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The Bon Entente In Golf Is Much In Evidence

A point that was not stressed as perhaps it might have been, in connection with the recent memorable visit to Quebec and Montreal, of several hundred of prominent educational, financial and manufacturing leaders of Ontario, was the fact, and it is indubitably a fact, that the game of golf, has done very much in recent years, to strengthen the bonds of fellowship between Quebec and Ontario.

It must never be forgotten, although the first organized golf club on the Continent goes to the credit of Montreal, largely owing to its citizens of Scottish birth, that the historic City of Quebec, justly lays claim to the second oldest golfing organization in America and the Quebec Golf Club has always had many outstanding French-Canadians amongst its members.

It is a very conservative estimate that half of the men from Ontario who last month were the guests of the Province of Quebec, were members of golf clubs and that a very large number of the incomparable hosts of the Ancient Province, were also adherents of The Royal and Ancient.

If at the signal of "Fore" it had been pre-arranged that everyone present should rise, both at the official dinners in the cities of Quebec and Montreal, a very small majority would have remained seated. Possibly a minority.

Amongst our French-Canadian cousins, the game of golf has been taken up the past few years in a most enthusiastic manner. Not only in Montreal and Quebec are their leading citizens playing the game by the thousands, but also in

the smaller cities and towns where in really a most remarkable manner, clubs are springing up on the left hand and on the right.

The Editor of the "Canadian Golfer" is convinced that it will not be a question of many years before a premier golfing championship will be won by either a French-Canadian woman or man. In France they are already demonstrating their ability to compete successfully with the World-leaders of the Links and of the Tennis Courts.

Great is golf, but greater still is its influence in linking indissolubly together the bonds of good fellowship, good feeling and good will, whether it is between Quebec and Ontario or the farthest-flung posts of a true sports-loving world. So here's a toast to the "Bon Entente," and to the "Bon Entente golfers"—where'er they may reside.

**No Change
in the
Golf Ball
Until 1927**

The ordinary golfer will breathe a sigh of relief that as a result of the Annual Meeting of the United States Golf Association in New York last month there will be no interference in the United States with the present standard ball until 1927. Mr. Fownes, the Chairman of the U. S. Committee, on this vexed question, stated emphatically at the meeting that in deference to the Royal and Ancient no recommendation for a change in the weight and size of the ball would be made for some months yet and that manufacturers would then be given to January 1st, 1927, to conform to the change. The Royal and Ancient and the U. S. G. A. do not as yet "see eye to eye" on this momentous question, but both governing bodies are hopeful of coming to an understanding during the coming year. That the ball to be eventually standardized by both Great Britain and the States will be slightly larger and slightly lighter is already an established fact. It is simply a question of coming together on the question of a satisfactory and acceptable dimension and weight. So far the British authorities are holding out for a larger and lighter ball than that favoured by the American authorities. On this vexed question, Canadian golfers are undoubtedly almost unanimously back of the U. S. G. A. They certainly do not want to see the flight of the ball cut down 40 or 50 yards. The new ball suggested by the U. S. G. A. would not affect the length more than 10 or 15 yards—so Mr. Fownes stated.

After the meeting of the U. S. G. A. it was officially announced from London that the Rules of Golf Committee "does not propose at present to make any recommendation with regard to altering the specification of the golf ball."

At the R. C. G. A. meeting this month in Toronto the whole knotty question was left with the incoming Executive, who during the coming season will probably circularize clubs and leading players with the desirable object of securing the views of Canadian golfers from Coast to Coast in regard to both weight and diameter of any proposed new ball.

**Is the 36-hole
Amateur
Test Too
Severe?**

The attempt to confine the playing of the U. S. National Amateur Golf Championship to a single week this year, as pointed out by Mr. W. E. Hicks, will be attended with one feature which did not mark previous efforts to condense the contest into six days. In other years it seemed to be taken for granted that the thing to preserve, as far as possible, was the 36-hole aspect of all the matches, but this year President W. D. Vanderpool, of the U. S. G. A., has come out flat-footed against the two-circuit match, saying it is tiresome and tends to dull the public's interest in the afternoon rounds. With the head of the U. S. national body thus arrayed against the old custom, it should be easier to conduct the qualifying play without recourse to the Saturday preceding.

Mr. Vanderpool's attack upon the 36-hole match fetish was altogether in the nature of a surprise at the annual meeting and well illustrates the independence of thought which marks his leadership, a taste of which was given also last year

when he urged veteran golfers to keep out of the championship in recognition of their inability to stand the strain of a week's high-tensioned grind. Heretofore, it has been sought to adjust the qualifying to 36-hole play, but in the light of the President's iconoclastic approval of 18-hole matches, the arrangements for the elimination stroke play may be made on a broader basis. Doubtless, too, the recently awakened sentiment among the British for 36-hole matches will evaporate as a result of Mr. Vanderpool's plain speaking.

It is only quite within recent years that the 36-hole test was introduced into the Canadian Amateur Championship and some critics here contend that it has not been in the best interests of the game. In Great Britain the 36-hole grind has never found favour with the powers that be, although Cyril Tolley and some of the younger school have been urging its adoption. The final action of the U. S. authorities in regard to the conducting of the 1925 Championship in that country will be awaited with much interest in this country.

In the United States the ladies are also protesting that the 36-hole test is altogether too severe for them and have petitioned the U. S. G. A. to have 18 holes substituted once again in the finals.

**Deserved
Golfing
Honour Is
Conferred
Upon
Dr. Ruttan, of
McGill**

At the Annual Meeting of The Royal Montreal Golf Club it was "proposed by Mr. J. W. McConnell, President, seconded by Mr. W. R. Baker, C.V.O., Hon. President, and unanimously resolved, that Dr. R. F. Ruttan be made an Honorary Member of The Royal Montreal Golf Club, in token of his long and useful services towards the welfare of the Club."

The Editor knows of no Montrealer more worthy of this unique honour from the premier golf club of America—an honour rarely bestowed. Dr. Ruttan was a member of some one of the various committees of The Royal Montreal Golf Club from 1896 to 1906, and during the last five years of that epoch-making golf decade in Canada, was Captain and President of the Club. He was also in 1908 the President of The Royal Canadian Golf Association—"and a right good President too." Dr. Ruttan has done much, very much for golf not only in Montreal and District, but for the game in the Dominion, as he is the sponsor of the recently formed Inter-Collegiate golfing organization which promises to do for golf amongst Canadian Universities what the Oxford and Cambridge Society and Harvard and Yale have done for the game amongst the collegians of England and the States. Dr. Ruttan is Director of the Department of Chemistry of McGill University and is Internationally known in his chosen profession.

FIRST OF THE CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

FAVOURED British Columbia will as usual stage the first Canadian Championship of the coming record season. Announcement has just been made of the dates for the B. C. Championships for men and women. They are April 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th, and the venue is the Colwood Golf and Country Club, Victoria, B. C., one of the most beautiful courses on the continent. The present holders of the Championships are: Mr. H. A. Jones, Shaughnessy Height Golf Club, Vancouver, and Mrs. H. G. Hutchings, of Winnipeg, the Canadian Close Lady Champion. Both will be on hand to defend their titles, Mrs. Hutchings returning from California, it is understood, to enter the lists.

Mr. H. P. Taylor, Secretary of the B. C. Golf Association, writes the Editor:

"We would like to have all the visitors we can up to the Tournament in order to make it a real golfing event, and we can assure everyone of an enjoyable week of golf and social activities."



(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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Mr. Walter Camp, of New Haven, Conn., the Internationally known writer on sports, calls our attention to the fact that in the January issue in which we quoted from an article by him on golf, a quite serious error crept in. Mr. Camp was made to say, "The youth should not make golf his sport." What he did say was that "The youth should not make golf his *major* sport," which is most decidedly a different viewpoint on a much debated question, and one in which we are inclined to thoroughly agree.

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It would seem that the very last possible thing to do was to play golf on skis, but at Poland Springs and Lake Placid, N. Y., expert skiers are playing the game, and playing it remarkably well too, so it is stated. In Montreal, golf games on the ice and snow have for some winters been indulged in by enthusiasts, a red ball being used, but this skiing stunt certainly surpasses the Montreal performances as regards originality, at least. "Ski-Golf" it is claimed, has come to stay in the popular Winter resorts.

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It is from one Presidency to another with Mr. S. B. Gundy, of Toronto. Last year he devoted much valuable time and attention to The Royal Canadian Golf Association, and it is largely owing to his recognized executive ability that the R. C. G. A. in 1924 had the most successful year in its history. Now giving up the premier golfing Presidency, he takes up the Presidency of the Toronto Board of Trade—a position of great dignity and responsibility. That he will fill the Presidential Chair with grace, tact and ability is unquestioned, as he has a particular gift for presiding over important organizations and directing their activities and deliberations in the most profitable channels.

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One of the leading amateur players of Edinburgh has just written the "Canadian Golfer" that he is anxious to turn pro and come out to Canada. He is a very fine player and has a good knowledge of club-making and club-repairing. More and more every year are crack amateurs turning towards golf as a living. Three former Western Canadian amateurs are now successful professionals—J. Munro Hunter, S. H. McCulloch and A. E. Cruttenden. In the East, the only Amateur to take up golf professionally is Redvers Mackenzie, of Montreal, who too, is making "exceedingly good."


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Possibly the members of the Ontario delegation who took part in the wonderful Bon Entente banquet given by the Mayor of Montreal at the Windsor Hotel last month were not aware that His Worship is an enthusiastic golfer and a



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leading official of the prominent French-Canadian Golf Club, Laval-sur-le-Lac—the club visited by his H. R. H. the Prince of Wales during his last brief visit to the Commercial Capital and where the Mayor and his golfing associates gave him a remarkable reception. The Editor, by the way, has to thank Mayor Duquette for the receipt this week of Dr. J. C. Braeque's delightful book on "The Evolution of French Canada."

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For a professional to own a golf course is unquestionably unique in the history of the Royal and Ancient, but that is to some extent the position of William Kinnear, the Saskatoon pro. who recently purchased a quarter section of land on which part of the Saskatoon course is situated. It is understood, however, that the club officials are now in negotiation with Kinnear to acquire the property. Kinnear has made quite a success of the golf game in Saskatoon—which reminds us that a certain well known professional on the Pacific Coast pleads guilty to having \$25,000 in Victory Bonds—all accumulated during the past four years. Of course he is a Scotsman.

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The tragic death of Mr. Herbert G. Wilson, of Winnipeg, last month, came as a great shock to golfing and cricketing friends. Only last September he came East and took part in the Seniors' Tournament at the Toronto Club, where he won a silver cup and afterwards proceeded on to New York with the Seniors' International team and acquitted himself well there. He was one of the first men in Winnipeg to take up golf and did much to popularize the sport in that

city. In his younger days he was a famous cricketer, being a splendid batsman, bowler and fielder. He was a man of exceptionally fine physique. He had the distinction of being a member of the famous expedition for the relief of General Gordon at Khartoum in 1884 and was also a Klondyke pioneer. He was one of the most popular all round amateur sportsmen in Canada. A brother is Mr. C. P. Wilson, K. C., of Winnipeg, also a well known golfer and a prominent member of the Canadian Seniors.

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"Dismissed with costs" was the judgment of Mr. Justice Rose at the London, Ontario, assizes this month in the suit brought by a prominent young lady of the Forest City to recover damages from another lady golfer who was giving her a complimentary ride from London to Brantford to play in a golf match between the two cities and in which as a result of the car skidding and going into a ditch she was quite seriously injured. Damages were asked for to the extent of \$3,000. This decision is directly the reverse of a verdict in a similar case which, rather strange to say, also occurred in Brantford and in which the plaintiff enjoying a complimentary ride, was given substantial damages, so hereafter a motor driver who gives somebody a lift it would appear is taking a "fifty-fifty" chance in case of an accident, if a lawsuit follows.

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That the average British golfer, like his Canadian cousin, is not in favour of changing the present weight and dimension of the ball would seem to be rather conclusively demonstrated by a ballot that is being taken by "Golf Illustrated" of London. Up to date the vote shows more than a 4 to 1 verdict in favour of the retention of the present 1.62 ball. This is the more extraordinary as we here in Canada and the States have always been led to believe that the average Britisher was strongly in favour of a lighter and larger ball. Apparently the rank and file are not. At the annual meeting this month of the R. C. G. A. the incoming Executive was given authority to deal with this very complex and irritating ball question. In the meantime, as previously stated in these columns, no official action will be taken by the powers that be, either in Great Britain, the United States or Canada until 1926.

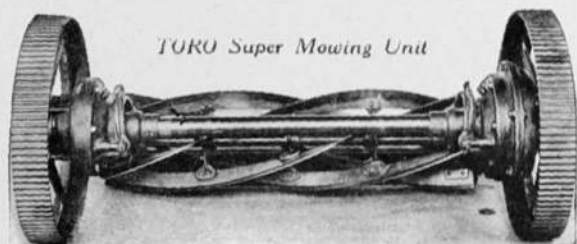
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Mr. Stanley Thompson, the amateur golfer and golf architect of Toronto, who is spending his honeymoon in Florida, has incidentally demonstrated his ability on the links by annexing the St. Augustine Amateur Championship, defeating in the finals Van Culver, of New York, by 6 up and 5 to go. The Canadian expert was long on his driving and master in every department of the game, taking a fine 75 in the morning. Culver battled on close terms with him until the thirteenth hole, but Thompson took the next four in a row, and this was the New Yorker's undoing. Thompson came through with a birdie two on the seventeenth and held his advantage.

In the final of the second sixteen another Canadian triumphed, when Donald McKay, an Ontario golfer, defeated Earl Moran, of Philadelphia, 1 up.

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After a comparatively brief illness, Lieut-Col. Thomas A. Gibson, K.C., D.S.O., C.M.G., died at his residence, 88 Roxborough Drive, Toronto, January 31st. Col. Gibson had been ailing for some time, but his illness was not considered serious, and his sudden death will be a great shock to his many friends at home as well as in the United States and England. He was born in Ingersoll 49 years ago, but early going to Toronto, made a reputation for himself in legal and financial circles. Overseas he had a most distinguished military record. Col. Gibson was very fond of golf and was a popular member of the Mississauga Golf Club. He was also a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Club, having extensive business interests at the Soo. Last year he was on the Executive of The Royal



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Canadian Golf Association and gave freely of his invaluable advice and experience to the affairs of the Association. He will be sorely missed in financial, legal and golfing circles throughout Canada. At the annual meeting of The Royal Canadian Golf Association, held this month, feeling reference was made to his passing.

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One of the first prominent French-Canadians to enthusiastically take up golf was Sir George Garneau, Chairman of the Battlefields Commission and ex-Mayor of Quebec. At the Bon Entente luncheon at the Chateau Frontenac, Quebec the other day, Sir George was one of the speakers, and it was universally admitted that his speech was the outstanding one of the memorable occasion. He was fairly besieged by invitations from the Ontario men who heard him, to deliver addresses in their respective cities. Sir George, who speaks English as punctiliously and perfectly as an Oxford Don, is a Governor of The Canadian Seniors' Golf Association and is a Director and has always taken the keenest interest in the historical Quebec Golf Club.

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The Annual Meeting of the Mount Royal Hotel Shareholders was held at the Hotel in Montreal last month, and was of a most satisfactory character. The annual reports were of a distinctly encouraging character. Mr. Vernon G. Cardy, the Resident-Manager of the Hotel since it was opened two years ago, was elected on the Board of Directors and was also given the title of Managing Director. This is a very marked compliment to Mr. Cardy and reflects the confidence that the United Hotels Company and the Board of Directors have in his accomplishments for the benefit of the hotel, and his managerial ability. Mr. Cardy is also a Director of the "Admiral Beatty" Hotel in St. John, N.B., which opens in March next. Incidentally he has always taken the keenest interest in the Royal and Ancient game and is a very good player too, as testified by the fact that at the Quebec Provincial Championship last year he had a morning round of 79, which is good "going." When Manager of the Connaught Hotel in Hamilton he took a prominent part in successfully establishing the Chedoke Civic Golf Club there and upon his removal to Montreal was actively interested in the organization of the Marlborough Golf and Country Club. Golfing and other friends throughout Canada and the States will be glad to hear of his well-deserved promotion in the Mount Royal Hotel Company, Ltd., and the United Hotel Company.

U. S. SECURES CANADIAN PROS.

TWO more Canadian professionals the coming season have secured lucrative billets in the United States.

J. B. Kinnear, who came out to this country some five years ago from Scotland to take a position in Winnipeg, but who has been latterly at the Glendale Golf Club, Hamilton, has been chosen from a large number of applicants to fill the position of professional at the very important Redford Country Club, Detroit, which carries with it a handsome salary. This is the club with which Al. Watrous was associated when he won the Canadian Open Championship in 1922. Kinnear is a very fine player indeed, and is a distinct loss to Canadian golfdom.

Fred. Hunt, who came out to Canada only last Spring from England to take up the duties of Assistant pro. at the Brantford Golf and Country Club, has been offered and has accepted the professional position at the quite important Shreveport, La., Golf and Country Club. Hunt has all the ear-marks of a coming high-class golfer. Although still very young, he has a lot of good shots in his bag and besides is a good clubmaker and coach.

THORNHILL GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

Three-year-old Toronto Organization Already Has a Revenue of Nearly \$50,000—Dr. A. D. A. Mason Elected President.

THERE was an attendance of two hundred shareholders of the Thornhill Golf and Country Club, Ltd., at the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, last month and they listened to most encouraging reports from the various Committees.

The very satisfactory financial statement showed total receipts of \$48,177, made up of Annual and Locker Fees, \$34,918; House revenue from rooms, \$1,321; Meals, etc., \$19,784; Green Fees, \$3,764, and profits on the sale of golf balls, \$961.

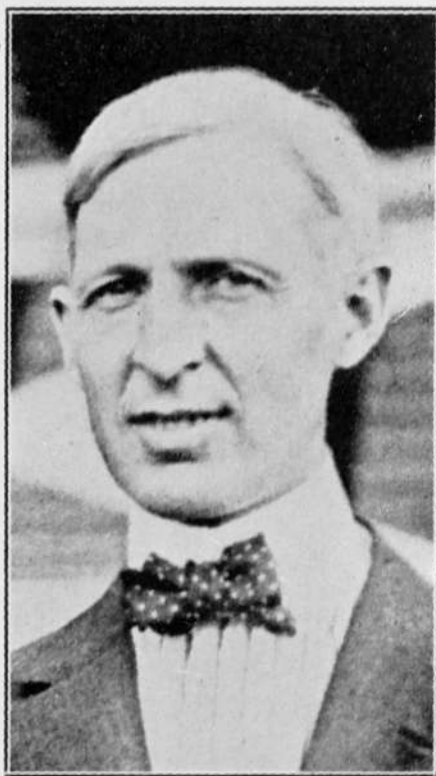
Among the chief expenditures were: House wages, \$7,377; Light, Heat and Power, \$2,060; Green Wages \$13,252, and Salaries \$2,692.

During the course of his address Mr. E. W. Goulding, the President, stated that the Board of Directors and Committees have gradually been forced to the conclusion that the appointment of a manager (following the example of all leading clubs to-day) with authority in all branches, was necessary if the future of the Club is to be fully assured.

Officers elected for 1925 are: President, Dr. A. D. A. Mason; Vice-President, John Patterson; Treasurer, Fred. Buller, and Secretary, Fred. Parkinson. The composition of the Board of Directors is: For three years, Dr. A. D. A. Mason, Fred. Buller, Ross Ritchie; for two years, John Patterson, Fred. Parkinson, Ross Humphrey, William J. Kernohan; for one year, F. Dougerosse, John Hoidge, Thomas Fairley and G. C. Hurdman. The captain is R. K. Grant, and vice-captain, Fred. Haines.

The members of Thornhill are to be congratulated on the election of Dr. A. D. A. Mason as President. The "Canadian Golfer" considers him one of the best golfing Executives in the Toronto District. He was a former

Director and Captain of the Scarborough Golf Club and took a very lively interest in the formation of the Ontario Golf Association. He is backed up at



A Popular Appointment. Dr. A. D. A. Mason Elected President of Thornhill.

Thornhill by a very able Executive and the affairs of the Club in 1925 are certainly in most capable hands. It is the intention the coming year to especially feature course improvements, the greens being given special attention. In this connection a budget of \$20,000 for the coming season was suggested by the outgoing Green Committee.

Thornhill now ranks as one of the largest Toronto Clubs, having over 800 members.

QUEBEC'S NEW GOLF COURSE

Historic Club Finds An Abiding Place at "Beautiful Boischatel," Which Boasts of a Well Balanced Championship Course

DURING a delightful but altogether too short a visit to Quebec recently with the Ontario Bon Entente delegation the Editor had the pleasure of a chat with some of the prominent golfers of the Ancient Capital. Quebecers, as all the golfing world knows, from the early seventies until 1914, had the very great privilege, at a very nominal rental, of playing golf on the Cove Fields, where Wolfe and Montcalm contended for the possession of Canada in 1759. Here was staged the first inter-club golf match in America, when in 1876 Quebec vanquished Montreal by 12 holes. The outbreak of the Great War made further play on the "Fields" impossible, as the property was required for the enlargement of the factory of the Ross Rifle Company and Government works generally. In this dilemma active members of the club were fortunate in securing a lease of land adjacent to the Kent House at Montmorency Falls, and here on almost equally historic ground the second oldest golf club on the continent made its headquarters until 1924.

Now in 1925 the Quebec Club members find themselves in possession of a property really their own. They were most fortunate a couple of years ago in acquiring an ideal location in the County of Montmorency, some nine miles from the heart of the city easily "getatable." This was laid out by the famous golf architect, Willie Park, and will be formally opened during the coming season. The course, which will be known as the "Boischatel Course," has an admirable length of 6,456 yards, made up as follows:

Holes	Yds.	Par	Holes	Yds.	Par
No. 1	365	4	No. 10	180	3
No. 2	395	4	No. 11	430	5
No. 3	360	4	No. 12	380	4
No. 4	145	3	No. 13	160	3
No. 5	476	5	No. 14	520	5
No. 6	405	4	No. 15	315	4
No. 7	440	4	No. 16	310	4
No. 8	180	3	No. 17	350	4
No. 9	470	5	No. 18	575	5
Total, Out	3,236	36	Total, In	3,220	37
Grand Total 6,456 Yds.; Par 73.					

A very fine balance here of one, two and three-shot holes calling for every shot in the bag.

