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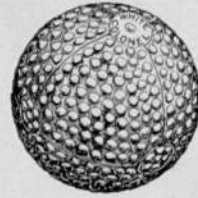
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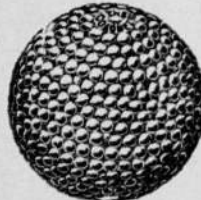
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FORE !

The "Canadian Golfer" takes his stance on the first tee, bows to the gallery—and a very good gallery is assured already, as leading golfers throughout the Dominion, including the Prime Minister, other Cabinet Ministers and leading financiers and professional and business men, have most willingly signed the subscription lists—and makes his first swing and first shot for his constituents' approval.

And a very wide constituency it is, too. From down by the "sounding sea" on the Atlantic, clear through to the limitless prairies and across the Rockies to the rolling Pacific, golf to-day is becoming popular and ever more popular in Canada.

In no country where Anglo-Saxons foregather is the game played more enthusiastically than in the Dominion. There is no city or hardly a town of any consequence to-day in Canada which does not boast its golf links. In the larger centres, of course, there are many clubs. Millions of dollars are invested in the game, tens of thousands of men and women play it—play it intelligently, play it enthusiastically. The growth of the sport in the Dominion has been phenomenal. It has ceased to be a fad; it has become an institution. Busy men find it a splendid antidote for the cares and worries of office and shop and factory; the younger crowd an ideal recreation for the display of nerve and skill.

The canny Scot builded well, builded for brain and muscle, clear eye and clean, keen temperament when he made it his national game. And to-day that game is no longer confined to the country of its chief inception, but is played round the world and by ever-increasing numbers of enthusiasts.

It has often been unfavorably commented upon by visiting followers of the Royal and Ancient game why Canada, unlike other countries which have many golf papers, has not long ere this had a magazine to record the doings

and to look after the wants of her army of thousands of golfers, playing over the many and rapidly increasing courses stretching across a continent. The "Canadian Golfer" has come to look after these interests, to conserve them, and serve them if possible.

The course may not be an easy one. There are traps and bunkers ahead aplenty—no new magazine has an easy game to play—but there is no reason why, with the loyal support of the golfing fraternity, the "Canadian Golfer" should not be found a useful and interesting medium for the exchange of golf thought, golf story, golf instruction and golf betterment in Canada. Will you not try and make it so? You can do so much if you only will. Golfers of Canada, the game is on for another season! May we all play it together, from a journalistic and sport standpoint, fairly, squarely and successfully?

ROYAL GOLFERS.

The Royal Canadian Golf Association has the very great honour of having as its Patron H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G., Governor-General of Canada. His Royal Highness has shown his interest in the Royal and Ancient game, not only during his tenure of office by officially visiting many of the golf courses throughout the Dominion, but by playing himself over some of the well-known links. The Duke is immensely popular with all classes of golfers, as he is with all classes of Canadians. His title of "the most beloved Governor-General" who has ever graced the high office is undisputed from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Connaught has also shown her interest in the game of golf by presenting to the Royal Canadian Golf Association a beautiful cup to be competed for annually at the Ladies' Championship meeting, and to be known as "The Duchess of Connaught Championship Cup." The name of the winner of the Championship of each year, and also the name of the club the winner repre-

sents, are to be engraved on the cup. The ladies of the R.C.G.A., who, needless to say, greatly appreciate the gift, will compete for this handsome trophy for the first time this season at the annual Ladies' Championship meeting.

The Duchess, too, is Patroness of the Canadian Ladies' Golf Union, that very energetic organization which is doing so much to put the game amongst the ladies on a firm footing throughout the Dominion.

H.R.H. the Princess Patricia, the daughter of the Duke and Duchess, also takes a great interest in golf, and frequently plays in Ottawa and on other Canadian courses.

The photographs of the Duke and Duchess which appear in this opening number of the "Canadian Golfer" were most graciously permitted to be used, and were officially forwarded to the Editor. Needless to say, the honour is not only greatly appreciated by the "Canadian Golfer," but will be recognized as a most thoughtful and gracious act by Canadian golfers generally.

EDUCATIVE WORK.

In a letter which appears elsewhere in this issue Mr. E. Legge, who by this time is probably in Europe fighting with Mr. John Graham Jr., Mr. J. L. C. Jenkins, Mr. Robert Maxwell, and other golf champions of Great Britain, for King and Empire, makes the suggestion—and a very timely suggestion, too—that "if your new magazine is to do any educative work, let me suggest that you keep hammering away at the fact that bunkers, traps, etc., are not put on golf courses to punish poor players, but to make the game more interesting for everyone."

The "Canadian Golfer" is quite prepared to enthusiastically support Mr. Legge and his plea for the better bunkering of golf courses. Much intelligent work the past few years has undoubtedly been done on many Canadian links, but much remains yet to be accomplished. Vardon has laid down the dictum that better golf will not be seen in this country until better courses are provided, and by "better" courses he

refers to the proper and intelligent trapping of fair green and green. A man who "slops" all over the course, but ends up near the flag in a fluky third shot, and holes a lucky putt for four, when he should have been punished, and severely punished, all the way through right from a sliced or pulled drive off the tee, has no incentive to improve his game. Put him on a course where every shot has to be correctly judged and placed, and in a very short time he will be astonished how he will get down to "his muttons" and correct many of his glaring golfing evils and errors, to his own great and abiding satisfaction.

Every club should endeavour to have its course intelligently bunkered and trapped. The ordinary club committee is not capable of doing the work. It is imperative that an expert should be called in—an expert who can go over the ground and lay out a plan of campaign which may take two or three years to complete, unless finances are very flush, and there is no record of an ordinary golf club ever being overburdened with a superfluity of ready cash.

Get the expert's blue print or plan; bunker one, two or more holes each season, but bunker them right, bunker intelligently. You will be astonished how the game of your players will improve; you will be astonished how they will enjoy their improved game. A well-trapped and bunkered course is not for the scratch man and against the limit man—it is for all kinds and varieties of golfers.

The experience of the best managed golf clubs is that a well-kept and well-bunkered course will attract players and make players and add to the number of your membership.

An ill-kept and ill-bunkered course nobody wants these days of improving and developing golf.

Yes, by all means bunker your course—and then keep on bunkering until you have reached a respectable level of golf perfection, as exemplified by the older established courses of Great Britain and some few in Canada.

THE RULES OF GOLF.

Following along the educative lines of golf, perhaps it would not be a bad idea for the "Canadian Golfer" in this, its initial number, also to urge and emphasize the better observance of the rules of golf.

That the rules are more often observed in the breach than in the practice is an altogether too common occurrence on every course. Mr. J. T. Clark, in his capital article in this number, amusingly suggests that it would not be a bad idea to require each golfer to pass a written examination on the rules of golf before being allowed to compete in the monthly club handicap. It is much to be feared if this was done, that the field of aspirants for cup or medal in some clubs would dwindle away to almost infinitesimal proportions.

And yet there is no excuse why the average golfer should not be well versed alike in golf rule and golf etiquette. The rules are not hard to master, neither the etiquette and ethics of golf. As very tritely pointed out by Mr. Clark—to quote again from that trenchant but fair critic—"the ordinary rules of courtesy that make life worth living are really the rules of golf. . . . A great many able minds have wrought them out in a way that is perfect. There is a reason for every rule and for every usage."

Captains and match committees are undoubtedly to blame for much of the laxity that now exists. They very often know that glaring breaches of the rules have been made, but cards are handed in and accepted without the disciplining called for.

Players, too, condone faults in their opponents, and so the unfair work goes on and extends until a whole club membership may become permeated.

"Golf is Golf, and Rules are Rules," and each is interwoven and dependent upon the other. The slightest breach should on no account ever be condoned by either opponent or committee. By all means enforce every Royal and Ancient rule to the letter on every Canadian course and against every player.

Chip Shots

Don't, at the 19th hole in the club house, criticise this opening number of the "Canadian Golfer" too severely. It's hard to make a record on any course the first time 'round.

If Waterloo was won on the cricket fields of Eton, the golf courses of the Empire are going to help avenge Belgium. Hundreds of prominent English, Scotch, Irish, Canadian, Australian and New Zealand golfers are serving as officers and privates on the battlefields of Europe to-day.

And golf was getting popular in Germany, too. A fine new 18-hole course, when war broke out, was about to be opened up in Berlin, in which a former Brantford player, Dr. Hartley, now resident in Berlin, was taking a very keen interest. It is "ausgespielt" for the game over there now. No more golf fun for the Hun. The sport will be banned after the war by the Kaiser, never fear. It's altogether too Anglo-Saxon.

A number of prominent golfers who have seen the advance proofs of the cover design of the "Canadian Golfer," and who greatly admired the outstanding figure, were anxious to know if it was an "ideal golfer" represented. It is and it is not. As a matter of fact, the figure represents one of the leading amateurs and also one of the leading professionals in the world, sketched from photographs "snapped" at the Lambton links by Mr. W. M. Griffith, at the time Secretary of the Lambton Club, now Secretary of the Wanakah Club. Amateurs and professionals alike pronounce it the perfection of correct style and swing. One of the Grip Engraving Company's best artists of Toronto is responsible for the sketch, and we think everyone will agree that he has struck the true golfing note throughout. The general view of links and club house is a composite one—no particular course is portrayed.

A slogan for all golfers, Canadian and otherwise: "Improve the courses and observe the rules."

"Don't be downhearted" if you fail to lay that "chip shot" dead on the home hole to win your match.

"Better to have golfed and lost
Than never to have golfed at all."

The "Canadian Golfer" starts with a splendid subscription list. "Why not come along, too?" This great family golfing journal wants your golf stories and experiences, plus your support, encouragement and good-will.

Many of the Clubs throughout the Dominion are keeping their members who are at the front, or who have volunteered for the contingents, in good standing until their return from the war. This patriotic stand should be undoubtedly followed by every golf club, and no doubt will be.

There's not a class amongst Canadians which has given more patriotically or liberally to the war funds and relief funds than golfers. And there's not a club of any size in any of the Provinces that is not represented at the front by several of its members, fighting valiantly for King and country. And golf is not a bad training, either, for the strenuous life in actual warfare. A man who plays good golf has got to be physically and mentally fit.

The kind words in this issue by Mr. Clifford L. Turner, publisher of "Golf," New York, the parent golf magazine of America, in reference to the advent of the "Canadian Golfer," are, needless to say, deeply appreciated. Mr. Turner's graceful allusion to the "golfers who have laid down their clubs for duty's sake" will touch a responsive chord in the heart of every Canadian and British golfer. After all, blood is thicker than water.



H. R. H. The Duchess of Connaught.
Patroness Ladies' Canadian Golf Union

The Offenses of Golfers

J. T. Clark, Editor "Toronto Star"

IT must be considered a most unfortunate thing that a man usually gets his first instructions in golf from another man who doesn't know the game very well. When one man catches the golf fever it soon spreads to those who associate with him—they all get it. If some are immune, he soon ceases to associate with them, and spends his time with others who can listen to golf talk without squirming.

