilion at the Toronto General Hospital. Friends throughout Canada will be glad to hear that the doctors state the eminent King's Counsel will in a short time be restored to his wonted health. Mr. Henry in his younger days was a noted football half-back (he played for Harvard University), a cricketer of International reputation, and a general all-round athlete.

CANADIAN LADIES' GOLF UNION

Interesting Discussions at the Recent Semi-Annual Meeting in Montreal

THE Canadian Ladies' Golf Union is already working on the championships of the approaching season, the events of interest to lady golfers being the Canadian Open and Close Championships, which will be held at Winnipeg, and the Ontario, which will be decided on the course of the London Hunt Club the first week in June. The Open will be played at the Elmhurst Club, Winnipeg, the week of August 30, while the Close will be contested at the St. Charles Club, starting the Tuesday after Labor Day.

At the recent semi-annual meeting of the C.L.G.U. in Montreal there was a proposal that the Close Championship be discontinued and before the meeting there was a decided feeling against the two events being held, and it was anticipated that the vote would be close. The Ontario delegates were in favour of the two tournaments but the Quebec clubs were in opposition. The Ontario delegation was fortunate, however, in having several brilliant speakers, and after these ladies' particularly Miss Ada Mackenzie, the Open Champion, and Mrs. M. K. Rowe, of the pars committee, had presented their arguments the tide swung over and it was decided to conduct the two tournaments, the delegates voting 34 to 1 for the continuance. The sole opposition was made by a delegate upon instructions from her club, although she personally sided with the majority. There were 273 golfers present at the meeting, which was the first semi-annual meeting held outside of Toronto and was one of the best ever held.

The C. L. G. U. intends to spare no effort to have a large number of eastern players attend the two championships in Winnipeg and already a considerable number of players have arranged to take their holidays so that they can compete.

Clubs represented at the meeting in Montreal were:

London Hunt, Hamilton, North Bay, Toronto G. C., Rosedale, Mississauga, York Downs, Ladies' Golf and Tennis Club, Toronto; Thornhill, Quebec, Royal Ottawa, Rivermead, Grand'Mere, Granby, Sherbrooke, Como, Senneville, Mount Bruno, Islesmere, Whitlock, Laval, Rosemount, Beaconsfield, Royal Montreal, Marlborough, Kanawaki and the Country Club of Montreal.

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in Winnipeg. The West was well worthy of such recognition. The present holder of the Open Championship is Miss Ada Mackenzie, of the Mississauga Golf Club, Toronto, and the Close, Miss Helen Paget, of the Royal Ottawa. Both are preparing to defend their titles in Winnipeg. The holding of these two important titles in the West will provide a great fillip for the game there. There are many fine lady players in Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan, and many more in British Columbia, and it is hoped that the B. C. players will also make it a point to be represented at Winnipeg. Altogether the Canadian Women Championships should witness the most representative field ever recorded. The lady players of the East will have to play their best game if they want to retain the Championships. Mrs. Harold Hutchings, of Winnipeg, won the Close Championship in 1924. She is the only Westerner ever to figure in the Championship column.

CANADIAN GOLFER WINS HONOURS IN KANSAS

AMONG the Canadian golfers to win honours in the U. S. A. is Mrs. Griffith Bonner, of Topeka, Kansas. Mrs. Bonner, who was formerly Miss Adela Elizabeth Rogers, daughter of Pro. and Mrs. T. C. Rogers, of the Guelph, Ont., Agricultural College, has recently been elected the women's secretary of the Shawnee Golf Club, Topeka Kansas. Mrs. Bonner is also active in the women's Missouri Valley golf circles and was runner-up in one of the flights. Mr. Bonner, a former member of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces, is also interested in golf and is a contributor to many of the golfing magazines in the States. He is a former Secretary of the Kansas State Editor's Golf Association and twice runner-up for the championship title of this group.

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

The first annual tournament of the Texarkana Country Club, Ark., was won by Al. Espinosa, of Chicago, with an even par score of 146, with Joe Kirkwood in second place with 149. Fred. Hunt, the new professional at the Brantford Golf and Country Club, tied for eighth place with Bobbie Cruickshank, of Chicago, leading such well known tournament stars as Joe Tournesa and Larry Nablotz.