A most charming club house at an expense of some \$50,000, has been built on the property, providing every facility for both the women and men players of this historic golf club of the Historic Capital, who to-day have at last found an abiding place worthy in every sense of the best traditions of the game. Many improvements to the fairways and greens will be made in 1925 and by 1926 Quebec golfers hope to have, and undoubtedly will have, a course worthy of staging Championships of the highest calibre. Not since 1896 has a premier event been held at Quebec when the Canadian Amateur Championship was won by Mr. Stewart Gillespie, of Quebec, a Quebec man, Mr. W. A. Griffith, also being runner-up. No Champion in a major event has come out of Quebec since then—well nigh 30 years ago. "Boischatel" in the years to come should alter all that, because to produce first-class golfers, you must have first-class courses.

The officers of the Quebec Club compose some of the leading men of the city. They are: President, A. J. Welch; Vice-President, W. A. Home; Secretary, Frederic O. Judge; Treasurer, L. T. des Rivieres; Captain, G. S. Ahern; Ch. Green Committee, J. A. Ruddick; Directors, Sir George Garneau, Hon. W. G.

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3	255	Wm.	4	12															
4	510	Wm.	4	12															
5	320	Wm.	5	2															
6	330	Wm.	4	13															
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LEVIS GOLF CLUB, QUEBEC

THE Levis Golf Club held its annual meeting on the 19th of January; the Levis Golf Club was only organized last year, and it was its first annual meeting; the yearly reports were received, and all showed that the club has had a very successful year.

Mr. V. A. de Billy, K. C., was re-elected President of the Club, and the other officers elected are as follows: Mr. D. C. T. Atkinson, Vice-President; Mr. H. E. Weyman, Treasurer, and Mr. Alphonse Mercier, Secretary. The other Directors are Messrs. C. C. Breakey, Alfred S. Gravel, J. Ed. Perreault, J. E. Chapleau, H. C., C. J. Baillargeon, Jos. K. Laflamme, Godfrey S. Gourdeau and Jules Giroux.

The various committees were formed as follows: Green Committee, H. E. Weyman, Chairman; Messrs. Jos. K. Laflamme and C. C. Breakey. House Committee, Mr. J. Ed. Perreault, Chairman; Messrs. D. C. T. Atkinson and J. E. Samson. Game and Handicap Committee, Mr. D. Allan Laurie, Chairman; Messrs. Noel Belleau, K. C., and W. Stuart Atkinson.

The members are looking forward for a very successful 1925 season.

The Board has re-engaged as professional for the next season, Ken Wheeler, who acted as such since August last till the close of the season. Ken Wheeler only arrived from England last August. Though young, he has an envious golf career; he has been assistant at the Dorset Golf Club, Broadstone, and also at the South Wilt Golf Club, Salisbury.

INTERESTING LETTER FROM AN ENTHUSIAST

THE following is an extract from a particularly interesting letter from Mr. Joseph Wearing, City Solicitor, Peterborough, Ontario:

"As for myself, while I would likely qualify as the most average player in the Province, I give way to no man for enthusiasm. From January 1st to December 31st I never let a day go by without some golf, with the exception of Sundays and days I am out of the city. This is my fourth winter for indoor golf and this winter another chap and I have a room where we drive forty feet with a five foot square at the end, which indicates pretty well how the ball is going. After all it is a fine thing to have no natural ability, because then you can take all your life trying to improve. This is my position and I hope to keep working at it on through the next world unless I am unlucky enough to draw the place where there is an excellent course but no clubs. This winter I have changed my style and have worked out the following— First motion: Short back swing with the left arm reasonably straight and going around to right side of body and shifting weight to right leg. Second motion: Come back on to left heel, keeping left shoulder facing ball without attempting to bring clubhead toward ball. Third motion: Whip clubhead through ball. With respect to the last motion, I consider it just as necessary to do this fast as it is to go back slowly and I find that bad shots occur by not whipping the clubhead through fast enough on the last motion. On no account, however, begin the last motion until the second motion is completed. Let me know if you have any criticism as to this style. I have now got it down pretty well. As a matter of fact, my style is always better in the Spring than in the Fall, due, I think, to the fact that during the winter I practice and during the summer I play.

In any case I have a delightful hobby which keeps me mentally and physically fit summer and winter. Other men play tennis and fish and hunt in the summer and curl, bowl and do gymn exercises in the winter; they can have the whole bally lot. As for me, all I want is a club and some balls. If I have a partner so much the better, but if not, I am happy alone."



The Lure of the Game

The lure of the links with its lilting refrain
 Is leading us on to that promised domain
 Where triumphs are waiting that all may obtain
 If only they follow the lure of the game.

How strangely compelling it bids us remain
 Thro' days of depression and deep mental pain,
 Thro' moments exalted, or seasons of shame,
 To follow forever the lure of the game.

It gladdens us sometimes with visions of fame,
 Then leaves us still striving in efforts inane,
 It mocks and derides us, and scorns us, in vain
 For still we must follow the lure of the game.

So to the finish and life's on the wane,
 Like moths round a candle we flirt with the flame,
 Thro' hours of elation, or eons of pain,
 We follow, still follow, the lure of the game.

—W. H. Webbing.

JASPER PARK LODGE'S WONDERFUL COURSE

WHEN in Montreal this month the Editor had the pleasure of going over the plans of the new 18-hole course at Jasper Park Lodge, in Alberta, with Mr. A. J. Hills, Assistant to Mr. Hungerford, Vice-President of the Canadian National Railway.

Mr. Hills is himself a very good golfer indeed, and has besides, always taken the keenest interest in golf course construction. He and Mr. Stanley Thompson, the architect of the course, made visits to some of the most celebrated American courses before the plans at Jasper Park were finally decided upon and completed. The result is a modern 18-hole course with character holes aplenty. The bunkering and trapping leaves nothing to be desired. The Canadian National Railway has gone out to have at their beautiful Jasper Park resort one of the great courses of the Continent—and judging from the plans they will unquestionably have it.

In the future the links are destined to be known as the "Gleneagles of Canada," and no greater tribute could be paid than that to the Jasper Park Lodge Golf Course and its architects, as Gleneagles in Scotland, the property of the Caledonian and London and North Western Railway Company, is acknowledged one of the world's greatest golfing properties.

THE PAUSE AT THE TOP OF THE SWING

(By J. S. Worthington, *Irish Open Champion*, 1905; *English International*, 1905).

ANY distinct pause or hitch during the golf swing is bad, but an imperceptible pause at the top of the swing is good for a variety of reasons. We know, of course, says Mr. J. S. Worthington in the "American Golfer," that many of the professionals have a quick back swing, but even in their case there is not a sudden snatch or jerk of the club, which would only result in a disorganization of the rhythm and a break in the even continuity of the swing, rendering proper timing difficult, if not impossible. The average golfer must not be led astray in an attempt to copy the quick swinging professional. He must not forget that the latter has probably swung a club from the time he began to walk. He was weaned on a golf swing, and is, therefore, to the manner born. The average amateur, on the other hand, has learned his golf by slow and laborious steps, and nearly every stroke he plays is a mental as well as a physical effort. He has not yet learned to play by instinct, as is the case with the professional.

We are firmly of opinion that the vast majority of golfers adopt a much

too quick back swing, and per contra, if they would only make up their minds to take their club back slowly and steadily there would soon appear a decidedly marked improvement in their game. This means that the back swing should be sufficiently slow so that at its top or completion, the player should be conscious of the merest pause before he commences the forward movement of the club. We do not mean that the back swing should be painfully slow, but it should be very deliberate, so that its recovery can be likened to the action of the pendulum of a clock, and the pause at the top of the swing so slight that the eyes can barely see it. There must be no waiting at the top of the swing before commencing the forward swing, but if the back swing is steady and deliberate, there will be a feeling of pent-up tension and an increase of available spring whereby the player is then ready to launch everything into the stroke at the proper moment. When the tension has been held and controlled in this way, everything is ready for the grand smash, and when it is let loose in its sudden expansion

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There are physical and mental advantages attendant upon the slow back swing. It enables the player to concentrate upon the business in hand, and above everything else, it greatly assists in the proper timing of the blow and the gradual acceleration and speeding up of the club head. It assists the player in putting everything into the stroke at the right moment and the proper functioning of hand and wrists, and he is far less likely to throw his head up before the club head has met the ball. If you jerk your club back quickly you will be almost certain to jerk your head up too soon. Then, too, the fast back swing calls for a fast recovery for the down swing, and there is bound to be a too sudden break or check for the return journey. This break at the top of the swing is more than likely to throw the swing out of gear and weaken the power and strength applied to the stroke. Instead of having one perfect and continuous

rhythmic swing of the club, it has been broken halfway in its flight. All kinds of evils may arise. The club head has been diverted from its true path by the sudden jerk, the speeding up of the club head will be ill-timed, the hands may be too far ahead at the moment of impact and the head thrown up too quickly owing to a lack of concentration.

In the case of the fast swinging golfer, he is in so great a hurry to get the swing over and done with that not only do the hands and body move in front of the club head, but a great amount of the force has already been spent before the club head reaches the ball. Instead of waiting for the stroke he has hit too soon. He began the hitting part of the stroke much too high up in the swing, and the shot is extremely likely to go astray. No great professionals are unduly fast in their back swing. Walter Hagen's swing, for instance, is deliberate, even and steady, with no sudden jerk at the top. Jim Barnes, too, although the

club head is travelling at express speed when it meets the ball, is not in a terrible hurry to arrive at the top of his swing. Joe Kirkwood's swing is even, steady and well rounded-off, and as for Harry Vardon, the great master, his back swing was, if anything, on the slow side. In his case there was the very slight pause. You could not see it readily, but you were conscious it was there. You could see that when he was all set for the forward swing of the club, everything had been perfectly adjusted for launching into the stroke all his pent-up energy. This

together with his perfect pivoting, gave him almost flawless timing. He rarely made a bad or indifferent stroke, and his style bears out the time-honoured maxim, "if your back swing is right the forward swing will take care of itself." George Duncan is perhaps the most flawless shot maker in the game at the present time. Although he is a lightning performer, if you watch him carefully you will see that his back swing is not of the quick, snatchy type, and there is no visible break in its recovery at the top.

SUCCESS IN 1924

Good Year for North American Life

DURING the year 1924, the 44th in the history of the North American Life, the Company made great strides forward in all branches of its business. The policies issued and revived amounted to \$26,239,954.00, a very substantial increase over the figures for 1923, and the total business in force has now reached \$126,625,049.00, which is a new high level in the Company's history.

For forty-four years the North American Life has represented the highest ideals in liberal treatment of policyholders and the fact that over \$600,000.00 was paid during 1924 as profits on policies is ample proof of how well this reputation is deserved. Mr. Goldman, the President, in commenting on the figures in the report, pointed out that the very first duty of the Company, its obligations to its policyholders, was being well fulfilled, nearly \$3,000,000 being distributed in 1924 among policyholders and beneficiaries.

There is no doubt that the prime object of the North American Life is that of furthering the interests of its clients, this fact being borne out by the consideration accorded them, and also by the President's announcement of a very substantial increase in the Company's dividends to policyholders in 1925.

Due to the expansion of business in 1924, the Company's Assets now total over \$27,000,000, composed for the most part of the soundest and safest bonds and other guaranteed securities. Investments have always been restricted to the highest class of securities and it is a notable achievement that an advance of nearly \$2,000,000 was made in the total Assets. A feature of the North American Life has always been its high Surplus Fund. This year this amount is over \$4,500,000, more than ever before, and that is why the North American Life is known everywhere as "Solid as the Continent."

HALIFAX GOLF CLUB

Celebrates the Occupancy of Its Fine New Course and Club House at Ashburn by a Really Remarkable Record Year

THAT the Halifax Golf and Country Club had a very successful year, the first full season of its occupancy of the beautiful Ashburn property, was shown by the report of the Directors presented at the fourth annual meeting held at the Board of Trade Rooms. The financial report of the year, which was distributed to the members present, shows an income of \$22,157.86 and an expenditure of \$17,936.89, with a net revenue for 1924 of \$4,220.97. The budget for 1925 shows the club to be in a good financial condition, and the yearly income provides for all charges and operating expenses.

The members considered the work of the retiring directors so successful that, on motion of Col. A. N. Jones, the retiring Directors were re-elected, by vote, to carry on the work of the Club for 1925.

The Directors' Report, read by F. B. A. Chipman, who acted as chairman in the absence of P. R. Jack, President, dealt with the formation of the Club, which was incorporated in July, 1922, and formally opened by His Excellency Baron Byng, over nine holes. Further construction work was carried on, and in August, 1924, four new holes were finished and played over. Three more holes were ready at the end of the season, but the

directors thought it inadvisable to open them for play. The last two holes were finished and seeded and, with reasonable seasonal conditions, should be ready for play about August 1, thus completing the full eighteen holes three years from the commencement of work on the course.

The clubhouse was finished in December, 1923, and opened for use the following May. Since its opening it has been a source of comfort and enjoyment to members and guests. During the winter months, when golfing closed the clubhouse has been patronized and is open all the time for use of members and their guests, or private entertainments members might wish to give.

At the present time the membership of the Club is as follows: Ordinary members, 243 men and 229 women; temporary members, 7 men and women; junior members 5; non-resident members, 11 men and 8 women, making a total of 511 members.

In view of the splendid eighteen-hole course and the comfortable clubhouse, it was decided by the Directors, with the approval of the members present, at the meeting, to increase the green fees to \$1.50.

Sincere regrets were expressed on the deaths of several members of the Club during the past year: F. St. C. Harris, President; Dr. F. Ryan, Dr. R. Woodbury, John McKeon and Mrs. W. F. Annand. Mr. Harris had been President of the Club from its inception until his death.

The retiring Directors for 1924 were re-elected, as follows: P. R. Jack, President; F. B. A. Chipman, Vice-President; W. H. Piers, W. A. Henry, K.C., R. H. Neilson, Walter Black, Dr. W. Alan Curry, Dr. P. A. MacDonald, W. H. Strachan, T. F. Tobin, K. C.; E. M. McLeod, J. M. Murphy; Secretary, Evan Wainwright; Auditor, Harvey Crowell.

Dr. P. A. MacDonald was re-elected Captain, and George Mahon, Vice-Captain.

It is possible that the Maritime Golf Championships may be held at Ashburn in 1926, as the Directors of the Halifax Golf Club, with the approval of the members, have extended an invitation to the Maritime Golf Association, which invitation will be acted upon after the Championship meet at Fredericton, N. B., in August of this year.

"UPLANDS" IS GOING STRONG

Annual Reports of a Most Encouraging Character—The Ex-Amateur Champion, W. J. Thompson, Re-elected President

THE third annual meeting of The Uplands Golf and Country Club, Ltd., Toronto, held recently was well attended. The President, Mr. W. J. Thompson, ex-Amateur Champion, was in the chair.

After the usual routine the President introduced the Director's Report, which was of a very satisfactory nature. Reference was made to the new permanent nine holes, with good lengths, large greens, well bunkered, which should produce golf of a much superior quality. The improved entrance, installation of a new water system, showers and lockers, should prove attractive in disposing of stock during the coming season. 144 shares were sold during 1924. E. J. McNulty, a young professional, has been secured by the Club and will commence his duties in March. During the past year much help was received from the ladies' organization. A special mark

of their favour was shown by the presentation of useful articles to the retiring Club Captain, W. J. Woolley, who has accepted a position in Brazil, and also to T. R. Banbury, the Club champion for 1924. The latter was unanimously elected Captain for the ensuing season. Directors elected: Wm. Charles, Dr. W. H. Coon, Robert Fee, W. J. Henning, C. D. Landell, H. Howard Shaver, Percy E. F. Smily, R. D. Thomas and W. J. Thompson.

There were seventeen nominations for the position of Director. A by-law was ratified to issue bonds for the purpose of obtaining revenue to complete the course and build a bungalow. At a meeting of the newly elected Directors, Mr. W. J. Thompson and H. Howard Shaver were elected President and Vice respectively.

There is a very bright future ahead of Uplands.

GUNN MAKES HOLE-IN-ONE

A CORRESPONDENT from Ormond, Fla., writes:

"Willie Gunn, pro at the Grand River Country Club, Kitchener, made on Friday, 6th February, the 13th hole on the Ormond Golf Course in one. This hole is 234 yards long. Miss McKendrick, of Galt, and Mr. Ben Uttley, of Kitchener, were playing with Mr. Gunn and became accessories after the fact. The colored groom of the green witnessed the feat and smiled like unto a slice of watermelon."

GREAT BRITAIN AND OVERSEAS

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

Miss Cecil Leitch has been convalescing at Siloth after a series of unfortunate illnesses. Following a nasty touch of influenza Miss Leitch was unlucky enough to suffer from an attack of jaundice. She hopes, however, to be

Walker Cup Team. A statement of receipts and expenditures recently published shows £1,600 collected from the different Golf Unions and places the expenditures at £1,474, leaving a tidy balance of £126.



Lady Holderness, Captain of the Walton Heath Ladies' Golf Club and Mother of Sir Ernest Holderness, Bart, Recently Elected President of the English Golf Union.

back in London by the end of February.

The various Golf Unions have been complimenting Mr. Gullen on the very satisfactory manner in which he managed the American tour of the British

Formerly one of London's most exclusive courses, Prince's Golf Course, Mitcham, is now open to the public. The green fees are 2s. 6d. per day.

At Cassiobury Park, Wetford, new records have been established for the course. A. G. Havers making a 70, only to be broken by J. H. Taylor, with a very brilliant 68. Another course record by the home professional was established at Camberley Heath, when T. Mounce made the round in 66.

The death is announced of Mrs. F. W. Haigh at the age of 95 years, in London. Mrs. Haigh was President of the Veteran Ladies' Golf Association.

The following table of statistics has been compiled by Mr. H. Ross-Cou-brough, and is particularly valuable in studying the ranking of the leading British professionals.

	Medal Average 1924	Medal Average 1923	Match Play Average
Mitchell	73.31	73.3	53.3
Havers	74.03	73.7	45.4
Whitecombe (C.A.)	74.42	.....	27.7
Duncan	74.56	74.3	48.7
Gadd	74.96	75	34.4
Taylor	75.17	75.9	48.4
Whitecombe (E.R.)	75.3	.....	42.8
Herd	75.4	74.4	44
Ray	75.5	73.6	48
Braid	76.45	75.5	22.7
Oekenden	77.13	74.5	27.2
Vardon	77.27	75.9	31.5

The popular Abe Mitchell leads in both medal and match play. Whilst the two Whitcombes have come to the front in splendid style, not having been rated in 1923. Whilst the last year has been a good one for the younger professionals, the old brigade are hold-

ing their ground with the exception of Harry Vardon, who has fallen behind.

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H. D. Gillies achieved a remarkable feat in winning the Oxford and Cambridge Society's President's Putter at Rye, for he defeated first C. J. H. Tolley in the semi-final at the 19th, and then the Amateur Champion, Sir E. W. Holderness, in the final by 4 and 2. Gillies gained an early lead on Tolley, winning the first three holes, but lost the fourth, fifth and sixth. However, he took the next three to turn three up. He won the tenth to become four up. Tolley brought about a great change and squared the match at the 15th. The latter won the 17th, but missed a short putt to halve the home hole to win the game, after he had played a wonderful shot over the clubhouse. Going to the 19th Tolley was short, and lost the hole and the match. Sir Ernest Holderness beat J. H. S. Vidler without difficulty. Vidler won the first hole, where he played a fine shot off ice in a bunker, but that was the only time he led. The Amateur Champion squared the match at the fourth and eventually won on the 14th green. In the final Holderness won the first hole but at the fourth Gillies squared. Both balls were in a bunker full of water covered with ice. Gillies' ball went through the ice, but Holderness' lay on the top. Holderness attempted a one-handed shot, but failed. Gillies was one up at the fifth and two up at the sixth, and at the turn held a lead of one. Holderness was stymied at the tenth and failed to get round. He was three down at the 12th, and was beaten by 4 and 2.

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An unusual feat was recently registered at Stoke Poges when Hugh Roberts, the professional, holed out in two strokes on the first hole, which is 460 yards. His second was a full brassie and it is the second time in the history of the Stoke Poges Club that a two has been accomplished on this hole.

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It is reported that one of England's most famous clubs has placed a nine-hole course at the disposal of the mem-

bers' chauffeurs. Whilst this is very sporting of the millionaire members, it adds another hazard to the game, as there will be the additional speculation as to whether the chauffeur will be



A GREAT VETERAN GOLFER

Mr. John Ball's Stance for An Iron Shot. Note the Characteristic Palm Grip with the Right Hand.

through in time to drive his employer home.

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In the last four years Birmingham has become one of the chief centres in England for democratic golf. The credit for this expansion in golfing facilities being largely due to the

efforts of Councillor Telling. Two courses are in play at present and with two more under way Birmingham golfers will have four municipal courses by 1926. As an indication of the demand for municipal golf in Birmingham, it is stated that green fees at the present courses amounted to £1,895 for the 1924 season.

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In a recent court action in Ireland the plaintiff was awarded £100 damages in full settlement for alleged injuries as the result of being struck by a golf ball whilst golf was being played on the links at Rathfarnham.

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The 1924 season in Great Britain has been very wet, particularly so in Ireland, where the rainfall in the Belfast District exceeded 48 inches. This has been figured out to equal 100 tons per acre, or nearly one ton of rain to every square yard of an 18 hole golf course.

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Many American professionals have been spending a winter holiday in their native Carnoustie, which is the home of Macdonald Smith. Nine of them recently had a match at Gleneagles against a side organized by Mr. Barclay, of the L. M. S. As a recognition of Mr. Barclay's kindness the American-Carnoustie team presented him with a handsome silver cigarette case.

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Eaton, Norwich, is another club to undertake extensive alterations and the reconstructed course will be opened at Easter. New land has been purchased and the course lengthened to over 6,000 yards, which will mean that the order of play of the old holes will be considerably altered. It is anticipated that this will mean one of the most picturesque and sporting courses in the Eastern District.

H. D. Gillies, who beat Cyril Tolley and the Amateur Champion, Sir. E. W. Holderness, in the semi-final and final respectively of the contest for the President's Putter at Rye, is fond of experiments on the links. Recently he shocked the Royal and Ancient Club by employing bottles and rubber-topped wooden pegs as tees.