There are some diseases of which the infection is transmitted when the patient is recovering. But it is the golfer who has just discovered the game who wants to spread its benefits to all mankind. He thinks of his own lost years—those lusty lost years in which he never teed a ball—and he sees around him friends and acquaintances going through life and drawing daily nearer the grave and unaware that over the hill and along the road there is a golf course, where the true happiness of life awaits those who come. How can he see his closest friend live in vain, pine and die, when he could save him by telling him of the wonderful game he has discovered? And when he sees his friend puttering about with other games, in futile search of the satisfactions that golf yields, he is flooded with compassion and resolves to take him out and introduce him to golf, even if he has to do it by force and carry him there tied hand and foot in his auto.

The new golfer wants to carry the glad news to all men. His missionary spirit does him credit. But the trouble with him is that he does not know the rules and traditions of golf, and cannot teach them to the converts he brings in, and they cannot teach them to their converts. Thus there is danger that a long succession of new golfers may appear on the links—having lots of fun, no doubt—but playing golf in its most primitive form.

The seasoned golfer, who has learned to play a fine game and has studied the laws and history of the game, is not a missionary. He does not proselytize.

He is rather inclined to think that nobody should be allowed to play golf except good golfers. He grieves within himself to see a greenhorn wallop the sod anywhere between himself and the horizon. He can sense that murder is being done and that his ball will roll into the very wound in the turf that has been made. Nothing would induce him to pick up a greenhorn in town, take him to the links, supply him with clubs and a ball and go round with him. He would suffer too much on the way. Yet if he would do it he would be the man for the job, because he could on the first round impress the mind of the beginner with certain of those rules, principles, morals and manners of golf which the golfer can never learn so readily as on that first day.

The enthusiasm of the new golfer is almost holy in its unselfishness. But he ought to have impressed upon him the fact that playing golf does not wholly consist in swatting the ball as far as he can, finding it again as soon as he can, and "ironing" it to over or somewhere near the green. He ought to read all the rules of golf until he knows them. He ought to refer any point about which he has any doubt to the best posted player in the club. And he should at all times respect every rule. Not only so, but the etiquette of the game ought to be observed on all occasions. Only in this way can golf be made to give its finest results to all who play it. The rules, principles and manners of golf are the result of generations of experience, and a great many able minds have wrought them out in a way that is perfect. There is a reason for every rule and for every usage.

On almost any golf course in Ontario one may see the rules and customs of the game violated every day. The most common offense of all is the failure of players to let following players through when they are fully entitled to go through. Men will in a four-ball game fairly romp in the effort to keep ahead, by their haste spoiling their

own game, and by their delays on the green spoiling the game of the two men following behind them.

Another common offense is when players are going through to "go with them." Instead of doing the decent thing in a decent way, they take all grace and merit out of it. If a player loses his ball and the next players following are signalled to go through, they no sooner begin to do so than—this is a peculiar but well-known fact—the lost ball at once crawls out on the grass almost at its owner's feet. What does this player do? Having found his ball he decides not to let the other pair through after all, but plays his shot and proceeds with his partner to make the green first and hold the place they had nearly lost. This is entirely wrong. The men who were entitled to go through and who began to do so were fully entitled to a free way, and not a stroke should have been played while they were coming from the tee or until they had passed out of range. As I have said, all the laws of golf are just—they prove on close examination to be marvellously so. And in this case it is but just that the man who lost his ball and his partner, being the only players on the course who have any actual interest in whether that ball is lost or found, should alone have their play marred by the incident of its temporary loss.

A player will sometimes hunt for the lost ball just as long as the players following behind will tolerate the delay, but at the first sign that they intend to claim the right to play through he will "give it up" and race ahead to hold his place. The determination to hold his place and not give it up, even when, by every consideration for the rights of others, he ought to do so, causes many otherwise nice fellows to be disliked on the golf links. Perhaps a good general idea for the golfer to keep in mind is this: that in his relations on the course with other players the ordinary rules of courtesy that make life worth living are really the rules of golf. You are to stand aside and give every other player his right and his turn and his fair chance, just as you would like others to give you your chance. The fact that other players do not do the right thing makes it even more necessary that you

should be particular to do so, unless the civilization of the game is to be lost.

One sometimes sees a couple of the best players in the club start a round when the links are full, and because they are better and faster players than any others, they proceed to "play up" on the pair in front of them. Being fast goers, they are let through, although there is really nowhere for them to go, unless they repeat the performance and crowd the next pair and the next and are let through all the way round. That is not golf—that's gall. These scratch players should not play at such a time unless they are willing to accept the conditions and the pace at which the game is naturally moving. But if two slow players fall behind the pace at which those ahead of them are playing, so that the hole ahead of them has no players on it, the next pair following is entitled by the rules to go through. This, too, is just. It is not right that part of the course should be idle while the other parts of it are over-crowded. But is it not odd that it is often the slowest, most puttering players who are most obstinately bent on letting nobody go through. Perhaps they regard their attitude as a perfectly fair one. As they never hurry, they detest the habit in others. Having lots of time, they want others to take some, and as they never go through others, they do not see why others should go through them. The whole principle of the thing is that each player is entitled to his rights, but is not permitted to impose wrongs on others. There are times when the fast player must slow up, and there are times when the slow player must move faster, and if he cannot move fast enough, must stand aside and not dam the stream of the game.

But I must stop now. A golfer should study the laws of the game. In fact, it would not be a bad idea to require each golfer to pass a written examination on the rules of golf before being allowed to compete in the monthly club handicaps, in which it is to be feared now, players sometimes bring in weird scores, procured in weird ways, that would disqualify them ten times over.

Golf in the United States

By Clifford L. Turner

Publisher "Golf" Magazine, New York.

IT has been my great privilege to accept the honor and opportunity to contribute the "American Letter" to the Canadian Golfer, and in doing so I take occasion to state that it is with a sense of delight, being the publisher of the parent Golf Magazine of America,

cess in his new undertaking.

As the spring season is approaching, golfers, who have not been blessed with the good fortune of having played this winter in the sunny south, are already getting their clubs ready to join the great followers of the Royal



Mr. Francis Ouimet winning the National Amateur Championship of the United States from Mr. J. D. Travers
6 and 5 - The Champion Approaching the 14th Green.

that I have a new offspring, which will, no doubt, fill a long-felt want in Canada. My associates and self wish the new venture all success, and we hope the golfing public of the Dominion will rise to the occasion and give Mr. Ralph Reville that hearty support that Canadians know so well how to bestow. Although far away in New York, we shall keep our fatherly eye open, and any assistance we can be to him is offered and will be given most cheerfully, for we wish the editor every suc-

and Ancient game by brushing up at the different indoor golf schools, which have been brought up to such great perfection recently in the States.

A great deal of the talk at the present time is on the Panama Pacific International Exposition golf matches, which start shortly at the Ingleside Country Club, San Francisco. These matches will give amateur golfers from all parts of the world a chance to show their prowess. It will be, without a doubt, the largest tournament that

California has ever witnessed, and while professionals from all over the world will participate, the amateurs will be given more than an even chance to carry home the handsome trophies offered.

In California golf has taken a strong hold on the younger society set, and the splendid courses offered for the coming matches make the schedule just so much more attractive. The Ingleside Country Club, Sequoyah, Burlingame, Presidio and Claremont are the ones chosen. The fair sex have been well remembered on the schedule, and there are several attractive matches arranged for their sole benefit.

One of the most important tournaments of the South this year was the St. Valentine's tournament at Pinehurst, where Philip Carter, of Nassau, defeated Gardiner W. White, of Flushing, 1 up, in the most exciting match ever witnessed at Pinehurst. It was not until the eighteenth green was reached that Carter became the winner, but he well deserves the honor, as his golf during his two weeks' stay was par, having an average of 77 over the difficult courses. Pinehurst is acknowledged to be the most complete and perfectly equipped fall, winter and spring resort in the world—an ideal village created by the late Mr. James W. Tufts. As the winter golf center of the two hemispheres, Pinehurst is now thoroughly established, its unequalled equipment embracing three distinct six-thousand-yard, eighteen-hole courses.

Another subject that is being discussed quite freely in the States is George Duncan's new idea of enlarging the hole to eight inches in diameter. An article printed in one of the New York papers requested golfers to send their opinions on this matter, and each evening one of the letters was reproduced. Up to the present writing, our friend, "Chick" Evans, whom you are all familiar with, is about the only well-

known golfer to agree with Duncan, and, perhaps, the reason for this is that his putting is not of the championship type. For an illustration—Mr. Walter J. Travis, the old veteran of the game, who can be out-driven by nearly all the younger champions, would not stand a chance if his opponent had the opportunity of running down a very long putt or even holing a short approach into the eight-inch cup. "Many a match is won and lost on the green," is the old saying, so why take away the opportunity of a climax of the battle. If the hole was made eight inches, would the poor putter have as much chance of holing as his superior? I think not, because if the eight-inch cup went into effect, the renaissance of golf architecture would be entirely made over, for the greens would be made smaller and the bumps and hollows increased. This would bring the luck of golf out—but why try and make the Royal and Ancient game any easier than it is?

By this time all the committee and association meetings have been held, and this year will be, without doubt, one of the greatest the country has ever seen. It may be surprising, although perfectly true, that the wonderful growth of golf has been quite a serious consideration amongst the promoters of baseball, for many attribute the falling off in attendance to the great strides made in the Royal and Ancient game. Statistics show that about 60,000 new golf players were enlisted last year, and it can reasonably be supposed that over half were drawn from the national game of to-day.

Before closing, I wish to say that our sympathies are heartfelt for those golfers, who have laid down their clubs for duty's sake, and joined the Great Majority. Many dear friends are among them, and we shall miss them sadly when this awful European strife is over.



Mr. George S. Lyon, the "Johnnie Ball" of Canadian Golf.
Eight Times Amateur Champion of Canada.

"Canadian Golfer's" Celebrities

Mr. George S. Lyon, Eight Times Amateur Champion of Canada

—AN APPRECIATION—

TO be eight times the Amateur Champion of his country in any line of sport is an honour that falls to the lot of very few men the Anglo-Saxon world over. But that honour belongs to Mr. George S. Lyon of Toronto, the present amateur golf champion of Canada, and right worthily, but modestly, does he wear the laurel.

Mr. Lyon has very appropriately been called "The Johnnie Ball" of Canadian Golf, because that great and sterling British player has also the unique record of an eight-fold win for Great Britain's premier amateur event—certainly a wonderful performance, considering the class of golfers that always enters for what is recognized the world over as the "blue ribbon" of golfing supremacy.