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The ladies' section of the Humber Valley Ladies' Golf Club at their annual meeting elected the following officers: President, Mrs. J. Heath; Vice-President, Mrs. R. Murdoch; Captain, Mrs. C. R. Blackburn; Vice-Captain, Mrs. T. J. Smith; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. W. F. Collins; Assistant Secretary, Miss Hazel Backus; Convener of House Committee, Mrs. W. F. Cumming; Handicap Committee, Mrs. R. Murdoch and Mrs. Jacob.

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At the formal opening of the new Whitfield Golf and Country Club, Bobby Jones, Amateur Champion, and Tommy Armour, Western title holder, defeated Jim Barnes, British Open Champion, and Johnny Farrell, ranking medalist, 4 up and 3 to play.

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At the annual meeting of the Big Bay Golf and Country Club a very

favourable financial report was presented to the shareholders. The following officers were elected: President, Hon. Mr. Justice Houghton Lennox; Vice-President, F. H. Gooch; Secretary, A. H. Bailey; Directors, J. E. Moir, W. J. Harris, D. A. Legge and Dr. J. G. Cunningham. Indications point to a banner season for the club during 1926.

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Andrew Kay, with Ed. Goyer, of Chicago, won the professionals' best ball 18-hole event on the opening day of the South Central Golf Tournament, held at Hot Springs, Ark. Their winning score was 68, the same figure secured by the winning amateur pair on the same day.

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E. M. Macfarlane, New Zealand Open Champion, annexed the Amateur Championship of Christ Church on December 28th with a splendid score of 72-76, the hot north west wind being responsible for the extra strokes in the afternoon round. Most readers would be glad to experience a hot wind from the North just now, even if it did add a few extra strokes to the score. Macfarlane, by the way, is seeking a professional appointment in Canada.

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Another successful season culminating with a balance in the bank, was

reported at the general meeting of the Briars Golf and Country Club, whose course is at Jackson's Point, Ontario.

Directors who have been elected to fill the places of the retiring members of the Board are: Dr. George Graham, Hume Crawford and Richard Sturtridge, Sutton. Mr. John deCruchy was the President last year.

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Frank Murchie, who was professional at Humber Valley, Toronto, but last season with Cherry Hill, at Ridgetown, Ontario, has recently signed up a three-year contract with that Club. He tells the "Canadian Golfer" that Cherry Hill, whose membership is largely composed of well known Buffaloniens, will have its 18 hole course in fine shape the coming season. The property, including an artistic club house, is a most desirable one, and is easily accessible to Buffalo.

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At a meeting of the Directors of the Halifax Golf Club, held in the Board of Trade Rooms on Thursday, February 11th, Mr. F. B. A. Chipman was elected President for the ensuing year. Mr. Chipman has held the office of Vice-President and for a number of years was Hon. Treasurer of the Halifax Golf Club before that club became the Halifax Golf and Country Club. He is a lawyer by profession and his election to the Presidency is a most popular one.

Mr. Walter Black was elected Vice-President; Mr. Enos M. MacLeod, Chairman of the Green Committee; Mr. George Mahon, Chairman of Match Committee and Mr. W. H. Strachan, Hon. Secretary, and Chairman of the Handicap Committee.

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In the accompanying illustration, partially hidden behind the collection of silverware on the table is Hon. Mr. Justice Hyndman, of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of Alberta, who ran wild on the Edmonton golf courses last summer. He started the season after several years of play, with a handicap of 24 and ended it with one of 16. The small and almost invisible cup in the centre of

the front row is emblematic of the fourth flight in the City Championship, won by him in 1923. The other trophies were all won in 1925. They represent the second flight in the City



Hon. Mr. Justice Hyndman, of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of Alberta

Championship, the Seniors, the Edmonton Brewery and the Edmonton "Journal" competitions, all of which he won. He wound up his year's competitive play by registering a gross 79, which is pretty good for a 16 handicap man.