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In little more than a year since its organization the English Golf Union has given conclusive evidence of its value to golf. In no way antagonistic to the Royal and Ancient Club, the supreme authority, but rather acting along its policies, it has created new, enlarged interests. It has infused new interest into English competitive golf by extending its activities along lines that are too remote or diversified to feel the effect of the Royal and Ancient regime.

At a recent meeting in Birmingham it was decided to institute in 1926 an inter-county championship. This is a furtherance of the existing inter-county games in the north of England. The event will be primarily conducted through five sections, play-offs being reduced down to semi-finals and final for the Championship.

The work of the Union in one short year has gathered together the golf clubs of England, has taken the game out of the rut into which it was slipping and given it new incentives and enthusiasm without finding it necessary to adopt any revolutionary methods.

At the annual meeting Sir Ernest Holderness, Bart., was appointed President, and it is safe to say that under his popular personality and knowledge of the game the new English Golf Union will have even a more successful season during the 1925 season.

OFF TO AN EARLY START

THE "Hole -in-One" Club in Canada is certainly off to an early start in 1925. Playing this month over the Shaughnessy Heights Golf Club, Vancouver, B. C., Mr. S. Rainford, one of the popular members of Shaughnessy negotiated our old friend, the No. 3 hole, in one. He was playing with "Davie" Black, the Shaughnessy professional, when he bagged the first "oneer" of 1925.

GOLFING OSTEOPATHS

Will Stage a Big Event in Toronto During the Convention of the American Osteopathic Association

TORONTO will be the scene of an international golf tournament in July of this year. Contestants will be entered from all parts of Canada and from as widely separated States as California and Florida. The tournament will be an incident in the programme of entertainment that is being prepared for the convention of the American Osteopathic Association, which will be meeting in Toronto at the same time. The official title of the tournament will be the Championship of the American Osteopathic Golf Association, of which Dr. T. J. Ruddy, of Los Angeles, California, is President, and Dr. Hugh Conklin, of Battle Creek, Michigan, is Secretary.

The arrangements in Toronto are in the hands of Dr. Hubert Pocock, Lambton Golf and Country Club, Chairman for Toronto, Dr. Detweiler, 44 Waterloo St., London, Canada, is Chairman of the Committee.

The Association has been in existence for a number of years and has accumulated a number of valuable trophies, so that the contestants next July will be playing for some handsome prizes.

Osteopathic physicians are deeply interested in golf for two reasons. The first is that the game keeps them in first-class physical trim. The second

is that with the opening of the golf season, osteopathic physicians find a number of their patients suffering from "golf spine."

"Golf spine" affects both beginners and those who have played the game for years. It occurs in one or two places, either at the base of the neck or in the lumbar region. In the case of a beginner it often occurs through gripping the club too hard. He is using muscles that are controlled by nerves whose roots are in the neck. When he misses the ball (a fault not peculiar to beginners alone), there is a strain placed on these muscles. If he is an old timer he gets something of the same result because the muscles are not used to doing that particular piece of work.

The strain in the lumbar region results from a too vigorous swinging at the ball while leaning slightly forward. Beginners have this trouble also because the muscles have never been trained for this movement.

For disabilities of this type, the osteopathic physician is right at home. The results that have followed osteopathic treatment have won many friends for the American Osteopathic Golf Association among the followers of the Royal and Ancient game.

PRESENTATION OF SENIORS' PHOTOGRAPHS

TWO handsomely framed photographs of the members of The Canadian Seniors' Golf Association were recently presented to the Toronto Golf Club, where the Annual Tournament was held last September. In connection with this presentation Mr. W. R. Baker, C.V.O., President of the Seniors, is in receipt of the following letter from Mr. C. A. Bogert, President of the Toronto Golf Club:

On behalf of the members of The Toronto Golf Club, I wish to thank you, as President, and the members of The Canadian Seniors' Golf Association, for the two group photographs taken at the recent Annual Tournament. I can assure you that we shall be delighted to give them a prominent place on our walls, and they will be a reminder not only of an exceptionally pleasant gathering, but of the possibility of our again being hosts of the Seniors' Association in the not too distant future."

GOLF IN SASKATOON

Annual Meeting of the Saskatoon Club—Professional Becomes Landed Proprietor

(By *Ethusiast.*)

THE Saskatoon Golf Club held its annual meeting the other day when a very gratifying report was submitted. For many years the club has struggled to put its course and club house in order. These aims have now been accomplished but until recently the club was in debt. Now the club's future seems assured, all outstanding obligations have been met and the club now has a surplus in hand of fully \$2,000.00. Further improvements on the course are anticipated. A good Executive for 1925 has been elected as follows: President, A. K. Hanson; Vice-President, F. M. Borland; Secretary-treasurer, William Ritchie. Members of Executive: J. D. Millar, R. A. Robinson, B. M. Wake-

ling, Wm. Pinder, W. A. Rose and A. A. Weir, Captain.

A curious situation has arisen. Part of the course is situated on a rented quarter section, the other part on land granted by the city. Wm. Kinnear, the local professional, has become land owner and has purchased the rented quarter section, which the club contemplated buying, but was not successful in doing. Negotiations are now under way between the club and Kinnear, and are about concluded, which will result in mutual benefit to Kinnear and the Club, the latter to obtain an option to purchase back from Kinnear. The situation is not without its difficulties, but a successful issue to all concerned should be the outcome.

OBTAINING SATISFACTORY TURF

Notable Address by Dr. McRostie, of the Experimental Farm, Ottawa, at the Annual Meeting of The Royal Canadian Golf Association

THE increasingly large numbers of men and women who, seeking outdoor diversion, have adopted the game of golf is one of the striking features of the present age. There are not many centres of importance that do not boast of at least one golf course, and no stag banquet or corner store symposium now seems complete without its fund of golf yarns.

Whence comes this increasing popularity of the game of golf. It may be that next to driving oxen it is conducive to the enlarging of a man's vocabulary along certain questionable lines, or that next to fishing it provides the greatest field for imagination in the promulgation of its post mortems. Whatever the truth of these postulations, there is no gainsaying the fact that the great out-of-doors has a wondrous appeal to the majority of mankind and that golf affords an opportunity, second to few games, of

enjoying the exhilarating influence of life in the open.

Now there are certain factors that tend to either make or mar the enjoyment of one's golf game. Some of these are weather conditions, congenial company, an unerring eye, a sure hand and good turf. This is a case where the biblical statement that "the last shall be first" should perhaps apply. Without good turf a satisfactory game is almost impossible. This applies more particularly to the greens, as is evidenced by the tremendous expenditures that have been made in this country and the United States in attempts, not always successful, to build up greens with a superior putting surface.

I will attempt in the time at my disposal to indicate some of the essentials in securing good turf for both putting greens and fairways, and at the same time point out a few of the difficulties that lie in the way of success.

We will consider first and chiefly the question of greens. The function of this part of a golf course is to provide a surface that will permit the ball to roll straight and true with as little friction as possible. These requirements seem to be most efficiently supplied through the medium of a sod formed from our finer growing grasses. Presuming a properly constructed foundation for sod, a phase of golf construction that I will not attempt to discuss at this time, the chief question then would seem to be the obtaining and maintaining of suitable grasses for our putting greens.

Some of the questions that arise in this connection are: What kind of grass shall we use? Is it better to plant a single kind of grass or a mixture of grasses? Is it advisable to use seed or vegetative cuttings to secure a sod, etc.

For Eastern Canada and the Pacific Coast areas or in the prairie sections where considerable water is available, the most satisfactory grasses seem to be Creeping Bent, Velvet Bent, Rhode Island Bent and Red Fescue. Crested Dogstail has also been recommended and fairly widely used, but seems to be unsuited to our Canadian climate. Even if it was well suited to our climatic conditions it does not compare in fineness to the bent grasses.

Considering the question of grass mixtures versus seed of a single species, the great preponderance of recommendation of our commercial seedsmen seem to favour rather complicated mixtures. The chief arguments advanced in support of such recommendations are a better adaptability to soil variations, and that such mixtures provide a succession of growth throughout the season. The wide range in both the amounts and the kinds of grasses included in such recommended mixtures seems to indicate at least a decided lack of exact experimental data regarding just what will give the most satisfactory combination. The best mixture seems to be the particular one prepared or sold by the individual or firm interested in securing business along that line.

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Our greens receive pretty much the same preparatory treatment with respect to the soil used in building them up, so that a wide range of grasses would not seem to be necessary from the standpoint of adaptation to soil variability. Coming to the question of seasonal succession, grasses usually used in the commercial mixtures sold do not vary a great deal in their habits of spring growth and behaviour throughout the season under conditions of continuous cutting, so that the plant succession argument in favour of mixtures loses its force under Canadian conditions, as far as most greens are concerned.

The real point at issue is whether or not the planting of mixtures results in a turf composed of plants of the various types seeded, arranged side by side in an intimate intermingling of the varieties and strains seeded. I believe that any golfer who has examined turf at all closely will support me in the statement that this is not what hap-

pens. The tendency is rather for turf resulting from a mixture of seeds to be spotted, small pure areas of the various types occurring side by side rather than the varieties and strains intermingled. Furthermore the more progressive of the types seeded will occur in much larger areas than the less progressive.

It is well known to those at all familiar with turf grasses that there is a wide variation in the size and texture of leaf even within the various strains of a single species of grass. Such variation becomes much more pronounced when we compare different species. Variations such as have been mentioned mean different degrees of resistance offered to the golf ball passing over them. It seems reasonable then to assume that turf made up of a number of strains of several different species of grass presents a putting surface offering numerous degrees of resistance to the putted golf ball. Because of this varying resistance factor, accurate putting is more difficult on mixed turf than on a green composed of grass of a single species or better still, of a single strain of a single species. (This consideration might well become the basis of a new alibi for golfers on days when their putting falls below par.)

The desire for a perfectly uniform putting surface has resulted in many golf courses interesting themselves in the production of turf by means of vegetative cuttings. The fact that many of our grass strains fail to breed true from seed, leaves vegetative propagation as the surest means of obtaining absolutely pure turf for our greens.

The planting of greens by the vegetative method is neither very difficult or particularly expensive. The chief consideration is obtaining the most suitable strain of the kind of grass best suited to our requirements. In the great majority of instances in Eastern Canada this would be some strain of Creeping Bent Grass.

We are collecting and testing at the Central Experimental Farm at Ottawa a great many strains particularly of Bent grasses for their ability to form a

desirable putting surface. Of the best of these strains under test we will, at least by the end of the present summer, be in a position to supply small quantities of vegetative cuttings for the nurseries of golf clubs and other organizations interested in good turf. We will also be pleased to outline turf grass tests for golf clubs interested in carrying on this phase of work for their own particular conditions and at the same time supply limited amounts of vegetative cuttings necessary to carry on such work.

In conjunction with the Chemistry Division of the Central Experimental Farm we expect to conduct tests as to the efficiency of certain fertilizers in curtailing the activities of earth worms, and in maintaining pure grass turf of the strains planted.

In this connection all questions regarding the work being carried on in

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testing the relative value of the different strains, treatments applied to the same or requests for vegetative cuttings will be taken care of to the best of the ability of the Forage Plant Division, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, Ontario.

THE CADDIES' SUNDAY SCHOOL

There were many famous golfers,
When this ancient world was young;
Whose flukes and little accidents
Have never yet been sung.
I'm told their style of driving
Was both accurate and free,
And they built the tower of Babel
As a kind of standard tee.

There was Noah, whose approaching
Was the wonder of his day,
Till the flood destroyed the putting green,
And drove him off his play.
"There's too much casual water,"
Noah ventured to remark,
"So I'll lift without penalty,
And drop into the Ark."

Moses was a player,
With a very finished style,
He challenged Pharoah to essay
A drive across the Nile.
Though Moses hit a beauty
And lay beside the pin,
Old Pharoah topped his drive,
And so of course went rolling in.

When Joshua got trapped behind
The walls of Jericho,
He used the opportunity
To deal a record blow.
His play on this occasion
Has brought him some renown,
For a few blows of his niblick
Quickly brought the hazard down.

David was a caddy,
Went golfing on his own;
He used to practice driving
With a broly and a stone.
He saw Goliath putting,
But forgot to hallow "Fore";
And that is why the latter
Isn't playing any more.

Hamaan was a member
Of the Babylonian links,
He challenged some of Israel's pros
To play a round for drinks.
Though Hamaan's play was clever,
He was driving rather high,
And he lost the game completely
When he found a hanging lie.

And Jonah too, another pro,
So runs the well known tale,
Got out exceeding cleverly
When bunkered in a whale;
Though the rest of the competitors
Objected on the grounds
That he had no right to play it
Since the whale was out of bounds.

Ananias and Sapphira
Were another famous pair,
Whose talent for recoveries
Was noted everywhere.
I'm told in old Jerusalem
They occasioned some surprise
By lying dead together,
After many rotten lies.

—D. Macdonald Wilson.

A RAPIDLY GROWING BUSINESS

Mr. Charles L. Millar, of Montreal, Sole Agent for The Burke Golf Company, Is Already Assured of a Big Golf Season in 1925

MR. CHAS. L. MILLAR, Sole Agent for Canada of The Burke Golf Company, Newark, Ohio, Mappin Building, 10 Victoria Street, Montreal, P. Q., has added to his sales staff Mr. J. G. Jowett, a very capable, experienced club-maker, which is essential in giving the utmost service to the trade.

The 1925 models of "Burke" golf clubs are among the finest range shown from Coast to Coast. It is needless to mention the supreme outstanding qualities of the "Burke" golf clubs, which have that particular balance, whether ladies' or gentlemen's clubs.

Among the new lines added for this season are Golf Bags, "Featherweight" Hats and Caps suitable for Golf, Motoring, Tennis, Fishing, etc. A very fine range of Pure Shetland Wool, Fraser-Lovat & Botany Wool Golf Sweaters, Golfing Tees, Studs, Putting Discs, Pigskin Suede Gloves, and a complete equipment of Golf Course Appliances.

This season is looked forward to being the largest in the history of golf, owing to the tremendous increase of the Royal and Ancient game throughout Canada.

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WATROUS WINS BIG CHAMPIONSHIP

Ex-Canadian Open Champion Captures South Central Open Golf Championship at Hot Springs and Picks Up \$2,050.

AL. WATROUS, of Grand Rapids, Mich., the 1922 Open Canadian Champion, proved that he really is a great golfer when in a class field this month he won the South Central Open Golf Championship at Hot Springs, Ark., with a score of 284 for the 72 holes of play. His first round was 74, even par, but he made a 69 in the afternoon and the second day he followed a morning round of 70 with a 71 in the afternoon to win the title and first money from Macdonald Smith, San Francisco professional, by two strokes. Smith finished with a score of 70, 74, 71, 71. Harry Cooper, Dallas professional, furnished the sensation of the tournament, finishing third.

The score of good amateurs in the tournament could not crowd into the select twenty participating "in the money."

Captain C. H. Perkins, the Brantford, Ont., pro., made a particularly good showing the first 18 holes, tying for third place with John Rogers, Dayton, Ohio, with a fine 73. He finished well up at the end of the 72 holes with 308.

Perkins returned to Brantford last week. He tells the "Canadian Golfer" that the golf in this Championship was the highest class he has seen during his long career. Harry Cooper, who was in third place, was in the final round out in 41, and his chances for "getting

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in the money" were considered hopeless. He came back, however, with a most wonderful score of 30 for the last 9 holes of the tournament. He had no less than six "birdies" and 3 pars. The par of the incoming 9 at Hot Springs is 37, so he was 7 under par. Dave Spittal, of Savannah, Ga., formerly of Scarboro, Toronto, won \$50, tying with Laurie Ayton, of Evanston, Chicago, for 28th place with 302. Two other Canadians who competed were "Jimmie" Kinnear, formerly of Glendale, Hamilton, and Fred Hunt,

formerly of Brantford. They both had very good scores.

"Al" Watrous as a result of his victory "picked up" \$2,050—\$2,000 first prize and \$50 for best score first day. MacDonald Smith drew down \$800 in second place; Harry Cooper \$600 third place, and Joe Tournesa, fourth place, \$400. John Black (brother of "Davie" Black, Vancouver), was 5th and won \$375. There were very large galleries each day. Next year it is understood that the prizes will be increased at this Tournament from a total of \$6,000 to \$8,000.

HAGEN DEFEATS WALKER

AS was generally expected in the so called "World's Golf Championship," Walter Hagen, British Open Champion, defeated Cyril Walker, U. S. Open Champion, but the decisive margin—17 up and 15 to go, certainly came as a great surprise to all followers of the game. Thirty-six holes were played at Miami, Fla., and thirty-six holes at St. Petersburg, Fla., Hagen early in the match took a commanding lead and the final result was never in doubt. It is only fair to Walker to state that almost ever since he won the U. S. Open at Detroit last summer he has been in indifferent health; in fact, for some time had to give up playing altogether. Neither of the Champions were anything like up to form, Hagen's best score being a 75—indifferent work for him.

GOLF IN TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA

Mr. R. H. Greene, of Toronto, Writes Entertainingly of Fishing and Golf in the Sunshine State

MR. and Mrs. R. H. Greene, of Toronto, are spending the winter in Tarpon Springs, Florida. Mr. Greene, after a remarkable record of over half a century as a leading business man of Toronto during which time he never missed a day from the office through illness, recently retired from active participation in the Canadian Gutta Percha and Rubber Company and is now enjoying a well-earned and well deserved rest. He is an ex-President of the Rosedale Golf Club and a Governor of The Canadian Seniors' Golf Association. He writes the Editor under recent date:

"Tarpon Springs is on the west coast of Florida and practically on the Gulf of Mexico. What they call a Bayou, navigable for launches, runs in front of this villa out into the Gulf.

This place is greatly favoured by nature and there is all kinds of sport. Golf, fishing, hunting are the principal amusements.

We have a nine hole course about 3,000 yards, par 37 looks easy but the the best I have done is 45, and usually take more. Have been up to Belleair and Clearwater, following matches and came back with the impression that my game is nothing but "croquet," and they were not pros who were playing, either. Clearwater is only about fifteen miles from here. They have a rather sporty 18-hole course, 6,155 yards, par 71.

At Belleair, adjoining Clearwater, as you know, there are two very fine championship courses, which I hope to have an opportunity of playing over before I leave. St. Petersburg is about 38 miles away and near it is the Boca Siega course, where Walter Hagen is pro and also President. We have a fine

player here as pro, George McLean. He made 9 holes the other day in 31, breaking the record.

They expect to have Hagen, Kirkwood, Sarazen and some of the other top notchers here shortly to give exhibition games. Then adjoining the golf course they are laying out a ball field for the big leaguers to practice on during the winter months. They start practice about February 15th, so we will see some exhibition games.

While golf interests many of the tourists, the majority of them go in for fishing. That was my long suit before taking up golf, so am promised some sport along that line—in fact have had quite a taste of it already. They tell me there are 600 varieties of fish on the Florida coast and I quite believe it after the little experience I have had. A few days after arriving I was invited out with a fishing party on a fine launch. On arriving out in the Gulf, fishing was suggested, and mine host stationed me with another chap at the stern, each provided with a heavy troll and pair of gloves. I asked what the gloves were for and his reply was, "you may need them," and in less than two minutes I was nearly yanked off my feet but hung on and hauled in a 17 pound Black Grouper. We caught 13 in about an hour, seven being to my credit, so if I am a poor golfer can claim to be some fisherman. Have been out several times since with good success and have about a dozen varieties already. The Grouper is a new one on me, much prized by the colored people, but only used by the whites to make chowder. Have had some and it is excellent. Very soon the more desirable fish start running, such as King Fish, Mackerel, Red Fish, Trout, etc., to say nothing of Tarpons in March and April.

Since arriving here January 11th the weather has been delightful, temperature running from 55 to 80, with an occasional rain to vary the monotony."

TO THINK OR NOT TO THINK

Speculation on Just How Much Mental Activity is Good for a Golf Shot

(By Bernard Darwin).

IN fairy stories, the hero is often given by a good fairy or sometimes by a bad, deceitful magician, the power of wishing for anything he likes. As many as three wishes are occasionally granted him, though when this is done by the bad magician there is invariably a catch in it somewhere. This sort of thing does not happen to golfers. The nearest approach to it, in my experi-

ence, was an advertiser in a London newspaper who declared he could teach long driving and perfect putting in a single lesson for a fee of a guinea. I did not pay my guinea and cannot help suspecting that there was a catch there also.

I have sometimes amused myself by thinking what my wishes would be, should a beneficent fairy ever come



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along, and I believe I know one of the mental gifts to ask her for. It is the power of knowing when to begin thinking and when to stop thinking. That is, I admit, a cryptic sentence: so let me explain. It is clear that no sane golfer, after making one indifferent shot, should instantly begin to puzzle his head as to why he made it. It is equally clear that after weeks of bad shots, he must perceive that there is something wrong and set his brain to work to find out what it is. The difficulty is at exactly what point he should begin; how many bad shots justify self examination?

Now for the other side of the question. When he has at length hit a good shot again, he must not instantly forget the why and the wherefore and abandon himself to delirious slogging. Yet if he continues to think too long, to

admire and imitate his own virtues, to remember religiously the particular remedy that cured him last Tuesday week, he will grow cramped and artificial and sooner or later will have a bad breakdown. As before, it is a question of the magical, the psychological moment. Exactly when should he forget the cure and remember only, with due gratitude to Heaven, that he is on his game?

"There is one illustrious and venerable sage," wrote the author of *The Art of Golf*, "of whom it is proverbial that not even a whole round of bad shots will tempt him to consider his position. 'I've missed the ball' is all he says. To hit it again is all he tries." That is a difficult standard to live up to. There are few golfers, of so Spartan a habit and so blank a mind, as not to think about their wrists or legs or

elbows in the course of so wholly disastrous a round.

Yet I believe most of us would be restored to golfing health all the more quickly if we could make for ourselves a self-denying ordinance, and refrain from thinking for the minimum of one whole round.

Suppose we are out of practice and have not played for a long time, it is only natural that we should feel a little stiff and ungainly, that our eye should be out. Obviously we ought to give Nature a chance before we begin, metaphorically, to take drugs.

I remember that when I came home after the war and went away for a first holiday to a seaside golf course, I made a solemn vow, that I would just try to hit the ball solidly and stupidly and think of nothing else for two days. On the whole I kept it reasonably well for one day, though it was terrible discipline, and then on the second, the club began to feel familiar and I played at least respectably.