Without fear of contradiction, but, on the other hand, with an unanimity of opinion quite remarkable, it is admitted from coast to coast that Mr. Lyon has done more for Canadian golf than any other exponent of the Royal and Ancient game in the Dominion. Other men have given generously of their time and money for the upbuilding of particular clubs and courses, but Mr. Lyon has made his influence felt, has raised the standard of play, has provoked encouragement and ambition amongst thousands of Canadian golfers. Wherever golf is played in the Dominion—and there are very few places of any size to-day that has not its club and course—the name of the amateur champion is a household word—is an inspiration to old and young alike. Because, as is so well known, Mr. Lyon, unlike the great majority of the British golfers, was not "spoon fed" from his early days on golf, did not do his "teething" on a gutta percha ball, nor cry plaintively for a putter instead of a rattle, but took to the game, from a golfing standpoint, comparatively late in life. Herein the stimulus and en-

couragement to so many Canadians who have gone in for the sport in recent years, and who, although in their "forties" perhaps, or more, have still Mr. Lyon's example to urge them on to heights of attainment which few golfers, young or old, have ever reached or can expect to reach—an incentive always, however, on their part, for better and sounder play, an incentive and spur to get from the 90's to the 80's, with once in a while a plunge into the "holiest of holies of holes"—the 70's. It has been done. It can be done. The amateur champion is doing it all the time, and the stimulating effect of his really wonderful performances is felt daily throughout the season in Canadian golfdom. His record is an inspiration to play golf and to keep on playing it upon the part of all exponents of the game from Victoria to St. John.

Richmond, Carleton County, has the honour of claiming the birthplace of one of the best all-round amateur sportsmen in the British Empire. Captain George Lyon of the old 100th Regiment came to Canada in 1814 from Aberdeen, Scotland, and fought in the war of 1812-14, where he was wounded at Chippewa. He then went back to Scotland, returning to this country and settling in Richmond, which was called after the Duke of that name. He was the father of Mr. Robinson E. Lyon, who was educated at Toronto, Brockville and Bytown, and grandfather of the present champion, who was named after him. A famous old character was this Captain George Lyon of a century ago. He had the tidy little family of eight sons and eight daughters. He was the brother of Mr. Robert Lyon (great uncle of Mr. George S. Lyon), who was the last man to fight a duel in Canada. Mr. Robert Lyon, who had as his adversary the late Judge Wilson of London, was unfortunately killed in the encounter, which was over an affair

of the heart. A brother-in-law of the old captain was Surgeon-General Ridout, and altogether the family was very intimately and prominently interwoven with the early history of the Province.

Mr. George Lyon was educated at the old Grammar School in Richmond. These old grammar schools throughout Ontario, by the bye, turned out a product that our much-vaunted public school system to-day would do well to emulate. Both the physical and mental were well looked after by the dominion of half a century or so ago, and some of the most prominent men in the Dominion to-day were ground out at the old grammar school mills scattered throughout the Province.

Mr. Lyon early came to Toronto, and early identified himself with the clean, healthy, amateur sport of the city. Baseball was his first love, and in 1886-7 he was captain of a team in the Civil Service League. He was looked upon as one of the best amateur "ball" players of those days. Football and hockey, too, also claimed his attention in the autumn and winter months.

Then came his entry into first-class cricket. Mr. Lyon was for many years one of the best known wielders of the willow in Canada. He was for eleven years an International player, and some fine scores were placed to his credit. In 1894, playing for Rosedale on the Rosedale cricket grounds against a combined team of Peterborough and Toronto, he carried his bat for 238—a record then, and a record which the "Canadian Golfer" does not believe has been beaten since in a first-class match in Canada.

As a curler, too, Mr. Lyon has a splendid reputation, extending over many years. He has been on the winning rinks which have twice captured the Walker Trophy and once the Canada Life Trophy, and only this winter was a vice skip of the Toronto Curling Club, which for the first time in thirty-seven years carried off the coveted Ontario Tankard.

To Mr. John Dick, that sterling golfer, now of Cobourg, father of those

well-known players, Miss Muriel Dick and Mr. David Dick, belongs the credit of interesting Mr. Lyon in the game of golf. It was on the 18th of October, 1896, that Mr. Dick, who was then a member of the Rosedale Golf Club, persuaded the present Amateur Champion, who had just come in from the Rosedale cricket field, to play a round of golf with him. Mr. Lyon was so pleased with his first nine holes that he tackled another round of nine immediately afterwards. He took instinctively to the new game, to him, and from the very first played surprisingly well. The cricket season was just about over, and the rest of the fall and in the spring of 1907 he played golf quite frequently. In the summer of 1907 Mr. Lyon was again seen on the cricket crease, but then the "lure of the links" got him—"got him" as it has thousands of others, and henceforth the cricket bat and ball gave place to the club and the gutta, and a new golf champion of Canada was in the making.

And it was not long before Mr. Lyon landed the first of his long string of championships. In October of 1896 he played his initial game of golf, and in the summer of 1898, at the old Toronto golf course, he became Amateur Champion of Canada, defeating Mr. F. G. H. Pattison, a well-known English University player, then as now playing for Hamilton; and the victory was a decisive one, too—twelve up and eleven to play. To "bag" a championship a little over a year and a half after taking up a new sport surely in itself must constitute a record. Even in those early days Mr. Lyon was noted for his long drives, fine iron shots and accurate putting. His old cricket experience, the keen eye, steady nerve and supple wrist stood him in good stead.

In 1900 Mr. Lyon again took the measure of his opponents in the amateur event. This time, however, he had to fight for the premier honours, only beating Mr. G. W. MacDougall, in a pouring rain, on the 38th green.

In 1903, at Toronto, Mr. Lyon won his third championship, defeating Mr. M. C. Cameron of Toronto 10 up and 8.

In 1904 Mr. Lyon, who was now playing under the colors of Lambton, was beaten in the finals by Mr. J. Percy Taylor of Montreal 3 and 1.

Then came a string of three consecutive wins—1905, 1906 and 1907—and the beautiful championship cup presented by the Governor-General, Lord Aberdeen, became the absolute property of the Lambton crack, amidst the hearty congratulations of golfing friends and admirers the length and breadth of the continent.

In 1908 Mr. Lyon did not compete in the championship, but 1910 found him again the runner-up, this time losing on the 37th hole to his brother-in-law, Mr. Fritz Martin, that fine Hamilton golfer, and all-round sportsman, too, who previously had won the "blue ribbon" in 1902.

The year 1912 found the champion, once more to the "fore," Mr. A. Hutcherson of Montreal being vanquished by a score of 6 and 5.

Last year Mr. Lyon was again playing superb golf, and it was no surprise when for the eighth time he landed the championship, defeating Mr. Bryce Evans of the Belmont Club, Boston, 9 and 8.

The Amateur Champion has by no means confined his attention to Canadian courses. In fact, some of his best work has been done far afield. The year 1904 saw him competing at St. Louis for the first Olympic golf championship. In the finals he met Mr. Chandler Egan, then the amateur champion of the United States. Mr. Egan was fresh from his victory over Mr. Walter Travis, who in 1904 had captured the English amateur championship—the first and last time it has ever left the United Kingdom.

It was a grand struggle, but the Canadian crack won handily by 3 and 2 and brought home to the Dominion perhaps the most superb golf trophy ever offered for competition. It was, all considered, perhaps so far the most notable victory of a notable career.

In 1906, however, Mr. Lyon was again very much in the limelight. In

that year he entered for the United States championship. Once again he put out Mr. Chandler Egan in the semi-finals, the end coming on the 20th green. In the finals he met that brilliant golfer, Mr. E. Byers of Pittsburg. The morning round found him one up on his doughty opponent, but in the afternoon he was finally vanquished after a gruelling match, with the thermometer registering 96 deg. in the shade, by 2 down.

In 1905 Mr. Lyon competed in the English championship on the stiff Prestwick course, and managed to last four rounds, being eventually put out by Geo. Wilkie on the home green. He defeated in the first round J. Martin Smith, the winner that year of the coveted trophy, the St. George's Vase.

In 1908 he again visited England, and on the Sandwich course, where the historic championship of 1914 was held, went five rounds, succumbing to Mr. H. S. Colt, the now celebrated English golf architect, who laid out the Detroit, Toronto and new Hamilton courses.

In the light of the "American invasion" of Great Britain last year, and on previous occasions, the British record of the "lone" Canadian representative in 1905 and 1908 is certainly one of which he and Canadian golfers generally have every reason to be proud.

It is not necessary to dilate on the minor competitions captured by the Lambton player during his golfing career of sixteen years. Mr. Lyon is no "pot hunter," but 35 medals and 58 cups—and there could have been many more—tell an eloquent tale of prowess on tee, fair green and putting green.

Briefly his principal performances on the links may be summarised as follows:

- 1898—Canadian Championship, defeating F. G. Pattison, Hamilton, 12 and 11.
- 1900—Canadian Championship, defeating G. W. Macdougall, Royal Montreal, 1 up in 38 holes.
- 1903—Canadian Championship, defeating M. C. Cameron, Toronto, 10 and 8.

- 1904—Runner-up Canadian Championship, defeated by J. Percy Taylor 3 and 1.
- 1904—Olympic Championship, St. Louis, defeated Chandler Egan 3 and 2.
- 1905—Canadian Championship defeating Robert S. Strath 12 and 11.
- 1905—Competed in English Amateur, going four rounds.
- 1906—Canadian Championship, defeating Douglas Laird, Toronto, 5 and 4.
- 1906—Runner-up United States Championship, defeated by E. Byers 2 holes.
- 1907—Canadian Championship, defeated Fritz Martin, Hamilton, 3 and 2.
- 1908—Competed in English Amateur, going five rounds.
- 1910—Runner-up Canadian Championship, defeated by Fritz Martin on 37th hole.
- 1910—Runner-up Canadian Open Championship, which was won by Daniel Kenny, professional, with a score of 303.
- 1912—Canadian Championship, defeating A. Hutcheson, Montreal, 6 and 5.
- 1914—Canadian Championship, defeated Bryce Evans, Boston, 9 and 8.

Mr. Lyon's best score is possibly the 71 he made Lambton in when runner-up in the open championship in 1910. The course was on that occasion 6,323 yards. It still holds good as the amateur record for Lambton, and some of the world's best players have negotiated the club's well-trapped and bunkered eighteen holes. Mr. Lyon also had the amateur record of 67 for the old Toronto course, but that does not compare perhaps with the splendid 71 he notched at Lambton in the open competition five years ago.

Incidentally, it might be mentioned that the Amateur Champion is very proud of the fact that he has been for thirteen years continuously the captain of the Lambton Club, and also that in his son Seymour, a student at the University of Toronto, he has a "chiel after his ain heart," who has already a 79 to his credit at Lambton and the Junior Championship of the Club, and who

has also given promise of becoming one of the best swimmers at 'Varsity, where he has taken a very prominent place in all the aquatic sports.

This, then, is the golf record of the baseball captain of some thirty years, and the international cricketer of eighteen years ago. No wonder such a splendid showing has been, and for years to come will be, an incentive to the Canadian golfer. No wonder that in 1910 the officers and members of the Lambton Golf and Country Club tendered him a complimentary dinner and presented him with a life-size portrait in oils by the well-known Canadian artist, E. Wyly Grier.

Mr. Lyon as a young man always took a great interest in military matters. He was for nine years a member of the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, joining in 1881, and served through the North-West Rebellion of 1885 with that crack regiment, at first as corporal and then as sergeant, having been promoted shortly after his arrival on the prairies. He was in the famous march from Swift Current to Battleford, a distance of 200 miles, which was covered in six days, or over thirty miles per day, and which resulted in the relief of that besieged town.

