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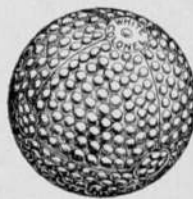
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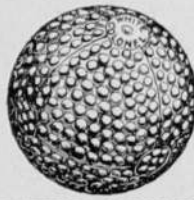
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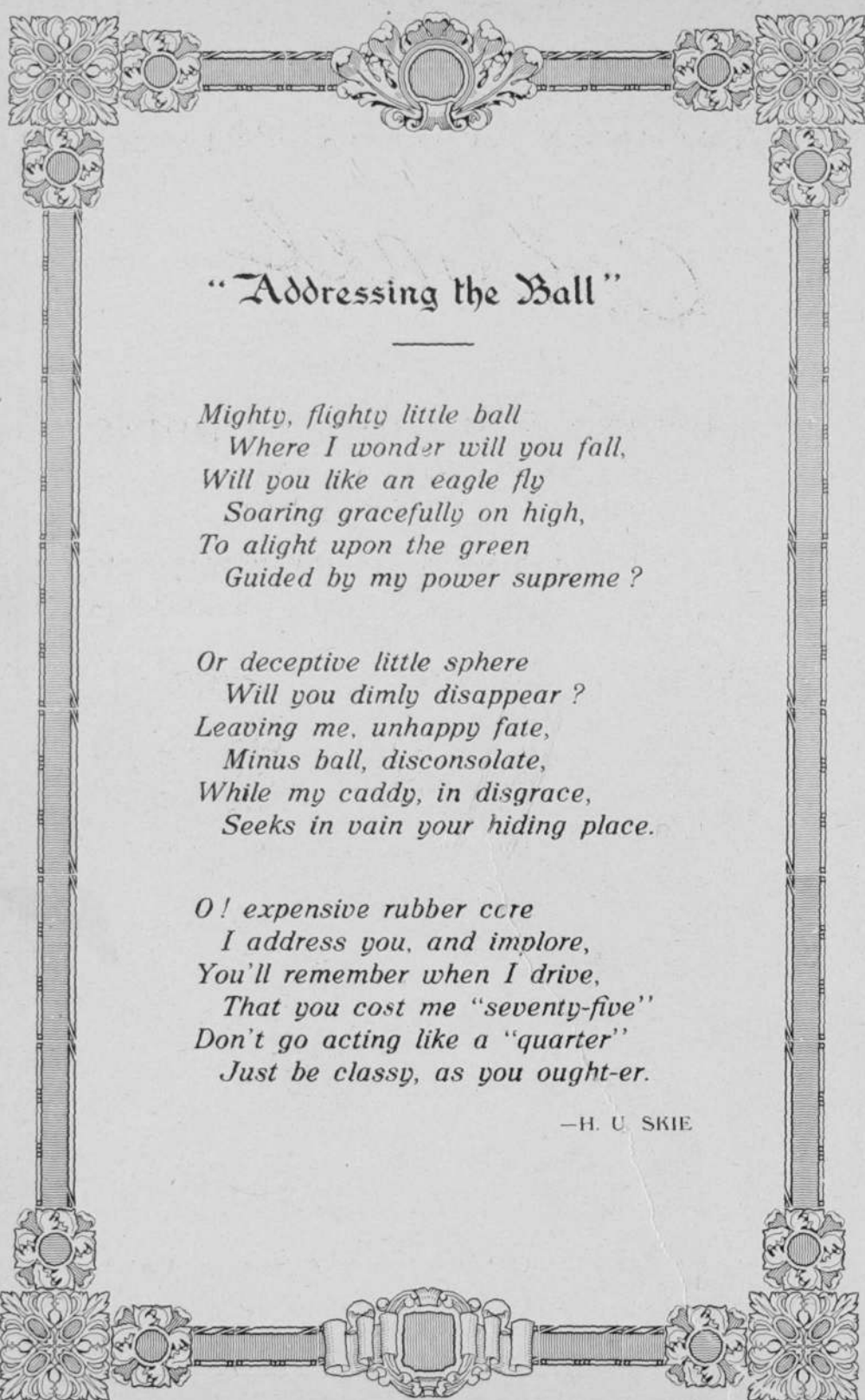
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“Addressing the Ball”

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*Mighty, flighty little ball  
Where I wonder will you fall,  
Will you like an eagle fly  
Soaring gracefully on high,  
To alight upon the green  
Guided by my power supreme ?*

*Or deceptive little sphere  
Will you dimly disappear ?  
Leaving me, unhappy fate,  
Minus ball, disconsolate,  
While my caddy, in disgrace,  
Seeks in vain your hiding place.*

*O! expensive rubber core  
I address you, and implore,  
You'll remember when I drive,  
That you cost me “seventy-five”  
Don't go acting like a “quarter”  
Just be classy, as you ought-er.*

—H. U. SKIE



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### GET OUT AND WALK!

As is generally known, the death-rate throughout the civilized world has been greatly reduced as a result of improved sanitary methods, the isolation of infectious cases, the successful war waged by science against bacteria and a hundred and one other ills to which flesh is heir to. But it will come as a rude shock to many self-satisfied, middle-aged persons to know that, whilst this is the case, their own expectation of life is less than it was thirty years ago. In other words, after forty a man in this year of grace 1915 has less chance of living than his father had in 1885. And the explanation put forward is that a larger percentage of people in the United States and Canada

are leading sedentary lives. The motor, the street car, and other swift and easy media, have taken the place of the walking to business and walking for pleasure in vogue thirty and more years ago.

The Washington Health Bureau has recently issued a bulletin strongly advising everyone to "get out and walk" more, and thus prolong their expectancy of life.

"Take daily exercise. Have a hobby that gets you out of doors. Walk to your business, to your dressmaker, walk for the sake of walking. Join a walking club and keep your weekly score of miles. Keep chickens, make a garden, wheel the baby, play golf or any other game, but take two hours' outdoor exercise every day. Gymnasium work is good for those who like it and can afford it, but avoid heavy athletics. Don't try to be a 'strong man'; the champion athletes die young. Be a moderate, persistent, daily exponent of exercise. You may not burn the family carriage, as Benjamin Franklin suggested, but as he advised, walk, walk, walk!"

Your enthusiastic golfer will note with entire satisfaction that his favorite game is especially recommended by the Washington authorities. The follower of the Royal and Ancient has often excused his frequent visits to the links on the plea that it was "good for his health." Now he has the highest authority for stating that it is neces-

sary for the prolongation of his valuable life. That promulgation from the United States capital should cause the biggest boom in golf that has yet been recorded. "Wheeling the baby and keeping chickens" can well be left to others. "Golf and live longer!" is our slogan in future.

### MARVELOUS GROWTH OF GOLF

The growth of golf throughout the Anglo-Saxon world the past few decades has been nothing short of marvellous, but nowhere, perhaps, has it spread with such wonderful rapidity as in the United States.

Our cousins to the south of us never do things in a half-hearted manner. It was only some quarter of a century ago—to be exact, in November, 1888—that the first golf club was started in the States. Yonkers, that charming suburb of New York, on the Hudson, has the honor of establishing the first golf links and Mr. John Reid was the first President. If you go to Yonkers to-day they will point you out the residence of "the father of golf in the United States." Mr. Reid still takes an active interest in the Royal and Ancient, and is justly proud of the healthy offspring he brought into the sporting world twenty-seven years ago.

And to-day what do we find? The little band of enthusiasts who played golf at Yonkers has been increased to hundreds of thousands; the six-hole links in a ten-acre lot has given place to over one thousand magnificently-equipped golf clubs and golf courses, with an investment of tens of millions of dollars. Yes, the growth of golf has been more than marvellous on this continent. It easily exceeds any other sport in the actual number of its devotees and in the monetary value of the property devoted to its use and upkeep.

Mr. Jerome D. Travers, four times amateur champion of the United States, and who has just placed the "blue ribbon" of American golf to his credit in winning the Open championship, is generally considered the most remarkable golfer ever developed on this continent. Therefore an article by him in the current number of an American magazine cannot help but be interest-

ing—cannot help to be more or less authoritative.

Golf has had such a remarkable growth in the last ten years, and the number of new courses is growing at such a wonderful rate, that it is difficult to get down to tacks in compiling the cost of the game, which is baseball's greatest rival.

Travers estimates that there are 1,300 golf clubs in the United States, with a membership of 350,000. He estimates that the average membership is 250, with hundreds of clubs with a much larger membership, while there are hundreds more with memberships ranging from 100 to 200. He figures that the average yearly expense for the man who takes up the game for the first time is about \$182.50. He proportions it as follows: Initiation, \$50; dues, \$50; balls, \$20; clubs, \$17.50; car fare, \$20; caddies, \$25.

Travers estimates that the 350,000 golfers will spend \$42,000,000 a year, and that the initiation will be \$17,500,000 a year more. He says that the average acreage of the 1,300 clubs is 100 acres, which is a trifle high when we figure the number of nine-hole courses. He places a value of \$600 an acre, or a total valuation of \$78,000,000. As there are courses around the larger centres where the owners are asking, and now getting, \$4,000 and \$5,000 an acre, this is certainly a conservative estimate.

In discussing the cost of upkeep, he figures \$7,800,000, which is somewhat out of proportion, as most of the nine-hole courses will average from \$2,000 to \$3,000, while a few of the eighteen-hole courses will run over \$10,000 a year. He says that the cost of the clubs in the members' bags, averaging seven clubs to the bag, is \$6,125,000. Figuring that each player will buy on an average of one club a year, he estimates a further outlay of \$875,000 for clubs.

Travers believes the average professional earns about \$1,200 a year, which seems reasonable. This gives a total of \$390,000. He says the caddies earn about \$60,000 a week, or a total value of \$3,000,000 a year. He places the value of the golf real estate at \$100,000,000, and says that \$50,000,000 more

is spent each year for laborers and caddies. He says that fully 300,000 men and boys are employed by the golf clubs. This would give the following table:

Real estate.....	\$100,000,000
Professionals.....	390,000
Laborers and caddies.....	50,000,000
Cost of upkeep.....	7,800,000
Golf clubs.....	7,000,000
Balls.....	7,000,000
Initiation and dues.....	60,000,000
Grand total.....	\$232,190,000

While some of these figures might not be borne out by actual facts, others are too conservative. Certainly no other game in the United States has as much money invested in it, and no devotees of a sport spend more money than do the American golfers.

In Canada, before the advent of the "Canadian Golfer," no particular pains had been taken to find out the number

of players or the number of clubs. The editor of this magazine, however, is compiling a list which, although yet far from complete, gives indications of a total club strength of some 40,000 golfers. Millions of dollars, too, are invested in the game. Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Ottawa, Vancouver alone would probably have an investment of over \$3,000,000 in golf courses, club houses and equipment, whilst Hamilton, London, Halifax, Calgary, St. John, Victoria, Quebec and other centres would add hundreds of thousands more to the total, not to mention the smaller courses by the score which dot the country from the Atlantic to the Pacific and have investments all the way from a few thousand to twenty to thirty thousand apiece. Canada, per population, does not by any means take "a back seat" in the international golfing gallery, either as regards courses, players or equipment.

## The Question of Slicing

**W**RITING from Moncton, N.B., to the "Canadian Golfer," "J. W. F.," during the course of a capital letter, says:

A copy of your highly interesting magazine has been handed to me, and I enjoyed its perusal immensely. Many of the items in the various articles are entirely new and instructive to me, although I have played the game for more years than I care to acknowledge, and have read many publications of a similar character. The "Canadian Golfer" should prove of inestimable value if its succeeding numbers reach the high standard of No. 1. As chairman of the greens committee of a club in the Maritime Provinces, I found the article on "The Upkeep of Golf Courses," by George Cumming, particularly helpful, and hope similar articles will appear in future numbers. "Common Faults and Their Causes," by Chas. R. Murray, is very pithy and well put, but if I may presume to criticize the words of such a well-known

and great exponent of the game, I may say I do not agree with the reason he puts forward for the cause of slicing when he states that it is owing to holding the right hand too tight. George Duncan, one of the most brilliant of the world's professionals, plays all his shots with his right hand. This he told me during a discussion which I had with him on this point. A short while ago I strained my left wrist, and, remembering his words, I commenced playing with the right hand, getting a perfectly straight ball as a rule and, what is also satisfactory, greater length. I mention this, as it may be helpful to those players having a similar experience to mine, and think it unwise to attempt right-hand play. It appears to me advisable for all players to be able to play off either hand, as there are many instances, owing to awkward lies, when the right as well as the left hand can come effectively into operation.

I wish you all success, and look forward to your next number.

## Chip Shots

Get the habit. Send the "Canadian Golfer" to your golfing friends in Great Britain and the States. Show them that Canada is on the golfing map.

Club Secretaries would confer a great favor if they would send in items of interest occurring on their links. A record score, result of club fixtures and matches, or any item of interest, will be gladly published. Victoria is interested in golf news from St. John, and vice versa. There is a "brotherhood of golfers" the wide Dominion over.

President Wilson, who devotes a great deal of time to golf playing on the links of the Washington Country Club, Virginia, was recently asked to explain golf. The President knew the man who asked the question, an eminent scholar and college professor, and he replied in language that he knew the professor would understand. "Golf is an ineffective attempt to put an elusive ball into an obscure hole with imperfect implements."

Here is a true word from "Linksmen" in an Edinburgh paper: "I suppose that, in the ordinary way, it is either lack of forethought or abundance of ambition that leads to disaster in bunkers; except when the ball lies in a plainly hopeless position the temptation to attempt a 'tour de force' is nowhere stronger than in a hazard. Yet the lesson that is learned by studying the doings of great players is that, unless the lie be particularly favorable, it is sound policy to resign oneself on the spot to the loss of a stroke as punishment for a mistake and to trust to recovering it by good behavior later in the day."

And now there are rumors of a new golf ball which will carry 20 to 25 yards farther than the liveliest of the present lively family of rubber cores. When the Haskell jolted the old gutta into innocuous desuetude the whole architecture of golf courses was more or less called into question. If the flight of the ball is again to be extended, the

question of standardization will become a very live question indeed. Good judges are inclined to think that the distance limit has already been reached by the ball manufacturer.

Toledo is a city of only two hundred thousand, but the Park Commission has recently ordered the course at Ottawa Park extended to eighteen holes, and a new nine-hole course laid out at Bay View Park. There are public golf courses in all the leading U. S. cities, but Canada as yet has not a single public course. Last year a delegation from the Ministerial Alliance waited upon the powers-that-be in Toronto and urged the establishment of municipal links, but the request was not granted. It's about time the leading cities in the Dominion got into line and established public golf courses. The game is altogether too healthful and interesting a one to be confined to men and women who can afford the luxury of a club membership. Next season a determined effort should be made to establish municipal courses adjacent to the leading Canadian centres.

In the "Golfer's Magazine" for June the Rev. Daniel T. Denman preaches from the text, "Why a Minister Should Play Golf." He divides his discourse under three headings: Firstly, a minister should play golf because at certain times he needs to enjoy some sport; secondly, he should play golf because of the physical development it gives him; thirdly, he should play golf for the sake of the social relations involved in the game. "And lastly," the reverend gentleman says, "I never saw a golf course which was not an inspiration on a fine day. The play adds to the inspiration. The rhythm of the game is in harmony with the rhythm of nature. I have had many a hard text break open on the golf links. I have found many a deep suggestion for a sermon from the remark of one of my business men companions. Here is a field for the minister to enter, a school where he can learn lessons, a paradise where he can find visions."



# English and American Golf

Edward Ray in Golfers' Magazine

**I** TRUST anything I say that appears at all a reflection on American golf will not be taken too literally, for it is not my intention to decry the play or the methods employed by our American cousins. Faults in plenty are to be found on both sides of the Atlantic, and if I, in my experience, arrive at the conclusion that our cousins have still a lot to learn, I must also give them credit for advancing so rapidly at a game that is to them of comparatively recent origin.

I have spoken of "my experience," but as my actual experience of American golf has been confined to one rushing trip, critics will probably turn and rend me for speaking of a something I am little acquainted with. And yet to a golfer two or three months' acquaintance of the conditions on the other side should be quite sufficient to speak with some little authority, for on the trip I spoke of both Vardon and myself did little else but play exhibition matches, not only against each other, but in the company of several of the best American players. And now let me say that I feel sure that before many years are come and gone the American bid for golfing honors will be a very real one indeed, for, as in all other kinds of sport, they specialize, and the outcome of such concentration must needs result in much of what is

now hidden talent becoming known.

In golfing history America is young. The tutors of young America are, in the bulk, Scotch professionals, and to these pioneers must we ascribe the prevalence of the flat swing. Much has been written at various times of this characteristic, and I am with those who

have no hesitation in saying that it is a drawback, not only in America, where the courses are constructed in a manner that lends itself to the flat swing, but especially so in Great Britain.

My meaning is this: American courses, with perhaps three exceptions, are hard, and the ball runs almost as far as the "carry." Very few cross hazards are met with, and so the flat swinger obtains the minimum of "carry" with the maximum of run, nor is he punished. But on a course such as that of the Royal St. George's at Sandwich the native-born American would find that his usual methods would enable him to pile up a cricket score. The good showing of McDermott at the Hoylake championship proves nothing, for of all championship courses, Hoylake calls for less carrying drives than any.

Curiously enough, and with all due respect for Mr. Francis Ouimet, the person we consider to be the best American amateur to-day, Mr. Charles Evans, Jr., possesses a comparatively



Edward Ray, the well known English Professional driving off from Lambton in his match with Harry Vardon, 1913



upright swing. I was present at the amateur championship at Sandwich in the capacity of a "chiel taking notes," and naturally watched the play of the Americans with great interest. My idea in regard to Mr. Evans' superiority was not at all shaken, for he was only defeated—at the hands of Mr. C. B. Macfarlane—by golf that very few of us have had the good fortune to watch. Mr. Evans was playing good enough to beat most amateurs, but his opponent's outward half of 31 would have defeated anyone.