It is a different and more difficult matter when we are in full practice and have been playing well. Then the first lapse comes with a horrid shock of surprise. We imagined that we could not do such a thing. The temptation to put things right again by a little experiment is almost overpowering. Yet I am disposed to think that it is just at this moment that we ought to make the mind a blank. Our golfing health has been so robust that this germ of disease cannot have had time to make serious inroads. If we disregard it, it will very probably expire quickly of inanition. If we feed it on our unsuccessful theories, it will grow fat and flourishing and hard to be rid of. My metaphors may be a little mixed and I admit I cannot follow my own advice, but I believe it to be sound.

As regards the precious moment at which to forget and lash out, I may quote another remark of that wisest of philosophers, Sir Walter Simpson. "Golf," he says, "refuses to be pre-

served like dead meat in tins. It is living, human and free, ready to fly away at the least sign of an attempt to catch and cage it."

What a good phrase that is and what sturdy common sense likewise! And yet it would be rash to say that we should never pigeon-hole our painfully acquired knowledge against future breakdowns. I believe we ought to try temporarily to forget on a progressive system. For our first few drives, after the wonderful driving cure has been found, we should remember it every time. Then we should gently remind ourselves of it only on every third tee, then on every sixth and so on in a diminishing scale. Of course that is not advice to be taken literally, but we ought gradually to think less and less till at last all that remains is a mental picture, which does not need actively recalling of ourselves doing the right thing, not the wrong.

One of the dangers of thinking too hard and too long about a particular system is that we come to depend on it too completely and when, as is inevitable, we miss, we accept this as evidence of the failure of the system. It does not occur to us that it may have happened because we violated some elementary principle. Mr. Grantland Rice, I think, pointed this out in an excellent article on "Fool-Proof Tips." It is not the fault of the system that we swing too fast or take our eye off the ball. And after all, we must miss occasionally for no definite reason except that we are human.

When we are playing well and confidently, we accept an occasional miss as proceeding from that cause and think no more of it. But when we are just recovering from a bad spell, we are exceedingly illogical. Instead of being humbly grateful that we are at least hitting some shots; instead of hoping that we shall gradually come to hit more, we hail the first bad shot as if it were the end of the world. Not to be such a fool—that is another wish I must remember when the good fairy arrives.—"American Golfer."

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THE first annual meeting of the Ladies' Golf and Tennis Club of Toronto, was held last week at the home of Lady Baillie, Crescent Road, with a large and enthusiastic attendance. The report presented by the Managing Secretary, Miss Ada Mackenzie, showed a highly gratifying condition of affairs. Only about fifteen of the original memberships are left, and when these are disposed of the club will have a membership of three hundred. It was decided by the meeting to enlarge the membership to four hundred, as the club house and course can easily accommodate this number, and it is confidently expected the additional hundred members will be secured by summer.

Work on the construction of the golf course has been proceeding all through the winter, and nine holes out of the eighteen will be ready for play some time this summer. It is the policy of the Directors not to allow play on temporary greens, but rather to wait until they are fully and permanently completed, which will work for the ultimate benefit of the course. It is hoped to have the tennis courts ready for use, however, by the 24th of May, and the formal opening of the beautiful club house will take place at the same time.

The following very strong list of officers and directors was elected: Honorary President, Mrs. Harry Cockshutt; President, Lady Baillie; Vice-President, Mrs. Arthur Miles; Managing Secretary, Miss Ada Mackenzie; Directors, Mrs. Leonard Murray, Mrs. D. A. Dunlap, Mrs. A. N. Mitchell, Mrs. Alex. F. Rodger, Mrs. J. L. Coulson, Miss Willo Gage and Miss Ada Mackenzie.

"HEARD ON THE LINKS"

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

AMERICA SAVED AGAIN.

(H. I. Phillips, Boston "Globe")

The biggest news of the new year is out. Misgivings are swept aside. Nervousness and the feeling of uncertainty in business, political and social life are allayed. Discontent among the masses is dealt a death blow.

The golf ball will remain the same size and weight throughout 1925!!

The announcement has just been made by the United States Golf Association. It ends one of the greatest periods of suspense the American public has felt for half a century or more. No sooner had the golf association come to its decision than the word, passing from mouth to mouth, swept the country.

There was cheering in the streets and public squares. Cries of "Long live the golf ball as at present designed, manufactured and distributed!" "Viva la Scotch confetti!" and "Three cheers for the United States Golf Association!" filled the air.

The full significance was quickly felt in all walks of life. The Stock Market rallied to the good news and there were advances of from 8 to 80 points all along the line. Mills and factories reopened, the railroad situation showed marked improvement almost immediately, and expressions of renewed confidence in the ability of the Nation to weather the readjustment period were heard everywhere.

The American Federation of Labor passed resolutions at once thanking the golf association for its action. "The golf ball as now used is a good thing for the workingman," declared President Green, "to have ordered a larger ball at this time would have set human welfare back 50 years, possibly 52.

"Had the golf association done so it might as well have made the hardship of the masses complete by ordering an entirely new design of fly for fly casting or issuing an edict shortening the polo mallet."

The golf ball as retained will be the 1.62-1.62 ball. The proposition under discussion was to replace it with a larger, a lighter ball about 1.68 inches in diameter and 1.55 ounces in weight. Anybody can see what this would have meant in the life of the average citizen.

It seems a majority of the American golf clubs favored the change, but the British Golfing Association refused sanction at this time.

For a time war with England seemed very probable. It was doubtful, however, how many Americans were ready to lay down their lives for a larger and lighter golf ball. Something of the same uncertainty was felt in British diplomatic circles.

There was talk of referring it to the League of Nations, but at the last minute this was

found to be impossible. The League was found to have no golf ball committee as such. Darn it!

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SUCCESS AT LAST.

"Ah!" said the golfer who was skating, as the ice gave way beneath him, "at last I have developed a perfect follow through."

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A DEVOTEE TO ONE TOOL.

One of the larger Eastern golf clubs has a pleasant custom. Once a year all the caddies are guests at a big dinner.

At the latest feast one of the boys disdained to employ either of the forks he found at his place. He loaded his food into himself with his knife. When the ice cream course was reached and he still wielded his knife, a boy who sat opposite to him shouted:

"Gee! Look at Skinny usin' his iron all the way 'round!"

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Major Dickard was in a bunker, and dug deeply and frequently with his niblick in his efforts to extricate the ball. A man crossing the course stood watching his efforts for a time. Then he said, "Why don't you try a ferret, Mister?"

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HARD LUCK, EH WHAT?

The following is an extract from the 1924 report of the Entertainment Committee of a leading Winnipeg Club:

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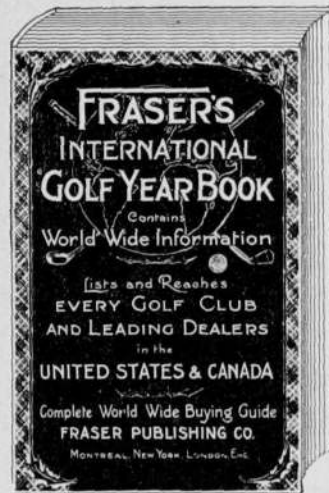
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"I won't flatter it by calling it an old man's game. It's an old woman's game."

"If you MUST spend your time digging holes in the earth, why not join a construction gang and get paid for it?"

"A golfer spends half an hour waiting for a train, one hour on the train, two hours waiting at the first tee, three hours of actual play, another half hour waiting for the train, another on the train, loses \$20, spends ten and thinks he's had a whale of a fine time. Golfers seem to be past masters at the art of self-kidding."

"They pay \$400 a year for the privilege of knocking a chunk of rubber into a tin can with a lopsided stick."

"No, thanks. I'll do my hiking on the roads and save my money."

"I'll take tennis for mine. It looks like bad sportsmanship to hit a ball when it's sitting still—like hitting a mother rabbit on her nest."

"No golf for me. I've bought a second-hand automobile and I need all my profanity for that."

"It takes ten years to learn it—and life's too short. Each stroke subtracted from your score costs you a year's time and a thousand dollars."

"Thanks. I think I'll stick to some game where you don't have to buy three counties and a township to play it."

"No. I have enough troubles with my wife as it is, without trying to sneak away to a golf course every Sunday."

"Why should I go to a golf course and hire a caddy to laugh at me when I can stay at home and have my wife do it free of charge?"

"I hate a game where you have to keep silent. I'd rather attend a nice, lively funeral."

"If I leave off golf and do my drinking at home I won't have to give away three quarts out of every gallon. That's the way I figure it."

"The average modern golf club distributes its funds in a foolish way, it seems to me. It spends a hundred thousand or more on the course and a million on the clubhouse—and you can't play golf in the clubhouse."

"It's a game played by rich men—and by poor men who were rich when they took it up."

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A member of the staff of "Punch," speaking at a luncheon of the Rotary Club in the North of England, said that Scotsmen were so keen on golf that he knew one who was under the impression that "Sandy Hook" was a professional.

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"Oh, look what Santa Claus brought me,"

The happy golfer cried in glee,

"Silver Kings in a nice new box,

A brand new sweater, some fancy
sox,

A great big indoor golf machine,

Some shoes that won't cut up the
green,

An iron labeled 'number four,'

And ties and handkerchiefs galore—

But gosh," and then he grew quite
glum

And said, "On Christmases to come
I wish somebody'd give me

Just ten more yards right off the
tee!"

—"The Bridle and Golfer."

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GOLFING NOTES FROM THE TROPICS.

The M'Bongo M'Bongo Tournament held here last week, says "Golf Illustrated, London, was quite a success. Mr. Jenkwoddle won the KiKiKiKi Cup after a most exciting final in

which he defeated Mr. MacRoffey by 4 down and 5 to play. It was rather hard luck on the latter that in his drive to the fourteenth he sliced most dreadfully into the jungle, and, as he prided himself on his mashie play from the rough, he and his coon-caddie, Soap-suds, went in search of the ball, utterly

ignoring the "Safety-First" notice, "Beware of Lions." Mr. Jenkwoodle was therefore hailed as victor, and we heartily congratulate him on an honour for which he has often struggled valiantly. He has generously made a handsome offer for the late Mr. MacRoffey's clubs, which have been retrieved.

IMPOSING FIGURES OF THE "SUN LIFE"

FROM the 1924 figures of the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, published elsewhere in this issue it will be seen that the Company to-day ranks amongst the leading Assurance institutions of the world.

Assurances in force (after deducting re-assurances), have reached the tremendous total of \$871,636,457, showing an increase for the year of \$167,871,214. Ordinary policies in force number 384,113, while the families of 30,160 employees of industrial and other businesses enjoy the protection of Sun Life Group policies.

The resources of the Company also show commensurate gains. Assets of \$274,130,407 show an increase for the year of \$64,873,094. When it is realized that this gain alone equals the total assets held by the Sun Life eleven years ago, some idea of the rapid appreciation of its funds may be formed. The income for 1924 advanced by the sum of \$15,280,042 to the substantial figure of \$62,245,581, this sum not including considerations received in respect of re-assurances.

In earnings from investments the Company's experience has been particularly gratifying. Both in the increase in market value of securities held, amounting to \$6,331,377, and the profit on sales wherein the increased value of securities has been capitalized, is reflected the wisdom of the Company's early policy of investment in long-term bonds and similar securities. While it is expected that this increased value will be permanent, possible fluctuation has been amply provided for in the contingency account.

The rate of interest earned on the mean invested assets advanced to 6.38 per cent. This is exclusive of profits from sales and

represents a substantial gain over the previous year's satisfactory earnings.

\$31,881,639 was paid to policyholders and to beneficiaries in respect of death claims, maturing policies, profits, etc. This brings the sum so paid out by the Company since organization to \$183,798,128, an amount impressive enough as a figure, but requiring to be read in terms of distress relieved and thrift rewarded in order to be appreciated in its true worth.

Policyholders received or had allotted to them profits of \$6,681,652 during 1924.

That the future position of the Company shall be even more solid and secure, the reserves of its entire life assurance contracts have been valued at three per cent. while a special annuity reserve of \$750,000 has been set up beyond the amount required by the Government standard.

The surplus increased by \$4,234,490 and amounted to \$22,107,357 after strengthening Contingency Reserves to the extent of \$4,000,000 following the Company's policy of building for the future. This brings the contingency fund held for possible fluctuation of investment market values to \$5,000,000 and the general contingencies account to \$2,500,000.

Sun Life policyholders will read the report presented with satisfaction, particularly in view of the announced increase in the scale of profits on participating policies. The prosperity of the country is bound up with that of its institutions and the significance of the amazing progress recorded by the Sun Life of Canada will be reflected in the firmer confidence of Canadians from coast to coast in the destiny of our country.

HOW GOLF IS PROGRESSING IN CAMPBELLTON

From Very Small Beginnings Club is Growing in a Most Satisfactory Manner

(Special Correspondence, "Canadian Golfer")

IN the Spring of 1923 some of the citizens of Campbellton, N. B., and a few from the Town of Dalhousie, which is distant sixteen miles, met with a view of organizing a golf-

club. A lease of property consisting of one hundred acres, forty of which were under cultivation, were secured three miles distant from the Town of Campbellton.

One-half interest in this property was then purchased by the members of the Club. It was then incorporated under the name of "Restigouche Country Club." The one-half interest in the freehold vests now in the Club, the other one-half interest was leased to the Club from the guardian of the three infant children, whose shares we cannot yet acquire.

For the first season, in order to get the Club started, an annual fee of \$10.00 was charged for men and \$5.00 for ladies. In this way \$1,100.00 was collected in fees. During the first season also \$2,900.00 in stock was subscribed for and paid. A club house was built at an expenditure of \$3,000. Seven holes were completed. We are beginning to get the grounds in fair shape and expect to put in two extra holes this coming season. The course is rather a rough one, and requires a lot of work. We have had men constantly employed on it during the two seasons. Up to the present time we have spent about \$8,300, \$3,000 of which went towards the construction of club house and \$350 of which was in payment of pro's salary for the summer of 1923 and the balance spent on the course.

The Club fees in 1924 were raised to \$20 for men and \$10 for ladies. We

had in that year fifty-five men members and fifty-eight lady members playing. Along with the fees of 1924, \$350 was taken up and paid for in stock. You will see from this that we have an overdraft of \$1,800, but it is the intention of the Club to have more stock taken up during the coming season to reduce this overdraft and continue improvements.

The location is on the south bank of the Restigouche River and the scenery from the club house and from all points along the course is, we are told, unsurpassed anywhere. I would say that this is our main asset and anyone knowing of the scenery along the Restigouche River can fully appreciate just what it is.

Golf, I think, is a great national game and for men, such as myself, who spends the greater portion of his time in his office, means so much to get out on the course for an hour or so in the evening.

Our membership at first was very small, but it is wonderful the interest that every one is now taking in this locality. Our town has a population of about seven thousand people and I can see that our membership is going to increase greatly during the coming season.

A LESSON WITH DUNCAN AND MITCHELL

Fundamentals of a Sound Style Pointed Out by the Noted Visitors

(By Thomas H. Uzzell, "The Western Golfer")

WHEN it comes to hitting a golf ball off a tee with a wooden Club, with the double object of making it go as far and as straight as possible, George Duncan and Abe Mitchell are just about on top of the heap. The two of them together can probably explain more about and do better at this particular business than any other two golfers whose names are associated familiarly in team play. George Duncan has won the British Open Championship. Mitchell has just won our Southern Open at Miami, and the next day he and Duncan de-

feated our leading professionals, Hagen and Sarazen, in match play.

George Duncan is a great teacher as well as a great player. Among the international first string men, in fact, Duncan is known as a sort of "king maker"; more than one crowned head in golfdom, American as well as British, owes his distinction in large part to coaching at the right time by the famous Scotch shot-maker. Abe Mitchell, as every one knows, is one of the longest and straightest hitters off the tee living. "Watch Abè do it," is in fact often one of the most important



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injunctions given in a lesson by Duncan.

Such a lesson it was my good fortune to receive recently, and I intend to set down briefly here the gist of what I think I learned. Some of the points brought out by Duncan and Mitchell are bound to be of interest to all American golfers who are students of the game while the very large army of players who shoot anywhere from ninety to one hundred can (according to Duncan), afford to take most of what is set forth below very much to heart.

Duncan doesn't try to say too much; he strikes at essentials; you don't forget what he tells you. This is how it began:

"I suppose my faults are pretty common to the average player you find on American links," I said to Duncan as we entered the practice cage.

"Let's have a look," he replied.

I peeled my coat and banged two balls into the canvas. Duncan raised his hands as if for silent prayer.

"There are three serious weaknesses in the style of the players I see everywhere who can't get below ninety-five and stay there, and you've got them all more or less. Let me show you; let's have the club."

The Scotch maestro then went into the matter thoroughly, illustrating his points by striking analogies with other sports. He focussed all his instruction on correcting the three faults mentioned above. They were as follows:

1. *Faulty stance*, i. e., standing too straight, bending the knees too much, all of which gets the center of gravity too far forward.

2. *Faulty weight distribution* as between the two feet, i. e., putting too much weight on the left leg in the back swing.

3. *Faulty swing*, i. e., want of freedom and flexibility in the back swing.

It is impossible in brief space to argue as eloquently and as fully as did Duncan the importance of these three criticisms. Here, however, in the order

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given is the substance of his wit and wisdom on the subject:

1. *The stance.* I had always bent my knees generously to give them what I thought was flexibility and ease of movement. Duncan convinced me that in so doing I got my center of gravity too far towards the ball. Duncan had me straighten my knees and bend over more. In that position at first any kind of powerful blow seemed impossible. "You must remember," said Duncan, "that the center of the pivot is in the hips; the length of your shot is dependent more upon the freedom with which you can throw your hips into the pivoting than upon anything else. In the correct stance the body is well weighted in the rear. When you crouch up to the ball that way, the hips have no opportunity to swing around as a counter-balance to the arms and club. The first thing for all you average players to remember is to stick your tail out. Bend well over. See this.

Duncan displayed his hip action without swinging club at all. He twisted his hips to right and left with snap and precision. It was impressive. He explained that the movement was at the basis of every sound shot. He even declared that the players of heavy build were fortunate in having extra weight around the hips to throw into the pivot.

2. *Weight distribution.* The right and wrong of this matter of distribu-

tion of the weight as between the two feet is most important. Mitchell's weight in his address is very much behind the ball on his right leg, that is, he told me that on stepping up to the ball on the tee, his very first move is to plant his right foot behind the ball, putting his weight on it, and only after that getting his line and settling to his stance. Both he and Duncan say that they hit the ball on the tee a slightly ascending blow. Faulty weight distribution at the beginning of the up-swing is an exceedingly common fault, said Duncan, and results partly from the player's fear that he will miss it if he doesn't hit down on it and partly from pivoting on the left leg instead of in the hips and shoulders.

Duncan and Mitchell admitted that there is much variance among the good players in the transfer of weight from the right to the left foot *during the down-swing*. Bobby Jones rises on the toes of both feet at the impact, leaving his whole right side weak at this moment. Duncan has his left heel on the ground at impact, but is at this instant well up on his right toes; Abe Mitchell, who drives longer than either of these players, has both feet flat, heels touching the ground, at impact. This flat-footed position at impact, a non-overlapping grip, and a "whipping" movement of the club, described below, are given by Duncan as the three secrets of Abe Mitchell's remarkably long drives.

3. *The Swing.* We come now to a somewhat more subtle problem. It really concerns what is often spoken of as "timing," "snapping the wrists through," and "rhythm," though Duncan frankly discourages players from trying to bring off fine tee shots by heeding these "old-fashioned adages." "There's nothing in them," he assured me, and insisted that the secret of the whole matter lies in mastering what he calls the "sling," or "whip" movement or, as it is now called on the other side, the "flail."

"In cracking the whip," explained Duncan, "you strike a blow with a weapon made of moveable parts. So the body, arms and club—they can be likened to a whip or flail. To carry out the whip movement the body must move first, then the arms, then the club. It is commonly enough known that the hitting takes place in this order in the down-swing, but it is not commonly known that *the club must go up in the same order to insure maximum hitting and accuracy.*"

This third suggestion is altogether a matter of the up-swing. "Take care of the back swing," says Duncan, and rhythm, timing and keeping your eye on the ball will take care of themselves."

The faulty back swing of the average player consists mainly in starting the movement of the clubhead with the first pivoting of the body, in bending the wrists too soon, and in an altogether too stiff or "wooden" action. To insure a free, flexible, dashing movement Duncan and Mitchell and several other leading players, notably Hagen, employ a slight bending of the right knee and movement of the hands to the left six or eight inches at the beginning of the swing and before moving the club head from behind the ball. This "bracing up" movement gets the mind where it ought to be in the back swing, according to Duncan, on the wrists and club head, and is in effect a tiny rehearsal of what the wrists will be doing at the impact.

This little "get-set" motion to the left at the start of the swing is difficult to bring off rhythmically at first.

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The club head is too eager to start the same instant as the hands. Duncan teaches it by stepping on the pupil's club head and having him swing his wrists and body slightly to and fro without moving the club head until he gets used to it.

Since the above pointers were given by Duncan and Mitchell, considerable experimenting with them has been done by players around New York. It is the consensus of opinion that the most valuable tip is the third one concerning the "flail" or "sling," the chief point of which is *starting hands first in the up-swing.* It simply can't be done woodenly. I have seen several players with stiff styles on the tee loosen up by cultivating the flail action. I myself as soon as I tried it in play, selaffed every shot for some time. Soon, however, I adjusted the thing and am now having a merry time trying, as Duncan advised, to put a little flail into every shot down to the putt. It works. It calls for greater boldness

and freedom in play, and for that reason is more fun.

Experimentation with point number one has also produced some humorous golf stories to take home but it has also brought practically universal approval. I myself get no more distance by "flailing" my shots (they go straighter), but I *do* get more distance by bending over more and straightening my knees. I have seen several players insist laughingly that they simply could not hit a ball by "sticking their tails out," as Duncan advised; and invariably within a few shots I have heard them exclaim: "Say, boy, did you see that one go!" There's no doubt about it: the weight in the hips is the handle to the whip!

As to point number two: no one disputes the importance of keeping the weight well on the right foot up to the moment of impact. When this is not done we are pretty certain to find the player pressing or swaying instead of pivoting or not pivoting at all! Long tee shots, all experimentation with Duncan's ideas shows, are "hit off the right leg."