In business he was for many years in partnership with Major George Higinbotham, the well-known amateur yachtsman and oarsman, in the Toronto Agency of the Sun Fire Insurance Company. The death a short time ago of Major Higinbotham in England, just after his return, as a result of illness, from the front in France, where he was with his regiment, came as a great blow to friends throughout Canada, and is especially felt by Mr. Lyon, who was so long associated as partner with the deceased Major.

Merriest and most lovable of men, loyal friend, clean, fair sportsman in the truest sense of the word, George S. Lyon is a credit to his Scottish ancestry, to the land of his birth, to the fair city of his adoption and first golfing experience and to the game which he has done so much to promote clear across a continent.

A Breezy Letter from the West

THE following bright and breezy letter from the west was received by the editor of Canadian Golfer from Mr. E. Legge—"Private Legge," if you please, now of the "27th Battalion, 2nd Contingent." Many old friends of the ex-champion throughout Canada will feel proud of his plucky determination to go to the front, especially as he enlisted, not as an officer, but as an ordinary "Tommy"—and there is quite a difference, mark you.

"Private" Legge—it seems hard to get used to that appellation—came out to this country some seven years ago from Scotland, where he had a fine reputation as one of Aberdeen's most promising amateurs. Playing under the colors of the Toronto Golf Club, he won the Canadian championship in 1909, defeating G. F. Ross of Ottawa 1 up. Shortly afterwards he left for the West, where he has won all kinds of provincial, club and other trophies. Here's hoping that Private Legge will be as successful with his rifle as he has always been with his irons—and no finer exponent of the cleek or mashie has ever been seen on the Canadian courses. Herewith the letter:

"Winnipeg, March 18th, 1915.

"If my good wishes will help you any you certainly have them in your new venture. Out here we have the keenest bunch of golfers in the world, and I am sure you can get lots of subscribers, as your journal is just what is wanted. I'd be only too pleased to contribute Western news for the 'Canadian Golfer,' but I am now a full private in the second contingent, and likely the nearest thing I'll have to golf will be trench-digging—let us hope in Germany. I'm hoping my niblick practice will stand me in good stead.

"The prospects for golf here are excellent. We have two new courses out on Bird's Hill which are now open for play and improving fast. Bird's Hill, I may mention, is the only spot near Winnipeg where the land is not as flat

as a pancake and of a terribly heavy clay formation, possibly the worst in the whole world for golfing purposes, although the older clubs, by a liberal expenditure of both time and money, have really done wonders. On Bird's Hill the soil is light and the ground nicely undulating, and now all Winnipeg needs for first-class golf is a first-class road to that hill. Of course, we are handicapped by being so far away from other clubs, and until you go without inter-club matches you don't really appreciate what pleasant events these inter-club functions were. You ought to have enough clubs in Ontario now to be able to run all kinds of inter-club tourneys.

"If your new magazine is to do any educative work, let me suggest that you keep hammering away at the fact that bunkers, traps, etc., are not put on golf courses to punish poor players, but to make the game interesting for everyone. Of course, with the splendid courses you have in Toronto and Ontario, everyone has a chance to see the difference it means playing on a well-trapped course and on one that is too easy. Out here we have no traps at all to speak of so far, and when you mention them most players seem to think they are to be put in to further emphasise the difference between the scratch player and the limit man. There is a Dr. McPherson in the north of England who some time ago wrote a series of good articles on course construction. If you got them I'm sure you'd find a lot of matter there of interest to Canadian golfers.

"Now here I am sitting yapping about golf when my thoughts ought to be about 'forming fours' and Ross rifles, etc.

"Very best wishes to yourself and the 'Canadian Golfer.'

"PRIVATE LEGGE,
"27th Battalion,
"2nd Contingent."



Vardon driving from the seventh tee in the International Match, England vs. Scotland, for Princess Mary's fund.
Braid, his opponent, in the centre watching the drive.



Duncan, who played on the Scottish side, driving from the tenth tee.



Some of the great golfers of England and Scotland--R. G. Rannell, Joshua Taylor, George Duncan and James Braid.



Tom Ball, Alex. Herd, J. H. Taylor, Rowland Jones.

Golf Gossip from Great Britain

Special Correspondence of Canadian Golfer

E. L. S.

DURING these troublous war times the links have been more or less deserted, but the opening of spring finds many of the older golfers spending a few week-ends on their favorite courses. I am afraid this war is going to levy a sad toll upon the younger and more brilliant of the wielders of "wood and iron." Already many prominent golfers have given up their lives because their "King and Country needed them." Among others already reported in the "Roll of Honour" is Captain W. A. Henderson, of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. He was one of the best of the St. Andrew's match players, and on the first occasion of Jerome Travers' visit to this country he scored a dramatic victory over the American amateur champion. He was a brave soldier and a gallant golfer and gentleman.

John Graham, Jr., of the Royal Liverpool, by many considered the finest amateur in the world, is at the front. So, too, is "Larry" Jenkins, the present amateur champion, who is in the Cameron Highlanders. Robert Maxwell, of the Honourable Company, Edinburgh Golfers, has seen a lot of fighting on the firing line, and was recently invalided home suffering with badly-frosted feet as a result of the terrible exposure to which our soldiers were subjected in the trenches during the winter. "Bobby" Maxwell is fancied by many of our experts as the most finished player of all our first-raters. Here's hoping that he will make a complete recovery.

Captain Eric M. Battersby, a well-known Metropolitan "scratch" player, is also amongst the killed. So is Captain Twentymen, one of the best players in the Royal Liverpool Club. The list, I am afraid, will grow day by day, because there are literally thousands

of golfers who are at the front, and thousands more are going. And the toll of this dreadful war will be a sad, sad one indeed.

Any golf that is being played here has always for its object the raising of money for the Queen Mary, Belgian, or other funds. Several notable exhibition games have been played. You have heard, no doubt, of the large sums of money raised at an exhibition match at Harrogate, in which Miss Ravenscroft, who visited your country a year or so ago; Edward Ray, and other notables, amateur and professional, took part. Miss Ravenscroft's ball, bearing her autograph, sold at auction for £10 11s. 6d.—surely a record price for a golf ball. Ray's ball, with which he did a 70 in the morning, fetched £2 5s., and his afternoon ball £2, and so on. Ray's driver was also knocked down for £2 15s. The proceeds all went to the Relief Fund. Throughout the United Kingdom golfers and golf clubs are subscribing handsomely to the various funds. For instance, in Ireland, where many of the clubs are very small affairs indeed, the Golfing Union has sent in over £2,000 to the National Fund. Bravo the Emerald Isle!

Both the Amateur and Open Championships are off for this year. It would have been a farce to have held them with the ranks so sadly depleted. What a contrast with last year, when the golf fever was at its height as a result of the "American invasion." However, we are all hoping that the lowering clouds will soon be dispersed, and that the golfer in 1916, or even before that, will come into his own again.

There has been a good deal of talk about several of our leading professionals migrating in large numbers this

season to your side "of the pond." There is not much for them to do here of a certainty. At first it was said that Vardon and Braid were sure to go. Vardon (six times open champion, 1896-1898 - 1899 - 1902 - 1911 - 1914), of course, has visited America twice before—in 1890, when he won the open championship at the Chicago Golf Club, Wheaton, and again in 1913, when, in company with Ray, he played off in that sensational triangular duel at Brookline with the U. S. National Amateur Champion, Mr. Francis Ouimet, who awoke in a night to find himself golfingly famous. Braid has never crossed the Atlantic, more is the pity, because he is a grand player—none finer—as evidenced by his five times winning the Open, viz., in 1901, 1905, 1906, 1908 and 1910, thus equaling J. H. Taylor's record, 1894, 1895,

1900, 1909, 1913, the other member of the famous triumvirate. The Scotchman, however, is a mighty poor sailor, and I hear at the last moment that he has funk'd the trip, and you golfers in the States and Canada will not have the privilege of seeing really one of the past masters of the game. In addition to Vardon, that brilliant but erratic player, George Duncan, I understand, intends taking the trip, and there may be more to follow. Vardon should be a big drawing-card at the United States Open championship at Baltusrol in June. No doubt, as in 1913 he will also visit Canada. He is still, style and everything else considered, the premier golfer of the world, and it is an education for every golfer to follow him a round or so. George Duncan's play, too, is well worth study and attention.

Common Faults and their Causes

Chas. R. Murray, Professional, Royal Montreal

TOPPING is one of the most common faults we are all subject to, and in seeking the cause of persistent topping, first make certain that you are keeping your eye on the back of the ball, and also that you are not raising your head before you have hit the ball. But if you are observing these two rules, and the fault still proclaims itself, get someone to watch you, as probably you are raising your shoulders in the downward swing. This will be caused through crouching over the ball when addressing it. The player who crouches realises as he takes his club back that he is not swinging freely, and to be able to get any power in the downward swing he raises himself as the club comes down.

Another cause of topping is dropping the right shoulder. The result is that the club reaches its lowest level several inches behind the ball, and is rising rapidly when it reaches the ball.

If you are satisfied that you are doing none of these faults, and still you

are topping, notice to what extent and how you are pivoting. Rising too much on the left foot when you take the club back, and failing to get back to the proper level in time for the delivery of the stroke, will also cause a topped stroke.

Slicing.—This is one of the most annoying faults in golf, and is usually caused by drawing the body away from the ball in the upward swing—that is to say, not pivoting or not turning at the hips, as unless this is done on the upward swing the arms will come across the body as the club comes down, and so you have the slice.

Another cause of slicing is holding the right hand too tight.

If, after observing these rules, the fault is not cured, take the club in the left hand only and stand up to the ball, and in looking down see if the fingers are showing. If so, turn the back of the hand over so the fingers cannot be seen, and this should give you the desired results.

A Golfing Columbus

Special Correspondence of "Canadian Golfer" from
St. Andrews, Scotland.

THE "Mecca" to-day to the golfer spells monotony from a golfing point of view. The latest score is no longer discussed in old St. Andrew's, or the position of the greens. Personal experience in every-day play is off; one meets keen golfers to talk of the history of golf only. Happy the man who in such a circle can talk of the days before the boom. That "we are all

what comedians say marriage is nowadays, "a luxury for the aristocracy and the unemployed." For years this view was held by the unco guid, who in the district of Fife known as the "East Neuk" were not exactly an unimportant minority.

How the great swing of opinion came about is impossible to detail here, but, perhaps, all sections at one and



Two Famous Professional Golfers of the Old School.

On the Left, Tom Morris, of Beloved Memory, Champion of Great Britain, 1861-62-64-67.

On the Right, his son, Tom Morris, Jr., Champion, 1868-69-70-72, winner of Championship Belt and First Championship Medal.

golfers now," is new even for the capital of golfdom itself. Many a shopkeeper remembers the time, not so far distant, when it was considered to be serious to be playing golf and indulging in an overdraft. Often has the writer heard the story of one old knight of the road who as soon as he heard that a customer had got the "fever" real bad, made it a practice to seek custom elsewhere. Golf was then

the same time discovered "there was money in it," and so to-day to claim by reason of age or heredity that your people were golfers in the past, is to entitle you to the respect of all golfing parvenus.

I suppose I start in this strain as everybody has now a nodding acquaintance with history during these stirring war times, and the occasion of a golf paper starting in far-away Brantford,

coinciding to some extent with the death of a certain John Cuthbert in a town in England, forces me to tell a little story which may interest the readers of the "Canadian Golfer."