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A despatch from Miami, Fla., February 18th:

Andy Kay, Toronto, and Wild Bill Mehlhorn, Chicago, winner of the South Central golf tournament, yesterday defeated Leo Diegel, Canadian open title-holder and Andal Cuici, local pro., one up in 18 holes here. Diegel turned in a 69, but his partner was erratic and failed to turn in a card. Kay shot a 70 and Mehlhorn 73."



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James F. Blair, another well known Scottish professional, is sailing for Canada from Glasgow on the "Cameronia" March 27th. Blair holds the record, a 66, for the Falkirk Tryst Golf Club, where he has been professional for the past four years. He is a first-class player, club maker and coach.

The Milton Golf and Country Club's annual "at home" held in the Town Hall February 13th was a grand success, many guests being present from Toronto, Hamilton, Guelph and other cities and towns.

Many friends throughout Canada will be glad to hear that Mr. Justice Orde was able again to take his seat this month in the Second Divisional Court Osgoode Hall, Toronto. Mr. Justice Orde has always been a keen follower of golf. When residing in Ottawa he was an active member of The Royal Ottawa Golf Club, filling

all the offices from time to time, in the gift of the club. In 1911 he was President of The Royal Canadian Golf Association, filling the chair with dignity and distinction.

Mr. W. C. B. Wade, representative in Canada of the Firms of Forgan & Sons, St. Andrews, and the Henley Company, (Manufacturers of the famous "Why Not" golf balls), is at present on a business trip through the West. He reports business conditions everywhere much improved. In Vancouver especially there is a regular "boom" and that city now claims that it ranks as the third city in Canada, maintaining its population has now gone ahead of Winnipeg. The bright business outlook in Vancouver is generally reflected throughout British Columbia.

A despatch from Del Monte, Cal., Feb. 17th:

"Outstanding among upsets which featured the second round of the annual Pebble Beach Golf Championships for women was the defeat of Mrs. H. G. Hutchings, of Winnipeg, low scorer of the first round, by Mrs. Frank Seedy, city champion of San Francisco, 5 and 3. With the defeat of Mrs. Hutchings, and that of Mrs. Melvin Jones, of Chicago, who lost to Mrs. W. W. Campbell, of Los Angeles, 3 and 1; Miss Marion Hollins, defending Champion, saw her chances for a fourth consecutive victory increased. In the semi-finals to-day Miss Hollins defeated Mrs. Frank Seedy, San Francisco champion, 4 and 3."

The Prospectus of the St. Clair Golf Course, Ltd., Toronto's latest club, has just been issued. A public offering of \$65,000 is being made in shares of \$100. The Directors of the Company are: N. L. Martin, President; F. A. Coryell, Treasurer; B. H. L. Symmes, Secretary; J. D. Sibbold, F. Drayton Williams, Major John Inwood, Managing Director—All of Toronto. The course is to be constructed on approximately thirty acres of land, having a

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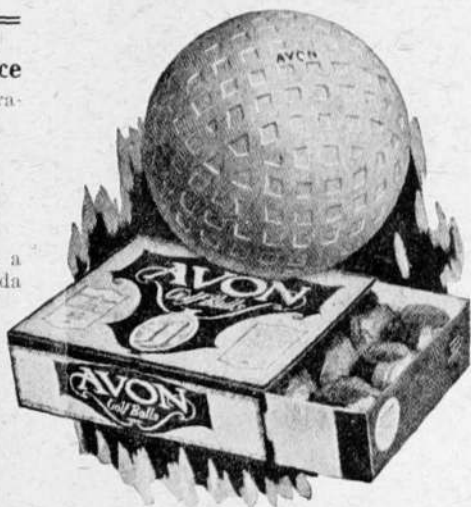
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Two or three Canadian Golf firms intend to make extensive exhibits at the National Golf Show, April 6th to 10th, in Chicago. It promises to be a record exhibit.

Mr. R. R. Cromarty, President of the Canada Law Book Company, Toronto, who was taken seriously ill whilst in Ottawa and who spent several weeks in the Civic Hospital there, after a trip to Atlantic City has returned to

Toronto and friends throughout Canada will be glad to hear that he is once again able to take up his important business duties.