As for the "bracing-up" movement: I am convinced that some players will benefit greatly by it and some (especially those who find it easy to concentrate on their game and keep their heads down), will not need to cultivate

it. To them it will be a mere mannerism. It should be adopted by those who need it to force their attention on "Hands first in the up-swings."

The most important single point of the coaching theory which Duncan has to offer concerns the importance of *concentrating attention on the up-swing*. It is not easy to see just why it is that a properly executed up-swing is a practical guarantee of a correct down-swing, but Duncan insists that it is and experimentation would seem to bear him out. This advice, important as it is, will not be easy to carry out. The average player thinks only of actually hitting and not of preparing his limbs to produce the perfect blow. Real students of the game, however, who read this will give the idea a trial.

Such are the golf tips given out by one of the greatest teachers of this exacting game; and apparently these tips make up more than seventy-five per cent. of all he ever says to anybody on the subject of golfing style. "Keep your weight on your right foot up to the impact," he says, "start your hand first in the up-swing, and stick your tail out, and you need not worry about keeping your eye on the ball or following through or any of those popular bugbears; they'll take care of themselves."

NEW EIGHTEEN-HOLE COURSE FOR MURRAY BAY

MURRAY BAY is every year becoming more and more popular as a summer resort and in increasing numbers tourists from all parts of Canada and the States are numbered among its enthusiastic visitors.

The Canada Steamship Lines, Ltd., in order to more effectually cater to the golfing wants of its many patrons last June started work on a new 18-hole course situated about one and one-half miles from its famous hotel, the "Manoir Richelieu." The work was entrusted to Mr. Herbert Strong, the expert New York golf architect, who laid out the Championship course of Lakeview, Toronto, and a very fine lay-out has been made by him. There are many character holes, while the invigorating air, scenic beauty and sportingness of the course will appeal to all golfers. It is expected to have nine holes in play by the 1st of July next. Washington bent stolons have been planted on all the first nine greens and a nursery has been started, from which it is expected to obtain sufficient stolons to plant the remaining nine greens about the middle of July. In the years to come this "Manoir Richelieu" course will be one of the finest on the continent. There can be no question about that.

THE ROYAL CANADIAN GOLF ASSOCIATION

The Twenty-sixth Annual Meeting Is Featured by the Discussion of Many Important Matters—Recommendation to Form a Green Section Enthusiastically Received—Dates for the Amateur Championship at The Royal Ottawa Set for June 29th-July 4th, and the Open at Lambton July 30th-August 1st—Mr. W. E. Matthews Elected President in Place of Mr. S. B. Gundy, and the Latter Accorded a Hearty Vote of Thanks

THE Twenty-sixth Annual Meeting of The Royal Canadian Golf Association, held on Saturday, February 7th, at the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, was an epoch making one in every respect. It was not only the most largely attended and most representative meeting in the history of the Association (over 100 delegates being in attendance), but it was featured by the discussion of several most important matters affecting the future of the Royal and Ancient game throughout the Dominion, notably the formation of a Green Section, easily the most forward movement in the best interests of the game ever launched by the Association.

The annual meeting was preceded by a particularly well served luncheon, in the Yellow Room of the King Edward.

Business proceedings were opened by Mr. S. B. Gundy, of Toronto, the exceptionally energetic 1924 President, reading the comprehensive and altogether satisfactory annual report of the Executive Committee.

Herewith some extracts from this interesting pronouncement:

LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP

A Committee of ladies nominated by the C. L. G. U. and appointed by the R. C. G. A., as authorized at the last Annual Meeting, conducted the Ladies' Championships to the satisfaction of the most critical and in a manner which reflected the utmost credit on the Ladies' Committee on whose shoulders rested this burden.

THE BRITISH WALKER CUP PLAYERS

The visit of the British Walker Cup Players, accompanied by Mr. Henry Gullen, was an epoch-making event. They were enthusiastic in their expressed appreciation of our efforts on their behalf. Too much credit cannot be given to our efficient Secretary, who shepherded the visitors from Philadelphia to the C. P. R. Steamer at Quebec City. Our thanks are tendered the officials of the Toronto Golf Club and the Royal Montreal Golf

Club for so graciously making a home for these players in their magnificent Club Houses during their stay in Toronto and Montreal.

R. C. G. A. GREEN SECTION

We were successful in securing the fullest co-operation of the Honourable Mr. Motherwell, Minister of Agriculture, and Mr. G. H. Clark, Seed Commissioner, who very kindly met us at luncheon on Tuesday, January 6th, and with their assistance the above section has been formed. Its purpose in brief is as follows:

1. Conduct experiments to determine which species and strains of grasses are best suited to the different soils of golf courses in our various climates.

2. Establish for each of the East and West of Canada and maintain a nursery of the superior forms of grasses for turf development, and distribute therefrom at nominal cost, propagating stock in small quantities, of the best forms of grasses that may have been selected.

3. Encourage the production in Canada of a reliable supply of grass seed of those species that prove to be best for turf development.

4. Co-operate with and assist Agricultural Colleges in providing short courses of instruction to practical Greenkeepers, and assist with investigational work during the summer months by visiting when practicable, golf courses where particular difficulties are experienced due to insect pests, fungus diseases, fertilizer problems, drainage or other factors.

Arrangements have been completed for the holding of a five-day series of lectures early in March in Montreal and Toronto. Discussions will be encouraged each day. It is earnestly hoped that the Executives, Secretaries, Greenkeepers and others interested will avail themselves of the privilege of attending these lectures, which will cover a very wide range and should prove most helpful.

There will also be published, under Departmental Editorship, each month in the "Canadian Golfer," in a section specially set aside for this purpose, information and instructions to Greenkeepers on similar lines to the present Bulletin issued by the Green Section in the United States, which emanates from Washington, but our Bulletin will deal entirely with conditions peculiar to the Northern Zone. There will be no reference to the Japanese beetle or kindred topics not included in the Canadian problem.



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A handbook for Greenkeepers will be published which will be a complete manual of instruction, and will embody all that is best in the Bulletin which has been issued continuously for three years on the other side of the line, and the receipt of which has been very helpful in the past to some of our clubs.

We went to New York, accompanied by Mr. G. H. Clark, and had an entirely satisfactory conference with Drs. Piper and Oakley, who came from Washington to meet us. They are in entire sympathy with the plan to establish our own Green Section and the exchange of information as between Ottawa and Washington should be helpful to both countries in the development of greens and fairways for golf courses.

Much money has been spent in the past in Canada which might have been saved, both in seed and construction, if more expert knowledge had been available to the various Green Committees.

If the plan we now outline is successful in accomplishing this purpose we look for the fullest support and co-operation of the Executives of every golf club from Halifax to Victoria.

Just as we go to press we learn with unspeakable regret the passing of Col. Thomas A. Gibson. He has been a great help to us during the past year and was keenly interested in the development of the "Green Section" Plan for Canada. He was a distinguished gentleman both in peace and war.

In conclusion we desire to thank the various clubs who generously gave their course for the Championships, and we acknowledge with gratitude the fine spirit of co-operation shown by all the clubs who are members of the R. C. G. A.

Extracts from the report of the capable Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. B. L. Anderson:

MEMBERSHIP.

On December 31st, 1923, the Association had a total membership of 126 clubs, of which 28 were Associate, 97 Allied members, and 1 Affiliated.

On Dec. 31st, 1924, the total membership was 131 clubs, of which 28 were Associate, 102 Allied and 1 Affiliated Association.

Since the last general meeting 4 clubs were dropped from membership.

Since the last general meeting 9 clubs were elected to membership as follows:

ALLIED.—Bayview Golf and Country Club, Toronto, Ontario; Shoreacres Golf and Country Club, Toronto, Ontario; St. John's Golf Club, Limited, St. Johns, Quebec; Cowansville Golf Club, Cowansville, Quebec; Thistle-down Golf and Country Club, Weston, Ontario; Arnprior Golf and Country Club, Arnprior, Ontario; Lake Shore Golf and Country Club, Toronto, Ontario; Ridgewood Park Golf Club, Goderich, Ontario; Erie Downs Golf and Country Club, Bridgeburg, Ontario.

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee, held December 5th, 1923, it was decided that the distribution of moneys received from the sale of tickets at the Open Championship should be as follows:

(a) To the Club holding the Championship.

(b) To the Open Championship for the following year to be added to the prize money.

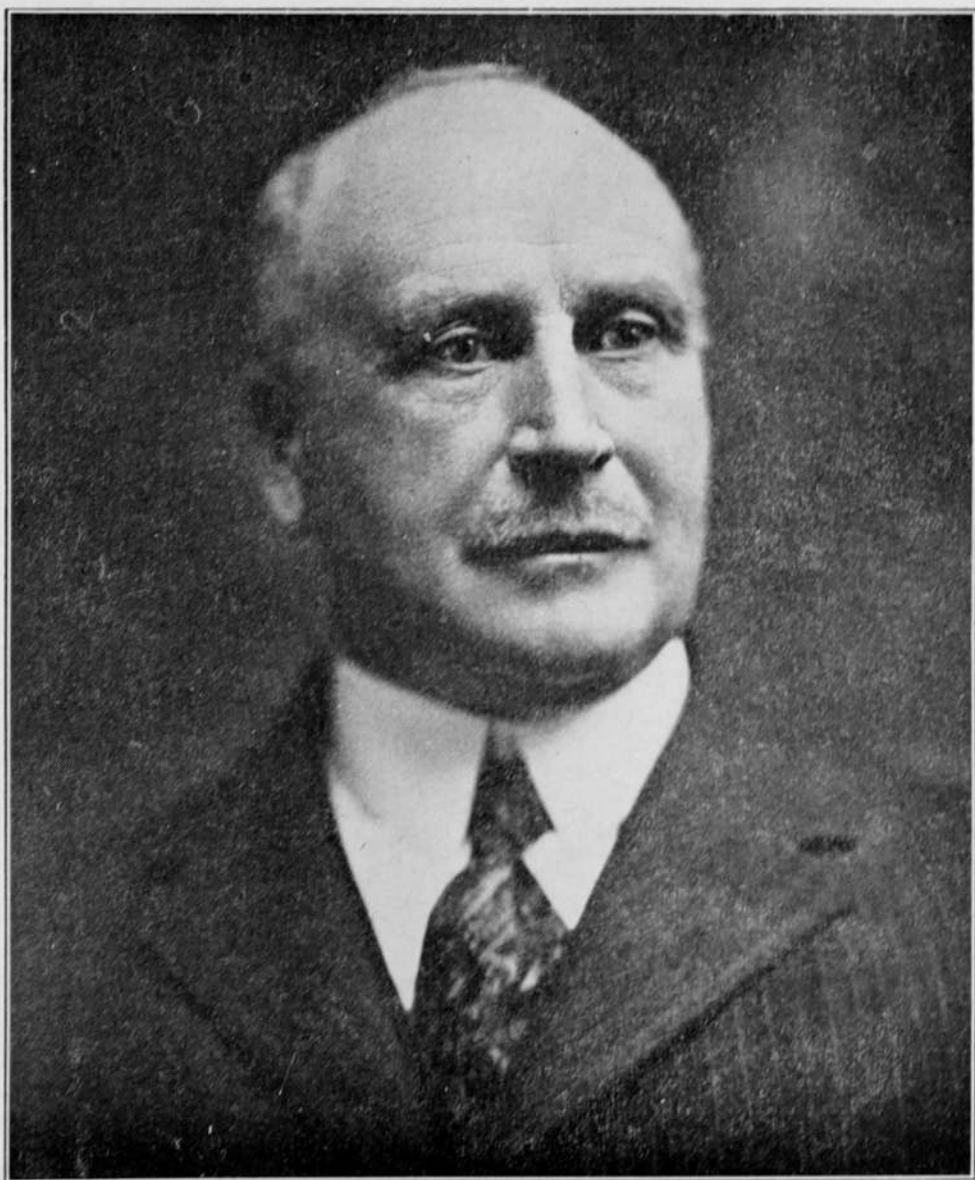
(c) To the Professional Golfers Association the year following for prize money.

(d) The balance of the funds to go to the Royal Canadian Golf Association.

It is now suggested that the Club holding the Championship receive 20 per cent., and the balance go to the R. C. G. A., to assist in the cost of carrying on the Green Section work.

SELECTION OF COURSES FOR THE 1925 CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Invitations have been received by the Association from the Royal Ottawa Golf Club, Ottawa, for the Amateur Championship, and from the Lambton Golf and Country Club, Toronto, for the Open Championship.



An Able Executive—Mr. W. E. Matthews, Ex-president of The Royal Ottawa Golf Club, elected President of The Royal Canadian Golf Association.

FINANCIAL.

At the end of the year 1923, the Association had a surplus amounting to \$4,353.37. At the close of the year 1924, the Association had a surplus amounting to \$4,053.23. It must be borne in mind, however, that a large extra expense was incurred this year through entertaining the British Golf Team.

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 Rosedale Golf Club, Toronto, and the Mount Bruno Country Club, Inc., 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 Com-

mittee, consisting of Mr. George S. Lyon, Chairman, Mr. R. H. Reville, Hon. Secretary; Mr. C. P. Wilson, Mr. P. D. Ross and Mr. R. C. H. Cassels, and decisions have been given by that Committee on the questions submitted. It is now recommended that the name of B. L. Anderson be added to this committee and that he be Secretary of the Committee in order to centralize all the activities of the R. C. G. A.

Mr. Gundy explained at some length the establishing of the Green Section of the Association. He and his Directors had received the heartiest support and encouragement from the Government experts both in Ottawa and Toronto and also from the experts of the Green Section of the U. S. G. A. In the past Canadian clubs have greatly benefited by the bulletins issued by the Green Section of the U. S. G. A., and quite a number of clubs subscribe to the bulletin, but under the new schemes the R. C. G. A. will issue in the "Canadian Golfer" monthly a section prepared by authorities in which only the phases of interest to Canadian clubs will be dealt with.

It is also intended to prepare a handbook for greenkeepers; to engage a specialist who will be a whole-time employe of the R. C. G. A., to conduct experiments to ascertain the best grasses for use in Canada; to establish and maintain nurseries in Eastern and Western Canada for the development of the superior forms of grasses, and to co-operate with the agricultural colleges in providing short courses of instruction to practical greenkeepers. It was announced that arrangements have been made for the holding of five-day series of lectures early next month in Toronto and Montreal for all interested in the betterment of golf courses.

While the scheme has the whole-hearted support of Government officials, as well as all the clubs, the Executive was faced by the question of financing the scheme, and it was decided to request all clubs belonging to the R. C. G. A. to hold one-day club championships on June 13, and that the entry fees of \$1 a player be forwarded to the R. C. G. A. for the Green Section Fund. Mr. Anderson pointed out that in 1917 a similar plan was followed in aid of the Red Cross

and that the entry fees and subscriptions totalled \$30,000.

Mr. J. A. Jackson, of The Royal Ottawa Golf Club, Col. MacInnes, of the Toronto Golf Club, and Mr. G. H. Forster, of the Beaconsfield Golf Club, Montreal, in interesting and instructive speeches, warmly endorsed the action taken by the Executive in forming a Green Section. Mr. Forster stated that all the Montreal Clubs were heartily back of the project.

Mr. Gundy made it quite clear that it was not the object of the Green Section to interfere with the business of the recognized Seed Firms. It was not the intention to go in for the sale of seeds and grasses, but to advise and experiment and otherwise help the Green Committees throughout Canada to intelligently solve their soil and other course troubles. The whole meeting was most enthusiastic over the forward step taken by the 1924 Executive in establishing a Green Section. Mr. Gundy and his associates came in for well deserved praise from every delegate present. Golfing history was certainly made at the 26th annual meeting of the R. C. G. A. this month in Toronto.

On motion of Mr. J. T. Clark, Editor of the Toronto "Star," who last year moved that a Committee of the Ladies' Golf Union be entrusted with the conducting of the Ladies' Open Championship, such Committee to be subject to the approval of the R. C. G. A., it was again unanimously decided to entrust this important Championship to the C. L. G. U. and its supervision.

Mr. W. J. Thompson, ex-Amateur Champion, brought up the question of grooved and slotted clubs and steel shafts. The latter had been authorized by the U. S. G. A. and barred by the Royal and Ancient. As Canadian golfers were more or less interested in golf to the South of us, owing to proximity, he thought that the R. C. G. A. should take some action in the matter.

Mr. Gundy stated when he was in Scotland last summer, Mr. Henry Gulen, Secretary of the Royal and Ancient, intimated to him that the question of allowing steel shafts in Great

Britain was more or less a moot question, and might be up soon for revision.

After speeches by Messrs. Lyman Root and J. H. Riddell, on motion the question was left for the careful consideration of the 1925 Executive of the R. C. G. A.; also the very vital matter of the dimension and weight of the new ball, which is engrossing the attention of the Royal and Ancient and United States Golf Association.

Mr. Gundy mentioned the fact that the Manitoba Golf Association had written the R. C. G. A. that it was considering the question of having the clubs under its jurisdiction joining the parent Association en bloc, instead of paying individual club membership fees. He hoped in view of the establishing of a Green Section and other forward steps being taken to make membership in the R. C. G. A. more valuable, that the 1925 Executive would be able to demonstrate to the Western Clubs that it was to their advantage to retain their individual membership—a decision much hoped for and desired in the best interest of the game in Canada.

An appreciative letter was read from Mrs. Leonard Murray, President of the Canadian Ladies' Golf Union, thanking the President and officials of the R. C. G. A. for many courtesies extended during 1924 and for the beautiful trophy contributed for the Canadian Ladies' Open Championship. Also from Mr. George S. Lyon, ex-President of the Association, who for nearly a quarter of a century has rarely missed an Annual Meeting of the R. C. G. A., but who was in Montreal on February 7th, a member of the Toronto curling rinks who so successfully contended with the curlers of Montreal for the possession of the Birks Trophy—the blue riband of curling between the two leading cities of Canada.

The Executive Committee as a Nominating Committee submitted the following names for the various offices in the Association for 1925:

President, Mr. W. E. Matthews, Royal Ottawa Golf Club, Ottawa; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. B. L. Anderson, Toronto; Committee-men, F. M. Chal-

decott, Vancouver, B. C.; A. L. Smith, Calgary, Alta.; D. N. Finnie, Winnipeg, Man.; W. D. Wilson, Hamilton, Ont.; H. L. Kerr, Toronto, Ont.; C. H. Mitchell, Toronto, Ont.; J. A. Jackson, Ottawa, Ont.; G. H. Clark, Ottawa, Ont.; W. W. Walker, Montreal, Que.;



A particularly good "sporting snap-shot" of Mr. S. B. Gundy, who so ably occupied the Presidential Chair of the R. C. G. A. last year. This was taken at Philadelphia where he went to officially meet and welcome the British Walker Team last September.

E. A. MacNutt, Montreal, Que.; A. J. Welch, Quebec, Que.; W. A. Henry, K. C., Halifax, N. S.

This nomination called for some discussion, Mr. W. J. Thompson calling attention to the fact that last year at the Annual Meeting he had objected to the fact that the officers for some time past had been more or less all of an "executive character," the leading players of the Dominion not being represented on the governing body. This, he thought, was a mistake.

Mr. Gundy pointed out that the Nominating Committee for 1925 had not forgotten that a suggestion had been made in 1924 that some of the

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leading players should be included on the Executive, but it was thought that owing to the fact that in 1925 a Green Section was being inaugurated and other important steps contemplated that the coming season the financial rather than the playing end of the game was deserving the most careful attention.

The nomination of three prominent golfers who were received on the Friday before the meeting were, on the advice of Mr. R. C. H. Cassels, K. C., considered out of order by the President, Mr. Gundy, they under the Constitution having been received too late, and the nominations of the Executive Committee as published above, were unanimously carried. It will be noticed that the leading golfing cities of the Dominion are represented in the newly elected officers. Ottawa, where the Amateur Championship and the Ladies' Open and Close Championship will be held in 1925, has three members; Toronto, where the

Open Championship will be held, three; Montreal, two, and Vancouver, Calgary, Winnipeg, Hamilton, Quebec and Halifax one each—a very fair and equable division indeed.

After the election of the officers Mr. W. E. Matthews, Ottawa, ex-President of the Royal Ottawa Golf Club, and the newly elected President of the R. C. G. A., took the chair and was given an enthusiastic reception. He stated that he felt highly honoured to be titular head of golf in Canada and would do everything in his power to add to and advance the interests of the game in Canada.

The dates for Championships were decided as follows:

Amateur Championship, Royal Ottawa Golf Club, Ottawa, Ont., June 29-July 4.

Open Championship, Lambton Golf and Country Club, Toronto, July 30-August 1.

R. C. G. A. Green Section Tournament, June 13th.

In regard to the Open Championship it will be noted three days are reserved for the event this year instead of two as formerly. The details will be worked out later.

At the conclusion of the Annual Meeting the delegates were fortunate in hearing addresses from the leading experts on seed and soil in the Dominion.

Mr. George H. Clarke, Seed Commissioner, Ottawa, who has thrown himself whole-heartedly into the project of the formation of a Green Section of the R. C. G. A., brought a message from the Hon. W. R. Motherwell, Federal Minister of Agriculture, and the experts of his Department of warmest sympathy and assistance in helping the Golf Clubs in Canada to solve their seed and soil troubles. The resources of the Federal Department in the future would be gladly placed at their disposal and he was confident that excellent results in the years to come would follow. Dr. McRostie, of the Experimental Farm, Ottawa, followed in a particularly well thought out and valuable address, "Obtaining

Satisfactory Turf," which appears on page 74 in this issue.

Then came the celebrated Botanist, Dr. Malte, of the Geological Survey, Ottawa, in a most fascinating address on the various types of seeds and grasses most suitable for greens and courses in Canada. Dr. Malte is apparently strongly of the opinion that Creeping Bents are the most suitable for first-class putting greens in this country and stated that in Prince Edward Island and other sections of Canada there is an invaluable supply equal or superior to the imported article. Dr. Malte had beautifully mounted samples with him of various grasses, which were passed round among those in attendance, proving most educational and instructive. He was loudly applauded at the conclusion of his informative speech.

Mr. W. B. Roadhouse, Deputy Minister, Department of Agriculture, Toronto, was the last speaker of this most interesting feature of the Annual Meeting. He stated that the Provincial Agricultural authorities like the Federal authorities, recognized the large and growing investments in golf courses in Canada and the many problems that had to be met and solved, and he had the authority of the Ontario Minister of Agriculture to state that the Ontario Experimental Colleges and their staffs in future would be at the disposal of golf clubs to an increasing degree.