Johnny Cuthbert, as he was affectionately called, was brought up in a small house where a large hotel now stands. It is called the Marine Hotel, and may, no doubt, be familiar to some of your readers. In these days of high real estate values, and in some measure to substantiate my opening remarks, it is interesting to note, that the house stood on a piece of ground almost overlooking the last green of The Old Course of St. Andrew's. The only prospective development was that someone had looked over the ground with a view to erecting a stable. This gentleman was certainly no vandal—he was worse. However, to continue; Johnny was apprenticed to the firm of Tom Morris; served his time faithfully and well; when one eventful day news came that a professional was wanted for a club near New York, U.S.A. This was great news. Many people have at different times been at pains to prove that golf had been known and played for years before this date, viz., 1891, but I think the first serious attempt to introduce it was at this time.

At least it marked the beginning of the game in the United States. Twenty-four years ago! and what strides the sport has made since then. Hundreds of thousands of ardent devotees have been added to the golfers' ranks in the United States, in Canada, in Australia, New Zealand, not to mention England, where, since 1891, the game has taken premier rank amongst the Britisher's outdoor sports.

The man to get the American job was Johnny Cuthbert, and he left amid much anxious fears on the part of old Tom, and his son, Jamie, or as he was popularly known—"J.O.F." They were afraid he would give away the fact that he had been engaged from the American side and so get turned back. The immigration laws then, as now, were very strict, and no one could go out to the States to accept a position under

a contract previously made. It seems but yesterday that as a boy from school I entered the shop and heard the worldly advice given by the son, mixed with much that was wise and kindly from the old man. Johnny gripped hands all round, pulled himself together and left for the station. Soon came the news that he had safely arrived; orders came in, and happiness reigned in the house of Morris.

The arrival of this golfing Columbus was unnoticed, even by the American press, and it is said that while on the way from the steamer, clubs in hand, (as what true golfer would entrust such treasures to unappreciative strangers), that he was taken for a new species of street entertainer. History is silent as to whether they thought he was a sword dancer or a sword swallower.

Cuthbert after one season returned home. He had missed the opportunity of a lifetime, in view of the tremendous hold the game has since taken in the United States, but when one understands the necessity of golfers are under of finding others to "talk golf to," he is entitled to be excused. I never remember seeing him again. The "go fever" had entered his blood. He went to New Zealand and stayed there four years. Returning home, I next heard of him at Rye, from which place he retired, owing to ill-health, and now comes news of his death at Hastings. To-day, as I write at the desk where were gathered round all the personages mentioned on that eventful evening many years ago, I feel proud that golf has, above all games, a history.

I take from the desk a photograph showing Old Tom, surrounded by his staff. It looks more the picture of a father and his sons. Johnny Cuthbert, the "Golfing Columbus," is in the centre as the youngest apprentice. They look a happy crowd.

I place it reverently back in the drawer. I look seawards. The links are deserted. Nothing disturbs the winter stillness. The cry of the curlew is silent. It is good at such a moment to be alone.

Cabinet Ministers Who Play Golf



Sir Robert Laird Borden, P. C. Prime Minister of Canada.

STATESMEN the world over are playing golf nowadays, finding it an ideal recreation from the worries of office and party and political demands. The Right Honourable A. J. Balfour, ex-Premier of Great Britain, undoubtedly started the fashion for Cabinet Ministers to resort to the links for well-earned relaxation and exercise. Mr. Balfour for many years has been an enthusiastic golfer. In fact, he has sometimes been blamed for devoting too much time to his favorite pastime. No matter what weighty affair of State was engrossing his attention as Prime Minister, he always found an opportunity to indulge in his eighteen-hole round. And who can say that there was not method in his seeming madness? The ex-Premier to-day, notwith-

standing his advanced years, is still mentally and physically as keen as ever. He is still one of the master minds of the British Empire, and golf has undoubtedly largely to be thanked for this, because golf undoubtedly keeps a man sound and fit.

In the States, as is well known, ex-President Taft is a keen golfer, who never misses an opportunity to play the game. For many years he was a constant visitor, before his Presidency, to Murray Bay, and made himself immensely popular with Canadians.

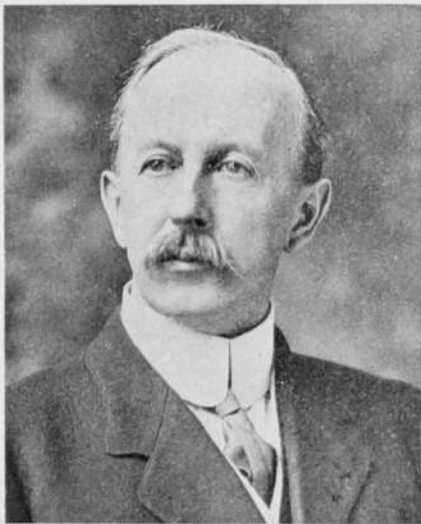
President Wilson, too, seeks relaxation and enjoyment on the links, and in a recent interview in the Saturday Post stated that he knew no pleasurable feeling in life equal to getting a "sweet ball" off a brassy lie.

Canada, too, has its golfing statesmen in three of the most prominent of its Cabinet Ministers, viz., Sir Robert Laird Borden (Prime Minister), the Hon. W. T. White (Minister of Finance) and the Hon. Martin Burrell (Minister of Agriculture).

The Prime Minister is a very enthusiastic follower of the Royal and Ancient game. It was in February, 1904, that he first played golf at Hot Springs, Virginia. Sir Robert is a member of the Royal Ottawa, one of the best-known clubs in the Dominion, which

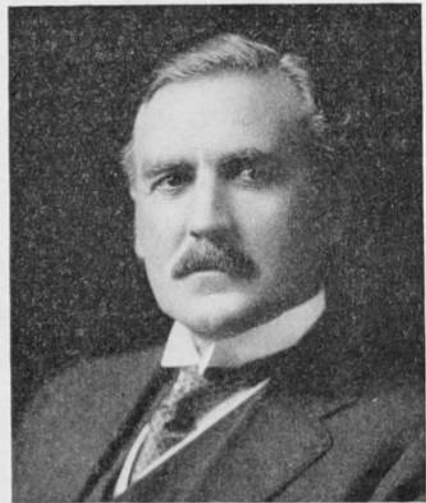
often played on the St. Andrew's links, New Brunswick, at the Royal Muskoka and other summer resorts. He is never happier than when on a good golf course.

The Hon. W. T. White, Minister of Finance, is another golfing Cabinet Minister. There is no more important position in the Dominion than the portfolio of Finance, and during these strenuous war times it is doubly so. The Hon. Mr. White, during the season, is a constant visitor at the Royal Ottawa course; in fact, he told the



The Honourable Martin Burrell

he joined in 1904. His multitudinous Parliamentary duties, however, preclude him from enjoying the game as much as he would like at the Capital. When holidaying, however, he never misses a day on the links. Hot Springs is the Premier's favorite resort, and here he enjoys golf to his heart's content. It was here in December, 1908, that, in company with the Hon. G. H. Perley (now Sir George Perley, High Commissioner for Canada in London), that he played in the historic International Statesmen's Foursome with President Taft and Senator Bourne. The Prime Minister has also played in England with Mr. Bonar Law, the Unionist leader in the House of Commons. Sir Robert, with Lady Borden, who is also an enthusiastic golfer, has



The Honourable W. T. White

editor of the "Canadian Golfer" a year or so ago that he found it absolutely necessary to find relaxation and exercise on the links.

The Hon. Martin Burrell, Minister of Agriculture, the author of the "Patriotism and Production" campaign, which is meeting with such a pronounced success throughout the country, is a very good golfer. The Royal Ottawa also numbers him amongst its well-known members. In 1914 he won the Club's Veteran's Cup.

Altogether the Royal and Ancient game has no more distinguished devotees throughout the Empire than the Prime Minister of Canada and his two able coadjutors, the Honourable the Minister of Finance and the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture.



Mr. Frank A. Rolph
Lambton Golf and Country Club
President of the Royal Canadian Golf Association.

Royal Canadian Golf Association

A vote at the annual meetings, but it undoubtedly gives them a much better standing when travelling abroad, and every club of any repute should certainly become affiliated, either as associate or allied members.

An associate club must have a membership of twenty-five men or more, with links and club accommodation. The annual fee is \$25, and the club is entitled to from one to four votes at the Association's annual meeting, according to membership.



Mr. T. B. Keith, Beaconsfield Golf Club
Vice-President R. C. G. A.

An allied club consists of any organized golf club. The annual fee is \$10, and the club is entitled to be represented at the annual meeting by one delegate only.

The following clubs are members of the R. C. G. A.:

Associate:

Beaconsfield Golf Club, Montreal.
Country Club of Montreal, Montreal.
Hamilton Golf Club, Hamilton, Ont.
Kanawaki Golf Club, Montreal.
Lakeview Golf Club, Toronto.

THE governing body of the Royal and Ancient game in the Dominion is the Royal Canadian Golf Association, which was organized nineteen years ago, namely, in 1896.

As very succinctly stated in the Constitution, which was adopted 28th September, 1901:

The objects of the Association shall be to promote interest in the game of Golf; to protect the mutual interests of its members; to establish and enforce uniformity in the rules of the game by creating a representative authority, its Executive Committee



Mr. Harry Rylie, Lambton Golf and Country Club
Vice-President R. C. G. A.

to be a court of reference as a final authority in matters of controversy; to establish a uniform system of handicapping and of local rules; and to arrange and control the Amateur, Ladies' and Open Championships, the Inter-Provincial and other matches and competitions.

The R. C. G. A. has done splendid work since its inception, but the advantages of belonging to it have not yet been fully grasped by a large number of golf clubs. Membership in the R. C. G. A. not only permits members to compete in the championships and have

Lambton Golf and Country Club,
Lambton Mills.
London Hunt and Country Club,
London.
Mississauga Golf Club, Port Credit.
Quebec Golf Club, Quebec.
Royal Montreal Golf Club, Montreal.
Royal Ottawa Golf Club, Ottawa.
Rosedale Golf Club, Bedford Park.
Rivermead Golf Club, Ottawa.
Toronto Golf Club, Long Branch.
Victoria Golf Club, Victoria, B.C.

Allied:

Algonquin Golf Club, St. Andrew's
N.B.
Brantford Golf and Country Club,
Brantford.



Mr. M. T. Morgan, Lambton Golf and Country Club.
Hon. Secretary R. C. G. A.

Caledonia Springs Golf Club, Caledonia, Ont.
Cascade Golf Club, Little Metis, P.Q.
Calgary Golf and Country Club, Calgary.
Grand River Country Club, Berlin.
Halifax Golf Club, Halifax.
Lindsay Golf Club, Lindsay.
Murray Bay Golf Club, Murray Bay.
Medicine Hat Golf and Country Club, Medicine Hat, Alta.
Niagara Golf Club, Niagara-on-the-Lake.
Oxford Golf and Country Club, Woodstock.