Mr. Stanley Thompson, the Toronto golf architect, has a particularly busy season ahead of him. He has several courses under construction and other courses he is revamping. His services are in great demand both in Canada and the United States.

Nicol Thompson, the well known Hamilton professional, is having a most successful season in Bermuda. He will return in the Spring to again take up his important professional duties at Ancaster.

At a meeting of the ladies' section of the Thistledown Golf and Country Club the following officers were elected for the coming season: President, Mrs. W. A. Orr; Captain, Mrs. W. S. Mac-

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Mr. J. R. Colby, Vice-President and General Manager of Canadian Carbonate, Ltd., Montreal, sailed last week for the Old Country. He is planning to play over some of the well known courses there.

Mr. Gordon L. Cohoon, Manufacturers' Agent, Montreal, advises us that Mr. W. C. Langdon, 2,464 Cambridge Street, Vancouver, has been appointed representative for British Columbia, of the celebrated golf firm of Messrs. Wm. Gibson & Co., Ltd., Kinghorn, Scotland. Mr. Cohoon is the Chief Eastern representative and Mr. Spruceon, Winnipeg, the Western, so the whole of Canada is now thoroughly covered in the interests of Messrs. Gibson & Co.

The Waterloo Golf and Country Club, Galt, Ontario, had a very successful year in 1925, with a revenue of \$15,655 and expenditure of \$14,503, leaving the nett profit for the year of \$1,157—certainly a remarkably good showing. Total assets are placed at the comfortable figure of \$44,775.

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Mr. W. M. Reekie, of New York, the former famous Canadian golfer, and Mrs. Reekie, are spending two or three weeks this month in Bermuda. Mrs. Reekie, formerly of Galt, has not been well and was ordered to Bermuda for a change, which many Canadian friends hope will result in a speedy recovery. Mr. and Mrs. Reekie sailed from New York on Saturday, February 13th, on the same boat as another famous U. S. golfer—Mr. J. W. Sweetser and his bride, formerly Miss Lewis, of Toronto. Between them, Messrs. Sweetser and Reekie should have no difficulty in cleaning up any amateur events staged in Bermuda during their stay there. They will be quite the sensation of the Bermuda golfing season. Sweetser and Reekie are old golfing friends and opponents and the former Canadian has more than once lowered the colors of the American crack, a notable victory being last season at the famous Pine Valley Club, near Philadelphia, when he defeated him in the final for the Crump Memorial Cup with a score of 75 to 81 and a 75 at Pine Valley is equal probably to a 70 on any other course, as it is recognized as the hardest test of golf in America.

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The Asheville Chamber of Commerce has just issued an attractive booklet descriptive of this playground "in the Land of the Sky." There is plenty of sport for everyone at this famous North Carolina resort and four more golf courses are being constructed this year. Golfers planning a trip to Southern courses should write for this very interesting illustrated booklet.

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The ladies' executive of the Lingan Country Club was elected at the annual

meeting held in the Board of Trade rooms, Sydney, N. S., this month. The officers: President, Mrs. W. A. G. Hill; Vice-President, Mrs. G. A. Hault; Secretary, Mrs. A. S. Tasman; Treasurer, Mrs. George Armstrong. Additional Executives: Mrs. R. W. Wright, Mrs. E. L. Coleman; Mrs. Gordon Graham, Mrs. C. S. Jamieson, Mrs. Val Merchant. Match Committee, Mrs. James Bruce, Mrs. G. A. Hault, Miss Katherine MacLennan. Captain, Mrs. C. R. Lorway.

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At the first meeting of the shareholders of the St. Clair Golf Course, Toronto's new feature course, the following officers and directors were elected and appointed:

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Coryell, Treasurer and Director; B. H. L. Symmes, Secretary and Director; J. D. Sibbald, Director; F. Drayton Williams, Director.

Walter Hagen, American professional champion, teamed with Gil Nichols, the New York veteran, defeated Archie Compston, British Professional Champion, and Arnaud Massy, French Open Champion, 3 and 2, in a thirty-six hole match at St. Petersburg, Florida, Hagen's home course.