One by one the Americans went under, and I feel sure that their style of play let them down. This was notably the case in connection with Mr. Travers' defeat. Not trusting to wooden clubs, he drove with an iron of sorts and the customary low "pull" being much in evidence, he was in most cases playing his second from the rough on the left side of the course. There can only be one result to this sort of thing, but it bears out what I say in regard to the method of swinging employed by our American friends. Unfortunately McDermott, the best of the American pros., arrived too late to compete in the recent open at Prestwick, or rather the qualifying stages at Troon, otherwise we might have been able to form some idea as to his capabilities over a course like Prestwick, where the long low pull would land him in the cart every time.

There is no doubt in my own mind that in one department of the game we play second fiddle to the Americans, and that is in putting. How to account for this I cannot say, but it might be due to the fact that they all stand well up and over the ball, which seems to enable them to approach more nearly what must be the best method of swinging the putter, that is, with a pendulum-like motion. Their confidence on the greens is extraordinary, and at times truly disconcerting.

But there is one stroke where we have the Americans beat every time. This is the mashie approach up to the hole. They seem to have no idea of the cut up from left to right. They play it in the reverse manner, and every golfer knows that a right to left approach is asking for trouble every time. And one would think that a

first-class golfer would quickly find this out, but few of the best Americans bother to alter their methods, and it is my opinion that until they do so, they can never hope to make good in any big event on this side.

Naturally, to a golfer, the course over which he plays is everything, and a few words on those we played over in America might not be out of place in this article. Generally speaking, I think that they have nothing so good as our best. This is not to be taken as a reflection on theirs as tests of golf, but we who are familiar with Prestwick, St. Andrews, Sandwich, Deal and Sunningdale, are apt to approach the American with a trifle of bias. We have been so familiar with certain features on what we consider good courses, that missing them, we quickly jump to the conclusion that they are inferior, not possessing the characteristics we look for, and believe to be essential to a real good test.

It is in the texture of their greens that I found such a vast difference. This was especially so down in Texas, where, at first sight, both Vardon and I agreed that we had never seen such perfect greens. But it was a different thing when we began to putt on them, for we quickly decided that we had never putted on worse in the whole course of our golf career. They informed us that the grass was of a kind known as Bermuda, but the only thing I can compare it to is a vine, for this stuff did not seem to have any connection with the soil, but flourished on the top of it. Straight putting was out of the question so far as we were concerned, for you simply hit the ball for the hole with the hope that the "vine" did not take a sudden turn. And now let me say that I believe the American spectators to be far keener than our own. During our tour in the States we had big crowds at every game, and they all followed the play with what seemed painful interest. A stroke played, there was none of that helter-skelter rush for the next point of vantage such as prevails at big tournaments in this country. Stewards were, of course, in charge, but their duties sat lightly upon them, for the crowd seemed to know instinctively what was required of

them. Naturally there are times when a few of the more excited ones allow their feelings to get the upper hand, but all things considered this is not surprising, and they can be forgiven.

But does not this speak volumes for the future of American golf? Everywhere it is on the boom, and the keenness displayed makes one think that we are apathetic in comparison. At most of the country clubs they play from sunrise to sunset, and golf is the main topic of conversation. And these country clubs are a great institution, for no expense is spared to make members comfortable. Their competitions seem endless, and, as in all other sport, their desire to win is an obsession. Take the recent amateur championship as an instance. There we saw the leading American amateurs, who evidently thought nothing of the miles that lay between and just came in the hope of emulating Mr. W. J. Travis, whose win on the same course did much for golf in the States. Mr. Harold Hilton and Mr. Norman Hunter returned the compliment, but it will be a few years before we send anything like a representative body of amateurs over there, and this is not because we look upon the Blue Ribbon of American amateur golf as a something not worth bothering about, but because we are not overkeen on the conquest of other countries. And in this indifference possibly lies a danger, for certainly in a few years we shall be made to realize that our amateur laurels are in jeopardy.

They may not possess professionals so good as ours in a playing sense, but as teachers they are our equal, and your true American, once he gets his mind on any sport, spares neither time nor expense in an attempt to master the difficulties, therefore, it must follow that in the course of time we shall wake up to the astounding fact that we alone are not the salt of the golfing earth, and that "there are others" and these will surely be those from the other side of the Atlantic.

I cannot close this article without a reference to a very interesting feature that I became acquainted with, and that is their system of fixing the par of a course. For simplicity it is hard to beat. A hole measuring anything up to 225 yards is a par 3; above 225 and up to 425 a par 4, whilst any distance above 425 is par 5. At first sight this appears quite in order, but when we remember that the ground out there is hard and very few cross hazards are to be found, it will be gathered that a par player out there is not such a good player as the English member of the family. Many holes measuring 230 we found required no more than an iron shot, and those of 400 yards were the easiest of "fours." Whilst Vardon and I were there, I believe many reports appeared in the English papers of scores by us that were well under par. No doubt the golf was decent, but in view of the foregoing explanation of what the American par business really is, its super-excellence must be taken with a grain of salt.—"Golfer's Magazine."

## Multum in Par-vo

Drives of those who play behind us  
 Oft our wandering thoughts remind  
 If we lag, their ball may find us  
 In a manner most unkind.

—"W."

# The Sophisticated Caddie

By the Linksman

**I** WELL remember an incident at a women's championship tournament a few years ago. A number of caddies were lounging on the grass not far from the first tee awaiting their turn, when suddenly up jumped a little chap scarcely 12 years of age with the remark: "Here comes my baby." Looking round, I noticed a rather large and dignified-looking woman approaching, who probably would not have smiled so pleasantly at the lad had she overheard his reference to herself.

Most likely it was some such imp who once inspired a foreign scribe to draft a set of questions for the caddie. Questions and answers follow:

1. What is meant by the term "casual water?"

Answer—The term "casual water" means enny water that is on the coarse, such as rein water, ditch water, pond water or enny water wot happens to be there before it was found there, and which makes the player when he finds it say, "I've never seen it afore. Casual water drop wivout penalty."

2. If the hole is 160 yards distant and you are asked by your master what club he should take what club would you advise?

Answer—When the hole is 160 yards away and a plus man says, "Ginger, wot can I get up wiv?" you tell him to take his mashy and play it easy or he'll go too far. If a 30 man asks you say, "Take yer driver and hit it all you knose." If he gets too far yer can say as how it's the longest shot you ever see in yer life and then he won't say ennything.

3. When should a caddy be seen and not heard?

Answer—(1) When his boss is explaining that he has had five shots and you knose he has had six. (2) When the boss is telling his opponent as how he done number six in 2 yesterday, but which you knose he didn't, seeing as how you were carrying for him. (3) Always.

4. What is the definition of a stymie?

Answer—The definition of the word stymie is when one ball is in front of the hole and tother ball is right in front too, but can't get by the other because tother is in front. The one in the way says sorry, old chap, stymies should be done away with, and then when he's won the hole he says to his caddy, "Done him that time, I thought I mite give him a stymie."

5. What is the least number of clubs a player can use and give names?

Answer—The least number of clubs a player can use is all according to a player. Some can't use enny and some can only use a kleeck. Some uses eight, but can't use 'em all. The names of the clubs is Niblick, Puther, Mashy, Kleeck, Iron, Brassey, Driver, Dred 0000's and a lot more they carry for swank, but can't use 'em.

6. If a player started out with 8 balls, lost 3, split 2, lent his partner another, how many would he have at the end of the round?

Answer—If he starts out with 8 he plays one, that leaves 7. If he lost 3, that leaves 4. If he splits 2, that leaves 2. If he lends his partner 1 that leaves 1. If he don't give his caddy a tip he mighten have enny left at all. I don't believe this question is fare because there's a catch in it.

7. If a player topped his first, duffed his second, socketed his third, pulled his fourth and sliced his fifth, what would you advise him to do to eradicate these faults?

Answer—Give it up.

8. If a player grounded his club in a hazard and then asked for the rule in regard to this, what would you say?

Answer—You must say as how you didn't see him do it and if he had had a good shot out you can say as how you think the rule is altered; if he is still in the hazard and can't get out you tell him the truth and he says, "I thot so, your hole. I axidently grounded my club."



THAT ECSTATIC MOMENT  
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# A Shaded Light

By W. H. Webbing

THE usual little crowd were smoking their usual cigar after lunch at the club, deep in discussion of that all-absorbing topic—the war. Old Bellamy, in virtue of his rank as honorary colonel—of recent date—was, as usual, commanding the situation, and it was with difficulty I found an opportunity of announcing the fact that last night I came up in the train with Alec Watson, on his way West.

"Is that so? When did he get back?" exclaimed one of the fellows, voicing the interest of the rest.

"Landed in New York last Saturday. Played a lot of golf over there, incidentally layed his chief rivals a stymie, and captured a five-million-dollar order for his firm—all in less than five weeks."

"Alec's a great little hustler when he gets going," some one remarked. "Five millions! That will be a godsend to the Universal people, won't it?"

"You bet," I replied, "but Alec seemed far more interested in his score of 81 at the Thistlemuir links in Scotland, where he put in the time waiting for the 'final' from the War Office. According to his opinion, Thistlemuir would make the average golf course seem like a croquet lawn."

"And that reminds me," I continued, in spite of old Bellamy's obvious efforts to regain control of the situation, "that Alec told me quite an interesting little incident that occurred at Thistlemuir the day before he left."

"Did he? What was it?" they queried, and Bellamy, properly bunkered by this time, gave up the game and disappeared. So I proceeded to tell them in Alec's own words, so far as I could remember, the following:

It appears there were very few players left at Thistlemuir, in consequence of the war—only a few old duffers who played entirely among themselves—and Alec was more than pleased when he chanced to run against a young chap, a stranger like himself, who had just arrived and was looking for a

game. Alec described him as a tall, fair, rather good-looking fellow, with a slight limp and a decidedly befreckled face.

The two appeared to hit it off first rate, although Alec was nearly old enough to be the lad's father, and if the youngster, whose game was a bit above the average, did put it over Alec, he did it so cleanly, so modestly, that Alec didn't peeve worth a cent, although we all know he's pretty keen on winning, as a rule.

Of course, it was not all golf, and the two passed a lot of time together. They conversed on many topics, and Alec seemed to have related a lot about himself and his private affairs, but the youngster, outside the fact that he had been employed in a bank before war was declared, and that he had been somewhat knocked out and was taking a week or so off to recuperate, gave very little further information.

Once Alec, who admitted feeling naturally curious on the matter, endeavored to discover indirectly why he was not at the front like most young fellows were at the time; but evidently Bentley—for that was the lad's name—was somewhat sensitive on the subject, and quickly turned the conversation into other channels.

One day towards the end of his visit, our friend and young Bentley were having a cup of tea after their regulation two rounds, when they were joined on the veranda by a stout, elderly gentleman, whom they had frequently noticed dubbing round the links, with a caddy in attendance. Once or twice Alec had made a short approach towards conversation, but with rather poor results. As for young Bentley, after once attempting a respectful morning salutation, he was so abashed by the portly gentleman's icy acknowledgment that he had promptly refrained from further advances.

On this present occasion, however, the pompous party in question deliberately drew his chair close to them and



conversed for a few moments in a very dignified manner with Alec—on the state of the weather, condition of the course, and then, naturally, the progress of the war. Turning to Bentley, and fixing him with a stern glance, he said: "Young man, there is no one takes a greater interest in this splendid though somewhat difficult game of golf than myself. I have played it consistently since my retirement from business in the city, where after years of conscientious labors I considered myself entitled to some rest and recreation. In normal times I consider a man is justified in taking a reasonable amount of recreation, especially young men, but"—here his voice became more ominous—"when I see a young, healthy, active man like yourself wasting his time on the links when the Empire is tottering in the balance, my feelings are beyond adequate expression—I feel only—er—contempt."

Alec noticed a strange look in young Bentley's blue eyes. The young fellow, however, offered no excuse, but half in confusion lit another cigarette.

This act seemed only to increase the old gentleman's indignation.

"And I might further add," he continued more warmly, "that cigarette smoking is admittedly injurious at the best, but at this time, when young England should be conserving every effort to fit himself for the strenuous struggles before him, I can only say this habit—this pernicious habit—is more reprehensible than ever."

Young Bentley flushed slightly and, throwing his cigarette away, said: "I'm sorry you object, sir."

The old gentleman was not, however, to be appeased, and, much to poor Alec's annoyance, he continued his lecture to such an extent that Alec, whose sympathies were all with the younger man, right or wrong, decided to break up the party, when he observed a smart-looking young man in khaki, evidently an officer, approaching them. He glanced eagerly round, and spotting Bentley, rushed up and gripped him enthusiastically by the hand.

"By Jove! old chap," he exclaimed, in tones of genuine delight, "I am glad

to see you. Only heard you were here this morning and motored right over as fast as the old bus would carry me. Just got a few days' leave, and, by Jove! we're going to make the most of them—what! Now get your things together," he rattled on. "I promised the governor to bring you back for dinner, and the rest of them are simply pining to greet the gallant hero of Neuve Chapelle."

"Oh, I say, stow that rot, Jack," interrupted young Bentley, whose usually pale face was now a fiery red. "It's awfully good of you, but I think I had better remain here quietly—doctor's orders, you know."

"To the deuce with all doctors," cried the other in his breezy manner. "We'll look after you all right. The mater's keen to pamper you, and Muriel—you remember Muriel—is waiting to try her 'prentice hand on her first patient. She is a full-fledged nurse now, you know."

Seeing excuses were likely to be futile and vain, young Bentley hurriedly made his apologies and went below to the locker-room.

"Excuse my curiosity," said Alec, turning to Bentley's friend, "but I feel like a balloon—sort of up in the air. Were you just jollying, or have I actually been playing with a blooming hero?"

The officer broke into a boyish laugh. "If that isn't like old Bob, the shaded light, the ever-modest violet, the hero incognito. Well, well, likewise tut, tut! I will enlighten you, good sir. You have had the extreme privilege and high honor of tramping the verdant links with Lieutenant Robert Bentley, V.C., specially mentioned in despatches for saving and preserving the life of his colonel under heavy fire and afterwards capturing a German trench by leading a forlorn hope to success when all his senior officers had been killed or wounded—but hush! here the conquering hero comes! Let us dissemble, or we are discovered. Good day, sir, and congratulations."

In deep thought Alec watched the swift runabout disappear in the distance with the two young fellows, who waved him a final farewell, then sud-

denly he remembered the pompous old personage, late merchant of the City of London.

There sat that worthy, huddled up in his chair, his mouth agape like an expiring fish on a sand pile. "My word!"

he groaned, pathetically, "what an awful fozzle!"

"After that," observed Alec in conclusion, "I felt a whole lot better. I may have been bunkered, but I *did* get out. This old Roman had to pick up his ball, and that hurts."

## The Golf Doctor

**Y**OU often have disputes and arguments about the definition of the Rules of the Game of Golf, as adopted by the Royal Canadian Golf Association, the governing body in Canada. The "Canadian Golfer" has made arrangements with several of the best known exponents of the game to give the rulings in such disputed cases.

Write "The Golf Doctor" when you are in doubt. Any prescription, advice or decision you get from "Golf, M.D.," will be absolutely final.

T. P., Ottawa, writes: "The score card of the Royal Ottawa Golf Club, under the heading of 'The Etiquette of Golf,' says: 'A twosome may pass a threesome or foursome, a foursome a three-ball match, and a three-ball match a four-ball match.' I was always under the impression that a three-ball match had no privileges on a course. Is the Ottawa score card correct?"

Answer.—From an etiquette standpoint the card is perfectly correct. A twosome, of course, as you understand, has the right to go through any match because it is a faster match, or should be. A threesome is one player playing against two players playing one ball, and it differs from a three-ball match in that the latter players are playing three balls, whereas the threesome are only playing two balls. A foursome or threesome has the right to go through a four-ball match, or three-ball match, for the reason that a foursome consists of four players playing two balls, and a threesome three players also playing two balls, and therefore can go faster than a match playing a greater number of balls. Along the same lines "of least resistance" a three-ball match should be faster than a four-ball, and may pass through. Of course you understand that a single player has no standing on the course and shall always give way to a match of any kind.

"Niblick," St. Catharines, asks: "Can I tee my ball as far back as I like on a teeing-ground? Some tees are much larger than others, and on short holes I have noticed players get back as far as they can."

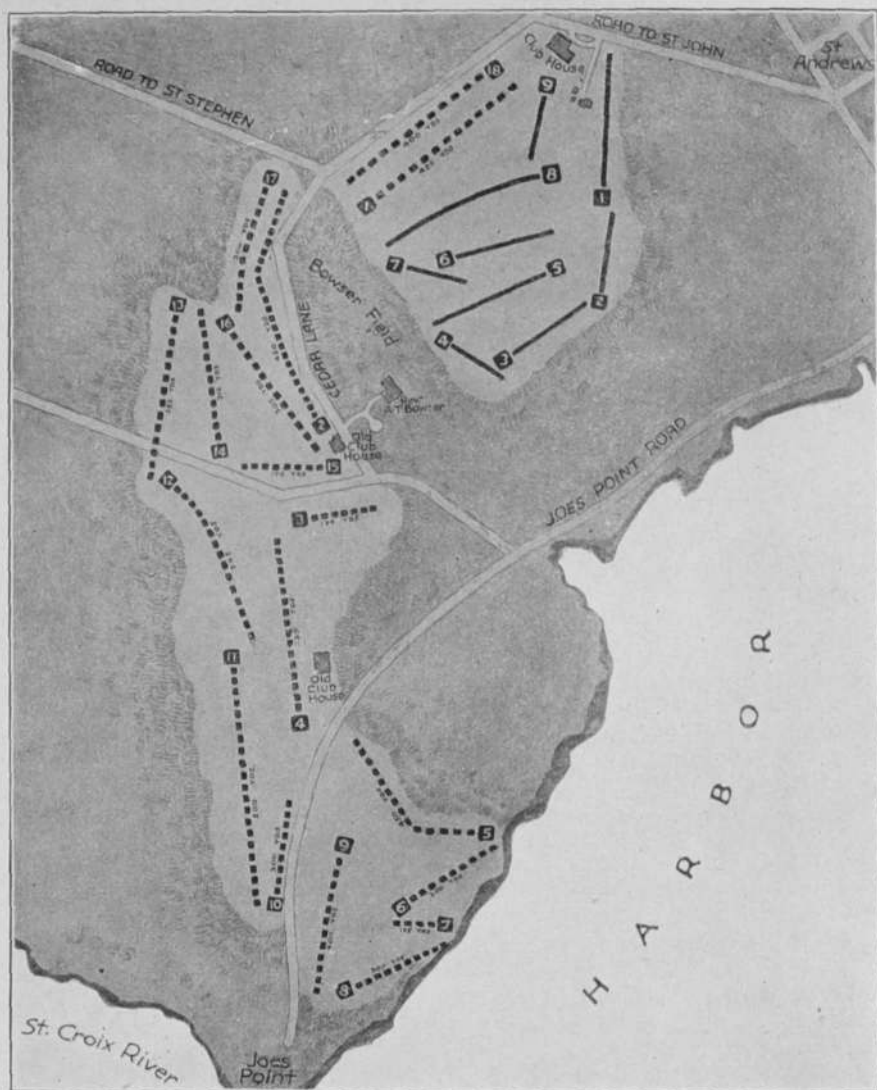
Answer.—Definition 4 states that a "teeing ground shall include a rectangular space of the depth of two club lengths directly behind the line indicated by the two marks." You must not, therefore, tee your ball more than two club lengths back of the two marks. Rule 2 says: "A ball played from outside the limits of the teeing-ground may be at once recalled by the opposing side and may be re-teeed without penalty." In a stroke competition, however, Rule 7, Sec. 2, says: "If at any hole a competitor play his first stroke from outside the limits of the teeing-ground he shall count that stroke, tee a ball and play his second stroke from within the limits." By "limits" is meant between the two marks and back two club lengths.