On motion of General Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Ralph H. Reville, a hearty vote of thanks was passed amidst much applause, to Messrs. Clarke, McRostie, Malte, and Road-

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house for their most illuminating addresses.

A memorable meeting was then brought to a conclusion by a cordial vote of thanks to Mr. S. B. Gundy, the retiring President, moved by Mr. R. C. Matthews, President of Rosedale, Toronto.

After the luncheon and the Annual Meeting, many of the greenkeepers of the prominent clubs in Toronto came in to hear the addresses of the Ottawa Seed Experts, to which they listened with absorbing interest.

"EARTHWORMS" ARE NO FAIR HAZARD

For "a Clergyman-golfer on a Blue Monday Morning"

(By George H. Clark, Commissioner, Department of Agriculture).

A PLENTIFUL stock of substitutes for cuss-words should be carefully memorized and readily available to express one's feelings while putting on a green where earthworms are active and prevalent. Earthworm casts are not a fair hazard for a clergyman-golfer on a blue Monday morning.

Investigations by Dr. R. A. Oakley, of the United States Golf Association, led him to the conclusion that corrosive sublimate is the most reliable corrective.

It is a powerful poison and an effective worm killer. A green, fifty by sixty feet, should not receive more than eight ounces of this poison at a single application. For each thousand square feet of green, dissolve two ounces of corrosive sublimate in a gallon of water and sprinkle on a bushel or more of compost while in process of screening. When thoroughly incorporated with the compost, distribute uniformly over the green, brush well in, and promptly and liberally apply water. The problem is to kill the earthworms without killing the grass. As a rule, one accomplishes a little of both.

BENT GRASS.

Any form of the *Agrostis* that will spread along the ground and root at the joints of the stems is commonly called bent grass. Many forms of plants that are able to reproduce themselves by spreading in this manner are not prolific seed producers. Before the Great War, Creeping Bent was collected largely by hand from old pasture areas, wood lots, and along water courses by the women of South Germany and of Holland and was blended with seed of the native *agrostis* common to the European Atlantic coast. This native *agrostis* of Europe is comparable with the native *agrostis* to be found extending from Labrador to Virginia on the American coast and known as Rhode Island Bent, and with that of New Zealand, which is on the market as Colonial Bent. The most desirable species in these coast bent grasses is *Agrostis tenuis*, but there would seem to be also many forms of the *Agrostis stolonifera* interspersed with the *Agrostis tenuis*, according to the local soil conditions. The Rhode Island Bent seed of commerce is therefore commonly a mixture of these different forms of native *agrostis*, all of which are quite desirable for turf grasses as compared with the much coarser Red Top of commerce. Prince Edward Island is now producing seed of these native coast forms of *Agrostis*.

HOW TO AVOID SLICING

Abe Mitchell, Generally Acknowledged the World's Greatest Driver, Gives Some Timely Advice

“DURING a recent tournament I met one golfer who told me,” says Abe Mitchell, in “Golfers’ Magazine,” “that he was gradually getting his handicap down, but had rather stuck in his driving. He said he was hitting the ball quite nicely, but there was just that suspicion of cut which took many yards off the distance; and, although it was not very perceptible, yet it was worrying him and he was afraid that ultimately this cut would develop into a good old slice.

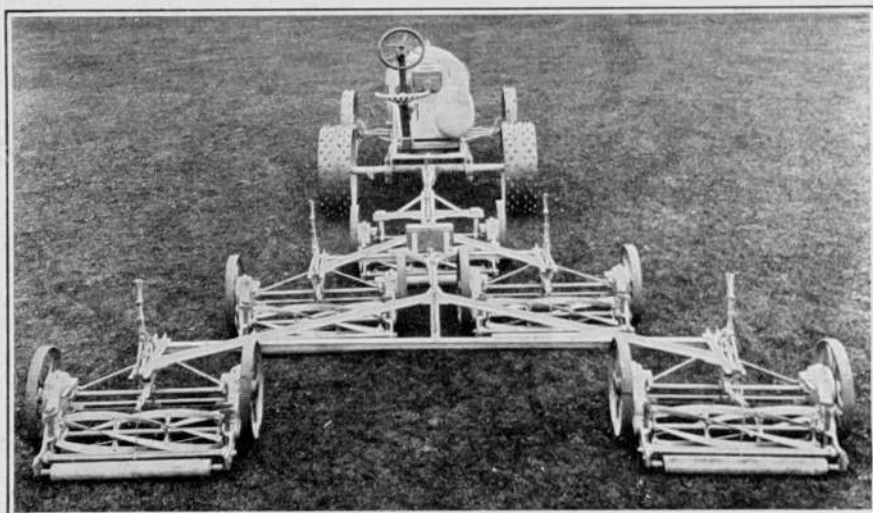
Watching him swing a club in a quiet spot, I fancied that I detected exactly where not only he, but a great many others, go slightly astray. He got the club to the top of the swing quite nicely and easily; but just before he commenced the down swing his hands, instead of throwing the club-head away, came out ever so little toward the ball.

This had the effect of making the club travel outside the circle in which it had gone up and, of course, that caused the club to come rather in toward the left foot at the finish, whereas that is the last place the club-head should make for. Rather should it go out and away from the left foot.

All good golfers swing the club-head rather away from the body, and, if anything, out of the right of the line on which the ball is to be driven. Now this cannot be done if, first of all, the hands in the down swing come forward. They must travel along the same path they took in the up swing.

At the top of the swing the body must not sway away from or toward the ball. It ought to be quite steady, and the only movement should be one of the hands and wrists starting to bring the club-head down. The hands must not drop first, but should remain

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steady while the wrists perform their hinge motion.

1 Now this golfer was going wrong in not keeping the hands to their first position after the top of the swing had been reached. He not only swayed a trifle, but he shifted his hands from behind forward, and this caused the club-head to make two different circles, the one up was rather flat, while the coming down movement was a more upright one.

This is a great fault in ladies' golf, and as I say it is the cause of a great deal not only of cutting across the ball, but also of a great many sliced tee shots. The club-head must come to the ball fair and square, and there ought to be a time in the circle of the club-head when it is travelling almost straight toward the ball. Whenever the head proceeds to cut a circular

movement long before it ought to, then a slice is almost bound to result.

Golfers are very conservative, and few care to experiment, being content to stick to their own way, even if that one proves anything but beneficial to their game, but this is a little point which would benefit many were they to watch it closely. A little hint in golf does not necessarily mean that the whole of one's own ideas are to go by the board simply for the putting into execution of one particular hint.

That is the last thing which should be attempted, but this point of keeping the hands and the body steady till the club-head is well on its way down is one quite easy of execution by every golfer who is slicing or cutting the ball. Nothing in the swing need be altered one iota; the pace of the club-head remains according to custom, but

the ball will not be hit properly and truly with a club-head making two distinct and separate circles.

The trick of leaning forward at the top causes one instinctively to pull in the hands toward the body and every practiced golfer knows that this will result in a slice.

All readers of this article can bring into their mind's eye some player whom they have seen finish with the arms well out to the front of the body and not away round the left shoulder. Such golfers are generally not only straight, but long hitters, although they may not be giants of strength.

The mere fact that the club-head is moving along the line of play is quite enough to warrant the club-head hitting the ball a true and square blow. That is, I think, the real reason why Miss Cecil Leitch hits the ball as far as she does. One can see the club in her hands going out after the ball, whereas a vast majority of our women golfers pull the club in just at the moment

when its path should have been along the line of flight.

Balance at the moment of impact is not more important than balance at the top of the swing, and instead of telling my golfing friend to be sure to keep the hands steady at the top, I told him to make a point of keeping his body steady there, and not to sway forward as he started the club down. This is easier to remember than the other hint. Not only that, but it will persuade many players to wait a fraction of a second so as to give the club-head a real chance to come a little way toward the ball before beginning to apply the power.

To give the club-head a chance is just as important as to give the hole a chance on the green. If we do not time the blow in the drive all the perfect swings will not get the ball away, but by keeping steady at the top the power can be gathered together and applied at the critical and supreme moment."

THE ART OF RECOVERY

(By Harold H. Hilton, "Golf Illustrated," London)

IN the game of golf, what is termed as the power of recovery is without doubt an extremely useful asset to possess. The word "recovery" does not always necessarily refer to the hard, bludgeon-like blows which are given to the ball when it is reposing in some very undesirable position—the species of strokes in the execution of which, say, Edward Ray, Mr. Blackwell, and James Braid have made their names famous in the past. There are other kinds of recovery shots in the game—the shots of a more subtle and delicate order—the class of stroke which enables the player to retrieve the loss of a stroke which probably has been created by the playing of one, or even perhaps two consecutive shots of an indifferent character. There are some players who seem to make a habit of this class of recovery, and they are very disconcerting fellows indeed to play against. By means of some form

of error they buoy one up with a certain false hope, and then in a somewhat unkindly manner proceed to produce some kind of golfing jugglery which will enable them to halve or win the hole. Of course, it only stands to reason that this class of golfing gentleman must of necessity be a player who is in the habit of committing errors of some character or other, at least in the long game. If he did not he would not be presented with many opportunities to produce the recoveries.

One might justifiably suggest that players like Harry Vardon and J. H. Taylor are not only very fine players of recovery shots from difficult hazards, but that they are also very capable exponents of the art of producing the super-stroke, which will serve to retrieve the probable loss accruing from a previous error. Vardon and Taylor have always been such consistently accurate players of the game,

at least, as played from the teeing-ground and through the green, that in consequence they are not presented with the same opportunities of recovery shots as are the majority of their rivals. It is the player who is apt to be not a little inconsistent from the teeing-ground and not always accurate in his play through the green who must of necessity become the good recoverer. His very inaccuracies keep on presenting him with varied opportunities for recovery. Of men who have made a name in connection with first-class golf, the two players who come to my mind as being probably the greatest recoverers I have ever come across are the late Lieut. Tait and Willie Park. Some readers may say, "But what about Ted Ray; surely he is about the finest player of recoveries in the world of golf?" There may be much truth in a belief that in the art of recovery, both in respect to the strong, forceful side of the art and the gentle, persuasive side, there has probably never been a finer exponent of this phase of the game than Edward Ray. But on the evidence supplied by watching Ray play during recent years I am a little inclined to think that even big Edward is not in the habit of retrieving as many half-lost cases as either Park or Freddie Tait were in the habit of doing. Perhaps this is due to the fact that they presented themselves with more opportunities for recovery than Ray has ever done.

Park was the very patient artist in the matter of recoveries. His judgment in respect to the possibilities of any given situation appeared to be of quite a remarkable order. He never took stupid risks; that is to say, he never attempted to play a recovery shot in a manner which might end in further disaster. He always weighed up the situation most studiously, and when he had made up his mind as to the most advisable mode of procedure, that mind of his was very definitely made up. Many a time have I seen him placed in a hazard and on the previous play to the hole it would appear that in order to have any chance of halving the hole he would of

necessity have to take the brave line and a big risk. The vast majority of golfers would have taken that said risk—but not Willie Park. He would deliberately play out of the hazard on the safe side and trust to two factors to aid him—one of these being his own ability to play the short approaches and to putt, and the other the possibility or the probability that his opponent might either commit an error or not be peculiarly successful in the short game.

I well remember watching a match at Sandwich away back in 1894 in which he was playing Douglas Rolland, and in which Willie Park was completely and hopelessly outplayed from the teeing-ground. But Willie stuck to his guns, and by the aid of many extraordinary recoveries made quite a brave fight of it. One feat which Park performed provided a quite wonderful example of the "won by waiting" policy. Going to the long seventh hole, Park was trapped with his tee-shot, and, as usual, played out sideways from the trouble. His third shot was again trapped near to the green; again he played out sideways. Rolland with two lusty blows was practically as near to the hole in two as Park was in four. Rolland's run-up finished eight or nine feet short of the hole, and then Park holed a long one for a very hardly earned five. Rolland, instead of having two for the hole, had to hole the eight or nine footer in order to achieve a win. He was certainly brave enough in the attempt, as the ball skidded three or four feet past the pin; but, alas! he missed the return putt and actually lost the hole. Park Accomplished this class of recovery so frequently that one would feel inclined to term him the prince of all golfing recoverers.

Of course, Lieut. Tait was notorious for the uncanny manner in which he would snatch a hard half. Often he had played sufficiently indifferently to suggest that the hope of such a probability had almost entirely vanished. James Braid has been another golfer who has proved himself exceedingly proficient in the art of recovering the half shot which he had previously lost;

but Jimmy has been a sufficiently accurate golfer during his career not to be called upon to accomplish the feat with very great frequency. The American professionals are, without doubt, great in the work of recovery. They seem to have brought the knack of playing out of "sand traps" right down to a science. I was talking to one of them at Hoylake last year, and on congratulating him on his accurate work when playing from bunkers, he replied, "Well you see, we have so many sand traps round our greens that we become quite used to playing out of them."

Many who were present on the occasion of the Open Championship meeting at Hoylake last year may recollect Walter Hagen's feats in recovery from "Sand traps." He appeared to play the shots in all manner of ways. One shot he would play cleanly off the top of the sand; he would "half-dunch" the next one, and then would come the real explosion shot, and provided that the trap was situated near to the green, the result was invariably much the same—the ball finished very near to the hole. It was probably the gift of recovery, more than any other golfing gift, which was responsible for his success.

MR. W. C. FOWNES, JR. AND THE BALL

MR. W. C. FOWNES, Jr., Chairman of the U. S. G. A. Committee of Implements and the Ball, writes:

"While it is true the modern ball has tended more and more to spoil the playing value of some of the finest holes on some of the finest and oldest courses in the world, we must not under-estimate the tremendous value of the rubber-cored ball in increasing the playing enjoyment of the game. While we believe that the travelling power of the present ball must be cut down, we feel that the curtailment should not be great. It was with those thoughts in mind that the committee tackled the problem. The ball which we proposed, the 1.68-1.55 ball, did that very thing. We found that it averaged about ten yards shorter in driving power than the 1.62-1.62 ball and in the course of an 18-hole

round that has the effect of bringing about what we are after. We felt, however, that was about as far as we should go.

The average player need have no fear that if the change is made it will prove disadvantageous to him. We are convinced that he would get more enjoyment out of the larger and lighter ball for it sits up better on the fairway, he is able to hit it better and it comes nearer than the present standard ball in giving him what he expects to get in making the shot. One week's play will bring this out forcibly. So no one need have any apprehension in the matter for we have the interest of the rank and file of golfers even more than we have that of the championship player. The experimental work was carried on in co-operation with the British authorities, he said, but they have moved slower and have as yet reached no final conclusions.

TWO GOLF LAUGHS FROM DEL MONTE

DEL MONTE, Calif., Feb. 18th. Frank Noon, San Francisco golf scribe, is just learning the game and is becoming enthusiastic over golf. He tells the following story:

"On coming in from the links the other night I asked Mrs. Noon what she guessed I went around in that afternoon. Her answer was, 'Double.'"

"Double—what do you mean?" I fired back at her.

"Double what you will tell me," she answered.

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Two golfers at Del Monte the other day were amazed at seeing a diminutive

Mexican digging industriously in one of the out of way traps near the first hole. Asking the reason for his labors he replied: "Some of the boys told me about a reward being offered if anyone could find the bogey for this course. They said it was lost in this trap by Captain Bullock-Webster a few days ago, and he was offering a reward for anyone who could find it."

It resulted that this lad was a newcomer on the golf course and the other caddies were putting him through a series of initiation stunts. He was crestfallen when told that he was being made the goat.

IN AND ROUND THE CLUB HOUSE

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

Mr. C. S. McDonald, of the Lambton Golf Club, and a leading player of The Canadian Seniors' Golf Association, will spend March "tuning up his game" in the South.

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The Mountainview Golf Club, Blackie, Alberta, is looking forward to a successful season in 1925. The Club has a very good membership and is officered for the coming season as follows: President, J. Wilson; Vice-President, J. A. Schmidt; Secretary-Treasurer, E. Williamson; Chairman Green Committee, T. Hatcher. Golfers to Blackie are always welcome to a round of the course.

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A despatch from New York:

"Play in the final round of the United States Women's National Golf Tournament, at St. Louis, this year, may be changed from 36 holes to 18, according to an announcement from the United States Golf Association. This was one of the subjects considered at the recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Association, which decided that the question should be left with the women. The limitation proposal was made by the Women's Association of Boston, and has found favor in the New York district, although no official action has been taken. There are many players who believe that 36 holes is too strenuous a test, especially as it comes at the end of an entire week of play."

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The marriage of Miss Alexa Stirling, the famous U. S. golfer, and Dr. Fraser, of Ottawa, will shortly take place and now comes word of another romance of the links. Miss Marjorie Annable, of Montreal, the Quebec Lady Champion, was one of the many prominent women who took part in the Buffalo Country Club Invitation Tournament last June in Buffalo. There she met Mr. Magee Wyckoff, a member of a very prominent Buffalo family and quite a leader in the younger set in that city. Now their engagement has been announced. Miss Marjorie sprang into golfing fame five years ago in Hamilton at the Ladies' Open Championship, when, although

only 16 years of age, she qualified for the Championship Flight in 7th place, and went into the second round before being put out. She is easily one of the most promising young lady golfers of



Miss Marjorie Annable, Quebec Lady Champion, whose engagement to Mr. Magee Wyckoff of Buffalo, N.Y., has just been announced.

Canada. Miss Marjorie is the daughter of Mr. W. G. Annable, Assistant Steamship Passenger Traffic Manager of the C. P. R. She has been brought up in an atmosphere of golf, as her mother is especially an enthusiastic follower of the game, as in fact are all the family.

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Three years ago a golf club was started in St. John, Que., and it has flourished in a most successful manner, the membership to-day being well over

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the hundred mark. The President of the Club is C. A. Laberge, the Vice-President George A. Savoy, the Secretary-Treasurer L. J. Robichaud, the Captain, John A. Savoy, Chairman Green Committee, C. T. Trotter. Other Directors, Pierre Traham, H. d'Orsmenns, L. O'Regnier and V. J. Levasseur.

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A despatch from Victoria, B. C.

"While playing golf here Sunday, Stanley H. Decarteret, former resident of St. Catharines, Ont., collapsed and died almost instantly of heart failure."

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One of the important clubs of Vancouver is the Vancouver Golf and Country Club, which has a membership of 600 and that in the vernacular is "going some." The distance of the interesting 18-hole course from Vancouver is 14 miles, and from New Westminster 4 miles. The officers of this very prosperous club for 1925 are: Hon. President, J. E. Hall; President,

C. A. Welsh; Vice-President, A. C. Stewart; Captain, C. A. L. Payne; Vice-Captain, E. T. Lowry. Directors, L. Atkinson, I. N. Bond, F. J. Coulthard, A. Z. DeLong, M. Eastman, T. J. Lewis, F. B. Lewis, G. C. Luders, W. McLaren, N. Nelson, E. J. Ryan, T. H. Smith and H. P. Wilson.

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The following are the names of the Board of Governors of the Lambton Golf and Country Club for the year 1925: E. E. Palmer, President; F. P. Wood, Vice-President; E. L. Cousins, B. S. Harris, A. A. Allan, Dr. J. A. Roberts, J. Westren, T. F. Matthews. Committees: Executive, F. P. Wood, Chairman; John Westren, B. S. Harris. House, John Westren, Chairman; T. F. Matthews, Dr. J. A. Roberts. Green, B. S. Harris, Chairman; E. L. Cousins, A. A. Allan. Mr. Palmer will make a particularly able President. He is a very well known Toronto business man.

Whilst on a visit to Montreal this month the "Canadian Golfer" had the pleasure of visiting the various Indoor Schools there and found them especially well equipped, every facility being provided for teaching the game and also for practice and putting. Albert H. Murray and Frank T. Grant have a very large school in the Canada Cement Building. Redvers Mackenzie has several especially well equipped courts in the new Caron Building, Bleury Street, as have also "Jock" Brown and Frank Glass in the Max Beauvois Building, St. James Street. Then at Goodwins are the popular trio, "Jimmie" Black, J. Patterson and Aimie Desjardins, and at the Mount Royal, A. F. MacPherson, another first-class instructor. The equipment of these schools leaves nothing to be desired, and all are being kept busy. There are no finer Indoor Golf Schools on the continent than are to be found in Montreal this winter.

One of the biggest golf Tournaments in the South this winter will be staged at Tampa next week, Feb. 24-26. There will be \$5,000 in prizes. D. P. Davis, local millionaire sportsman, is sponsor for the new championship, which will center the golf interest of the world in Florida during the last week in February. The entries of George Duncan and Abe Mitchell, touring British stars, are definitely assured, while those of Johnny Farrell, Bobby Cruickshank, Jim Barnes and Fred. McLeod are positively certain. Mr. Davis recently put up a brand new \$1,000 bill for the player who in three shots could place

a ball from the mainland at Tampa on to the Davis Island, 300 yards away. Mitchell, Duncan and Cruickshank each had three drives, but all failed to reach the island, however. Their best efforts were: Mitchell, 295 yards; Cruickshank, 290 yards; Duncan, 275

Then along came Johnny Farrell, who swung from his heels and propelled the ball onto the island, covering 310 yards and winning the thousand dollar bill.

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The marriage took place in Grace Church, Brantford, on January 24th, of Miss Kathleen Louise Reville, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Reville, to Mr. Arnold G. Hitchon, Business Manager of the "Canadian Golfer." Afterwards a reception participated in by over two hundred guests took place at the charming Colonial residence of Mrs. J. W. Digby, followed in the evening by a dance. The young couple spent the honeymoon in Atlantic City and New York.

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"The Spring's the Thing," and the time for golf clubs to think about Mowers and Tractors and the world-famous Worthington Mower Company has this year an unparalleled line of machines from which to make a choice. The 1925 model Worthington (Shawnee), Mower of the triple and quintuplex type is specially designed with the object of standing up to the more exacting conditions caused by the rapid changes in the practice of grass cutting. What was perfectly good at a speed of two or three miles per hour with the horse, often proved quite inadequate with the tractor speed of three or four



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Fernie, B. C., for the past four years has had a successful club and to-day boasts a membership of 100, which is most creditable. The President for 1925 is S. Herchmer, Vice-President J. S. Irvine, Secretary-Treasurer A. J. Moffatt, Captain A. Watson and Ch. Green Committee H. L. Hayne. The club is beautifully situated one mile from the town.