Compston missed a dozen putts of six feet or less for wins or halves that had they gone down would have given him a new course record. Nichols was the star in the morning round, which the American pair finished with a lead of 2 up.

In the afternoon round, Hagen and Compston had a great driving duel, each averaging about 300 yards. Massy tired badly on the second round and had considerable trouble on the water holes. A gallery of 2,000 followed the match.

Dr. S. Cummings and Mr. Greening, of Toronto, are among prominent Canadian golfers spending the winter at the Havana Golf Club, Cuba, a very famous resort. They will remain there until April.

Mr. W. B. Reid, of the Mississauga Club, and a member of the Seniors' Golf Association, has been wintering in Florida, and whilst there has been enjoying golf on the courses at Palm Beach.

Canada lost a good golfer last year when George P. Shaw, formerly with the North British Rubber Co., went to California to take charge of golf sales in the State for the Goodyear Company. It is not surprising to hear that he has made good in Southern golf circles and that he was the first to break the course record at the beautiful Los Serranos Country Club, Los Angeles. He shot a 72 over what amateurs and professionals alike have found to be a stiff 73 par. He did this in a best ball foursome with Cy Johnson, club professional, E. H. Foresman and Johnny Reid, club champion. Shaw repeated with another 72 the following Sunday at California Country Club, his home course, thereby scoring low in the amateur-pro tournament.

Shaw's record-making score at Los Serranos was notable for two eagles and a birdie on the last four holes of the outgoing trip. Paired with E. H. Foresman they had a best ball of 65.

The Weston Golf and Country Club, Limited, are advised by their new professional, A. L. Robson, that he sails on the Metagama February 20th, and will report for duty the first week in March.

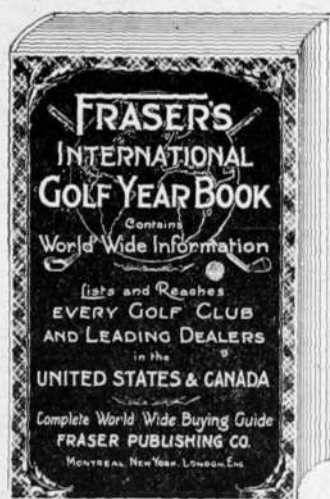
New York may soon have a unique golfers' club for the entertainment of golf celebrities and the discussion of golf matters, and for the 300 winter meetings held in the Metropolitan District. Among the innovations discussed are a duplicate of the dining room at the R. and A., model grass putting green on the roof, moving picture equipment and projecting room for members to study their play, all style clubs and balls for tests, practice courts, and one room where a full game can be played over any course by a recent invention, etc. Details are to be announced when the founders' list is completed.

A despatch from Powell River, B.C.: "The usual persistent throng of week-end addicts has been consistently in luck as regards playing conditions up to the present date, the golfing weather having been of the best except for a few days of heavy fog at Christmas time. Grass continues to come up on the fairways most recently sown and the greens are in very good condition, there being a notable absence of the worn spots sometimes encountered on other courses in the winter months.

On January 3rd, Mr. N. M. Lang established a new amateur course record at the Powell River Golf Club, B. C. Mr. Lang's record score of 69 is just one stroke over the professional record established last year by Sidney McCulloch, the local professional.

Dr. Dennis Jordan has been elected President of the Scarborough Golf and Country Club by its Directors. He succeeds J. H. Riddel. Dr. Jordan has served the club on its different committees, and is given a large share of the credit for the fine statement presented at the annual meeting. Dr. Jordan's task this year will be the direction of the work on the club's course. The course, when completed, will be one of the finest in Canada.

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A. J. Miles, the popular professional who came out from England two years ago to the Mississauga Club, of Toronto, has been spending the winter in the Old Country renewing old acquaintances and keeping in touch with developments of the game. Whilst there he contributed a very interesting article to "Golf Monthly" of Edinburgh, entitled "Canada As I Found it," in which he states, "Golf is indeed, Canada's premier summer game."