M. D., Orillia: "In playing through the fair green my ball is back of but near my opponent's ball and interferes with my stroke. Can I ask him to play out?"

Answer.—No, you can't, but if the ball lies within a club length of your ball you can have your opponent's ball lifted and then replaced as near as possible to where it lay. See Rule 16.

"T. S.," Calgary, asks: "What is the penalty for striking the flag stick within twenty yards of the hole?"

Answer.—In match play if the flag stick is struck whilst still in the hole there is no penalty, although some years ago it was loss of the hole. If the flag stick has been removed, however, from the hole, by yourself, partner or caddie, and the ball strike it, the penalty is loss of the hole. In stroke competitions, striking the flag in the hole within twenty yards is penalized by the loss of two strokes.



### ST. ANDREWS-BY-THE-SEA

**T**HE above plan shows the well-known St. Andrews golf links, St. Andrews-by-the-Sea, N.B., as viewed from the harbor. There are two courses at St. Andrews—a nine-hole course and an eighteen-hole course. There is some talk of holding a tournament at St. Andrews next summer. A large number of golfers from both the United States and Canada would no doubt be attracted by such an event.

In the plan the 18-hole course is shown with dotted lines and the 9-hole course with solid lines. The greens are well kept and the hazards well

selected. The location of the links is supremely beautiful.

In the States a number of successful summer tournaments are "run off," and it is about time Canada inaugurated such an event. The length of the 18-hole course at St. Andrews is 5,860 yards, the hole measurements being as follows:

No. 1, 425 yards	No. 10, 300 yards
No. 2, 420 yards	No. 11, 500 yards
No. 3, 135 yards	No. 12, 345 yards
No. 4, 335 yards	No. 13, 383 yards
No. 5, 450 yards	No. 14, 312 yards
No. 6, 300 yards	No. 15, 125 yards
No. 7, 125 yards	No. 16, 305 yards
No. 8, 300 yards	No. 17, 300 yards

# The World's Ranking--and Others

**I**N the "Golfer's Magazine" recently, "Chick" Evans, the editor, has an article on "A World's Ranking List." He says:

"I am presenting my list of the best eight golfers in the world. It should go without saying that it is not official; far, indeed, is it from being so easy as that. My selection has nothing to do with championships lost, or won, but is based upon the high average of skill shown by each player in executing the various shots that constitute the game of golf. An official rating, on the other hand, has nothing to do with the higher criticism of the game. For this duty an expert knowledge of shots and a wide acquaintance with the games of all the best players is necessary.

"Last year I was a participant in the British Amateur Championship at Sandwich—a tournament with more high-class entries than any ever held before, and it is probable that it will be a long, long time before its like will be seen again. They were all there—the greatest golfers from all lands—and a comparison of the play of those picked men has been the greatest assistance to me in the preparation of this article. Those not there and on my list I played with on a former visit to Great Britain.

"I am personally acquainted with all the great golfers of the golfing countries—I consider them the pick of the world. My list is an embodiment of the ideas I have gathered from my wide experience of the game. I admit that a list of this sort has never been made before, and I further admit that it is a thankless task, and will doubtless be severely criticized, but I assume beforehand that my most violent critics will have lacked in many respects my opportunities for observation, and my first-hand knowledge of all that makes up a good golf shot.

"Cricket seems to be essentially British, baseball American, but golf is of the world, with Great Britain leading in the number of fine players. As Hilton says, our best golfers are just as good as the British, but they have

many more fine players. When we invade England we must realize that for every good golfer that we defeat, another equally good is held in reserve.

"The degree of differences between the best eight golfers that I have selected is so small in most instances that they might as well be grouped. The fact is almost any one of my list could beat the others at some favorable time. We know that the winners of championships are frequently beaten up to and after the decisive meeting. I believe, however, I have arranged each golfer in the order in which he should be victor in a series of games.

"To pick one golfer out of a million is a considerable task, but somewhere on that long battle line where the Allies are entrenched is the man whom I believe to be the leading golfer of the world. If the English Channel were land it is probable that only a few long wooden shots separate him from the spot where he won the Royal St. George Vase last May. He has never won the British amateur championship, but, judged by the fine points of the game, he is the best player I have ever seen.

"I have presented my credentials, now I present my list:

1. John Graham, Jr., Royal Liverpool Golf Club, Hoylake, England.
2. J. L. C. Jenkins, Troon Golf Club, Troon, Scotland.
3. Harold Hilton, Royal Liverpool Golf Club, Hoylake, England.
4. John Ball, Royal Liverpool Golf Club, Hoylake, England.
5. Robert Maxwell, Honorable Company Edinburgh Golfers, Muirfield, Scotland.
6. Francis Ouimet, Woodland Golf Club, Boston.
7. Reymond H. de Montmorency, Stoke Poges Golf Club, Eton, England.
8. Jerome Travers, Montclair Golf Club, Montclair, N. J.

"The difference between these great players is slight indeed. It is interesting to note that the youngest is twenty-



G. F. Moss, Toronto.  
 Douglas Laird, St. Charles, Winnipeg.  
 G. H. Hutton, the West.  
 C. B. Grier, Royal Montreal.  
 A. A. Adams, Hamilton.  
 W. G. Laird, St. Charles, Winnipeg.  
 S. T. Blackwood, Toronto.  
 R. C. H. Cassels, Toronto.  
 A. Wilson, Royal Montreal.  
 R. M. Gray, Jr., Rosedale.  
 Wm. More, Toronto.  
 Dudley Dawson, St. Charles, Winnipeg.  
 Wilfred James, Lambton.

It might be stated that in the original list, which was made up a few weeks ago, Captain Gerald Lees' name appeared and Mr. W. M. Griffith's.

The regrettable death of the former whilst fighting in Europe, and the removal of the latter to the States eliminated their names from the selection.

There are, no doubt, players in the Maritime Provinces, in British Columbia and other parts of Canada, who deserve to be placed in this list of "best players," but as stated before, it is only by the standard of the Canadian championship that a selection can be made, and men who do not compete in this premier event cannot hope to receive a ranking.

Since the above article was in type a despatch from England announces that Captain John Graham, Jr., has been killed at Ypres during a gallant charge by the Liverpool Scottish Brigade. Thus the greatest amateur golfer in the world has bravely laid down his life for King and Country. He died as he would have wished to have died—leading on his men in a charge against a barbarous foe—a charge that will go down in history.

### HIT WITH THE CENTRE OF THE CLUB

**I** ONCE observed a player turning in the head of his club deliberately, with the avowed intention of correcting a tendency to sky his drives, says the "World of Golf." Nothing could have been more mad. He was really hitting too high because he was striking the ball off one of the Eddyston lighthouse brands of tee, on the upward swing of his club. And the only consequence of his novel remedy was that he now skied his drives off the top edge of the face instead of off the centre, with even worse consequences than before.

Luckily it is not generally a matter of any difficulty for a player to tell when the club head is not meeting the ball properly. The very feel of the stroke ought to warn him. And a little more carefulness in grip and swing should put the matter right.

On the other hand, the "scuffling" may be due to no mere twisting of the club head, but to some error in the swing itself. If the lower edge of the club plays "whack" on the ground behind—it may be some considerable way behind—the ball, the most likely explanation is that the player is standing too close up to his ball.

Curiously enough, this error is often found to be accompanied by a tendency toward pulling; but a little considera-

tion makes this scarcely so hard to understand. The club head cannot continue along its original line, because the player is standing so close to the ball that the club head to do so would require to pass into the ground. Since it cannot do this, it is forced to pass outward a little, and it is this outward glancing stroke which is the occasion of the pulled ball.

If the player endeavors to correct this by drawing himself up, or by drawing his hands in toward his body just before the club reaches the ball, he will assuredly find himself slicing as well as "scuffling." In fact, the minor errors which are wont to accompany the great error of taking ground are endless in their variety.

Among the second and third-rate golfers—and golfers of all the subsequent rates—the fault of mishitting is more common than most of them suppose. Observe how irregular is the length obtained by many a quiet, steady driver, and contrast it with the ability of a first-class professional to drop a dozen drives within a circle of ten yards or so. What is the explanation of the difference? Simply that the professional always hits with the centre of the club; the second-rate player does not.



one, the oldest fifty-two, and the average about thirty-seven—facts that speak eloquently for golf.

"It will be seen that the list is made up only of English and American players, in spite of the fact that golf is played all over the world. But these two countries lead the world of golfers at the present time. The French players are developing rapidly, and in Australia there are some exceedingly fine golfers. Indeed, I was strongly tempted to place one of them on my list. A decade ago only one American, Walter J. Travis, would have deserved a place on my list. He has only been omitted because of late his average game has not quite equalled the two included. A little larger list would take him in.

"I have selected John Graham for the head of my list because I think he has greater mastery over his shots than any golfer living. Although he has never won the British amateur, he has been semi-finalist four times, completely outclassing every one until he reaches the limit of his physical endurance. To see him swing at the ball is a delight, for the action is the very synonym for rhythm.

"Lawrie Jenkins is the present British amateur champion. I played regularly with him at Troon for nearly a month, and know his game well. It is a delightful combination of fine golf shots.

"Ouimet made a poor showing in England, but this was the result of inexperience. He is intrinsically entitled to the place given him.

"Reymond de Montmorency is a master at Eton College, and although he has never competed in the British championship, owing to his school duties, he is one of the finest golfers I ever met. I played with him at Stoke Poges, and watched his game in open-mouthed admiration.

"All the golfers on my list play so well that it is difficult to say wherein one excels the other. They have all had their successes and defeats, but their average game is wonderfully good."

It will be noticed that Mr. Evans includes but two United States players in the above list, placing Mr. Ouimet

sixth and Mr. J. D. Travers eighth. Only his innate modesty prevented him from including his own name in the honor roll; in fact, the best English judges concede Mr. Evans premier golfing honors in the States, stating that there is not another player on this side of the Atlantic who uses every club in his bag with such skill and confidence. Mr. Travers' victory, a week or so ago, in the United States Open championship, too, should make him rank ahead of Mr. Ouimet.

Although he has never won the championship, the U. S. editor is quite right in placing Mr. John Graham, Jr., at the head of the world's list of best golfers. British judges of the game generally concede him that exceptional position.

In "New York Golf" Mr. Gardiner W. White places the sixteen best players in the States in the following order:

1. Francis Ouimet.
2. Charles Evans, Jr.
3. Jerome D. Travers.
4. William C. Fownes, Jr.
5. Walter J. Travis.
6. Warren K. Wood.
7. Oswald Kirkby.
8. Ray R. Gorton.
9. Fred Herreshoff.
10. Eben M. Byers.
11. H. Chandler Egan.
12. John F. Neville.
13. John G. Anderson.
14. Max R. Marston.
15. Robert A. Gardiner.
16. Edward P. Allis, 3d.

In Canada it is rather hard to pick out a list of the best players, because, owing to the great distances to be travelled, many good players do not compete in the championships, and it is therefore difficult to get a "line" on their play. However, the following list, whilst not by any means final, and, of course, open to criticism, is the result of careful thought upon the part of two or three well-known Canadian golfers, who are thoroughly competent to make a fair selection:

- G. S. Lyon, Lambton.  
 F. R. Martin, Hamilton.  
 T. B. Reith, Beaconsfield.  
 Edward Legge, St. Charles, Winnipeg.  
 G. H. Turpin, Royal Montreal.

# Ladies' Golf Department

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THE principal events of importance in the Toronto-Hamilton District were the one-day tournaments held at the Rosedale and Toronto Golf Clubs, June 16th and 17th, respectively. Two teams of five players each entered from these two clubs, and also from Lambton and Hamilton. Prizes were given for each member of the winning team,

patriotic and charitable work, and tried to forget anxiety for a little while, it is with renewed zeal that we come back to our work all the better for our little holiday. Naturally the scores were high, and none of the Silver Division played anywhere near her C. L. G. U. handicap form, but it is very much to be doubted that any of us will show much better golf until happier times come,



Hamilton Team—winner of matches June 16th, and 17th, at Rosedale and Toronto Club one day Tournaments.  
Top Row Standing, Miss Morrison, Miss F. L. Harvey, Miss M. Scott.  
Lower Row Sitting, (Captain) Miss Frances Scott winner Gross Score Prize, at Toronto Club Tournament June 17th., Mrs. Arthur Rowe, winner Gross Score Prize at Rosedale Tournament June 16th.

and also for the best gross score and best handicap score.

Owing to the war there was no Canadian championship in 1914, and the Ontario was cancelled this June, consequently the very thought of going to play golf for two successive days made one feel very frivolous, and almost as though it should not be done, but because by unspoken consent the war was scarcely mentioned and everyone relaxed for a few hours from the strain of

for the game has come now to be so much a question of spare minutes. The Bronze Division, however, did well, showing a decided improvement in steadiness and consistency, and as it is easier for them to reduce their handicaps, the benefit of the L. G. U. system will be more noticeable in this division. Though only two lowered their handicaps, the net scores were close to par and very creditable, considering how little golf has been played this year.

At Rosedale the results were: Best Gross Score, Mrs. Rowe, Hamilton, 98; Best Handicap Score, Miss Gagen, Rosedale, 80 net, hdcp. 35.

Scores:

Mrs. Rowe.....	Out—4	6	3	6	6	4	6	9	4—48
	In—8	5	6	4	3	7	6	7	4—50
									Total 98
Par .....	Out—4	6	3	5	4	3	5	6	3—39
	In—5	5	5	4	3	5	5	5	4—41
									Total 80



Miss Gagen of Rosedale  
Winner Handicap Prize at Rosedale One Day  
Tournament

It is to be remembered that one has to cross the river eight times on the Rosedale course, and unless one is well in practice many penalties may be incurred.

Miss Gagen—

Out—5	9	5	8	6	4	7	8	5—57
In—7	7	8	7	5	6	7	6	5—58
								115—35=80

Other scores:

	Gross.	Hdcp.	Net.
Miss Hoskin, Rosedale.....	118	36	82
Mrs. Rundle, Rosedale.....	116	33	83
Miss Gage, Lambton.....	114	32	82
Miss Cromarty, Lambton.....	114	29	85
Mrs. Davies, Rosedale.....	106	23	83
Mrs. Ashworth, Rosedale.....	108	23	85

At the conclusion of the play the C. L. G. U. Pars Committee decided that, as the course had been lengthened, the par should be raised from 79 to 80, by giving a 6 instead of a 5 at the second hole.

The results of the gross scores were as follows, The figures in parentheses refer to the player's C. L. G. U. handicap:

Hamilton No. 1 Team	Lambton No. 2 Team
Miss F. Scott (3).... 103	Mrs. Tilly (29).... 121
Miss F. Harvey (5) 107	Miss Sanford (29) 118
Mrs. A. Rowe (9).... 98	Miss Cromarty (29) 114
Miss Morrison (14) 103	Mrs. Adam (29).... 122
Miss M. Scott (20) 125	Miss W. Gage (32) 114
	589
536	
Rosedale No. 1 Team	Rosedale No. 2 Team
Mrs. Burns (21).... 109	Miss E. Stewart.... 126
Mrs. Ashworth (23) 108	Mrs. Rundle (33).... 116
Mrs. Davies (23).... 106	Mrs. Matthews (34) 122
Mrs. Stikeman (23) 117	Miss Gagen (35).... 115
Mrs. Duncan (27).... 118	Miss Hoskin (33).... 118
	597
558	
Toronto C. No. 1 Team	Toronto Club
Miss E. Cox (13).... 100	Mrs. Garron (27).... 131
Mrs. Peplar (14).... 112	Miss A. Stewart(27) 119
Mrs. More (17).... 111	Mrs. Green (32).... 125
Miss Maule (17).... 105	Mrs. Barnard (36).... 123
Miss Fellowes (20) 130	Miss B. Edgar (36) 125
	623
558	
Lambton No. 1 Team	Hamilton No. 2 Team
Mrs. Rodger (14).... 111	Mrs. Walker (23).... 131
Miss Defries (15).... 107	Mrs. Adam (27).... 126
Mrs. Ridout (15).... 101	Miss Climie (34).... 134
Mrs. Bailey (21).... 128	Mrs. Eastwood (36) 150
Mrs. Garvey (22).... 114	Mrs. Robinson (36) 152
	657
561	

As we have given the C. L. G. U. handicaps, the results in the Handicap Round may easily be worked out from the above. The prizes for the Gross Score and Best Hdcp. Score were Sheffield candlesticks, and for the team leather travelling work bags.