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The three hundred odd members of the Bon Entente delegation to Quebec last month who made their headquart-

ers at the famous C. P. R. Hotel, the Chateau Frontenac, are loud in their praises of that famous hostelry and its manager, Mr. B. A. Neale, who left nothing undone for their pleasure and comfort. Just now "The Chateau" is the headquarters of the devotees of Winter sport. Later on it will be patronized by golfers from far and near. It will not be long now before Quebec will have a golf course of championship calibre and then a major event will be held there. And not the least of the arguments for the staging of such a Championship will be that it is the headquarters of one of the best managed hotels on the Continent.

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The following were the prize winners in the principal competitions at Scarborough, Toronto, last season:

Gentlemen—Ames Trophy (Club Championship), D. D. Carrick; runner-up, C. M. Jones. The Kerr Trophy, E. J. Howson; runner-up, J. T. Dunn. McConkey Trophy, H. M. Samuel; runner-up, K. L. Doll. Miller Trophy, E. E. Firth; runner-up, W. S. Jackson. The McCaffrey Trophy, J. R. Curry; runner-up, A. W. Goddard. The Parsons

Trophy, H. F. Lucas; runner-up, L. P. Howe. Ladies—Ladies' Club Championship, Mrs. J. H. Riddel; runner-up, Mrs. E. J. Northwood. Mrs. McConkey Trophy, Mrs. J. H. Riddel; runner-up, Miss S. Heron. E. A. Burns Trophy, Mrs. E. J. Northwood; runner-up, Mrs. F. E. Mutton. Mrs. Mutton Trophy, Mrs. E. J. Northwood; runner-up, Miss D. Wreyford. Mrs. Northwood Trophy, Miss S. Heron; runner-up, Miss D. Wreyford. President's Prize, Mrs. E. J. Northwood; Ringer Competition, Mrs. E. J. Northwood.

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Extract from the report of the Governors of the Winnipeg Golf Club at the recent annual meeting:

"In presenting the reports of the various committees and the financial statements your Board desires to congratulate the Club on the season's operations. With all accounts paid, or provided for, the Club has a substantial cash balance with which to commence operations next season. Your Board is more than ever satisfied that the cash system is the proper one for the Club.

The Club was very fortunate in securing the services of Captain Allan Hall as Resident Manager. He has been most satisfactory and we recommend that an endeavor be made to make his connection with the Club a permanent one.

We also desire to express our appreciation of the services of E. Penfold. The greatly improved condition of our course is due entirely to his unceasing efforts."

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A very progressive club is that of St. Francis, Sherbrooke, Que., which is now nearly 20 years of age. It has an enthusiastic membership of nearly 300 and an interesting 9-hole course. The officers of the club are: President, D. J. Salls; Vice-President, C. A. Joslin; Secretary-Treasurer, W. M. Langston, Captain and Ch. Green Committee Dr. H. D. Bayne.

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High River, Alberta, has a successful 9-hole Municipal Golf Club, of which the President is F. L. Watt, the Vice-President A. A. Ballachey, and the very capable Secretary C. S. Heseltine.

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The Province of Prince Edward Island has only one golf club, but make no mistake about it, it is a very virile one, with Charlottetown as its headquarters, and a membership of 225. The links are most picturesquely located two miles from the city. The officers for 1925 are: President, Dr.

V. L. Goodwill; Vice-President, Percy Pope; Secretary-Treasurer, H. E. Miller; Chairman Green Committee, W. K. Rogers, and Directors, D. B. Stewart, A. V. Saunders, E. D. Nicholson. A golfing pilgrimage to Charlottetown is well-worth while.

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Mr. George R. Donovan, well-known Torontonians, elected President of the West-on Golf and Country Club, Ltd.

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Thetford Mines, Que., "where the Asbestos comes from," has an interesting golf club. The officers for 1925 are: President, R. P. Doucet; Secretary, Victor Morisset; Treasurer, J. A. McKendey; Captain, O. C. Smith and Directors B. S. Bennett; T. J. McCallum and J. L. Deiners. The Captain of the Club has the record for the course—a snappy 33.

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A fashionable wedding in Toronto recently was that of Miss Marion Beck, only daughter of Sir Adam Beck, to Mr. Strathearn Hay. The fair bride is not only a noted horsewoman, but a golfer of repute. She is generally seen



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at all the important championships and has many golfing trophies to her credit. Sir Adam too, is very fond of a round of the links, and is no mean player.

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The Coronation Golf Club, Coronation, Alberta, which was organized in 1920, now has a membership of 60, with an interesting 9-hole course of 2,900 yards, which is an excellent length. The club is always glad to welcome visitors without any green fees. The 1925 officers: President, E. C. Locke; Vice-President, Mrs. J. D. McDonald; Secretary, H. B. Doughty; Captain, G. A. Short. Other Directors, O. D. Cochrane and H. S. Northwood.

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A despatch from Sarnia, Ontario:

"The Sarnia Golf Club plans one of the most complete courses in Western Ontario for next season, when an eighteen hole course will be leased from the Canadian National Railways of nine more holes. The estimated cost of putting the extra nine holes in shape will be between \$13,000 and \$15,000. It is

planned to put on a drive for new members as well.

At the annual meeting of the club the following officers were elected: Hon. President, W. A. Watson; President, Senator F. F. Pardee; Vice-President, J. M. Hunt; Auditors, H. F. Holland, J. L. Buchanan; Secretary-Treasurer, no appointment, left in hands of President; Striking Committee, J. B. Pardee, J. M. Hunt, Dr. Young. The four retiring Directors were: W. H. Kenny, W. A. Watson, Judge Taylor, W. J. Gilchrist and the new Directors, T. F. McNamara, Col. Robt. MacKenzie, S. L. McKay and Dr. A. N. Hayes. A. C. Binks, the professional of the Sarnia Club, writes the Editor that the 18-hole course as planned will be easily one of the best in Ontario. The terrain lends itself to a course of Championship calibre.

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One of the most conveniently situated of the six golf clubs in Calgary is the Earl Grey, which was established in 1922, and now has a membership approaching the 300 mark. The course is within the City limits. The Earl Grey Club is particularly well officered this year. Major Duncan Stewart, K. C., is the President; F. W. Hess, the Vice-President; C. R. Venables, Secretary; James Horne, Treasurer; J. A. Walkem, Captain; H. Opperhans, Chairman Green Committee. Other Directors, W. E. Talbot, Stanley Horne, E. LeMasurier and R. H. Melville.

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At the last meeting of the newly-elected Directors of the Mississauga Golf and Country Club, one of Toronto's most prominent clubs, the following officers were appointed:

Mr. Wm. Macmillan, President; Mr. Wm. Inglis, Vice-President; Mr. Lyman Root, Chairman of Green Committee and Messrs. Wm. Inglis, A. F. Sprott and T. J. Agar were appointed to act with Mr. Root on this Committee. Mr. W. A. Denton was elected Chairman of the House Committee and the following were appointed to act with him on this Committee: Dr. J. W. S. McCullough and Messrs. H. W. Crossin and Harry McGee. Mr. T. J. Agar was elected Chairman of the Road Committee. Manager and Secretary-Treasurer—H. Donnelly. At the annual meeting Mr. W. J. Thompson was unanimously elected Captain and Mr. John E. Hall and Mr. B. H. L. Symmes were elected Vice-Captains. A. J. Miles was appointed professional for the coming year. The Club last year closed a very successful season and with the optimism that prevails at the present time will spell success for the coming year.

A partnership has just been formed between three prominent Montreal golfers, Messrs. M. Lawson Williams, Donald M. Partridge and Maurice M. Hodgson, under the firm name of Williams, Partridge & Hodgson, Ltd., for the purpose carrying on an Investment Security business. Mr. Lawson Williams is a member of the Beaconsfield Golf Club, and will be remembered as having won out at the nineteenth hole in the final of the Class B. Championship on the Beaconsfield Links in October last. Mr. Maurice M. Hodgson is a member of the Mount Bruno Golf Club and has on several occasions carried off high golfing honors. Judging by the success attained by these young men in the golfing world, the success of their new partnership is assured, and they have the congratulations and best wishes of their golfing friends, in which the Editor of the "Canadian Golfer" heartily joins.

Macdonald Smith is the Open Champion of California for the second year in succession, a reputation rarely attained by any golfer. He won the title at the Olympic Country Club, San Francisco, by two strokes from Abelard Espinosa, a native son, while Abe's younger brother, Albert, who won the championship of Missouri last summer, was third. Thus California golf asserted itself in face of the fine opposition presented by George Duncan and Abe Mitchell, the two greatest golfers Great Britain has to offer to-day; Al Watrous, Open Champion of Canada in 1922, and an otherwise fine field of invaders, including "Davie" Black, of Shaughnessy Heights, Vancouver, B. C., who "finished in the money." The following were the scores of the leaders:

Macdonald Smith	..	78	79	75	76	308
Abe Espinosa	.....	76	81	79	74	310
Al Espinosa	.....	81	79	75	77	312
George Duncan	...	80	79	78	76	313
Abe Mitchell	.....	79	78	79	77	313
Willie Hunter	....	80	79	75	80	314
Dave Black	.....	80	81	76	79	316
Harold Sampson	...	82	78	82	74	316

"Golf Limited" has opened up new and commodious premises at 44 Colborne Street, Toronto, where they will specialize in golf accessories, course equipment, the overhauling and re-grinding of tractors, etc., by expert mechanics. This service will be a great boon to golf clubs.



Mr. A. W. Tillinghast, "Dean of American Golf Architects," who is constructing two courses in Canada and will be open for other engagements in Canada this season.

Eric Bannister and Ernest Penfold, the well known Winnipeg professionals, both write the "Canadian Golfer" this month that they are particularly busy at their Indoor Schools this winter—much more so than last year. The other Indoor Schools in Winnipeg are also thriving.

Mr. R. J. R. Stokes, Secretary of the Mount Bruno Country Club, Montreal, is among the many well known Canadians enjoying golf in Bermuda.

Mr. Walter I. Minty, the Hon. Secretary of the Norwood Golf Club, Winnipeg, has been laid up with serious blood poisoning in his hand, but is now recovering, may golfing friends will be glad to hear. Mr. Minty is a former resident of Dunnville, Ont.

Dr. H. F. Mackendrick, President of the Riverview Golf and Country Club, Galt, has left to spend two or three weeks in Bermuda.

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A despatch from Miami, Fla., Feb. 5th:

"F. Howe, of Hamilton, Ont., provided a surprise in the second sixteen of the Miami Beach Championship at the Bay Shore links here to-day when he eliminated Dick Doekenkamp, St. Louis star, by one up. Howe had to play high-class golf to turn the trick. He was out for the St. Louis golfer's scalp from the very beginning and moved around the course in 75, while Doekenkamp was taking 76. This sort of scoring was unusual for second division players."

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At a meeting of the Directors of the newly-formed Tillsonburg Golf and Country Club, the following officers were elected: E. J. Torrens, President; E. V. Tillson, Vice-President; L. R. Blackwood, Treasurer; W. H. Hill, Secretary; G. A. Meyers, Captain. Green Committee: H. J. Houghton, Chairman; G. A. Meyers, W. S. McDonald, H. Sponinburg, W. C. Coliff, House: E. V. Tillson, Chairman; B. D. Burn, W. C. Brown, C. S. Hogarth. Finance—The Directors.

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The following were the principal prize winners last season at the Fredricton Golf Club, one of the leading golfing organizations of New Brunswick: Men, Championship, F. R. Risteen; Handicap, F. R. Risteen; Consolation Championship Handicap, John Neill; Foursomes, Prof. A. Cameron and Miss M. Lynds. Ladies: Tombstone Competition, Mrs. Holyoke; Handicap, Mrs. A. J. Thompson; three best scores on Punch Bowl, Mrs. C. F. Chestnut; Sweepstake, Mrs. Thompson; Handsome prizes were donated by the President, Vice-President, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. G. A. Taylor, M. J. Stewart Neill and Mr. Mellwraith.

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The Briars Golf and Country Club, Jackson's Point, Ont., at its recent annual meeting in Toronto reported no liabilities and a substantial surplus as the result of the year's operations. Members' fees totalled \$6,079 and

green fees amounted to \$2,780, which is by way of being a record for a summer resort course. R. A. Stapells, R. Norman Brown and Hugh R. Aird were elected to the Board of Directors to take the places of J. F. Brown, P. J. Mulqueen and J. D. Sibbald, who retired according to club by-laws. The other members of the Board are: John DeGruchy, J. A. Lake, J. McVittie, W. M. David, Hugh J. Fox, O. Heron.

The Club Captain is S. Hume Crawford and the Vice-Captain Hugh Aird.

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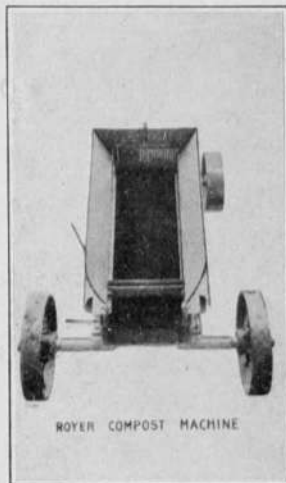
The Women's International Golf Match as proposed at the annual meeting of the Women's Eastern Golf Association will not be staged this year in England, as word has been received by the U. S. G. A. Executive Committee, from Mrs. Dorothy Campbell-Hurd, stating that she has been advised by the Ladies' Golf Union of England that it will be impossible to arrange for an International Match on their yearly schedule on account of inability to finance same, but they have sent a cordial invitation for a Team Match to be played at Troon in May. The American Women's Golf Team would be composed of such visiting lady golfers as intend to compete in the British Women's Championship. No definite information has as yet been received regarding entrants for this Championship, but it is understood that a number of our leading women golfers intend to go abroad this Spring and they will undoubtedly compete in the British, French and Belgian Championships.

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Mr. H. H. Ramsay, Secretary of the United States Golf Association, has received a letter from the Secretary of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, advising that any American Amateur Golfers entering for the British Amateur Championship at Westward Ho! shall be honorary members of the St. Enodoc Golf Club at Wadebridge in Cornwall. St. Enodoc is situated in the most southern part of England, not far from Lands End, and about fifty miles from Westward Ho! Twelve of the holes are among sand hills with fine sporting hazards

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and bunkers, the remaining holes being located on more open ground around the St. Enodoc Church. The course was built in 1889 and the turf is of excellent quality.

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Expansion was the key-note of the annual meeting of the St. Thomas Golf and Country Club held in the Chamber of Commerce rooms in the Grand Central Hotel, which was attended by a large number of members. All those who spoke were confident of the addition of a great many new members this summer and tentative plans were made for the completion of the four extra holes which will make the links at Union one of the finest 18-hole courses on the continent. A great amount of routine business was transacted and the officers elected for 1925. Despite the staunch refusal of Dr. F. O. Lawrence to be the President of the Club, his selection was unanimous and he did not dare to back out. The election of

officers took place after the general meeting of the shareholders and members. The re-election of Dr. Lawrence to his eighth consecutive year, resulted in all the other officers being returned as follows: R. M. Anderson, First Vice-President; J. B. Davidson, Second Vice-President; Lieut.-Col. D. E. Gerrard, Secretary; W. G. Whiteside, Treasurer. The Directors appointed at the general meeting were as follows: R. M. Anderson, W. L. Agnew, Dr. P. O. King, Dr. F. O. Lawrence, Dr. Kennedy, Dr. J. D. Curtis, J. B. Davidson, George W. Davey, Col. W. J. Green, Lieut.-Col. D. E. Gerrard, W. G. Whiteside, J. L. Thayer.

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Members of the Thistledown Golf and Country Club, Toronto, held their annual meeting last month. The important resolution passed by the meeting was that presented by Dr. Niddrie and seconded by Clarence Bell, authorizing the incoming directorate to take

steps at the earliest moment to purchase the property of the club. The financial statement was accepted without criticism. The elected Board of Directors is: For three years, Robert Rennie, Dr. Niddrie, A. E. Wedd; for two years, J. D. Craig, B. T. Hutson, M. J. Hutchison; for one year, J. G. Musson, Clarence Bell and C. J. Nichols. L. M. Watson was elected Captain and E. O. Seaver, Vice-Captain. At a subsequent meeting of the Directors the following officers for 1925 were elected: President, General Robert Rennie; Vice-President, Dr. R. J. Niddrie; Chairman of Green Committee, B. T. Huston; Chairman of House Committee, M. J. Hutchison; Chairman of Entertainment Committee, A. E. Wedd. The Directorate decided not to increase the fees, fixing them at \$35 and \$25, with a discount of \$5 if paid by April 1. The club hopes to secure the services of J. H. Perrin, who acted as Secretary last season. Lady members will be called to a meeting shortly to complete their organization.

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In addition to the 13 important Championships reported in the January issue as having been won by players using the Spalding Red last season, there should have also been added the Western Canada Open, Professional and Amateur.

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Those skeptics who are inclined to believe that golf unfits athletes for participation in other lines of sport would do well to take a trip to Del Monte, Calif., take in the annual Pebble Beach Championship for women and then see whether the finest of the golfers are indifferent performers in other branches of sport. They would do well to watch Miss Marion Hollins, the title holder and former National Golf Champion, play polo—or swim—or play tennis. Miss Hollins is one of the greatest all-round sports-women America has every produced. Then they might watch Miss Mark K. Browne play a bit of tennis. The runner-up in the National Golf Championship last year was also semi-

finalist in the National Tennis Championships, losing to Miss Helen Wills, the queen of them all on the court.

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The annual meeting of the Oshawa Ladies' Golf Club was held this month when the following officers were elected for the season of 1925; President, Mrs. F. W. Bull; Vice-President, Mrs. R. S. McLaughlin; Secretary, Mrs. E. C. Hodgins; Executive Committee, Mrs. F. W. Cowan; Mrs. W. R. Geikle, Mrs. J. Morphy, Mrs. C. Schofield and Mrs. E. Phillips; Management Committee, Mrs. G. E. Evans, Mrs. W. Oke, Mrs. H. E. Smith and Miss Doris Miller; House Committee, Mrs. Dr. F. L. Henry, Mrs. E. McDowell, Mrs. W. Millichamp, Miss Jones, Mrs. H. P. Bull, Miss F. Thomas, Mrs. R. McKinnon, Miss M. Mackie, Mrs. Millman and Mrs. Herb. Smith.

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An old friend of the late Mr. H. G. Wilson, of Winnipeg (whose lamented death is referred to in "Short Putts" in this issue), associated with him for a life-time in manly sports, writes to the "Free Press":

"The display of floral offerings sent by many of Winnipeg's leading citizens to the funeral of Herbert Wilson testified eloquently the sympathy of a host of friends to Mrs. Wilson and family in the sorrow that has recently come upon them. Especially notable was the exquisite wreath from the staff of the Workmen's Compensation Board, with which he had been identified for so many years, with its moving message:

'We loved him as we would our father and we shall miss him as we would our Dad. With sincerest sympathy.'

This bespeaks the affection and regard in which the late Mr. Wilson was held by his co-workers.'

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The annual meeting of the Rosedale Golf Club will be held at the King Edward Hotel Saturday afternoon, Feb. 21st. Mr. R. C. Matthews, the President, and his Board of Directors will submit easily the best report in the 32 years' history of this most important Canadian Club, a substantial surplus being shown on operations. In 1924 the income from annual fees and lockers was \$42,987; from green fees, \$5,863. There was a profit on the

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The news of the sudden death of Dr. J. W. Robinson, of Brantford, on February 8th, came as a great shock to many friends. Dr. Robinson of recent years had taken up golf quite enthusiastically. Previous to that he was a well known lawn bowler.

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Friends of Mr. B. L. Anderson, Toronto, Secretary of The Royal Canadian Golf Association, will sympathise with him in the death of his brother, which occurred last week in New York State.

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Another new club in the Montreal District which will open 9 holes of its course the coming season is the Timberdale Golf and Country Club, which has acquired a fine property at Chambly. Ald. Louis Rubenstein, of Montreal,

is the President of Timberdale and other officers are H. Wienfield, Vice-President; R. H. Blumenthal, Second Vice-President; A. S. Cohen, Secretary; C. L. Friedman, Treasurer. Other Directors are: Dr. J. Rubin, M. Rittenberg, Jos. Cohen, Harry Gordon, N. Cummings, H. Adelstein, George Rabinovitch and J. Kert. The course is situated about 18 miles from the city on the other side of Victoria Bridge.

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Dr. H. F. MacKendrick is again President of the Riverview Golf and Country Club, Galt, Ont. He filled the chair most acceptably last year. Other officers and Committees are:

First Vice-President, M. M. Todd; Second Vice-President, Dr. Buchanan; Secretary-Treasurer, A. S. Wilkinson; Captain, T. T. Aitkin; House Committee, D. M. Henderson, Forbes Knight, Mr. Metzke; Green Committee, J. N. Mackendrick, Ward Vair, George Hancock; Entertainment Committee, Mrs. J. E. Gardner, Mrs. Reid

Hunter, Mrs. James Gillies, Jack Goldie, Dr. M. Hagey.

Riverview had a most successful season in 1924, the financial statement showing a satisfactory surplus of \$1,250. Prospects for 1925 are of the brightest. The very clever pro. Jas. Johnston, has been re-engaged for the coming season. Total receipts of the Club in 1924 were \$15,631, and expenditures \$14,334—a fine showing.

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Mr. Walter Camp, of New Haven, Conn., (the Internationally known amateur sportsman and sports writer:

"I read your magazine religiously, and I congratulate you on the excellent production."

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The Bay of Quinte Country Club, Belleville, Ont., announces that it has engaged for the season a Scottish professional, W. J. Fairweather, who has a reputation not only of being a good player, but a first-class instructor.

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Messrs. A. T. Reid, Atwell Fleming, Stanley Pettit, together with several other well known Torontonians, left last week to spend their annual golfing visit to Pine Forest Inn, Summerville, South Carolina.

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Among prominent Sarnia golfers and their families who are spending the winter in the South are Messrs. W. A. Watson, S. L. McKay, Donald McKay, W. J. Gilchrist and Dr. Hayes, who are at St. Augustine. Mr. George Parsons is playing golf in California.

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Mr. J. L. Weller, of the Hamilton Golf and Country Club, is as usual spending the winter in Pinehurst, N. C., and as usual is well up with the leaders in many of the competitions. In the Qualifying Round of the St. Valentine's Tournament in a field of over 100, he qualified fifth—no mean accomplishment. Clarence R. Rudel, of Westmount, Que., qualified for the second division.