An important announcement in secretarial ranks has been made by the Scarboro Golf and Country Club, of Toronto, who have just appointed Mr. J. J. Cameron to the position of Secretary of the Club. Mr. Cameron is a native of Glasgow, Scotland, where he learned the game before coming out to

Canada. For some time latterly he has been identified with the Cobourg Golf Club, and has had experience in Florida. Besides being a competent executive, Mr. Cameron is a golfer of no mean ability.

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T. Howard, the professional attached to the Blue Mountains Club, Leura, New South Wales, will arrive in England during March to compete in the Open Championship and important tournaments, including the "Daily Mail" and "News of the World" events. Howard has booked his passage in the Otranto, which will leave Sydney on March 6. His visit has been made possible by a fund originated by a Sydney newspaper. The response was so ready that a cable was sent immediately to London announcing that Howard's passage had been booked.

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The Florida Golf League held its initial meeting in Miami in January and T. W. Palmer, better known as "Tub," a prominent amateur of Miami, was elected President. The tournament committee is composed of Willie McFarlane, Leo Diegel and William Patterson. Arrangements were made for the matches to get under way at once.

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WANTED for season of 1926, a position as professional. Highest recommendation. Experience with Metropolitan Club and a first-class player and instructor. Please write care of Editor of "Canadian Golfer," Brantford, Ontario, stating salary offered and the perquisites going with the salary. Only an 18-hole course would be considered.

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PROFESSIONAL with long experience, desires position with good club for season 1926. First-class player and club maker. Specially recommended as teacher; Al Canadian and English references. Apply W.P. care "Canadian Golfer," Brantford, Ont.

WANTED by young English professional, position or assistant's position for season of 1926. Would be willing to take a Summer Resort position. Highest references as regards playing ability and club-making. Address "A. H." care of "Canadian Golfer," Brantford, Ontario. (Will arrive in Canada during the month of March.)

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Feb. 20-22—Washington's Birthday Tournament, Del Monte, Cal.

Feb. 20-22—Annual California Intercollegiate Championship, Pebble Beach, Del Monte, Cal.

Feb. 23-26—Seniors' Tournament, Pinehurst, N. C.

Feb. 23-27—Fourteenth Annual Amateur Championship of Cuba, Country Club of Havana.

Feb. 24-27—Women's South Atlantic Championship, Ormond Beach, Fla.

Feb. 26-Mar 1st—Women's Championship of Miami, Miami Country Club, Fla.

Mar. 1-6—Annual Spring Tournament, Pinehurst, N. C.

Mar. 2-6—Women's Florida East Coast Championship, St. Augustine, Fla.

Mar. 8-13—Championship of Volusia, Ormond Beach, Florida.

Mar. 17-21—Dixie Championship, Miami Country Club, Fla.

Mar. 18-20—Winter Professional Championship of America, St. Augustine, Fla.

Mar. 23-27—Winter Championship of Florida, St. Augustine, Fla.

Mar. 25-30—North and South Amateur Championship for Women Pinehurst, N. C.

March 31-April 5.—British Columbia Golf Association Championships, Jericho Country Club, Vancouver, B. C.

April 1-2—North and South Open Championship, Pinehurst, N. C.

April 5-10—North and South Amateur Championship, Pinehurst, N. C.

April 13-17—Mid-April Tournament, Pinehurst, N. C.

May 17-20.—Irish Amateur (Close) Championship at Portrush.

May 22.—International Match, England vs. Scotland, Muirfield.

May 24, etc.—British Open Amateur Championship, Muirfield.

June 2-3.—Irish Professional Championship at Malone, Belfast.

June 2-3.—Walker Cup Match, Great Britain vs. United States, St. Andrews.

June 16-17.—Qualifying Rounds, British Open Championship at Various Sections.

June 21, etc.—British Open Championship, Lytham and St. Anne's.

Week of August 30—Ladies' Canadian Open Championship, Elmhurst Golf Club, Winnipeg, Man.

First week in September—Canadian Seniors' Tournament, Toronto Golf Club.

Sept. 6 to 10.—Irish Amateur (Open) Championship at Portmarnock.

Week of September 7—Canadian Ladies' Close Championship, St. Charles Golf Club, Winnipeg, Man.