At Toronto Club the next day the weather was again most delightful, and, probably owing to the extra practice, the scores were better on the whole.

The Gross Score Prize was won by Miss Frances Scott, Hamilton, 93; Best Handicap Score by Miss E. Stewart, Rosedale, 77 net, hdcp. 32, par 79.

Results of the team matches were as follows:

Hamilton No. 1 Team	Lambton No. 2 Team
Miss F. Scott..... 93	Miss Cromarty..... 113
Miss F. Harvey..... 99	Mrs. Adam..... 121
Mrs. Arthur Rowe. 103	Mrs. Hart (26)..... 114
Miss Morrison..... 105	Mrs. Tilly..... 109
Miss M. Scott..... 111	Miss Gage..... 115
	511
511	572

**Toronto C. No. 1 Team**

Miss Cox.....	96
Mrs. More.....	131
Miss Maule.....	102
Mrs. Peplar.....	211
Miss Fellowes.....	105

525

**Lambton No. 1 Team**

Miss Defries.....	101
Mrs. Ridout.....	106
Mrs. Bailey.....	113
Mrs. Garvey.....	114
Mrs. Love (26).....	113

547

**Rosedale No. 2 Team**

Mrs. Burns.....	110
Mrs. Ashworth.....	121
Mrs. Davies.....	109
Mrs. Stikeman.....	112
Mrs. Duncan.....	113

565

**Rosedale No. 2 Team**

Miss E. Stewart.....	109
Mrs. Matthews.....	124
Miss Gagen.....	119
Mrs. Chadwick (30).....	123
Miss Hoskin.....	119

600

**Toronto C. No. 2 Team**

Miss Cosby (22).....	117
Miss A. Stewart.....	126
Mrs. Green.....	122
Mrs. Barnard.....	123
Miss Edgar.....	114

602

**Hamilton No. 2 Team**

Miss Howell (21).....	118
Miss Wood (27).....	124
Mrs. Eastwood.....	135
Miss M. Gibson (36).....	145
Miss Climie.....	147

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**Queen's Work for Women Fund Medals.**

The following letter will be of interest to the clubs that have purchased extra medals for club competition:

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

17th May, 1915.

My Dear Lady Roxburgh:

I have laid your letter before the Queen, and am commanded to say that Her Majesty is greatly interested to hear that Lady George Nevill's original "Queen's Work for Women" Medal has been so enthusiastically taken up in India, Australia, Canada and Africa, and that competitions have been arranged so many months ahead.

Will you kindly convey to Lady George the Queen's warm appreciation of her very successful efforts on behalf of her fund.

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) E. W. WALLINGTON.

Lady Roxburgh.



Club House of the Rosedale Golf Club. Scene of the Ladies' Golf Tournament June 16th.

In the cases where there were some changes in the teams we have filled in the handicaps of the new players. The rest were as at Rosedale the previous day. The prize for the Gross Score was a silver and cut glass tea pot stand; that for the Best Hdcp. Prize, travelling dressing case. Those for the members of the winning team, travelling brushes in leather case.

Miss Edythe Stewart, of Rosedale, reduced her C. L. G. U. handicap to 30 by making her 109 over Toronto Club. Also Miss B. Edgar, of Toronto, reduced from 36 to 35 by making 114 over Toronto Club.

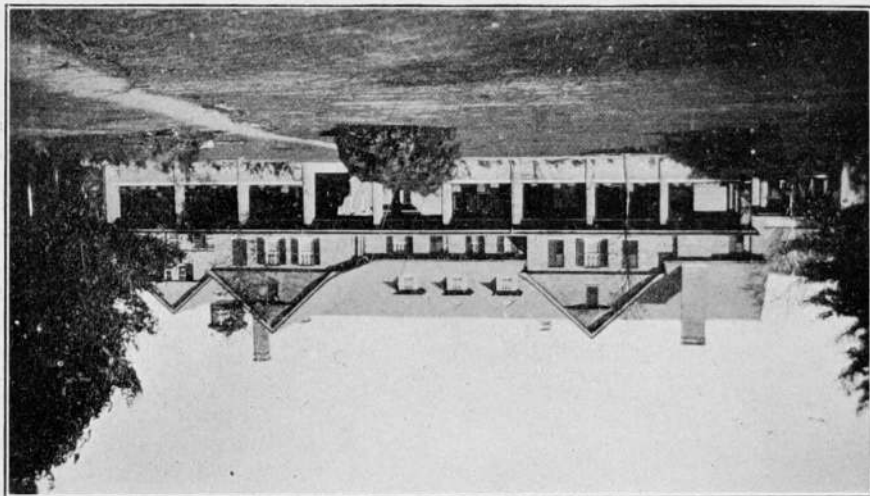
**Extra Medals.**

Since the last number of the "Canadian Golfer" was published the clubs purchasing extra Q. W. medals are: Picton, Ont. (a new club that has just joined the C. L. G. U.), 5 medals; Beaconsfield L. G. C., 4 medals; Lambton G. and C. C., one dozen. This makes thirteen dozen purchased to date by Canada, including those bought by the C. L. G. U. and presented to the clubs belonging to it. Proceeds are gradually coming in, and a complete book-keeping system at the head office is kept, each club having its own account and being credited with amounts sent



in resulting from the competitions. Cheques will be forwarded to England from time to time from the C. L. G. U. Head Office and the Silver Smith's Spoons obtained for each club as it earns one. The C. L. G. U., having purchased 48 medals, intends to present one spoon to each of its four divisions, specially engraved, to be competed for under conditions to be announced when we have earned the spoons by sending the necessary £32 obtained by the entrance fees for the medals given to the clubs by the C. L. G. U. in order to induce them to purchase extra ones. As may be seen from this, it is desired that clubs from every division should

**Club Competitions.**  
We shall be much obliged if in future all club secretaries will send in the name, handicap and net scores of winners of all events, as the following items about the Toronto clubs are all we have been able to obtain this month:  
At the golf matches at the Hunt Club Mrs. Norreys Worthington's



Club House of the Toronto Golf Club. Scene of the Ladies' Golf Tournament June 17th.

prize for the eighteen-hole was won by Miss Lily Maule, the nine-hole by Mrs. J. J. Dixon. The trophies were beautiful candlesticks. Mrs. Worthington gave the players tea when the contest was over.

At the Hunt Club golf matches Miss Moncrieff won the eighteen-hole prize put up by Mrs. Barnard, Mrs. J. W. Beatty and Mrs. Wallace tying for the nine-hole, which will be played off later. Mrs. Barnard gave the players tea after the match.

At the ladies' matches over the Rose-dale links Mrs. Osler Wade won the Queen Mary medal, Miss Gagen won Mrs. Matthews' prize—pretty candle-

purchase some extra medals, as they are to profit by those donated.

The Beaconsfield medal presented by the C. L. G. U. was won by Mrs. E. Heath, and was played for on May 27th.

Jerico and Shaughnessy Heights, of Vancouver, have played for their medals given by the C. L. G. U., but have unfortunately neglected to send in the names and scores of the winners of them, so these must be published later.

In the play since May 14 for the extra medals purchased by the club at Hamilton, Miss Morrison won the May medal with 101—14=87, par 79. Those

sticks—Mrs. Walter Stikeman won the putting and approaching prize, and Mrs. Hamilton Burns that for driving.

Miss Cox won the nine-hole prize and Mrs. Frank Johnston that for the 18-hole match at the Hunt Club. Both prizes were put up by Mrs. Alfred Hawes, who gave the players tea after the matches.

#### At Beaconsfield, Montreal.

The list of events from this club shows that the players are applying the L. G. U. system splendidly, and three reductions in handicap are reported: Mrs. A. Robertson, from 30 to 26; Mrs. Hathaway, from 36 to 34; Miss M. McBride, from 30 to 25.

On May 20th the Foursome Handicap was won by Mrs. F. Heath and Miss K. Draper. May 27th, Queen's Work Medal was won by Mrs. F. Heath. May 31st, putting and approaching competition, won by Mrs. F. Heath; driving competition won by Miss K. Robertson; longest single drive, Miss M. Draper. June 10th, progressive match, won by Mrs. F. Heath. June 17th, President's Prize; for 18 holes resulted in a triple tie between Mrs. Finnis, Mrs. Heath, Miss M. McBride, with 86 net. The play-off was won by Miss McBride with net 76; 2nd prize, 14 holes, won by Miss M. Draper; 3rd prize, 10 holes, won by Mrs. Whitely. June 21st, approaching and putting competition, won by Miss F. Russel. Team match vs. Kanawaki, on June 18th, Beaconsfield was 1 up.

At Hamilton a series of mixed foursomes are being played throughout the season, handicap medal rounds. The entrance fees are devoted to some special purpose. The first realized \$36 for the Women's Patriotic League and resulted in a triple tie: Miss Alice Macdonald and Mr. Fritz Martin, hdep. 13; Miss Frances Scott and Mr. Hope Gibson, hdep. 11; and Miss Beryl Wood and Mr. George Harvey, hdep. 18, all finishing with 78 net. On the play-off Miss Macdonald and Mr. Martin won.

The second foursome, held in June in aid of the Shorncliffe Canadian Hospital, realized \$34, and was won by Miss Morrison and Mr. H. M. Bostwick, hdep. 13 with 75 net. Prizes were given by Miss Balfour. The third

one was to help the Red Cross, and the prizes were given by Mr. Waugh (any golf club desired by the player). They were won by Miss Climie and Dr. Macdonald. The sum realized was \$52. The fourth one will be played in September, and the proceeds will go to the fund for the endowment of beds in the Serbian Hospital in memory of Miss Neill Fraser.

The Hamilton championship final is between Miss Frances Scott and Miss F. Howell, being played this year in June in place of the Ontario Championship cancelled on account of the war. A new feature was a junior championship, limited to players with C. L. G. U. hdecs. from 30-36. This was won by Miss Dorothy Ord after a good match against Miss M. Davis in the final.

The Captain's prize, handicap match play, was won by Miss F. L. Harvey, who defeated Miss Morrison in the final. Mrs. J. Levy's prize for the best nine holes out of the eighteen played, half handicap allowed, produced some fine golf, Miss Beryl Wood being successful with 44-14=30. Miss F. Scott was second with 33-2=31.

A team match vs. Waterloo Country Club was played at Hamilton, and was won by the home team. On June 29th a match was played vs. Brantford, resulting in a victory for Hamilton 8-3. The feature of this match was the sensational defeat of Miss Frances Scott by Miss Gibson, of Brantford. Brantford has just lately joined the C. L. G. U., and the players are still employed getting their handicaps, but the 46 out and the 44 home made by Miss Gibson is, I understand, the best score yet made by a lady over the new course and argues well for the ranking list of the Brantford players compared with many other C. L. G. U. clubs.

The Humphrey Golf Club, of Moncton, N.B., is doing excellent work this spring and entering into C. L. G. U. affairs in a way that promises well for the future of the club. The June Monthly Medal was won by Mrs. E. B. Chandler with 95-21=74, par 74. There were four other net scores under 80, which shows decided improvement.

### Personals.

Two items of news of great interest to golfers are the marriage of Miss Violet Pooley to Lieut. C. Sweeney, of Vancouver, who has volunteered for foreign service; and the engagement of Miss Frances Scott to Mr. Hope Gibson, eldest son of Sir John Gibson, former Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario. We all wish them the greatest happiness.

An unintentional tribute to the work that is being done at present by women everywhere was paid by one of the well-known professionals in conversation with one of the members of his club. He asked why she was golfing so little, as she was playing many strokes above her handicap form. The answer was "too much else to do. Have to work at the Patriotic League." The professional heaved a sigh and remarked, with unconscious humor: "Oh, that Patriotic! It's spoiling everyone's golf."

Canadians were very much interested to hear that Miss Vera Ramsay, of Leatherhead, England, won the Championship of the Boston district by defeating Miss Margaret Curtis in the final by 7 up and 6 to play. Miss Ramsay is one of the most promising of the young English golfers, and has already distinguished herself in Surrey County Matches and in the British Championship.

### Canadian Ladies' Golf Union Official.

Club committees are requested to furnish a complete list of C. L. G. U. handicaps to their district manager by the 20th of July. All managers are asked to send these lists to the Head Office by the 25th of the same month, certified as correct. MOST IMPORTANT. All secretaries are also requested to send in details of club competitions by the 25th of each month, as it is felt that players will feel more interest if results are published.

### Memorial to Miss Neill-Fraser.

Canadian contributions to this fund are already coming in, and many of the clubs have shown great interest in it. Miss Fraser's sacrifice has touched everyone, and a number who do not

even belong to a golf club have asked if they might contribute. An example of the general appreciation of her splendid work for the Red Cross is shown in a donation of \$50 from the Women's Patriotic League, and one of \$25 from the Women's Canadian Club, both of Hamilton, Ont.

Contributions to date are as follows: From Miss Mabel Thomson, St. John, \$10; Mrs. Sweeney, Victoria, \$10; Royal Montreal Golf Club, \$5; Ottawa Golf Club, \$10; Mrs. Edmundson, San Diego, \$1; sweepstake, Grand River Club, \$8.50; Windsor, N.S., Golf Club, \$3; Guelph C. C., \$6.90.

Collected by Miss V. Henry-Anderson in Montreal: Mrs. E. A. Whitehead, \$5; Mrs. Arthur Gault, \$2; Mrs. R. A. E. Greenshields, \$1; Mrs. Lorne Bond, \$1; Miss H. R. Y. Reid, \$2; Miss A. Thompson, \$2; Miss Rawlings, \$1; Miss V. Henry-Anderson, \$1; total, \$15. Miss V. Henry-Anderson, as a personal friend of Miss Neill Fraser, and as a former member of the Scottish International team, had already contributed most generously to this fund before we began to collect for it in Canada, but has gladly given us her help and personal influence to add to what we shall be able to send from the Dominion.

From Hamilton—Hamilton Women's Patriotic League, \$50; Hamilton Women's Canadian Club, \$25; Miss Bell, \$10; Mrs. Snow, \$15; Miss White, \$5; Miss Gaviller, \$5; Mrs. Harvey, \$5; Miss Henderson, \$1; Mrs. W. R. Mills, \$5; Mrs. Arthur Rowe, \$1; Miss Florence Harvey, \$10; S. F. Washington, K.C., \$1; S. H. Glassco, \$1; Mrs. Black, 25c; Mrs. Thomas Hobson, 50c; D. W. H., \$25; Mrs. James W. King, \$5; Mrs. George Vallance, \$2; Miss Margaret Scott, \$5; Miss Frances Scott, \$5; Mrs. Doolittle, \$5; Miss Rennie, \$1; A Friend, 50c; total, \$183.25.

Total amount received to date, \$253.55.

The Rosedale (Toronto) Golf Club held a very successful field day in aid of this fund, details of which will appear in our next issue. Stratford, Ont., is also giving an entertainment to assist in this memorial.

# Miss Henry-Anderson

An Appreciation—by Florence L. Harvey

**A**LTHOUGH not a Canadian born, Miss Henry-Anderson, having taken up her residence in the Dominion, may now be counted as one of our Canadian golfers.

Like most British players, she took up the game when a child, which accounts for her rhythmic swing and distance obtained without appreciable effort. St. Andrews was the scene of her first efforts to play the game, but when the Blairgowrie Golf Club was formed in 1893, after a long lease of the property had been obtained from Lord Lansdowne, she was identified with this club. A curious fact in connection with the club is that the links are known as "the Lansdowne Golf Course," but it is the "Blairgowrie Golf Club."

Mr. E. R. L. Henry-Anderson, now well known to Canadian golf, and his young sister, then aged 12, competed in a medal round foursome, under handicap, at Blairgowrie, so she won her first golf prize at an early age, and remained a member of this club till 1904, once holding the Handicap Medal and in 1899 winning the Monthly Medal outright, by winning it three times.

During 1906 and 1907 she also belonged to Newcastle, County Down, one of the finest Irish courses. Here she won Lady Annesley's Cup. It will

be remembered Lord Annesley, who was an enthusiastic golfer, gave his life for his country in the early stages of the present war while on a daring aeroplane flight across the Channel. The record of 82 for Newcastle was held by Miss Henry-Anderson for two years till it was broken by one stroke by Miss

Dorothy Campbell.

Musselborough was another of her clubs, and she played frequently near the head of the team in matches, but seldom entered competitions.

In championships her first experience was in the Scottish at St. Andrews in 1903, when she went out to Miss Alex. Glover at the last hole. Miss Glover, by the way, is a most brilliant player and the first holder of the golf championship of her country, won, if my memory serves me right, in that same tournament. At the Scottish at Prestwick-St. Nicholas Miss Anderson reached the

last eight, losing then to Miss Dorothea Jenkins, of Troon, then a new player, but destined to win much honor for Scottish golf. At St. Andrews, 1911, the year so many of us went to Great Britain, Miss Anderson again competed.

In the British Championship she has played a number of times, first at Troon, 1904, when she was a member of the Scottish International team. Her



Miss Violet Henry-Anderson



best record was at Newcastle, Ireland, where she won a bronze medal by reaching the semi-final after defeating Mrs. F. W. Brown, a famous Scottish player, who won the first English Championship in 1913; Mrs. Kennion, ex-Indian Champion and British Champion; Miss Graham, ex-Irish Champion and Miss Titterton (now Mrs. Jock Gibb), who defeated Miss Dorothy Campbell at the 21st hole in the final of the British at St. Andrews, 1908, and since her marriage has founded the Transvaal branch of the L. G. U. and twice won its championship. Miss Anderson then went down to Miss F. Hezlet (now Mrs. Cramsie), one of the three famous sisters, who is generally alluded to as "the most unlucky of golfers," because she has more medals as runner-up than any other player in the British and Irish Championships, but has not yet won either title.

Since 1905 Miss Anderson has taken up a business career, coming to Montreal shortly after, and has lived there ever since. In spite of the fact that she has but little time for golf, she has brought much honor to the Royal

Montreal Golf Club. In 1909, her first Canadian tournament, she carried off the National title at Dixie, and also the prize for the best gross score with 85. Next year, at Toronto Club, she was defeated in the final by 2 and 1 when Miss Dorothy Campbell won the Canadian.