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Mr. John De Gruchy, well known Torontonian, has been chosen President of the Briars Golf and Country Club,

Jackson's Point. Other officers of the Club for 1925 are: Vice-President, Col. Heron; Secretary-Treasurer, J. McVittie; Chairman, Green Committee, Hugh Aird; Assistant Secretary, W. H. Wallace.

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Despatch from Del Monte, California, February 15th:

"Miss Marion Hollins, of New York, former United States National Champion, and defending title-holder in the Pebble Beach golf tournament, yesterday defeated Mrs. H. Hutchings, of Winnipeg, 1 up in the second round."

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A despatch from New York:

"Women members of every golf club in the United States and Canada are eligible for a special National Green Section Tournament, under the auspices of the United States Golf Association, to be held some time in June, it was announced to-day. The proceeds will go into the Green Section Endowment Fund. The competition will consist of an 18-hole match play round against the women's par of the course, the net handicap being based on seven-eighths of the regular stated handicap, the best score against par being declared the Women's National winner."

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With only four acceptances of nominations received, there will be no necessity of balloting for posts on the directorate of the Brantford Golf and Country Club this year. Messrs. Bruce Gordon, A. C. Lyons, A. M. Overholt and A. C. Werlich are elected by acclamation. They succeed C. G. Ellis, C. G. Cockshutt, C. A. Waterous and John S. Lewis, whose terms expired. The other Directors for the year are: Dr. C. D. Chapin, K. V. Bunnell, E. M. Cockshutt, Col. Cutcliffe, D. McLennan, C. M. Sheppard, Dr. Earl Smith and L. M. Waterous. The annual meeting of shareholders will be held at a later date. The Vice-President, Dr. Chapin, will be the 1925 President, and he will make a particularly capable occupant of the Presidential chair. The financial report for 1924 is a most satisfactory one, with a total revenue of \$18,800, and an expenditure of \$16,954, leaving a balance on current operations of \$1,845. In addition the Dining Room and Buffet receipts amounted to \$7,632, or a total revenue from all sources of over \$26,000. Assets are placed conserva-

tively at \$114,744, whilst the only direct liability is a mortgage of \$13,102.

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Mr. H. P. Pike, of the Hamilton Golf and Country Club, and Mr. D. Walters, of the Toronto Golf Club, left this week to spend a month or more golfing at Augusta, Georgia.

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Mr. J. B. Bryan, a valued subscriber in Rochester, N. Y., is spending the winter with Mrs. Bryan in Honolulu. He writes that the golf course there is very good indeed, and that the Royal and Ancient game is very popular alike with visitors and residents.

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A despatch from San Antonio, Texas:

"Abe Mitchell, of England, averaging 307 yards on three drives, his longest 312 yards, won the driving contest of the Texas Open Golf Championship tournament to-day. Mitchell scored 47 points for accuracy and distance. Charlie Hall, Birmingham, was second with 43 points and McDonald Smith third with 32."

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Once again the Editor has to thank the Directors of the Sarnia Golf Club for their kindly interest in the Magazine. A cheque for \$24 was received this month for six annual subscriptions to the "Canadian Golfer," which have been awarded to successful prize winners in 1924. The acting Secretary, Mr. J. M. Hunt, in forwarding the names adds: "These subscriptions to the "Canadian Golfer" seem to go over better than anything else with Sarnia prize winners." Were there more Sarnias in Canada.

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Mr. W. R. Baker, C.V.O., Montreal, President of The Canadian Seniors' Golf Association, and Mrs. Baker, are spending the winter in Cannes. Mr. Baker writes that they are having a very pleasant visit and that the weather is wonderful and the Grand Hotel where they are staying "the perfection of accomodation and service." Mr. Baker has been honoured by receiving a letter from Major Harvey, Secretary of the Cannes Golf Club, in

the course of which he writes: "I am directed by my Committee to inform you that they will be very pleased if you will avail yourself of the courtesy of the Cannes Golf Club during your visit to Cannes." Mr. Baker in his



In Sunny Cannes. Snap shot taken of Mr. W. R. Baker, C.V.O., President of The Seniors' Golf Association, and Mrs. Baker.

reply to Major Harvey, expressed his warm appreciation of the compliment—a compliment which he knew would afford much gratification to the Governors of The Canadian Seniors' Golf Association.

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The second match of the home-and-home curling games for the Birks Trophy between Montreal and Toronto was played in Toronto on Saturday, February 14th, on ice that was far from good, and a slugging match resulted, with Toronto being more at home on this kind of going, the locals winning

the match by a margin of 63 shots. As they won in Montreal by 12 shots, they become first winners of the trophy by 75 shots.

Toronto curlers regret that the ice was not up to Montreal standard, but they have no control over the weather. However, they endeavoured to entertain the visitors up to the Montreal standard, and while the Easterners may have no liking for Toronto curling ice, such as prevailed on Saturday, yet there is no doubt but they were more than satisfied with the hospitality shown them by the locals, and carried home with them pleasant memories of their trip to Toronto. There were 15 rinks aside, and almost without exception the participants were well known golfers, besides being experts with "the stane and besom."

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Joe Tournesa, youthful pro from Elmsford, N. Y., staged a come-back in the Texas Open February 14th, and nosed MacDonald Smith, of San Francisco, out by one stroke for the title. Tournesa had 144, 140—284 for his two days' play, while Smith had 140, 145—285.

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Mr. Harry Phelan, the well known Lakeview golfer, Toronto, left this month with a couple of Winnipeg friends on a trip to Australia and New Zealand. They will find lots of good courses and golfers in the Antipodes.

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Canadian Universities are certain of a strong representation in the annual United States Intercollegiate Golf Championship Tournament, which will be held during the latter part of June at the Briarcliffe Manor Club, as a result of the decision of "Joe" Sullivan, "Sandy" Somerville and "Don" Carrick, of University of Toronto's championship team to enter the event. These three are among the leaders of the younger school of players and each one has stamped himself as a potential Canadian champion of the near future. Somerville was defeated by Frank Thompson in the final for the Canadian amateur at Rosedale last July, while Sullivan has qualified in the event in

the last two years. Don Carrick has won the Ontario Junior and was runner-up in the U. S. Western Junior tourney. If Fred. Lyon, of 'Varsity, Ontario Junior Champion, should also enter, the chances of "the blue and white" would be greatly enhanced in this U. S. Intercollegiate Golf Championship.

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A despatch from Miami, Fla., Feb. 17th:

"Golf worthy of an open championship featured the first match round of the Miami Championship tournament here to-day. Upsets aplenty were registered, when such figures as "Ducky" Yates, of Rochester, Captain H. C. C. Tippett, of Meadowbrook, and J. E. Junkin, Jr., of Miami, were eliminated.

Yates went down to defeat at the hands of J. K. Weatherby, of Minneapolis, a little fellow about half the size of Yates. They were all even at the ninth. Weatherby then shot four brilliant holes, winning all of them. Yates was not playing his short game as well as usual.

Stanley Thompson, of Toronto, played the best golf of the day, shooting a 72 to defeat J. E. Sheldon, of Miami, by 3 and 2. Luck somewhat favoured Frank Thompson, of Toronto, who laid Captain H. C. C. Tippett, of Meadowbrook, a stymie on the 18th hole to win by one up.

E. Watkins, of Chattanooga, the medal winner, got a big lead on J. E. Junkin, Jr., of Miami, making the turn five up, but Junkin reduced the lead to three holes before admitting defeat."

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Miss Marion Hollins, of New York, ex-National U. S. Champion, retained her title in the Pebble Beach Golf Tournament, Del Monte, Calif., by defeating this week Miss Louise Fordyce, of Youngstown, Ohio, 5 and 4.

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Matched against Hutt Martin and MacDonald Smith at Brentwood Country Club, Los Angeles, Calif., George Duncan and Abe Mitchell gave the most astonishing exhibition of golf shots ever seen in Southern California. Thirteen birdies and an eagle were recorded by the British team, with a best ball of 62 for the morning round and with a 32 on the first nine in the afternoon. Duncan's card showed a 65 for the first eighteen, three strokes lower than Mitchell's practice score on the previous day. Mitchell, however, in the match was not far behind Dun-

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can, scoring 33-36—69 in the morning. Smith and Martin played spectacular golf and played in a manner which would have defeated almost any team in this country, but Duncan and Mitchell hit a streak and could not be headed off.

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The Uplands Golf and Country Club, Victoria, B. C., was visited recently by a disastrous fire. The new club house was destroyed and also a large amount of golfing material. The ladies' section of Uplands is virtually a total loss as regards bags, clubs and balls, whilst on the ground floor the men's locker room was also badly scorched, with its golfing contents. W. Gravlin, the popular pro of the club, sustained a loss of some \$1,500 in the shape of golf equipment. It is understood the insurance carried will largely cover the regrettable loss and that immediate steps will be taken to again place Uplands on the B. C. "golfing map."

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Like their confreres in Montreal, a number of leading Toronto pros. have particularly successful and well-equipped Indoor Golf Schools this Winter. In particularly fine quarters on the corner of Gerrard and Yonge Streets are W. M. Freeman and Frank Freeman. In the Harold A. Wilson Sporting Goods house on Yonge Street are to be found Frank Murchie and A. S. Russell, with excellent courts. At Eaton's are Andrew Kay and W. Brazier, with up-to-date equipment. Percy Barrett is at Adelaide Street W., A. J. Miles and A. Hurlbert at the

Granite Club, Church Street. At the Carlton Club, Church Street, Jas. Martin. At the Central Y. M. C. A. H. J. Logan. West End Y. M. C. A., A. Lindfield. At the Victoria Club, Norman Bell, and Spadina Avenue and College Street John Payne. These Indoor Schools without exception provide every facility for learning the game and also perfecting the game of golfers generally.

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The engagement is announced of Miss Edith Leitch, the celebrated English golfer, who has twice participated in the Canadian Open Lady Championships. Miss Edith made many friends in Canada during her visits here who will extend hearty congratulations.

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Greenkeepers and Green Committees of Golf Clubs throughout Canada are reminded of the fact that the old and reliable Seed House of Wm. Rennie Co., Ltd., Toronto, specialize in supplies for golf courses. Their XXX quality of grass seed is specially selected and re-cleaned for golfing requirements. They also handle grass manures and worm eradicator and their experts also provide free soil tests—an invaluable service.

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Elsewhere in this issue appears the advertisement of an invaluable machine for golf courses, "The Royer Compost Mixer." Greenkeepers and Green Committees would be well advised to write or see Mr. Harry Simpson, the Canadian distributor, whose address is 44 Castlefield Avenue, Toronto.

"The Royer" is "a time-saver and money-maker."

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At a recent meeting of the 1925 Board of Directors of the Sarnia Golf Club, Mr. R. D. Wanless was elected Secretary of the Club in succession to Mr. C. M. C. Brunton, who has removed to Ottawa.

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Mr. E. M. Hurn, the very capable Manager-Secretary of the Brantford Golf and Country Club, for the past three years, was offered this March an important golf club Secretaryship in Toronto, but has decided to remain in Brantford for the coming season, much to the satisfaction of Directors and members alike.

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"American Golfer":

"Under the watchful eye of Harry Gullen, Secretary of the R. and A., the British Walker Cup expedition got back home with a balance of 126 pounds sterling of the 1,600 pounds which was garnered for the trip, although the ocean passages for the team members alone amounted to more than 1,100 pounds. Mr. Gullen might be a good man to send to collect the Allied Debt from Germany."

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The Gleneagles Tournament is this year to be played during the week following the Open Championship at Prestwick, an arrangement which it is hoped will make it possible for the American invaders to wait on for this event. The actual dates are June 29th to July 4th.

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Grantland Rice very truly says:

"One trouble the golfer has at practice is this—he attempts to correct too many faults at one and the same time. He is constantly trying to think of three or four different things. The secret of correct practice is one thing at a time. Be sure one correction is rightly made. Then take up the next."

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One of the stories told of Harry Vardon by an American admirer relates how he played the best ball of a couple of American amateurs, one of them a left-handed player well known in Wall Street circles. Mr. M. was playing "better than he knew how"; so well, indeed, that at the fourth hole he was 2 up on Vardon, individually. Going to the fifth, Mr. M., bursting

with pride, naively said to Vardon, "Who do you think is the best left-handed player that you have ever met?" Vardon promptly replied, "I never saw a good left-handed player in my life."

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The conditions of entry for the English Close Amateur Championship at Hoylake beginning on April 20th, are officially announced as follows:

No person is eligible to enter for the Championship unless:

(a) He is a person of amateur status as defined by the Royal and Ancient Club of St. Andrews.

(b) He is a British subject, and was either himself born in England, or is the son of parents, one of whom was born in England, and

(c) He is in possession of a national handicap fixed by the Royal and Ancient Club, not in excess of five.

No person who has played for Scotland, Ireland or Wales in their international teams or competed in the Close Championships of these countries after January 1st, 1925, shall be eligible to compete in the English Close Championship.

The Championship shall be by match play, each match to be over 18 holes except the final round, which shall be over 36 holes. The number of entries shall be limited to 128, and if there are any entries in excess of that number those having a higher handicap shall play off for the available places in a manner to be decided by the Executive Committee.

A HANGING LIE"

IN reply to the question, "How should the swing be made in playing a 'hanging or down hill lie,'" Leo Diegel, Canadian Open Champion,

says:

"Usually, unless the player is very careful, a smothered or topped ball results from this shot. The stance should be very open, with plenty of weight on the left foot; this will help to swing the club more upright. A flat backswing is fatal on this shot.

I advise playing for a slice; this will help to get the ball up and it will also help the direction. Usually this is a 'desperation shot,' and the object is to get safety for the next shot instead of trying to get distance or make the green."

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CANADIAN Pro desires change for 1925. 18 hole course south or west Ontario preferred. Teaching, clubmaker and player. Box 760, care "Canadian Golfer," Brantford, Ontario.

WANTED—Professional with experience in Canada and the U.S. desires engagement for coming season. Excellent reference as to character and ability can be furnished from both countries. Apply A. G. Hitchon, Canadian Golfer, Brantford.

POSITION Wanted for season of 1925 by Scottish-Canadian professional, with over ten years' experience in Great Britain and Canada. The best of references both Canadian and English, copies of which can be had by writing Editor of "Canadian Golfer," Brantford, Ontario.

POSITION Wanted as Professional by English Pro. References for Coaching, Playing, also good green-keeping. Wife good caterer if needed. Been in Canada for a few months only. Open for offers. Apply care "Canadian Golfer," Brantford, Canada.

PROFESSIONAL with experience in Metropolitan Clubs and the best of references, is open for engagement for the season of 1925. Good teacher, good player and club maker. Apply Box "Y," care "Canadian Golfer, Brantford, Ontario.

WANTED—Young Professional requires position for 1925. Good club-maker and player; excellent references; married. Apply Box 760, "Canadian Golfer," Brantford, Ont.

WANTED—Position for the coming season for a 9-hole course. Assistant to J. J. Cameron of the Cobourg Golf Club, with a first-class knowledge of club making and repairing, and the upkeep of a golf course; also good player. Apply Oscar Waighorn, Box 254, Cobourg, Ont.

WANTED—Pro. with Scotch and Canadian experience, desires change for 1925, Western Canada preferred. Good clubmaker and player. Apply "MC," care Canadian Golfer, Brantford, Ontario.

PROFESSIONAL open for engagement for season of 1925. Good clubmaker and teacher. Excellent recommendations. 9 or 18 holes. Box P. E. H., "Canadian Golfer," Brantford, Ont.

MANAGER or Steward, 20 years' experience in Europe, U. S. and Canada, open for season of 1925. Apply Box E. W., "Canadian Golfer," Brantford, Ont.

COUNTRY CLUB at Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, with nine-hole course and two hundred members, is looking for Professional for 1925. Course is four years old and season from May 1st to November 1st. Apply Mr. Franz, Algoma Steel Company, Ltd., Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

J. S. REDMAN, twelve years at Beaumaris, Open for engagement. Take full charge, plays fair game, good teacher, reliable. Pelham Road, St. Catharines.

WANTED—A good professional for season of 1925. Apply with references to H. A. Carr, Secretary, Restigouche Country Club, Campbellton, New Brunswick.

GREENKEEPER open for engagement, nearly twenty years' experience, designing and green construction. General management of golf courses. Seven years with leading West of Scotland Club. "Greenkeeper," care H. E. Smallpeice, 32 Church Street, Toronto.

WANTED—Manager-Steward seeks position in Canada in golf, country or city club; has years experience and finest references from Canadian and American club and business men. Married, no children; both good appearing. Wife good housekeeper and expert on afternoon tea. Guaranteed good food percentage. Box "L," "Canadian Golfer," Brantford, Ont.

FOR SALE—Latest edition of Calkins System of Calculating Handicaps, 8 pages. Price 25 cents per copy. Send in orders with cash to A. G. Hitchon, Business Manager, "CANADIAN GOLFER," Brantford, Ontario. Note—Four only left of the Large Sheets of the Rules suitable for framing and hanging in Club House or Locker Room. Price, postage prepaid, \$3.50. Address as above.

WELL-KNOWN Scottish amateur desires post as professional. Winner of Open Tournaments, British National Handicap 3, Good teacher and player. Apply A. L. R., care "Canadian Golfer," Brantford, Can.

WANTED by a first-class British professional, position in Canada for season of 1925. Highest references. Apply E. Brickwood, care of "Canadian Golfer," Brantford, Ontario.

WANTED—By April 1st, Assistant. Must be first class shaftmaker and repairer. Apply stating wages required to Eric Bannister, Professional, St. Charles Country Club, Winnipeg, Man.

FORTHCOMING IMPORTANT FIXTURES

- Feb. 23-26.—Women's Championship of Miami, Miami, Fla.
- Feb. 23-24-25-26.—Fifth Annual Seniors' Tournament, Pinehurst, N. C.—Qualifying round and finals, eighteen holes.
- Feb. 25-28.—Women's Championship, Ormond Beach, Fla.
- Feb. 28-Mar. 1.—36-hole Medal Competition at Del Monte.
- Mar. 2-6.—Palm Beach Country Club Championship, Palm Beach, Fla.
- March 2-3-4-5-6-7.—Twenty-first Annual Spring Tournament, Pinehurst, N. C.—Qualifying round, 36 holes; finals, 18 holes, in all divisions.
- Mar. 4.—Two-ball Mixed Foursome, 18 holes, Medal Play. Trophies to winning team. Asheville Country Club, Asheville, N. C.
- Mar. 4-7.—Fourth Annual Ladies' Tournament, St. Augustine, Fla.
- Mar. 7.—Men's Handicap, Match Play vs. Par, 18 holes. Trophy to winner. Asheville Country Club, Asheville, N. C.
- Mar. 9-14.—Championship of Volusia, Ormond Beach, Fla.
- Mar. 9.—Women's Handicap, 18 holes, Medal Play. Trophy to Winner. Asheville Country Club, Asheville, N. C.
- Mar. 11.—Men's Tombstone Handicap, 18 holes, Medal Play. Trophy to winner. Asheville Country Club, Asheville, N. C.
- Mar. 13.—Women's Handicap, Match Play vs. Par, 18 holes. Trophy to winner. Asheville Country Club, Asheville, N. C.
- Mar. 16.—Men's Handicap, 18 holes, Medal Play. Trophy to winner. Asheville Country Club, Asheville, N. C.
- Mar. 16-20.—Dixie Championship, Miami, Fla.
- Mar. 24-28.—Winter Championship of Florida, St. Augustine, Fla.
- March 25-26-27-28-30-31.—Twenty-third Annual United North and South Amateur Championship for Women, Pinehurst, N. C.—Qualifying round and finals, 18 holes to be played on the morning of each day, four divisions to qualify, first division of sixteen, other three divisions of eight.
- April 1-2.—Twenty-third Annual United North and South Open Championship, Pinehurst, N. C.—Seventy-two holes medal play.
- April 1-4.—Men's Handicap, two flights of sixteen to qualify. Trophies to winner and runner-up in each flight. Asheville Country Club, Asheville, N. C.
- April 6-7-8-9-10-11.—Twenty-fifth Annual United North and South Amateur Championship, Pinehurst, N. C.—Qualifying round and final of winning pair in first division, 36 holes.
- April 11.—One Club Handicap, open to Men and Women, 18 holes, Medal Play. Trophies to winners (Men and Women). Asheville Country Club, Asheville, N. C.
- April 11-12-13-14.—British Columbia Championships, Men and Women, also Mixed Foursomes, etc., Colwood Golf and Country Club, Victoria, B. C.
- April 14-15-16-17-18.—Fifteenth Annual Mid-April Tournament, Pinehurst, N. C.—Qualifying round and finals, 18 holes.
- April 14.—Women's Monkey Tournament, 18 holes, Medal Play. Trophy to winning team. Asheville Country Club, Asheville, N. C.
- April 15-16-17-18.—Fifth Annual Spring Tournament of the Greenbrier Golf Club at White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia.
- May 18, etc.—British Ladies' Open Championship, Troon, Scotland.
- May 25-30.—British Amateur Championship, Royal North Devon Links, Westward Ho!
- June 3-4.—U. S. National Open, Worcester Country Club, Mass.
- June 13.—Tournament Day in all clubs in Canada, for the purpose of raising funds for the newly formed Green Section of the R. C. G. A.
- June 22.—Women's Invitation Tournament, Buffalo Country Club, Buffalo, N.Y.
- June 22-23.—British Open Qualifying Rounds.
- June 25-26.—British Open Championship, Prestwick, Scotland.
- June 29-July 4.—Amateur Championship of Canada, The Royal Ottawa Golf Club, Ottawa.
- July 7-8.—French Open Championship, Chantilly.
- July 9.—French Open Amateur Championship, Chantilly.
- July 13-18.—U. S. Western Amateur, Lochmoor Country Club, Detroit, Mich.
- July 30-Aug. 1.—Open Championship of Canada, Lambton Golf and Country Club, Toronto.
- August 20-21-22.—U. S. Western Open, Youngstown, Ohio.
- August 31-September 5.—U. S. National Amateur, Country Club, Oakmont, Penn.
- Sept. 9-10.—U. S. Western Seniors, French Lick Springs Golf Club, French Lick, Ind.
- September 28-October 3.—U. S. National Open Women's Championship, Country Club, St. Louis, M. O.

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