Peterboro Golf and Country Club,
Peterboro.
St. Catharines Golf Club, St. Catharines.
St. Francis Golf Club, Sherbrooke.
St. John Golf Club, St. John.
St. Charles Country Club, Winnipeg.
Waterloo Golf and Country Club,
Galt.

The R. C. G. A. has the very high honour of having for its patron H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G., Governor-General of Canada.

The Association is very ably officered this year by the following well-known golfers:



Lieut. A. G. Fraser, Royal Ottawa Golf Club,
Director R. C. G. A.

President, Frank A. Rolph, Lambton Golf Club; Vice-Presidents, Mr. Harry Ryrie, Lambton Golf Club, and Mr. T. B. Reith, Beaconsfield Golf Club, Montreal; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. M. T. Morgan, Lambton. Directors—Geo. S. Lyon, Lambton; Anson McKim, Royal Montreal; A. G. Fraser, Royal Ottawa; G. F. Moss, Toronto Golf Club, and R. M. Gray, Jr., Rosedale Golf Club.

The past officers of the Association since its inception have been as follows:

Presidents.

- 1896—Hon. Geo. A. Drummond, Royal Montreal.
 1897—John Hamilton, Quebec.
 1898—Col. Geo. A. Sweny, Toronto.
 1899—Lt.-Col. D. T. Irwin, Ottawa.
 1900—W. W. Watson, Royal Montreal.
 1901—Col. Geo. A. Sweny, Toronto.
 1902—G. H. Balfour, Royal Montreal.
 1903—P. D. Crerar, Hamilton Golf Club.
 1904—Fayette Brown, Royal Montreal.
 1905—D. R. Wilkie, Toronto Golf Club.
 1906—Geo. H. Perley, Ottawa.
 1907—A. W. Austin, Lambton Golf Club.
 1908—Dr. Rattan, Royal Montreal.
 1909—Col. Sweny, Toronto Golf Club.
 1910—A. W. Austin, Lambton Golf Club.
 1911—J. F. Orde, K.C., Ottawa.
 1912—J. T. McCall, Royal Montreal.
 1913—A. H. Campbell, Toronto Golf Club.
 1914—C. E. Read, Royal Ottawa.

Vice-Presidents.

- 1896—Lt.-Col. D. T. Irwin, Ottawa.
 1897—Lt.-Col. D. T. Irwin, Ottawa, and J. L. Morris, Royal Montreal.
 1898—Lt.-Col. D. T. Irwin, Ottawa, and W. W. Watson, Royal Montreal.
 1899—W. W. Watson, Royal Montreal, and John Hamilton, Quebec.
 1900—W. G. P. Cassels, Toronto, and A. Z. Palmer, Ottawa.
 1901—A. Z. Palmer, Ottawa, and G. H. Balfour, Royal Montreal.
 1902—P. D. Crerar, Hamilton, and H. S. McGreevy, Quebec.
 1903—A. H. Campbell, Toronto, and George H. Perley, Ottawa.
 1904—A. H. Campbell, Toronto, and H. S. McGreevy, Quebec.
 1905—Dr. Rattan, Montreal, and Geo. S. Lyon, Toronto.
 1906—Dr. Rattan, Montreal, and F. R. Martin, Hamilton,

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 1908—Benjamin Hooke, Beaconsfield, and C. C. James, Lambton.
 1909—C. C. James, Lambton, and Gerald Lees, Outremont.
 1910—James Hill, Montreal, and C. A. Bogart, Toronto.
 1911—E. A. MacNutt, Montreal, and C. C. Pangman, Outremont.
 1912—C. C. James, Lambton, and W. W. Walker, Beaconsfield.
 1913—Geo. S. Lyon, Lambton, and E. A. MacNutt, Montreal.
 1914—P. D. Ross, Ottawa, and E. A. MacNutt, Montreal.

Secretary-Treasurers.

- 1896—W. C. V. Hall, Quebec.
 1897—Gordon W. MacDougall, Royal Montreal.
 1898—Stewart Gordon, Toronto.
 1899—A. Z. Palmer, Ottawa.
 1900—H. A. Budden, Royal Montreal.
 1901—D. W. Baxter, Rosedale.
 1902—J. O'Flaherty, Royal Montreal.
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 1904 } T. A. Chisholm, Toronto.
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 1906—J. A. Jackson, Ottawa.
 1907—C. C. James, Lambton.
 1908—Gerald Lees, Outremont.
 1909—Pelham Edgar, Toronto.
 1910—Wm. B. Varley, Lambton.
 1911—N. C. Sparks, Ottawa.
 1912—E. A. MacNutt, Montreal.
 1913—J. J. Mackenzie, Toronto G. C.
 1914—Thos. Mackarell, Royal Ottawa.

All these officers in the past have given much time and attention to golf in Canada and have played no small part in making it such a popular pastime to-day throughout the Dominion. The work of the R. C. G. A. certainly deserves the most cordial recognition and support from every Canadian golfer. It has done much in the years gone by, and it is destined in the future to further advance and safeguard the best interests of the game, which is spreading so rapidly throughout the length and breadth of the land.

The Upkeep of Golf Courses

George Cumming, Professional Toronto Golf Club

I WONDER whether anyone considers himself so complete a master of the science of green-keeping as to be hurt in his feelings by the statement that it is still in its infancy? I do not think that it is much more than 10 or 12 years ago that anything which could be called scientific attention began to be given to the care of golf courses. A great advance has been made in the interval, but, considering the varied soils on which golf is played, the peculiar requirements of the golfer in regard to the quality

—so different from that needed by the farmer—of the grass, and the equal ignorance and confidence with which its problems were attacked, it is not very wonderful that at the end of twelve years there should still be a great deal to learn. I would be the last to say that I have come to a full solution of the many problems involved, nor do I claim to have said anything like the final word on the right dressings to use on different soils, etc., but I do hope that my experience may be of



GEORGE CUMMING

ished have been for the use of farmers, and their guidance is more likely than not to prove delusive to the green-keeper, for the reason noted above, that whereas the object of the farmer is to produce the heaviest, the most succulent, the most nutritious crop possible, the ideal of the green-keeper, on the other hand, is to develop a hard, close, uniform turf, which does not grow too quickly and coarsely, and can therefore be kept within bounds without too frequent and costly mowing—a turf, in fact, which the farmer would consider of very little worth. Thus the dressing which the green-keeper would be apt to apply if he accepted the blind guidance of the farmer's text-book would be likely to be the worst in the world for the result which he wishes to produce. Another source of probable error is the loose manner in which the term grass is used in such text-books, covering besides various kinds of the grasses proper such plants as clover, trefoil, etc.

gard to the quality

Each of these is perhaps an expert in the stock exchange and a business man; a lawyer, an army officer, a member of a committee may consist of loose members, and not for any special knowledge of manures and green-keeping that they may happen to possess. Thus a committee may consist of a lawyer, an army officer, a member of the stock exchange and a business man. They are selected mainly because they are good golfers and popular with their brother members, and not for any special knowledge of manures and green-keeping that they may happen to possess. Thus a committee may consist of a lawyer, an army officer, a member of the stock exchange and a business man. They are selected mainly because they are good golfers and popular with their brother members, and not for any special knowledge of manures and green-keeping that they may happen to possess. Thus a committee may consist of a lawyer, an army officer, a member of the stock exchange and a business man.

The Condition of Greens at the End of the Summer.

Many greens, quite irrespective of the class of soil upon which they stand, the fertility of the soil or the quality of the turf, are often in an extremely precarious condition at the end of a long, dry summer season. In many instances the greens, after a few weeks of the fall rains and dews, recover, but the recovery is generally slow and the greens as a rule are in anything but tip-top condition in the early fall months, which, from many golfers' point of view, are the most enjoyable in the year for playing the game. I have known instances of really first-class greens that were so hard hit by the drought and excessive wear during the summer months that their constitutions became thoroughly undermined and it took them years to throw off the ill-effects. All this is simply because they were not given a little help at the right moment and in the right way.

Top Dressing and Sowing of Greens.

I am a believer in early September manuring or top dressing of greens, for the reasons stated above. This work can be done without hindrance to play if the right quantity of compost be used. One cubic yard of sifted compost is sufficient to cover an area of 150 square yards to a depth of a quarter of an inch, which is quite enough for a single dressing. The advantages, in my opinion, to be derived from early September sowing are several. The weather at this period of the year is generally favourable to the quick growth of grass, the ground being warm and moist, so the young plant grows quick and strong, rooting deep as well as growing upward. Seed sown early in September should be in a condition to stand any winter and start away strong and vigorous in the spring. Seed sown in September requires less water the succeeding summer. Grass with roots, say, three or four inches deep will stand a dry time far better than those with roots half that depth, and so will not require the same amount of water as the spring-sown grass. Also September is not

such a busy month with the green-keeper as the middle of April or the beginning of May. Another advantage attending autumn sowing is that the grass stands longer in the ground and has better hold before it needs cutting.

How to Make a Compost.

Place the materials in the pit or heap in layers of about one foot thick in the following order: First, soil; second, manure or leaf mould. Finish off all heaps with soil. Composts should be allowed to stand in the heap or pit for about a year; therefore make twice as much as is necessary for the first year, and when one heap is used make another, using the coarse stuff sifted-out of the used heap to make the foundation of the new heap, and so prevent waste. When manure is unobtainable, replace it with leaf mould and strengthen the compost before using it with some chemical manure purchased from some reliable firm. It is better mixed and the proportion of the different chemicals composing it better balanced than could be reasonably expected if prepared by any ordinary green-keeper. Use fifty pounds of the latter to two cubic yards of the former for a full dressing.

How to Prepare a Compost for Use.

Break down the stack vertically, so that the constituents of the heap are used in the right proportion. Fix a six-foot screen with a quarter-inch mesh on legs three to three and a half feet high so as to form a table. throw the compost on to the screen and rub it through with the back of a shovel, old wooden rake or other suitable tool. Sifting the compost in this way is slightly more expensive in regard to labour, but as it reduces the rough or tailings to an irreducible minimum, the fine soil is increased to a corresponding degree and actually works out cheaper per ton. The heap should be turned once or twice during the summer.

Rolling.

The proper rolling of a green is a very important point in green-keeping. Before the evil results from the too

frequent use of the heavy roller were recognised, there is little doubt that much harm was done by rolling too often and using too heavy a roller. A heavy green requires great care in rolling, and a roller of anything over 300 pounds must only be used when the surface soil is dry. I am no advocate of the heavy roller on a green, but there are times when one good rolling with it will be found to be very beneficial, especially in early spring after the winter frosts, which always tend to loosen the ground and make the surface uneven. On an ordinary soil, or if on the light side, the danger of over-rolling is not so great, but even then caution must be used. There are far more greens spoiled through over-rolling than there are from the want of it. The roller is often used to collect the worm casts, but on a well-kept course these pests should not be allowed to be in evidence, and its use in this respect is uncalled for. Where the greens are mown with a wheel machine a light wood roller following it gives a better finish to the work.

A Few Facts.

Many greens are spoiled by being manured with unsuitable manures.

Sandy soils are generally deficient in humus. Artificial manures add no humus to the soil.

Organic or farmyard manures add humus to the soil.

Humus is decayed vegetable matter.