Since 1913 she has held the City and Montreal District Championship and also the Medal of the Royal Montreal Ladies' Golf Club, but has not been able to compete in many club events, and playing so seldom naturally found it impossible to retain her former L. G. U. handicap when it elapsed. She won the C. L. G. U. annual silver medal of the R. M. L. G. C. for 1914 with a handicap of 14 and a net average of 77, Par being 78.

Every one who has seen Miss Anderson's smooth, rhythmic swing and beautiful iron shots regrets that she has now so little chance to play and keep up the excellent game of which she is capable. Consequently any honors she carries off are much more to her credit even than those she won in former years when she had more time to devote to golf.

## It's Your Magazine !

The "Canadian Golfer" most cordially solicits Secretaries of Clubs and golfers generally to send in interesting items for publication. Your Golf Club matches and fixtures, a good story, a good score, an unusual occurrence on green or fair green---anything in fact that will interest your fellow golfer will be gladly published. There is not a Club that cannot contribute some time, something that will appeal to the readers of this magazine. The columns of the "Canadian Golfer" are wide open to you. They are yours to use. Criticism or suggestion, too, will always receive attention.

# The Eastern Provinces

By Niblick

THE position taken up by "Canadian Golfer" in endorsing the views expressed by eminent men in the Old Country on the question as to whether golfers should abandon the game during the period of the war has the hearty approval of all Eastern golfers. From the ranks of the golfers many have gone forth at great sacrifice to active service—some to a glorious death—and during their term of training a round of the course was a pleasant relaxation. Playing golf is in no way retarding enlistment or interfering with the work of the patriotic fund or the Red Cross Society, but, rather, it has greatly benefited these very objects. There are many amongst us who have given their sons for King and Country, and if these can find the necessary distraction from their anxiety in a game of golf, then it seems that we are doing our duty in keeping the golf courses open.

The opportunity afforded by the reproduction in these pages of an article on municipal courses, from the "Canadian Courier," is too valuable a one to be allowed to slip past without comment.

Despite the fact that we have not yet in Canada a municipal course, or a course at a popular price, the question of such courses is not exactly a new one. In the early months of last spring there appeared in the daily newspapers a passing reference to the possibility of acquiring ground for a public course for Winnipeg. Whether or not the project was a serious one, or whether the rumor had any foundation in truth, has not yet been disclosed, as events of much greater importance have intervened. The need of such courses, however, has been recognized, and when once it is fully realized that a public course would be a source of revenue, and could at least be made self-supporting, it may not be so long before our larger cities will see the advisability for the necessary outlay to provide public courses.

In the city of Montreal alone there are scores of golfers, of varying age,

mostly from the Old Country, who, because they are unable to join one or other of the clubs in the district, are perforce obliged to let their clubs rust and their joints stiffen. There appeared in one of the local papers the other day an advertisement offering for sale two sets of golf clubs by a well-known Scottish maker. Without any acquaintance with the advertiser, it was easy to read between the lines and to recognize the cause for the contemplated sale. The position of such golfers is a difficult one for the average Canadian to appreciate, and it is necessary to keep in mind the fact that in many of the towns in the British Isles the public enjoys golfing facilities which enable almost anyone to play the game. A public course would, therefore, draw many of the golfers who meantime are prevented from playing, and it would do much to encourage the game among the artisan classes of our cities.

Much has been done to promote, elevate and popularize many forms of sport in the immediate vicinity of Montreal by that most admirable amateur athletic body, the Montreal A. A. A., and some folks can see the possibility of this Association coming to the rescue in providing golfing facilities at a popular price. In the present business depression and national crisis the undertaking is meantime out of the question, but in the greater development of the country, which is bound soon to come, the task should not be beyond realization.

Whatever may be the ultimate plans for the Model City on the lands of the Canadian Northern Railway, at the back of Mount Royal, it would prove a huge attraction and stimulate the buying of lots for residential houses, if these plans were to include the provision for a golf course of a public nature. With the completion of the tunnel through Mount Royal the Model City will be brought within ten minutes' ride from Montreal, and its situation makes it perhaps the most desirable location for such a course, and its success could not be doubted. Can we

imagine in these days a "model" city without a golf course?

Golf is meantime confined to regular club competitions and to the usual friendly game, and of these perhaps the friendly match is the most popular. It is possible to get too many stroke competitions, and the reversion to the old-fashioned, friendly hole match is proving most enjoyable.

There is great activity on the course of the Country Club at St. Lambert, and each week-end sees the players engaged in one or other of the club competitions. O. Cleghorn, of hockey fame, won the Learmouth Trophy recently in bogey competition, finishing seven up on the "Colonel" and turning in the best card of the season. This course has been undergoing some improvements, and the additional ground taken in has given greater length to some of the holes.

Notwithstanding the hard times, or more correctly, perhaps, because of the hard times, and as a means to stimulate business, a new course has been laid out by Charlie Murray on the grounds of the Hotel Lake St. Joseph. The course is a nine-hole one, and is situated on the banks of one of the loveliest sheets of water in eastern Quebec. As Lake St. Joseph is only about six

miles from Valcartier, some of the soldier-golfers now in camp there may possibly find it handy.

The lady golfers are out to achieve renown no less than the men. Those ladies whose duties prevent them from emulating the noble example of Miss Madge Neill-Fraser are showing their patriotism in the work of the Red Cross Society, and it is evident that not even the distractions of the holiday season are to swerve them from their purpose. The ladies of the Beaconsfield club, through the kindness of the president and committee, and under the supervision of Mrs. H. B. Mackenzie, have transformed one of the basement rooms of the fine new clubhouse into temporary quarters for the Red Cross work. They meet in the forenoon from 10 to 1 o'clock, and have extended an invitation to all ladies resident along the lakeside to help in the humane work of providing adequate supplies for the care of our wounded soldiers.

To any golf club desiring the services of a permanent secretary, the writer of these notes can recommend a young Scotsman, with a banking and book-keeping experience, who is also a very fine golfer, having been a plus man in a well-known Scottish club. Correspondence through "Canadian Golfer"

## The Running Approach Shot

By Harold H. Hilton

**T**HAT the peculiarities of particular links are prone to have a strong bearing upon the class of game that its devotees are inclined to develop admits of little doubt. And although it may not naturally follow that a player who hails from a certain course will of necessity produce a stamp of game which bears a very strong resemblance to the game of his fellow-golfers from that particular centre of the game, still there are similarities to be found in the manner in which they all play certain individual strokes, and, moreover, in their partiality for the playing of strokes in a certain defined way.

As an instance, the classic course of St. Andrews invariably leaves a very strong imprint upon the game of those who originally learned the rudiments

thereon. Every golfer who has hailed from St. Andrews is, more or less, a master of the running approach, and one occasionally finds comparatively indifferent players running the ball up to the hole over hill and dale with a degree of ease and accuracy which is in every way worthy of the leading exponents of the game. To many players this shot—which has to commence its career with a slight loft, and then, upon landing, career over undulating ground as if there were no such things as hills and hollows to impede its progress—appears an extremely difficult one to play, as they find that, for some reason or other, the ball has a habit of refusing to run up the hills in the correct and orthodox manner, and, in place of proceeding on its journey with smoothness

and despatch, will persist in catching all the possible obstructions which happen to be in the way.

For their failure they will, without hesitation, blame the combination of the lie of the ground and ill-fortune. But the expert St. Andrews player will tell them that the failure was due to neither the peculiarities of the ground nor to ill-luck, but simply to the fact that the ball was not struck in a manner essential for the playing of such a stroke, for it is invariably fatal to play the shot in the manner in which so many approach shots have to be played—that is, by imparting spin to the ball. And it must be acknowledged that the majority of golfers do attempt to play the shot in this manner, mainly for the reason that they know no other, and it is true that a ball played with spin is more apt to be influenced by the inequalities in the ground than a ball played without spin.

Old-time Scottish golfers will tell you that the correct way to play this running shot is with what they term the rising club, which, we presume, means that the club must have commenced its upward journey by the time it meets the ball. But to our way of thinking this is a peculiarly difficult method of striking the ball with any degree of accuracy, as there is a strong inclination to raise the head at the time of striking, and this action will inevitably result in a half-topped or topped shot.

On the other hand, however, the fact of half-topping the ball will, no doubt, have much the same effect as if it was struck absolutely correctly; in truth, we have heard more than one instructor on the game deliberately advise his pupil to half-top the shot—a piece of advice which would certainly appear to err on the dangerous side, as there is so very little margin for error between the half-topped shot and the badly-topped one.

Amongst the present generation of golfers, one but seldom comes across a player who manipulates this running approach in the same neat, accurate manner that the old school of golfer was wont to. This may be due to the introduction of so many inland courses of a more or less heavy nature which

necessitate the playing of nearly every approach shot with a muchly-lofted club; or, again, it may be due to the fact that the present-day resilient ball makes the playing of the shot a comparatively simple affair. In the days of the hard resisting ball the playing of the running approach was a much more difficult and complex affair than it is nowadays, as it was something of a feat to induce a gutta-percha ball to run along the ground for any great distance, and the shot played with any appreciable amount of spin imparted to it would of a surety give up the ghost upon meeting the first obstacle in its path.

In the present day there are more approach shots played on the running method than there ever were in the days of old. But that our players have not made any advance in the science of playing this shot was evidenced to us when we last saw Mr. John Laidlay playing on the classic course at St. Andrews, playing his approaches over the numerous undulations with a sureness and certainty which was almost thrilling to watch. When he first struck the ball it appeared as if he must have imparted some under-spin to it, but immediately the ball landed on the ground this illusion was dispelled, as the ball appeared to gain impetus and careered on its way up the hills and down the dales without a check. But we have an idea that we were watching the most complete master of this class of stroke that has ever lived, as we have never seen anyone who can play the running approach with the same scientific ease and accuracy as the old-time Musselburgh and North Berwick amateur.

One remarkable thing in connection with this stroke with which we have been dealing is that the absolute beginner appears not to find the slightest difficulty in playing it. He may be wrong in his judgment of distance and inaccurate in his sense of direction, but the problem of making the ball run truly over small obstructions presents no terrors to him. It is only when he has once learned to impart under-spin to a ball that he realizes the difficulty of playing a shot which is better played without it.—Golf Illustrated, London.





"A Gallant Sportsman and Gentleman"  
Lieutenant-Colonel H. Campbell Becher of London

## The Golfers' Roll of Honour

**M**R. A. R. CLARKE, one of the most prominent manufacturers of Toronto, who was on the *Lusitania* when it was torpedoed, and who was among the rescued after being in the water two hours, died in London on June 20th as the result of complications of pleurisy and pneumonia. He was a member of the Lambton Golf Club. Mr. Clarke was the largest manufacturer of patent leather in the Empire.

The Oshawa Golf Club is represented in the Roll of Honor by Captain R. C. Cowan, assistant adjutant of the Third Contingent.

Captain Scrimger, who, for exceptional gallantry in France has been given the coveted V.C., is an ardent golfer of the Kanawaki Club, Montreal. Golfers generally throughout Canada will be proud to have a "V.C." amongst their numbers.

Among the recent volunteers for active service is Lieut. "Joe" Clark, Jr., son of Mr. J. T. Clark, editor of the Toronto "Star." Like his father, "Joe Junior" is an enthusiastic golfer.

Colonel Rennie, second in command of the 3rd Battalion at the front, whose reports have been read with such interest, is an enthusiastic golfer and curler. He is the only life member of the Rose-dale Golf Club, Toronto.

Captain S. Temple Blackwood, of the Toronto Golf Club, has been appointed adjutant of the new 58th Battalion of the Fourth Contingent. Captain Blackwood is one of the best-known players in Canada.

### A Gallant Sportsman and Gentleman.

The news that the name of Lieut.-Colonel H. Campbell Becher of London, Ontario, was included in the list of those gallant sons of Canada who have fallen at the front fighting for their native land against the unspeakable Huns, came as a sad shock to his many friends, not only in London, but throughout the whole of Canada. The following tribute to his memory is from the pen of Mr. Frederick P. Betts, K.C., of London, an old friend of the family:

Lieut.-Colonel H. Campbell Becher was born (20th January, 1874) at "Thornwood," London, the picturesque residence of the Becher family for the last half century. He was the eldest son of the late Henry Becher, K.C., and grandson of the late Henry C. R. Becher, K.C., a former leader of the Middlesex bar. His mother, who survives him, was a daughter of the late Duncan Campbell of Simcoe.

Colonel Becher had all his life been an ardent sportsman. In the early days of golf in London he was an enthusiastic devotee of the game, and used to play constantly with the London Golf Club, which then had its course on the barracks grounds at the northeast end of the city.

Of late years Colonel Becher had not played as much as formerly, devoting himself more to tennis and hunting, in both of which he was an enthusiast. In point of fact, he was an all-round sportsman, his recreations including skating, riding and boxing, in all of which sports he was proficient. He was, moreover, possessed of much histrionic ability and was one of the leading members of the London Dramatic Society, which a year or two ago won high commendation for its exhibitions at Ottawa and London. He was a skilled horseman and an ardent friend and admirer of dogs, one or more of which was generally to be found at his heels.

He took an intense interest in military matters, and had at various times filled the positions of lieutenant-captain, major and colonel in the local forces, the efficiency of which was greatly enhanced by his energy and ability. He was most active in advocating the sending forward by Canada of forces in the present war. As soon as war was declared he called together the officers of his corps (the 7th Fusiliers), when they unanimously assented to his proposal that they should jointly offer their services. Colonel Becher was himself practically the first man in London to enlist. While at the front he was frequently mentioned by his fellow citi-

zens for conspicuous bravery. Shortly before his death his ability was recognized in a marked manner when he was appointed Brigade Major, being second in command of the entire First Brigade. He was killed in action at La Bassee, France, on June 15th.

The following particulars of the sad event (taken from the London "Free Press," have just been received:

London, June 24.—An officer who took part in the action near La Bassee on the 15th, in which Colonel H. Campbell Becher fell, says that the London officer was struck by shrapnel from a bomb and died as he was being taken to the rear.

"I saw him standing on the edge of a trench, urging his men on, when the shell exploded not 20 feet from him."

The Canadian troops were comrades-in-arms with British forces in making an attack on German trenches only forty yards away. A mine was exploded under the German position, and this was followed by a charge. They were met with machine gun fire, bombs and every form of shell.

The first trenches were taken and then the second trenches, sixty yards behind. An effort was then made for the third line trenches, but the whole force of the enemy's fire was concentrated on the Canadians, the position became too hot to hold, and a retirement was necessary. The 1st Battalion went into the fighting about 700 strong and the loss in killed and wounded numbered about 500. Of the officers twelve were killed and eight others wounded.

At the start of the attack the British trenches were not more than forty yards from those occupied by the enemy, and with the order to advance the battalion rushed ahead under a heavy fire. Colonel Becher was one of the first to fall.

The Germans had been expecting a charge and had reinforced, and as the fight progressed the conditions grew worse.

The officer recounting the battle pays a great tribute to Colonel Becher. "He was a hero and very popular," he said.

Another despatch from London, Ont., dated June 21, says:

"Major-General Hughes' effort to have a special case made of the body of Lieut.-Colonel H. Campbell Becher, of this city, who was killed at the front last week, with a view to having the remains returned to Canada for burial, has been unsuccessful. The Minister of Militia wired relatives here this afternoon that the British War Office had declined the request in accordance with the standing regulations in that regard. Information sent General Hughes from England was to the effect that Colonel Becher had been buried in Veruvre cemetery, near Festubert, with full military honors, in the presence of General Alderson, General Mercer, Colonel Seely, M.P., and other officers of the Canadian division. The body was placed in a separate grave and had been duly registered.

"Out of respect for the memory of their late commanding officer the 7th Fusiliers decided to-night to equip and maintain eight beds in the Queen's Canadian Military Hospital, Shorncliffe, England."

Colonel Becher went to the front with the First Contingent in the capacity of commanding officer of the 1st Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Force. He has a brother, Major A. V. Becher, M.D., who is also serving with the forces in the present war.

Colonel Becher was a member of the Middlesex bar and practised law for several years in London. For many years past, however, he had relinquished the law and devoted his time to the conduct of a brokerage business. He was of a most kindly and lovable disposition, open-handed and generous in aid of all worthy objects. In his death London loses a citizen whose place cannot be filled. His bereaved mother and family have the consolation of knowing that all London mourns with them in their hour of grief.

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# Just a Glimpse at the U. S. Open

Clifford L. Turner, Editor of Golf, New York, and  
U. S. Correspondent of "Canadian Golfer"

**C**AN you think of anything more enjoyable than a powerful, first-class car, an excellent chauffeur, a beautiful run in view, of an hour or so, on perfect roads, and just as you start the sun breaking through the gray-ringed dreariness of sky, making you hope and long for a perfect day. This is the opening day picture of the 1915 Open Golf Championship, played at Baltusrol, N.J.

My friend, Mr. Charles W. Moore, says: "In travelling about the world naturally one sees many sights which interest, but of all fascinating glimpses into nature and life, whether it be the afterglow of an Egyptian sky seen from a lazy Nile craft, or the hooded midnight sun of Norway guarding the frozen Northland, or an Oriental city with its white needled minarets pricking the soft skies, or the busy Strand or Oxford street of London, where restless tides of humanity break into the white spray of countless faces or what not—I say, of all sights imaginable, none can outrival a glorious golf course such as Baltusrol on a gala day."

Sure enough, the Open Championship was a gala occasion and, without doubt, something hard to beat; the surroundings were perfect, every detail had been carefully thought out and arranged for. The comforts of visitors by the club committee were excellent, and great praise is due them and the Baltusrol pro., George Low, for the immense success.

The visitors certainly flocked to the Baltusrol Golf Club; trains brought large numbers, while automobiles of every description arrived by the scores. From the Short Hills station of the D. L. and W. R. R. every available vehicle for miles round had been put into use, and the drivers reaped a splendid harvest. Every one seemed in good humor, for it was a true holiday crowd, while all helped to make the

"U. S. Open" a thing to be remembered for years to come.

Many there were who preferred to walk from station to club, a distance of about two miles, rather than wait the return of the Jehus, auto-buses, taxis, etc., so that the road was lined most of the morning with good-natured men and women, all eager not to lose a moment of the play. One could overhear the conversation as to the probable winners of the first round, and a lot of personal and private gossip was on hand.

The clubhouse was, as usual, steeped in sportsmanlike hospitality, and the medley of voices, mingling together the three Gs of Golf, Gossip and Goodness-knows-what, was a delightful symphony of good cheer, while this beautiful harmonious strain covered day after day the entire crowd. I cannot call to mind one instance where any hitch in the general arrangements brought a discord that would or could be noticeable to any one but a crank of the first water.

The downpour of rain with thunder and lightning at the close of the first day's qualifying round came probably about half an hour too soon, otherwise the day was almost perfect. A few scores suffered, but that is all part of the game. The two days occupied by qualifying rounds gives the knowing ones a fair chance of watching the various styles of the contestants, more noticeable in the Open Championship than in any other, on account of the many entries of professional golfers, whose play we so seldom have the opportunity of seeing. At the end of the first day's championship play we find in the order named Barnes, Tellier, Brady, J. D. Travers, McNamara, MacDonald, McLeod, Campbell, Hagen, Charles Evans, Low and Sargeant, all within winning distance, the low man, Barnes, being 146, and Sargeant 152 high.



Some of the Prominent Golfers in the U. S. Open Championship.

Amongst the amateurs we find Francis Ouimet, the amateur champion, far down the list, to the evident disappointment of a large gallery. His direction, usually so inspiring to his friends and gallery, was most noticeable by its absence, for it was his faulty direction that really placed him out of the running. Still, his kindly smile was there all the time, and he had nothing to complain of, being a case of not his day. Photographers got him to pose, snapped him here, there and everywhere, but he never complained or objected, and the smile was always there and will be reproduced as evidence in magazines and papers reaching all over the wide world.

Much had been expected of "Chick" Evans, considered by a vast army of golfers as the best in the country, but he did no better than eighteenth when all the din and smoke of battle was over. There was a chance of his breaking the record and making a 70 in the morning, but a spectator took away this opportunity by running across the tee when just at the top of his swing. This was on the last hole, which he could easily have done in 4, but took 5. It was at the seventeenth that he made his spectacular 2 by holing a mashie shot, so don't for a moment imagine that his brilliancy has in any way diminished.

Tom McNamara of Boston, was one stroke behind J. D. Travers on starting the last day, and remained the same at the finish. He played sterling golf all through. McDonald, Barnes, Tellier, Brady and Low all played well and the galleries appreciated the exhibitions.

Tellier's hopes ran high until he took 9 for the long seventh, by the ball striking a spectator, and one trouble followed another, which was heart-breaking.

Barnes never got going in any kind of form on the last day.

McDonald and Low had the length and direction, but forgot how necessary it was to negotiate some putts.

Brady will ever remember his afternoon round with J. D. Travers, and I would like to know his own opinion of it.

Donaldson, of Glen View, broke the record, making the course in 70.

Few of us who travelled to see the Open gave more than a passing thought to Jerome D. Travers as a winner. Oh, yes, we know and knew he was a first-class golfer, but he has played so little recently, and medal play was not supposed to be his game. Perhaps now he will change his own opinion on this point, for his success was surely a brilliant performance.

Not only in any one department did the new champion show his ability, but everywhere, for wherever danger threatened he was equal to the occasion and overcame the difficulty, whatever it was, in a most masterful fashion.

The gallery was very large that pressed against the retaining ropes. Gray-haired veterans of the royal and ancient game were craning their necks alongside of striplings from the primary classes of the golfing world. Ladies, too, were there—young, pretty and distinguished—everywhere, while the different colored coats, caps and sunshades against the background of green made a picturesque landscape long to be remembered. It was, indeed, a unique and interesting sight to watch this pageant several thousand strong moving from hole to hole, although at times I fear the gallery was somewhat annoying to the pair directly following; "fore" could be often heard sufficient even to somewhat detract from the intensity of the game.

Head work was a conspicuous feature. It is evident that each player realized that golf had an exceedingly important mental side as well as physical, so often that it often resolved itself into a battle of brain and strategy as well as mere skill.

Many were the considerations which could be observed from the gallery. Absolute concentration at the moment of the stroke, riveting the eye on the ball and the mind on the eye, the direction of the wind, the character of the turf, the luck of the lie, the undulation of the green, the choice of the club, and the measuring of consequences. And yet all players had their troubles, and they will be talked over for many

moons, but to-day Jerome D. Travers is the Open Golf Champion of the United States, and congratulations are his from the length and the breadth of the land, but at Baltusrol, when the ball dropped into the cup on the last green, a shout went up, and he was hoisted on the shoulders of friends and carried to the club house, where he shook the hands of hundreds and thanked them all for their words of congratulation. Later the championship cup and medal were presented to Mr. Travers on the lawn in front of the club house by Frank L. Woodward, president of the U. S. Golf Association.

who made a brief speech in handing the cup to the new champion.

The "Open" is now a memory of the past; an amateur and a great golfer won, but do not in our joy and exuberance overlook the credit due to the professionals, not only to those who competed in our great national event, but to all, for surely we must give credit to our original teaching professionals who have helped us so materially to overcome our shortcomings and improve our game. We may be amateurs, but always willing to give credit where it is due.

## Canadian Golf Club Officers

**T**HE following additional Clubs have reported election of officers:

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Dear Sir,-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th instant, and to inform you that I showed the June Number of the "Canadian Golfer" you so kindly sent to The Governor General. His Royal Highness has been much interested in seeing this Number, and desires me to congratulate you on its excellence.

His Royal Highness will be very pleased to allow you to send him a copy of the "Canadian Golfer" monthly, and wishes me to thank you for your courtesy in suggesting the same.

I am, Dear Sir,  
Yours faithfully,

(Signed)

Editor,  
"Canadian Golfer"  
Brantford, Ontario.

*Arthur F. Hadu*  
Private Secretary

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CANADA

Ottawa, Ont., June 10, 1915.

Dear Sir,-

I have perused with much interest and appreciation the first number of the "Canadian Golfer," and send my congratulations. My subscription for one year is herewith enclosed.

With best wishes for the success of the magazine, believe me,

Yours faithfully,

(Signed)

Ralph H. Reville, Esq.  
Editor,  
Brantford, Ontario.

*R. H. Reville*

## A Few More Appreciations

**F**ROM R. H. Greene, President of the Rosedale Golf Club: "Golf is becoming so universally popular in this country there should be no difficulty in supporting a first-class magazine devoted to the sport, such as the 'Canadian Golfer' has started out to be. Wishing you success."

Roy B. Buchanan, Buchanan, Seagram & Co., stock brokers, Toronto: "Number 2 is better than your first issue, and, believe me, 'that's going some.' My congratulations! From 'Chip Shots' to 'Around the Club House,' to say nothing of W. H. W.'s page, it is fine."

J. Towers Boyd, Toronto Golf Club: "I enjoyed very much the first two numbers of your magazine, and wish you every success."

C. Stanley Pettit, Director Lambton Golf and Country Club: "I am very glad indeed to see a golf magazine published in the interests of Canadian golfers, and I congratulate you on the success of your first two issues."

H. H. Macnamara, Lambton Golf Club: "You are to be heartily congratulated on the appearance and contents of your June number."

Dr. MacDonald, Hamilton Golf Club: "Am very much pleased with the 'Canadian Golfer.' Success abundant is surely yours."

Thos. Henderson, Secretary Oshawa Golf Club: "I wish the 'Canadian Golfer' every success, as it is a splendid journal, and every golfer should be a subscriber."

George H. Muirhead, Osgoode Hall, Toronto: "Your magazine, as to both contents and make-up, is certainly a very creditable production and deserves widespread support."

A. McKim, ex-President of Royal Montreal: "I have gone carefully through the two numbers which you have published, and think you have done exceedingly well. These numbers have been very favorably commented upon at Dixie, and I have no doubt the magazine is making a friend of every golfer it reaches."

The "Golf Monthly," Edinburgh, Scotland: "We duly received your paper, and trust so worthy an effort will be successful. You have our cordial good wishes."

The first number of the "Canadian Golfer," published in Brantford, Can., has made its appearance. It is a decided credit to the game and we wish the new publication all the success its most ardent admirers hope for it.—Golfers' Magazine, Chicago.

Chas. P. Douglas, New York, American representative W. & A. Gilbey, Limited: "The copies of the May and June issues of the 'Canadian Golfer' have now reached me, and they far exceed my most sanguine expectations. In your preliminary notice you said that your aim would be to make your paper the equal of any publication devoted to the interests of the Royal and Ancient game on this continent, but you have done more, for you have surpassed them all. With best wishes."

Ottawa "Free Press": "The first numbers of the 'Canadian Golfer,' Canada's only golf magazine, have come to hand, and in size, variety of contents, and matter of interest to all golfers, the new magazine is a most pretentious one. It is bound to be interesting to all golfers who wish to keep in touch with the game outside their own links, for it furnishes the news of the game throughout Canada, and indeed throughout the world. The editor and publisher is Mr. Ralph H. Reville of Brantford, while the ladies' section of the magazine is edited by Miss Florence Harvey of Hamilton, a former woman's champion of Canada. The 'Canadian Golfer' is printed in standard magazine size and admirably illustrated. It should become a first-class advertising medium because of the character of its contents and the fact that it will circulate among people who can afford to buy advertised goods. The 'Canadian Golfer' finds a good field in Canada open to-day, and, judging by the initial numbers, it is filling its field in a very satisfactory manner."

# The League of the Iroquois

By the Editor

IT is always a pleasure and a delight to visit Rochester, the beautiful Flower City of New York State, with its wide business streets and its charming homes. But to a golfer this becomes doubly enjoyable and interesting during a tournament of the Iroquois League.

This league consists of the Onondaga Golf Club of Syracuse, the Wana-kah Country Club, Buffalo, the Oak Hill Country Club, Rochester, and the Yahnundasis Golf Club of Utica. Sounds like a tribal confederation of the Six Nation Indians, but a "whiter" finer lot of golfers "ne'er trod the primrose path"—or otherwise—of any links.

The Oak Hill Country Club of Rochester was this year the host of the league. Many Canadian golfers know the Oak Hillites—their "comfy" clubhouse—with its setting of noble old oak trees—and their unbounded hospitality. They know, too, the capital eighteen-hole course so admirably laid out and trapped. Yes, it is a delight at any time to visit Rochester, and still more delightful to be a guest of the Oak Hill Country Club. That rounds out a perfect Rochesterian experience.

The tournament this year went "with a swing" from the first ball teed to the last ball putted. There were no irksome delays; there were no untoward incidents; there was never a dull or uninteresting moment from first to last. Our golfing cousins to the south of us can give us many a useful lesson in regard to the conducting of a successful league meet. They are so thorough; they are such past masters of detail; nothing is left to chance. "They play the game," in fact, both from a golfing and executive standpoint.

A capital departure was the manner of the starting of the teams of ten men a side. Instead of having all the contestants go off from the first tee, with the resultant weary waiting, the novel idea was put into effect of utilizing both the first tee and the tenth. For

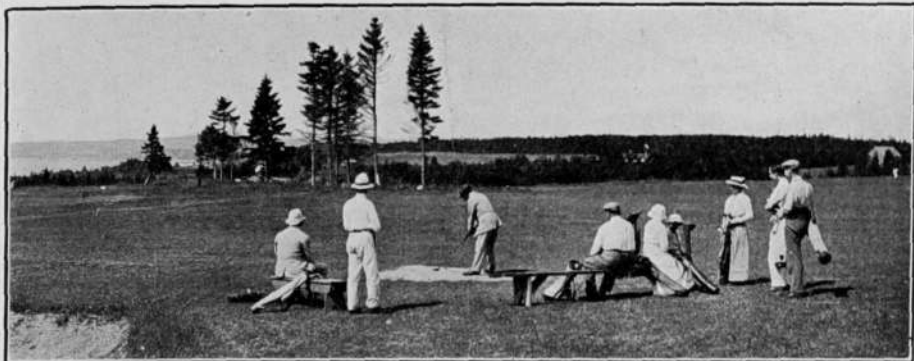
instance, at 9 o'clock in the morning of the opening day of the tournament Rochester and Syracuse started at No. 1 tee, and simultaneously Buffalo and Utica got going on No. 10 tee. The innovation was a pronounced success.

There was some good golf seen at the league meeting, and incidentally some wonderful putting. Standing at the sloping 18th green, and watching pair after pair put down "curly ones" of fifteen or twenty feet with an abandon and nonchalance truly remarkable. I was forcibly reminded of Ray's tribute to the American golfer as the most wonderful putter in the world. He is.

The best golf seen at the league was, strange to relate, between two young Scotch players, who have met many a time and oft on Canadian courses—never on their native heath—W. M. Reekie and W. M. Griffith, both formerly of Lambton and other Canadian clubs, but both now, unfortunately for the Royal and Ancient in the Dominion, domiciled in New York State. Theirs was a most interesting match, and made Reekie extend himself to a superb 72—the record for the Oak Hill course since it has been so severely trapped—certainly a remarkable performance.

Unfortunately, the age limitation of the league prevented Fillmore Robeson, son of Mr. Irving Robeson, the popular captain of Oak Hill, from giving his invaluable services to his home club. I had, however, the pleasure of seeing the winner of the United North and South Amateur championship at Pinehurst last April, and also gold medalist, play. For easy, rhythmic swing, for perfect timing and judging, both with wood and iron, for true golfing temperament, he has few equals even to-day. What his future, from a golf standpoint, will be does not admit of a doubt. There are no R. and A. heights to which he cannot attain. Another sterling young golfer at Rochester was C. F. Ayling of Syracuse, who

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But to hark back to the tournament. From the first day it looked like Syracuse. Its team was playing steady golf from the first man to the tenth, and it well deserved the victory that eventually was firmly clinched with a score of 51 points. Wanakah was a close second with 47, Oak Hill third with 45, and Utica fourth with 35.

The beefsteak dinner which wound up the League meeting on Saturday evening was everything that a beefsteak dinner should or ever could be. It was a succulent treat, gastronomic-

ally and oratorically. Mr. John Kavanagh, the President of the League, presided, and he presided at the dinner as he did throughout the meet. And that means the quintessence of efficiency. Then the speeches of that past master of wit and humor, of quip and quibble, Mr. Justice Sutherland, Mr. A. Wilcox of Buffalo, and others, rounded off a really delightful evening and brought to a conclusion a really memorable golfing and social event. May the tribes of the Iroquois long continue to flourish and gather at their Long House for friendly intercourse and test of skill. Their Confederacy is a credit to Golfdom.

## Watering of Courses

By George Cumming

**I**N places where a supply can be obtained from the local water-works and laid on to each green, this is the easiest method of solving the question. Unfortunately, this is not always available; then some other means must be devised. A strong pressure, sufficient to keep a sprinkler at work on three or four greens at the same time, is what should be aimed at. In watering turf it is always best to employ sprinklers, if possible, as when the nozzle of the hose is used, if the pressure is good the rush of water is liable to wash away the soil from the grass, and even expose the roots. Mention may also be made of the necessity of giving a heavier dressing of water to the banks round greens and to ridges than to hollows. The latter will look after themselves, but the ridges in undulating greens are seldom granted the amount of water they need, while they are naturally the first portions of the green to be caught by the sun's rays. It is supposed by many to be dangerous to use the hose in the middle of a

hot summer day with a blazing sun overhead, but experience has proved to me that no harm is done, provided the green is given a little more moisture in the evening. If it were possible to apply moisture sufficient to all the greens of a course at night, then no doubt the watering in the daytime could be omitted with advantage, but it is practically impossible to do this, and water given in the daytime is better than none at all. It should also be remembered that a half-hearted sprinkling is useless, and in point of fact harmful, as it causes the roots of the grass to work towards the surface instead of striking down deep in search of moisture, and they consequently get scorched and the plants are killed. Water from a small reservoir on the course exposed to the sun and air is much better for the grass than that drawn straight from a main. It is also possible to put a bag of manure into the reservoir and give a little stimulant to the water, which is an advantage.

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Apropos of the argument, "What is perfect golf?" at present waging among the experts, an exchange comes forward with this definition: Perfect golf is four good fellows, a bright, clear day, a wide stretch of closely-cropped grass, a jolly party on the 19th when it is over, and t'ell with the score card.



The return match of 36 holes between Messrs. Geo. Lyon, R. C. H. Cassels and George Cumming and W. Freeman was played on the Lambton links recently and as on a previous occasion ended all square. Cumming and Freeman both got a 73 in the morning round. Mr. Lyon bagged a 76. In the afternoon Mr. Cassels played sterling match golf and was of great assistance to George Cumming, who partnered him.



The United States Golf Association has issued its official handicap list for 1915. There are 276 men scratch up to a handicap of 5. The following is the rating up to handicaps of 4. Scratch—Ouimet, Francis, Travers, J. D. Handicap 1—Evans, Charles, Jr. Handicap 2—Byers, E. M., Fownes, W. C., Jr., Kirkby, Oswald, Travis, W., J. Wood, W. K. Handicap 3—Allis, E. P., 3rd, Anderson, J. G., Corkran, B. W., Egan, H. C., Gardner, R. A., Gorton, R. R., Herreshoff, Frederick, Phelps, Mason, Schlotman, J. B., Seckel, Albert, Whittemore, P. W.



A competition was held on the 3rd of June (King's Birthday) at Oshawa for a silver trophy presented by Mr. Fane Sewell, Canadian Bank of Commerce, Toronto, on behalf of "The Overseas Aircraft Canada Fund." Twenty players took part in this competition against bogey. Three players, Messrs F. Bull, H. T. Carswell and Dr. Finigan, were one up on bogey, and on the play-off Dr. Finigan secured a very popular and well-earned victory. The "Overseas Aircraft Fund" benefited to the extent of \$13.00.