Humus retains moisture and gives body to a sandy soil.

Humus is a necessity in all soils.

All manures and composts should be used in a very finely-sifted state and worked into the turf by means of a stiff broom or brush harrow, so as not to interfere with the play of the greens.

Several light dressings of manure or compost do more good than one heavy dressing, and the play of the green is not interfered with.

Never use clay soils for top dressing.

Use good light loamy soils for top dressing.

There is doubtless much more to be said on all these subjects, and I fear, in view of their importance, I have treated them too briefly.

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.

Ladies' Golf Department

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The "Canadian Golfer" is the Official Organ of the Canadian Ladies' Golf Union.

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AS this long-desired publication—a Canadian golf magazine—has been appointed the official organ of the Canadian branch of the Ladies' Golf Union, there could be no more fitting article for this, the women's section of

Mrs. T. H. Miller), who immediately recognised its possibilities. Up till that time the idea of women playing real golf was considered ridiculous, and any who tried to play were treated more or less on sufferance. Miss Pear-



A Famous Group of Lady Golfers in Front of the Lambton Golf Club.
Upper Row, reading from left to right, Miss Harrison, Miss Pooley. Lower Row, Miss Dodd, Miss Harvey and Miss Ravenscroft.

the initial number of the periodical, than a sketch of the Ladies' Golf Union and the work it is doing for the improvement of golf wherever the British flag flies.

The handicap system in use by the L.G.U. originated with Mr. Laidlaw Purvis, who is still considered the greatest authority on handicapping that the game has produced. Over twenty-three years ago he laid the matter before Miss Issette Pearson (now

son's keen brain and genius for organization, aided by Mr. Purvis' scientific system, soon wiped out the first two letters of the word "impossible," and in 1893 there was launched on an astonished golfing world the fully organized Ladies' Golf Union, equipped with what was claimed to be the best handicap system yet devised, and—more startling still—purposing to hold a British Championship tournament that year at St. Annes-on-Sea, one of the

big links that call for **real** golf!

Of course, many scoffed at it, for those were the days before women were expected to do anything in a properly-organised way, and the shadow of the suffragette had not as yet darkened man's political horizon. The fact that Mr. Purvis and Mr. Talbot Fair had accepted the Vice-Presidencies certainly sounded as though the Union meant to be business-like, but few of the men golfers took it seriously. Yet the championship was held, and most successfully, the winner being Lady Margaret Scott (of a famous golfing family), and those who came out to be amused went home wiser men—and sadder also, many of them, for they realised that Lady Margaret played better golf than they, and that there were others in that tournament who could play them level.

For three years she reigned supreme and then retired from championships. Now Lady Hamilton-Russell, we still hear of her winning prizes at Biarritz and elsewhere, and there are many who consider that for perfection of golfing style she may have been equalled, but never surpassed. On the British Ladies' Championship medal the swing of its first holder is depicted for all time.

So the L. G. U. was launched, and for twenty-three years has steered its steady course through storm and calm, adverse criticism and lavish praise—till now reduced fares in Great Britain for tournaments are a matter of course, and no hotel would have the courage to refuse the championship rate of ten shillings per day (for everything), because the now powerful L. G. U. would simply choose another place to hold the tournament, and the two hundred or more women golfers would wend their way elsewhere from the end of April to about the middle of May—also the L. G. U. has a long memory!

Only those who have played in a British L. G. U. championship have any idea of what a very serious business it is. Only once, to my knowledge, was anything so frivolous as driving or putting and approaching competitions permitted, and that was at Portrush, and possibly out of compliment to the number of Canadians and Americans entered. There is no qualifying round,

byes filling up the required number of spaces. Printed sheets of the draw are given to each competitor the first day, and new sheets giving the result of each day's play are printed every night to be bought for a penny each. Once beaten, there is nothing more for a player to compete for, so she immediately proceeds to "book herself up" for all available time not occupied in watching matches of importance. This engaging oneself for matches is one of the things which surprises a player from over-seas. For a week before the championship, perhaps more, each player keeps a note book and enters a series of such engagements for singles, foursomes or four-ball matches (the last-mentioned are the most popular). I have known players who are entirely "booked up" for the week before the next championship **a whole year ahead**, and have even seen such entries as "first match after I am beaten at next championship is with——," etc. I may say here that some of the best golf I have ever had has been in these four-ball matches, and I have never met a British player yet, no matter what her rank as a golfer, who considered herself too good a player to be bothered arranging a game with a visitor from Canada, though, as a matter of fact, on the handicap list I was far below the most of those who were nice enough to arrange games with me.

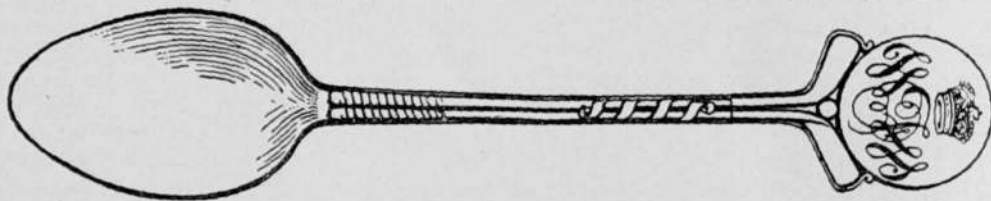
Another thing I have always found the British players ready to do—lend a hand. If anyone plays a shot particularly well she does not consider it a trouble to teach anyone who wants to learn it, and a young player who is keen and shows signs of promise will never lack encouragement from even the best golfers. That is one thing I hope the influence of the L. G. U. will do for us in Canada, because for the sake of one's club one should try to help the younger and less experienced members to lower their handicaps, because as we are now all on the same basis the standing of a club is as important (or should be) as that of any individual member. It is this friendly rivalry between clubs that is one of the greatest incentives to improve one's game that the system offers.

We in Canada pride ourselves on being up-to-date, yet this was the last British Dominion to join the L. G. U., though the Transvaal was only a few months ahead of us. New Zealand and Australia formed their branches over eight years ago, and India has so many British residents that had been members at home that this handicap system is the only natural one. One of these, Mrs. Kennion, once carried off the British championship on her return to England. Miss Doris Chambers (longest woman driver I have ever seen, with the possible exception of Miss Lillian Hyde of New York) when on a visit to India in 1913 to 1914, in turn carried the Indian title back to England, so the three top players for the Cheshire County team at the end of that year were:—Miss Muriel Dodd, British and Canadian champion; Miss Gladys Ravenscroft, champion of the

of the United States were held in Canada the same year. True, they were brought here by a British player, then resident in the Dominion, so the credit is ours only "by adoption." The other new L. G. U. branch, the Transvaal, can also point to an ex-champion of Great Britain as its title-holder, Mrs. Jock Gibb, who as Miss Titterton defeated Miss Dorothy Campbell at the 20th in the British tournament at St. Andrews some years ago.

The present champion of Southern India is Mrs. J. A. Cruickshanks, better known as Miss Dorothea Jenkins, winner of the Scottish championship in 1912, and sister of the present Amateur champion of Great Britain, but like Mrs. Kennion, Mrs. Hurd and Mrs. Gibb, she learnt the game before she went to live in a British colony.

Australia and New Zealand, though not so fortunate as we in having their



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United States, and Miss Chambers, champion of India,—a record proving conclusively the superiority of British women golfers over all others, so any of our golfers who feel their L. G. U. handicaps are higher than their pride relishes, can comfort themselves with the thought that there are only seven L. G. U. players at "scratch" and they are all British, and the most famous women golfers in the world. Also, for every good player we have, they have about twenty, so there is plenty of room for improvement among our Canadian players. We have the handicap of the game being young out here, and also that our season is only half the length of theirs, but nevertheless we have something in our golfing history no other colony has. The last four occasions on which it was held, the Canadian championship was won by a British champion or ex-champion; further, both the British trophy and that

ranks strengthened by Old Country players, have a good standing in the L. G. U., as a glance at the 1914 Year Book shows, and which I learned to my cost, at Turnberry, when I had to play the Australian champion, Miss Nancy Parbury, L. G. U. Handicap 1, who put me out at the seventeenth.

The best thing yet achieved by one of our Canadian players was Miss Violet Pooley's defeat of the British title-holder, Miss Ravenscroft, in the 21st British championship at St. Annes-on-Sea. She also distinguished herself greatly in the English championship the same year, but I shall tell some more of Miss Pooley's fine golfing record, on another occasion, for I wish to give a short sketch of the principal points in connection with the L. G. U. system and next month will tell of the progress made in Canada since we founded our branch in October 1913.

It is stated in the records that the Ladies' Golf Union was founded, among other reasons:—

1. To promote the interests of the game of Golf.

2. To obtain a uniformity of the Rules of the game by establishing a representative legislative authority.

3. To establish a uniform system of handicapping.

4. To act as a tribunal and court of reference on points of uncertainty.

5. To arrange the Annual Championship Competition, and obtain the funds necessary for the purpose.

As the Canadian Ladies' Championship is under the jurisdiction of the Royal Canadian Golf Association, we do not carry out this fifth clause in the C. L. G. U., but are endeavoring to arrange for the championships of each of the districts into which our large country is divided, for distance is another handicap to the opportunities



Queen's Work for Women Fund Medals

afforded our best players to meet one another in competition.

We cannot begin to give the Rules for Handicapping here, for like those of the Royal and Ancient to govern the game, they are many and varied, but the root idea is by endeavoring to put every course on a level with the others, long or short, rough or beautifully kept up, by means of a certain yardage allowance, having consideration for peculiarities of the course and the number and disposition of the hazards. Thus the L. G. U. "par" of the course is made—or "scratch score" as it is frequently called, and represents what the British champion "could do under normal conditions, when playing her best." I may add that some of these pars were a decided shock to the Canadian players, who had never realized how much above our standard these great British players are. Rather startling, also, to

the Canadian men, because the L. G. U. par in practically every case is even with, or one or two strokes below, **mens' bogie**. I am mentioning this because it has, on occasions, been advanced as a proof that the C. L. G. U. pars are too low. Men's Bogie is supposed to represent the average good man player's score, allowing two putts at each green. Well, a British lady champion is quite capable of playing a good average man **level**. Q. E. D. as the Euclid Books say:—

For an ordinary hole on the level the following table is that on which our C. L. G. U. Pars are made out, roughly speaking, and allowing two putts for each green, a hole under 160 yards is a 3, under 345 yards is a 4, over 480 a 6.

Silver and bronze medals are given every year by the L.G.U. to every club. The former are open to players having L. G. U. handicaps from scratch to 20, inclusive, the latter, those from 21 to 36 inclusive. The medal for each division is won by the player returning the lowest aggregate of four scores under L. G. U. handicap at the Monthly Medal, Spring and Autumn meetings, and other score competitions passed for this purpose, by the Club Committee before play commences.

Three scores are necessary for eighteen **consecutive** holes before a player can be given a handicap. If these do not entitle her to 36, or less, she may be given the "limit handicap," which is 36, until she is able to reduce it.

In the Silver Division (up to 20 inc.) the handicap is the difference between Par of the course and the average of the three best scores of the player. Should a fraction occur, two-thirds counts as an extra stroke; one-third as nothing.