Miss Vera Ramsay, of England, who is now in this country in connection with Red Cross work, astonished the gallery at the Country Club, of Brookline, Mass., in an open team competition by defeating Miss Margaret Curtis, formerly United States woman's champion, by 3 up and 1 to play. Miss Ramsay outdrove Miss Curtis at every hole, and, approximating three holes, turned in a medal score of 87.



A very strong club, with a very fine course, is the Kanawaki of Montreal. The club started as the Outremont Golf Club in 1902, with a nine-hole course. In 1911 a new eighteen course was commenced. This was finished and opened August 1st, 1913. It is 6,186 yards—3,219 out and 2,967 in. There are some grand holes, calling for the greatest test of good golf. Kanawaki has a membership of 350 and a Ladies' Club of 100. Some of the best golf in the Montreal district is to be had at Kanawaki.



Albert Murray, the well-known Montreal golfer, has just returned from Quebec, where he has been laying out a new eighteen-hole golf course for the Quebec Golf Club. He says that the new Quebec Club, which would comprise an area of between 85 and 95 acres, would be one of the best in Canada and was such as would test the skill of the best golfers in this country. The new course will be on the Montmorency River, just behind the old Kent House, and will be within eighteen minutes' car ride from the city. The turf, Murray says, could not be better, the property having been used for years as a pasture land without the sod ever having been broken. The links of the old Quebec Golf Club, the oldest golf club in the Dominion, although a portion is still in existence, have been greatly reduced, and with rifle factories, barbed wire fences and sentinels scattered all over the course it resembles a battlefield more than a golf course.

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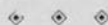


The Oshawa Golf Club has very sensibly joined the Royal Canadian Golf Association, having been elected as allied members at the June meeting of the Association. Every golf club should belong to the R.C.G.A. The Oshawa Golf Club is a very live club. On the 10th of June they beat Peterboro' 10 events to 3. In the return match at Peterboro', June 23rd, Peterboro' came back with 10 wins to Oshawa's 5 and 1 tie. On the 17th of June in a match at Rosedale, the latter won ten events, Oshawa tying five.



Holes are so rarely done in one that it is always interesting to record the event. On Saturday, June 26th, Mr. Lorne Ogilvie of the Brockville Golf Club, playing with L. A. Desjardins, the professional, made the 6th hole, 115 yards, in one stroke. His ball landed clean in the hole and stayed there. He had made the previous hole, the 5th, 250 yards, in 3, which makes the really remarkable score of 4 for the two holes. Mr. Ogilvie is chairman of the green committee of the Brockville Club, which, by-the-by, is quite a new club. The course was laid out last year by Charlie Murray, the well-known pro. of the Royal Montreal Golf Club. The club-house is newly built,

and is beautifully situated on a hill overlooking the river. The location is ideal and the Royal and Ancient game promises to be very popular in "beautiful Brockville."



The magnificent hotel, the "Grand Hotel Cosmopolite du Golf," overlooking the golf links at Boulogne, is being used as a hospital, and many Canadian soldiers have been treated there.



The Scarborough Golf and Country Club at Scarborough, near Toronto, has one of the finest club houses and courses in Canada. Recently a very strong board of directors was elected and there is no reason why Scarborough shouldn't take its place amongst the best Golf and Country Clubs in Canada. Mr. T. G. McConkey of the Canada Life is President; Lt.-Col. Miller, Vice-President, with an exceptionally capable Board of Directors to back them up. Scarborough is off to a splendid start this year.



We understand that several of the most prominent golfers in America are exceedingly desirous that a cordial invitation should be extended to Mr. John Ball from the United States Golf Association, to compete in the American Amateur Golf Championship, at Detroit. Mr. Ball has never been in America, but his unparalleled record in amateur golf is cherished by golfers on the other side of the Atlantic equally as it is by golfers here. American golfers who competed in the Championship, and American officials who accompanied them at Sandwich last year, expressed the gratification it would create throughout America if Mr. Ball visited them. The great Royal Liverpool golfer is now fifty-two. He fought in the South African war, and has not yet given up the hope that he may still be given an opportunity to serve the Empire on the battlefields towards Berlin. However, if the projected visit materializes, the appearance of so striking and popular a personality as our greatest match fighter, would tend to draw still closer the friendly bonds which unite American and British golfers.—Golf Monthly.

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Carlton Place is one of the latest places to start a golf club agoing. An organization meeting has been held and prospects are bright for a prosperous club. Mr. Oliver, of the Union Bank, is one of the chief promoters.



The report of the Royal Canadian Golf Association, just issued, shows the governing body of Canadian golf to be in excellent financial shape. The receipts for the year were \$1,126. The amateur prizes in 1914 called for an expenditure of \$155, whilst \$310 was expended in cash and medals in the open championship. The R.C.G.A. has a cash surplus of \$624 on hand.



In England, week-end golf matches for a shilling or two shilling sweep are very popular. The pool goes to the Red Cross or other patriotic funds. Thousands of pounds are being raised by golfers in Great Britain for patriotic purposes. At a Red Cross sale recently at Christie's the "Spalding Record Cricket bat" was put up at auction and fetched the tremendous price of £73 10s.



Playing from scratch, Mr. W. G. Orr of the Brantford Golf and Country Club won the silver-mounted shield presented by the "Canadian Golfer" to the club for annual competition, with a capital score of 75. The semi-finalist was Mr. A. S. Towers. The shield has to be won twice. This score of 75 constitutes a competitive record for the Brantford course. The amateur record match play is held by Mr. W. M. Reekie of Rochester, N.Y., formerly a member of the Brantford team. He notched a 71 some four years ago. The professional record of the course was made last Autumn by Nicol Thompson, the well-known Hamilton expert, with a perfect 70, viz., 35 out, 35 in.



The Calgary Golf and Country Club has a club championship tournament now going on. It started June 22nd and will be concluded July 4th. The events consist of the Club championship in three flights for gold and silver medals, the Ladies' Championship for

the Hudson Bay Trophy, Mens' Foursome handicap, Ladies' Foursome handicap, Mixed Foursomes handicap, Men's handicap for the "Herald" challenge cup and the Ladies' handicap for the Lowes Cup. In addition there are driving, approaching and putting competitions. Starting July 7th, the ladies with a handicap of 15 or over, will play for a cup presented by Mr. Justice McCarthy.

Senator Lougheed has presented a Cup to be known as the Senator Lougheed Challenge Cup, to be played for annually during the months of July and August. The Competition is to be match play under handicap.

Mr. Justice Walsh has donated a Cup to be known as the Veterans' Cup, to be played for annually. The Competition to be Match play under handicap, age limit 45 years or over.

From September 24th to 26th the Autumn tournament will be run off. Altogether the Calgary Golf and Country Club has planned for a capital season.



Dr. Vardon is the Medical Health Officer of Galt, and an ex-Mayor of that progressive manufacturing place, which is the home of the Waterloo Golf and Country Club. Anyone with the name of Vardon who failed to play golf would be false to the world's greatest golfing name. The Doctor, who is one of the oldest practitioners in Canada, at any rate has not violated his nomen trust, but has been a loyal supporter of the Royal and Ancient, and one of the most pleasurable experiences he has ever had in life, and, of course, he has had a lot of 'em during his three score years and ten, was making the 9th hole at Galt in one. Mayhap there were no doin's in the Club House afterwards? In the words of Canada's golfing poet laureate:

"So long as 'Galt and Waterloo'  
To golf and to themselves prove true,  
So long will Dr. Vardon shine—  
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The Brantford Golf Club celebrated July the 1st by playing a return match with the Park Club of Buffalo for the Col. Wilkes Cup. The Bison City players were the winners, and having held

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the trophy three years, it now becomes their absolute property. The event was suitably commemorated by a jolly dinner at night, when good speeches and good fellowship prevailed. Nine holes of the Park Club are in "the meadows," part of the magnificent public park system of Buffalo. These nine holes and another nine holes are open to the general public, and also the use of a beautiful little club house, with all conveniences, on the payment of the nominal sum of \$5. Buffalo does this for its golfing population, which is not a tithe of that of Toronto or Montreal. A cricket crease and bowling green are also supported by the Park Commissioners. Isn't it about time Park Boards here "woke up"?



This is a true story: A lady was out playing a game on the golf links in one of our south-western Ontario courses with her niece. The lady is Irish; her father was a prominent statesman in the Province in his day. She is quick and nervous in her actions, good-hearted and exceedingly well liked. She dropped the ball into some long grass off the fairway. She struck, and she struck, and still she struck, and after a time got out on the fairway. Her niece, who had been watching her very intently, said: "How many will I put down, Auntie?" She said, most emphatically: "Just put down 'damn.'"



The Editor of the "Canadian Golfer" is under very deep obligation to a number of friends in the various golfing centres for the kindly interest they have taken and are taking in the magazine. Subscriptions are coming in from all parts of the Dominion in a most gratifying manner. From Winnipeg, for instance, a prominent golfer, sends in a magnificent cash list of no less than thirty-five names. Such voluntary and disinterested effort, needless to say, is deeply appreciated by the Editor of the "Canadian Golfer." In the course of a most interesting letter, our Winnipeg correspondent says: "I consider that all Canadian golfers should back your venture, so I decided

to see what I could do in the way of obtaining a few subscriptions among my personal friends. I did not find it at all difficult." Thanks, and again many thanks.



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"Atlanta, Ga., June 7, 1915.

I see a notice in a U. S. golfing magazine of the publication of your first number. As the first player of golf in Brantford I would like to see a copy of your magazine, and would say that I imported some clubs and played on the common, then called Vinegar Hill. I think, in 1872, while in the employ of the Bank of British North America. Mr. James Cran, then in the same office, and I played a four-hole course several times, but being sent to Halifax, N.S., I did not have any further opportunity to play.

"We are getting ready here for our Southern championship, which will be played next week.

"Would be glad to see a copy of your magazine, more especially any number which has any views or description of your local course, as I have not had an opportunity to visit your city since 1874.

"Yours very truly,

"JAMES G. DARLING."

The editor of the "Canadian Golfer,"

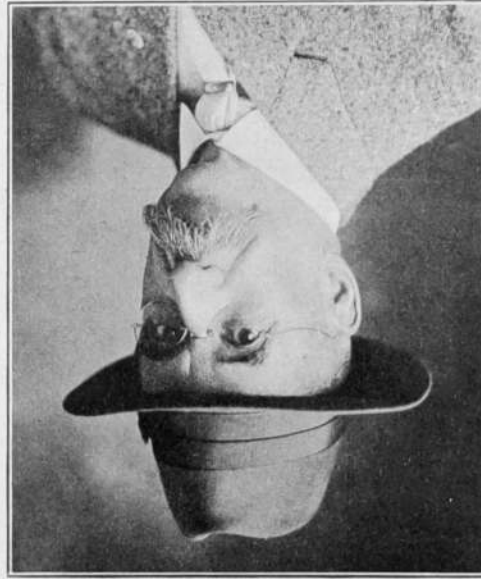
in replying to this interesting letter, asked Mr. Darling if he was not mistaken about the year he played golf in Brantford, as the first published reports of the game in the Telephone City place 1873 as the year and the late Mr. Alexander Robertson, Manager of the B. B. N. A., the late Hon. A. S. Hardy, afterwards Premier of Ontario, and Mr. George H. Wilkes as among the first players. Herewith Mr. Darling's second letter:

"Atlanta, Ga., June 20, 1915.

"Your letter of 10th instant was duly received, and the interest evidently taken in my recent communication was very pleasing to me.

"In the first place I would say that I made a mistake of a year in giving you the date as 1872; it was 1873. I went to Brantford in 1871 and left there in the fall of 1873, and it was very shortly

Mr. James G. Darling



caddy for us on one or two of the occasions. I have very little to add along this line except to state that after leaving Brantford I went to Halifax and had a few games there with Mr. J. B. Forgan, now President of the First National Bank in Chicago. We made a few holes around a large pond on a common near the citadel. Once or twice we were joined by Mr. J. J. Morrison, whose name I see among your correspondents in one of the numbers of your magazine which you so kindly sent me. I cannot remember now if it was Mr. Morrison's first attempt at golf or if he had played in Scotland. Mr. Forgan, of course, was a golfer, one of the well-known Forgan family, golf club makers, of St. Andrews. In after years Mr. Forgan was

one of the founders, and for some years Treasurer, of the Chicago Golf Club, who had their course at Wheaton, Ill.

"I remember going down the St. Lawrence on my way to Halifax the many enquiries made as to what my clubs were for. We had to change to a small steamer to run the rapids, and having no cabin for this part of the trip, I was carrying the clubs in my hands. The boat was full of American tourists, and the strange clubs, especially the irons, seemed to excite their curiosity.

"I played golf in Scotland from about 1864 to 1871, when I went to Canada. I played in Perth, but as that was an inland course we did not play golf in

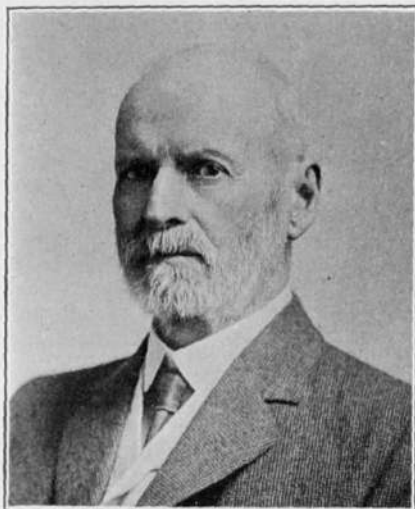
joining the Atlanta Golf Club, which at that time had a nine-hole course in Piedmont Park, one of the city parks.

"In 1906 the Atlanta Athletic Club laid out a course at East Lake, and the Golf Club was merged into the Athletic Club. We have a town club house and a fine new one at East Lake, which was opened a few weeks ago, our first club house being destroyed by fire a little over a year ago.

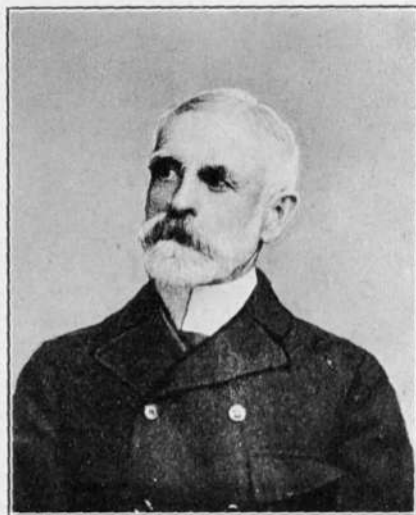
"I remember Mr. George Wilkes and Mr. James Morton, of Brantford, very well.

"Yours very truly,

"JAMES G. DARLING."



Mr. J. Y. Morton



Mr. Geo. H. Wilkes

summer, on account of the long grass. We played golf from about 1st of October until May, and cricket the summer months. On the Perth course I have watched the two Morrisises, father and son, play several times, and well remember a foursome made up of these two against Bob Andrews (Perth professional) and, I think, Davie Strath. I think it was at that tournament that Andrews made his record of 48 (12-hole course), which I do not think was equalled while I lived there.

"After playing, as stated, in Halifax, I did not play again until about 1897, when I joined the Skokie Country Club of Glencoe, Illinois, and was a member there until coming to Atlanta in 1905,

Mr. Wilkes, who is a Niagara Falls Park Commissioner, recently celebrated his seventy-ninth birthday, and Mr. J. Y. Morton a day afterwards his eightieth birthday. The "Canadian Golfer" has much pleasure in presenting photographs of the triumvirate who upheld the honors of golf in Canada over forty years ago. Can the record be equalled by any other city in Canada?

It will be noticed that Mr. Darling mentions playing with Mr. J. J. Morrison in Halifax. Mr. Morrison is the Manager of the B. B. N. A. in Hamilton and an enthusiastic supporter of the Royal and Ancient game and the Hamilton Club, of which he has been for



many years a Director and Honorary Secretary. He writes, under date of June 26th, to the editor of the "Canadian Golfer":

"I have yours of 23rd inst., and in reply am glad to inform you that I am the J. J. Morrison mentioned by Mr. Darling. The incident occurred in the summer of 1873. All three of us, Mr. Darling, Mr. J. B. Forgan and myself, were in the Halifax office of the Bank of British North America. Mr. Forgan, very naturally, had a set of golf clubs with him, and we on more than one occasion went out to the Halifax Common to have a game of golf. It was my first experience, although I believe both the others had played in Scotland.

"I am very much interested in hearing about Mr. Darling again, as I had lost track of him for some years. The mention of his name brings back many

old and pleasant associations of by-gone days. If you are writing to Mr. Darling you can say I was very pleased to hear about him once more.

"Would it not be rather interesting if the three of us could all meet again for a game? I have played Mr. Forgan on two links in Chicago, but I have not had any games with Mr. Darling since 1873.

"The enclosures you sent me giving appreciations of the 'Canadian Golfer' must be very encouraging to you, especially the one from His Royal Highness, and the best of it is, they are thoroughly deserved.

"Yours faithfully,

"J. J. MORRISON."

It certainly would be an exceedingly interesting meeting if, as suggested by Mr. Morrison, a reunion could be had.

## Golfer's Advertising Tournament

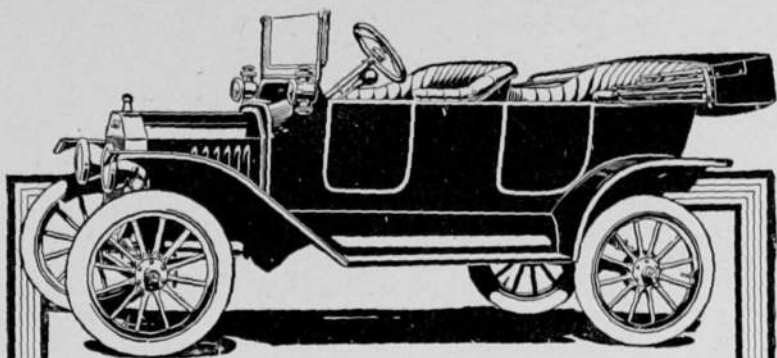
**M**R. WM. FINDLAY, Vice-President and Manager of the Ottawa "Free Press," writes the "Canadian Golfer":

"It has been running through my mind for some time that there should be a Canadian Advertising Men's Golfing Tournament. Among the manufacturers who advertise in the newspaper offices, and the advertising agencies, are a large number of golfers, and they are increasing in number every year. Each member could subscribe a certain sum for a few prizes, and I am sure one of the clubs in Toronto, Montreal, Hamilton and Ottawa would be glad to have the games played alternately on their links. It would bring together a lot of men who are doing

business with each other, from time to time, and would, I think, furnish most of us with a first-class time."

The "Canadian Golfer" enthusiastically supports Mr. Findlay's capital suggestion. In the States the advertisers have one of the biggest and best tournaments of the golf season, and there is no reason why in Canada such an event should not be successfully "run off." Amongst the manufacturers, the newspaper offices and the advertising agencies there are a large number of enthusiastic golfers—men who should come together for mutual good on the golf links. The "Canadian Golfer" would be glad to receive suggestions and cooperate heartily in reference to this proposed tournament. It's well worthy of most cordial support.

In the August number of "Canadian Golfer" will appear a splendid snapshot of the Premier, Sir Robert L. Borden, playing from the first tee at the Royal Muskoka, and articles with full page photographs, on Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor, General Manager of the Bank of Montreal—a keen golfer, and Mr. G. H. Turpin of Montreal, Amateur Champion 1913.



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Billy Hicks, in New York Evening Journal

**H**ARRY VARDON, six-times winner of the Open championship of Great Britain, is the greatest golfer in the world. Jerry Travers, our own four-times winner of the Amateur championship of this country, and now Open champion, says so—and Travers ought to know.

Experts declare that Vardon is a born golfer, that he has the perfect golf temperament, and that his machine-like play all through a match makes him as nearly "perfect" as man can be.

Never ruffled or upset, no matter what happens on the links, Vardon plays along, and the spectator hardly realizes what a wonderful master of the game he is, as everything done is accomplished with such apparent ease. His driving looks simplicity itself, and the timing of his shots is amazingly true. With the mashie he works wonders, and he can not only put a back spin on the ball which will hold it where it lands, but can give it such a tremendous cut that it will hit and bound backward.

His extraordinary driving undoubtedly is one of Vardon's great advantages. He has but one or two equals in driving from the tee, and with the iron is alone in his class.

Once a very good putter, Vardon fell off in this part of the game, and it was his weak spot. Last year, in the open championship, however, he seemed to have recovered his ability on the greens, and the present season should be one of his best.

Vardon has won the Open championship of Great Britain six times, while James Braid and J. H. Taylor have five wins each to their credit. The 1914 title went to Vardon, with Taylor second, and in this tournament Vardon proved himself the greatest player that ever handled a club.

It is true that the British champion has suffered reverses, the one administered by Francis Ouimet in the Open

championship of the United States at Brooklyne in 1913 being one of the worst. Vardon was not alone in defeat on that occasion, for in the play-off of the three-handed tie his countryman, Edward Ray, also went down before the young American. Both Englishmen felt that defeat keenly, but proved themselves good sportsmen when leaving for home by boosting the American youth as a great player and one who was sure to make his mark in the years to come.

Vardon was born at Grouville, Jersey, in May, 1870, and it was in his home town that he first began to play golf. This he did whenever he got a chance, even with what one of his biographers has described as "rude primeval weapons." Before he was fifteen Vardon started his career as a gardener, in which respect he resembles Taylor. All his spare time was devoted to golf, and he soon gave evidence of future greatness by winning the handicap trophy offered by the Working Men's Club at Grouville, and that although he owed seven strokes.

In the early nineties he went as green keeper to the Studley Royal Golf Club at Ripon, and in 1893 made his debut in a tournament at Kilmalcolm, where he finished fifth, nine strokes behind Herd, the winner. He went to Prestwick that year and competed in the Open championship, but could do no better than twenty-sixth. A little later he won his first tourney at Ilkley.

The next season Vardon showed great improvement and finished fifth in the championship at Sandwich, but the following year the best he was able to do was ninth at St. Andrews.

He got into a final in a tournament at Portrush that year and was beaten by Herd on the last green.

In 1911 he played against Herd in a match, and one of the most sensational contests of the year resulted. Enthusiasts still speak of it as a famous vic-

tory, the more famous in that Vardon was not the victor, but the vanquished. It was at Dollymount, Ireland, and Vardon was six up on the first round. Herd, however, drew up and squared the match at the sixteenth hole. The seventeenth was halved, amid a scene of wild excitement, and Vardon drove from the last tee. He got a remarkable drive, but after some consultation it was decided that the ball was out of bounds. Vardon made a splendid recovery, but Herd played masterly golf and won.

Vardon first won the Open championship in 1896, and he was the second English professional player to capture the title. Two years later, at Prestwick, he again achieved the highest honors. In that season his playing was so sensational and consistent that all his matches were followed with the greatest interest. Vardon also won the open title in 1899, 1903, 1911 and 1914.

Personally, Vardon is a graceful, well-set-up man of about five feet ten inches, and in his game he uses a short, light club.

## The Rivermead Golf Club

### Ottawa

THE formal opening of the 18-hole course of the Rivermead Golf Club, Ottawa, took place on Dominion Day, and was a notable event in every sense of the word.

The Capital, in the Royal Ottawa, has one of the best-known golf clubs in Canada, but the Royal and Ancient has become so popular there that another club was found to be necessary to cater to the ever-increasing number of players, and some five years ago the Rivermead Club was launched. The club has been successful ever since its inception. A property of one hundred acres was purchased on the Hull electric line, a couple of miles west of the Royal Ottawa course. The first season the club played on nine temporary holes and built a clubhouse, that was burnt down at the end of the year. The following spring a new clubhouse was completed and during the year work went on in preparation of the links. Then another twenty-three acres was purchased and four new temporary holes were added. Last year a water supply was laid on to the eighteen new greens, and the whole property was drained.

Now Rivermead has an eighteen-hole course which for natural advantages has few equals in Canada. The fair green and greens are already in

first-class shape, and all that now remains to be done is intelligent bunkering—and the club officials will see to it that this desideratum is not overlooked. Already the course is fortunate in being sprinkled with natural hazards.

The opening match on the new course took the form of a big team match captained by the Hon. Martin Burrell, of the Royal Ottawa, and Mr. J. A. Ruddick, the popular president of Rivermead. The Minister of Agriculture had the honor of driving the first ball, and a beauty it was, "some two hundred yards or more." Mr. Burrell, who was the guest of honor of the day, succeeded in defeating Mr. Ruddick, but the latter's team retaliated by defeating the Minister's 23 to 17.

Assisting Mr. Burrill in opening the course were several other members of the Royal Ottawas, including Mr. P. D. Ross, Mr. P. Murphy and Mr. Crawford Ross. The weather was magnificent, and the exceptional natural beauty of the course, lying as it does on the high ground overlooking the Ottawa River from the Parliament Buildings to Britannia, was very marked. Hon. Mr. Burrill testified at an informal banquet held in the evening that it was one of the finest courses he had ever played on.



# The Open U. S. Championship

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IT falls to the lot of few amateurs to win an Open championship. It has been done, as to wit: John Ball and H. H. Hilton, not to mention Francis Ouimet. But it's rare—very rare, indeed—that the amateur takes it out of the professional. Why? is a perennial query, because there is no reason an amateur with lots of time on his hands should not play just as good a game as the man who makes his living by the game, because, all there are numbers of amateurs who have more real "playing" time than the pro. But the stubborn fact remains that nine times out of ten the professional who has worked his way up from the ranks of the caddy is generally a few strokes better than the top amateur—more credit to Jerome D. Travers, four times amateur champion of the United States, has joined the small army of amateurs - elect, and has now hanging to his belt of many victories the blue ribbon of United States golf.



Mr. Jerome D. Travers

However, the cream of the foreign and native-born talent, both amateur and professional, teed off, and the brand of golf served up for the delectation of a large gallery left little to be desired. The arrangements generally were perfect, although once in a while a too zealous follower of the popular pairs and—whisper it—a great surprise, because "Jerry" Travers has been off his game this season and has never been

It was a fine field that entered at Baltusrol, although, unfortunately, robbed of an international flavor by reason of the absence of Vardon, Kay and other brilliant exponents of the game in Great Britain. It was a regrettable fact, too, that no Canadian amateur or professional took a tilt in the lists as in former years.

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looked upon as a medal player par excellence. He is a match player plus, but during his many brilliant years on the links he has never proven his ability to play consistent, nervy medal golf—and it's consistency and nerve that counts in Open championships. But Baltusrol has demonstrated that he has both, although, perhaps, the local conditions were in his favor. Local knowledge of Baltusrol is an important factor and the new Open Champion knows every trick and turn of the course. But given that, his performance is none the less remarkable, none the less commendable.



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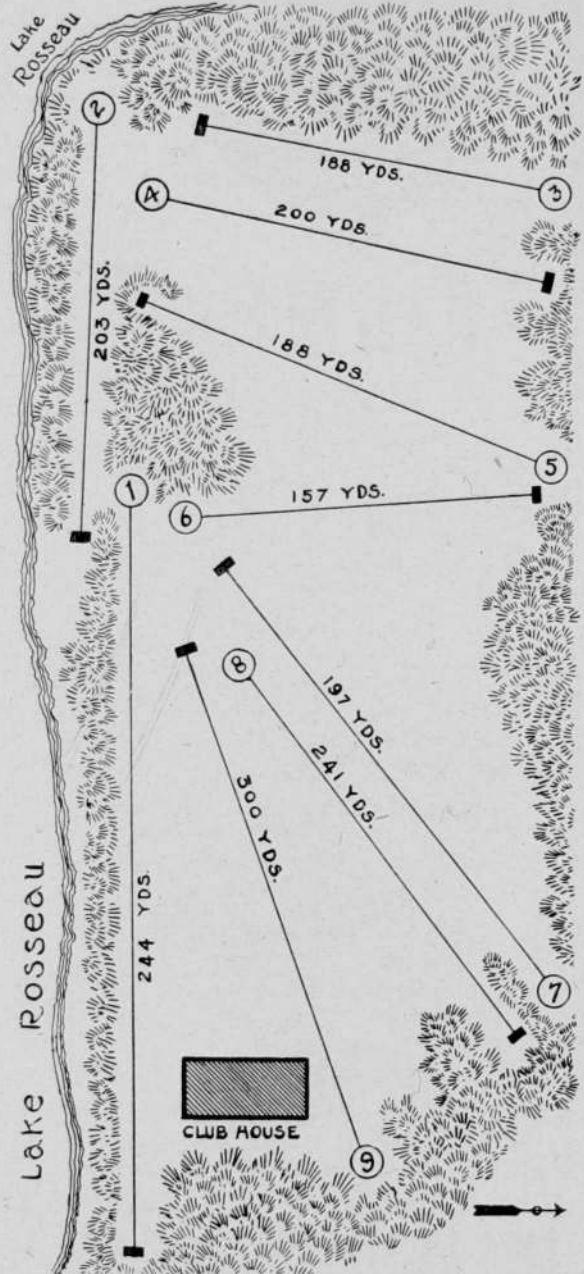
# Golf in Muskoka

MUSKOKA, the playground of Ontario and many portions of the States, has always been associated with sailing, canoeing, fishing and "water" sports generally. But, like all other summer resorts nowadays, the hotels, the navigation and railway companies, found that in order to attract and hold their tourist trade it was necessary to add the well-known centres on the chain of lakes. So to-day there are no less than five courses in Muskoka where the devotees of the Royal and Ancient can indulge in their favorite pastime.

The links in connection with the Royal Muskoka are especially attractive. They are undulating and sporty and surrounded by deep woods, present a most picturesque appearance. The course has been admirably laid out, and it takes good golf to get within par figures. The accompanying plan gives an excellent idea of the course. No. 1 hole is 244 yards; No. 2, 203 yards; No. 3, 188 yards; No. 4, 200 yards; No. 5, 188 yards; No. 6, 157 yards; No. 7, 197 yards; No. 8, 241 yards; No. 9, 300 yards.

Short holes, it will be noticed, predominate, but they are well placed and require careful playing. A lot of work has been done on the course the past year or so. The greens are really excellent and the fair greens are good. A professional is employed, and altogether the wants and requirements of the golfer are well looked after.

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**H**ARRY VARDON, who, after all, with Ray, Duncan and Mayo, as a result of the sinking of the Lusitania, cancelled his trip to the States and Canada, has been in fine form lately. On his home course, Totteridge, he first of all tied with his own record, and, later, went round in one stroke less, namely, 63. His card was made up as follows: Out—4 4 4 4 3 3 4 3 3—32. In—3 4 3 3 4 4 3 4 3—31.—63. This is certainly uncanny golf—an average exactly of  $3\frac{1}{2}$  shots per hole.

As a result of the war, and the consequent depression in the golf game in England, a number of well-known Old Country professionals are finding the lure of the United States very much to their liking. Among recent arrivals on this side are Henry Duff, recognized as one of the leading professionals at St. Andrews, who has received an appointment at Tennessee, Kentucky; Wilfred Reid, who is pro. at the well-known Seaview links; James Hepburn, who has just arrived at Southampton, Long Island, where he has been appointed to the National Links, the finest and most expensively-constructed golf course in the States, and Willie Hunter, who has received an appointment with one of the well-known St. Louis clubs. Wilfred Reid, by-the-by, has two little daughters, Barbara, who is 8, and

Kitty, 4. The little tots have their own sets of clubs, and are practising consistently to become "lady professionals." Their work attracts interested galleries at Seaview.

George Cumming, Toronto, W. Freeman, Lambton, and other well-known Canadian pros., are thinking of entering for the Metropolitan Open at the Fox Hills Golf Club, July 8 and 9th. Several Canadians also sent in their entries for the American Open at Baltusrol, June 15th and 18th, but through an oversight they were too late to have them accepted.

The Hotel Lake St. Joseph has just laid out a new nine-hole course. Charlie Murray, of the Royal Montreal, had charge of the work.

The Quebec Club is also laying out a new course. Albert Murray, of Kanawaki, has this in charge.

K. Marsh, assistant to George Cumming at the Toronto Golf Club, but who is

now at Murray Bay for the summer months, has been playing great golf on his home course. With Prof. P. Edgar he recently made a 69, his card reading as follows: Out—4 3 4 4 4 4 3 4 4—34. In—4 4 4 4 3 4 5 4 3—35. The length of the holes of the Toronto course are as follows: No. 1, 360 yards; No. 2, 390; No. 3, 470; No. 4, 180; No. 5, 460; No. 6, 360; No. 7, 170; No. 8, 430; No.



Davie Watt, the Scottish Professional Golf Champion who joined the Cameron Highlanders some time ago and is at present on leave. Photo shows him enjoying a game on the Braids at Edinburgh in his uniform.

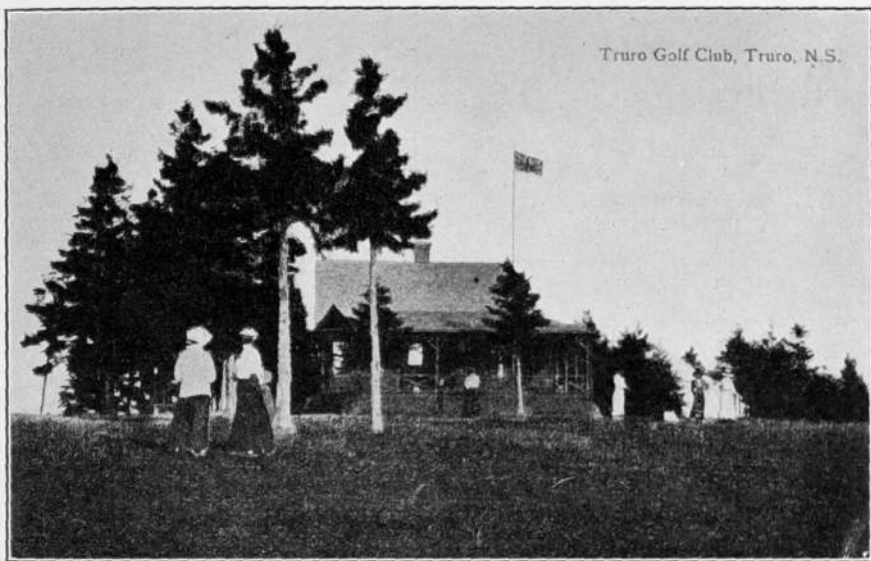
9, 450; No. 10, 320; No. 11, 370; No. 12, 320; No. 13, 330; No. 14, 180; No. 15, 410; No. 16, 500; No. 17, 220; No. 18, 350; total, 6,270 yards. To show that 69 was not playing above his head, Marsh repeated the performance later on. The bogey for the Toronto course is 81, so Marsh beat the Colonel no less than 12 strokes.

A one-armed golfer named Louis Martucci, caddie master of the Essex County Country Club, will try for metropolitan honors at the Open championship at the Fox Hills Golf Club, July 8 and 9. He lost his arm when a

pointment at Aldershot. Oke was for some years in Canada.—The "Golf Monthly."

George Daniel, the professional of the Mississauga Golf Club, who only a month or so ago arrived in this country, is holding up the best traditions of Old Country golf. Recently he played over the Rosedale course for the first time and "notched" a 72. He is a pupil of W. Fernie of Troon, and there are few better mentors.

The death last month at Musselburgh of Bob Ferguson will be generally regretted throughout the golfing



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small boy, and since then has been employed by the Essex Club as a caddie, then as a caddie master. He developed pronounced ability as a player, and holds the course record at Essex County, going round in 69.

J. K. Oke, formerly professional at Sutton Coldfield, and latterly at the North Hants Club, Fleet, has left for America, where he will take up a permanent appointment. He was a very fine player, and just prior to leaving for the States he held a Government ap-

world on both sides of "the pond." It is thirty-five years since Bob won his first championship, and some idea of his victory may be gathered from the fact that the field included such famous players as Tom Morris, Andrew Kirkaldy, Willie Campbell, Peter Paxton, Willie Park, Jr., Ben Sayers and Mungo Park. Bob repeated his success at Prestwick the following year (his first was at Musselburgh), and again at St. Andrews the year after, thus having three successive wins to his credit.

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