In the Bronze Division (handicaps 21 to 36) three scores must be returned. The single best score of these three is taken and the Par deducted from it, the difference being the Handicap.

All this work is done by the club committee and submitted to the District Manager for approval. She, in turn, is accountable to the Head Office of the C. L. G. U. for the correct carrying out of the system by the clubs under her. The C. L. G. U. Head

Office is responsible to the L. G. U. Head Office in London, England, that the Canadian Branch applies the rules laid down, both strictly and carefully. In the next issue of this magazine we shall deal with the Canadian Branch, its officers, etc. I shall simply mention now that H. R. H. the Duchess of Connaught graciously consented to be its patroness when the branch became affiliated with the L. G. U.

I mentioned above, the District Managers, on whose careful attention to detail so much depends. For years



THE ROLL OF HONOUR

MISS MADGE NEILL-FRASER, Edinburgh

The Brilliant Golfer who died in Serbia

Semi-Finalist British Ladies' Championship, 1910

Runner-Up Scottish Ladies' Championship, 1912

Scottish Internationalist, Twice Captain of Scottish Team.

Miss Madge Neill-Fraser and Miss Blair have had charge of the Edinburgh District, doing splendid work for the L. G. U. Miss Neill-Fraser has for a long time, always been a member of the Scottish International team, and one of the best of the Scottish players, having distinguished herself also by being in the last eight in the British

championship. In 1912 she was runner-up to Miss Jenkins in the Scottish, and has played brilliant golf on many occasions, even defeating Mr. Hilton 1 up in a Ladies vs. Men match at Stoke Poges, in which the former were allowed a handicap of nine strokes. When the war broke out she volunteered for Red Cross work, and was sent to Serbia, where she acted as nurse and also drove one of the motor ambulances carrying the wounded. Conditions in Serbia at present are terrible, and on the 13th of March the sad news was cabled to London that she had succumbed to fever. Those of us who were privileged to know Miss Neill-Fraser well, know the quiet, steady courage that would carry her through those terrible hardships to the end, and golfers everywhere will honor her who has laid down her life in a strange land, working for the cause of humanity, steadily and dauntlessly "playing the game" to the last like the true sportswoman she always was.

Mr. Hilton, writing in "Golf Illustrated," says that "Ladies' golf mourns the loss of one of its most popular and devoted adherents. As a player she was quite in the first-class ranks, and on several occasions acted in the capacity of captain of the Scottish side in the international games—a distinction which was probably accorded to her as much on account of her exceeding popularity amongst her sister golfers as to her ability in the playing of the game. . . . her rivals on the links always spoke of her in terms of great appreciation, both as a golfer and an individual, and in this appreciation there invariably appeared a tone of sincere affection. Having had the pleasure of playing against her, I was granted an opportunity of realising the reasons for her popularity, and a more keen, but nevertheless sweet-tempered, opponent I have never had to play against. As it so happened, I came out on the wrong side. But it was a great encounter, with a somewhat extraordinary finish, in which all the honours went to the lady."

The Lady Champion of Canada

FROM time to time in the "Canadian Golfer" we hope to give a sketch of the various well-known players, and so begin with Miss Muriel Dodd, the present holder of our Canadian Ladies' Championship.

An English writer once said Miss Dodd had the shortest golfing history on record when she won the British championship, and as I happened to be playing in the tournament in which she commenced her extraordinary record, I can tell you something of it.

It was the British championship at Turnberry, 1912, and a very exciting one it was, prefaced by Miss Teacher's sensational defeat of Miss Cecil Leitch in the International Matches. The last two title-holders, Miss Dorothy Campbell and Miss Elsie Grant-Suttie, were not there, but what a host of new aspirants for the honour of succeeding them! All sorts of rumours were in the air,

there were many possible winners, but as one famous player after another went out, people stopped prophesying. When the up-till-then-unknown Miss Muriel Dodd had to play Miss Ravenscroft, and someone whispered that Mr. John Ball had said Miss Dodd had the most beautiful golfing style he had ever seen, the gallery reminded itself that the unexpected sometimes happened. Miss Ravenscroft, however, was in an

unbeatable mood that week, and won through this and the succeeding rounds by brilliant golf.

The next year, at St. Anne's, Miss Dodd was counted one of the possible champions, and justified her growing reputation by winning easily. Then she, Miss Ravenscroft and Miss Harrison made their

memorable trip across the Atlantic, and how she won the Canadian at Montreal by easy margins is a matter of history. Her match with Miss Ravenscroft was played in a deluge of rain and a heavy wind, and Murray, the professional, said he himself could not have guaranteed to equal her 38 out that day.

Tables were reversed at the championship of the United States. Miss Ravenscroft again defeated her in the final of the Cheshire championship when they met again in England the next spring, but by only one hole. Their match in the British result-

ed the same way, but Miss Dodd made up for it by marvellous golf in the "Ladies' Pictorial" Tournament at Stoke Poges. This short golfing history of hers is curiously bound up with that of her great friend and golfing rival:

1912—British Championship—Miss Ravenscroft beat Miss Dodd, fourth round. Miss Ravenscroft won title.

1913—British Championship—Miss Dodd, in semi-final, beat Miss Pooley, who had



MISS MURIEL DODD

- defeated Miss Ravenscroft. Miss Dodd won title.
- 1913—Canadian Championship—Miss Dodd beat Miss Ravenscroft, fourth round. Miss Dodd won title.
- 1913—U. S. A. Championship—Miss Ravenscroft beat Miss Dodd, fourth round. Miss Ravenscroft won title.
- 1914—Cheshire Championship—Miss Ravenscroft beat Miss Dodd 1 up in final.
- 1914—British Championship—Miss Ravenscroft beat Miss Dodd 1 up in semi-final.
- 1914—"Ladies' Pictorial" Championship—Miss Dodd beat Miss Ravenscroft in final.

"Golf Illustrated" used to print replies from famous players to the query: "What is the secret of your golfing success?" When Miss Ravenscroft was asked the question she said: "Playing so much with Miss Dodd," and Miss Dodd's answer was: "Playing so much with Miss Ravenscroft." But a glance at the above record proves the truth of the old saying that there is many a true word spoken in jest, for there is nothing finer for one's game than good hard matches that call for one's best golf.

A Modern Golf Course

A YEAR ago the Hamilton Golf Club went to the very big expense of bringing to this country Mr. Harry S. Colt, the well-known English golf architect, who is acknowledged to be the greatest expert in the world, to lay out the Club's new course at Ancaster. It is generally conceded that when completed, probably this autumn, this new course of the Hamilton Club will be unexcelled on the continent of America, from an inland standpoint, at least.

In a later issue the "Canadian Golfer" will give a detailed description of these links, but in the meantime, for the information of green committees and golfers generally, the following measurements of the holes are published:

	Back Tee. Men's.	Front Tee. Men's.	Front Tee. Ladies'.
1.....	410 yards	405 yards	370 yards
2.....	450 "	430 "	400 "
3.....	380 "	355 "	315 "
4.....	500 "	465 "	430 "
5.....	310 "	270 "	235 "
6.....	200 "	180 "	155 "
7.....	355 "	340 "	310 "
8.....	135 "	130 "	115 "
9.....	425 "	375 "	360 "
10.....	345 "	330 "	300 "
11.....	430 "	400 "	380 "
12.....	340 "	295 "	280 "
13.....	205 "	190 "	160 "

14.....	375 "	290 "	255 "
15.....	400 "	370 "	365 "
16.....	165 "	135 "	110 "
17.....	500 "	460 "	435 "
18.....	425 "	400 "	375 "

Total.. 6350 yards 5820 yards 5350 yards

It will be noticed that even in playing from the back tee Mr. Colt has not a hole over 500 yards in length. This is a radical departure from courses of a few years ago, when holes of 550 yards, even up to 600 yards, were quite common.

There are five holes from the back tee 400 yards or over, in addition to the two holes of 500 yards each. There are no holes 500 yards or more from the front tee, but six 400 yards or over.

Six holes from the back tee are between 300 and 400 yards, five from the front tee.

There are four one-shot holes, both from the back and front tees, viz., back tee, 200 yards, 135 yards, 205 yards and 165 yards; front tee, 180 yards, 130 yards, 190 yards and 135 yards.

These measurements are well worth careful study. They are the last word from the acknowledged premier expert. The back tees will, of course, be used for championship and other competitions. The front tees will be ordinarily used by the members.

The Trapping of Golf Courses

Nicol Thompson, Professional Hamilton Golf Club

THE lack of proper traps and hazards on Canadian and American golf courses is conceded by all the authorities to be the chief reason of our inability to cope with our English cousins as players. The lack of these hazards has developed a careless and indifferent style of play characteristic of Canadians and Americans. As a rule Canadian and American golfers are obsessed with the idea of driving a long ball, to the detriment of their



NICOL THOMPSON

whole game. Long driving is very essential, but is only a very small part of the game, and the sooner we realise this and trap our courses on the English basis, the quicker our game will improve. The writer makes the following suggestions, hoping that they may be of use to green committees in general.

The fundamental ideas of trapping must never be lost sight of by the

green committee. (1) Penalizing wild shots; (2) to develop accuracy and skill; (3) to provide pleasure and enjoyment.

“Penalizing Wild Shots”—As an example, take a two-shot hole from 390 to 420 yards. If the hazards are properly placed, a topped ball from the tee will make it impossible to carry the hazards, and reach the green on your second. This is as it should be. A man who gets off a good tee shot is deserving of the advantage he thus obtains, as against his opponent who tops his ball and then gets the green or near it on a fluky second, because of the absence of proper hazards. There should, too, be side hazards to catch the pull and slice extending along a considerable distance to catch the long and short wild shots. The traps should be so placed around the green as to catch the wild second shots, both to the right and left, and the rough left back of the green, to punish the over-play. The hazards should be so constructed as to always cause the loss of a shot.

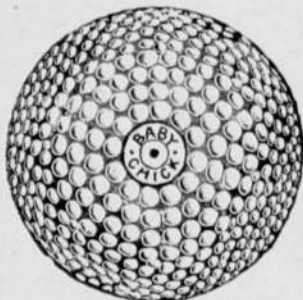
To Develop Accuracy and Skill.—It is not only necessary to punish poor shots, but on a modern golf course accuracy and skill should be rewarded. Holes and hazards should be so placed to develop all the shots and round out the player's game. The short holes in particular should be built with this idea in view and made so severe that there is practically nothing left clear except the green to play on. A short hole properly trapped is one of the sportiest and best tests of golf on the course.

To Provide Pleasure and Enjoyment.—Wherever a well-trapped course has been in vogue, the consensus of opinion, including that of the average player, is that there is more real pleasure playing on the modern course, with all its traps, than there ever was on the old one with no traps at all.

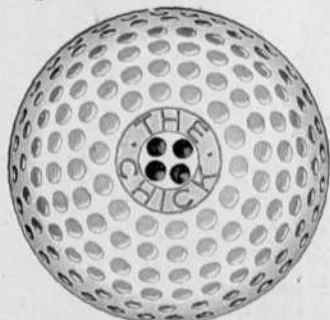
In subsequent articles I shall deal in further detail with trapping and bunkering.

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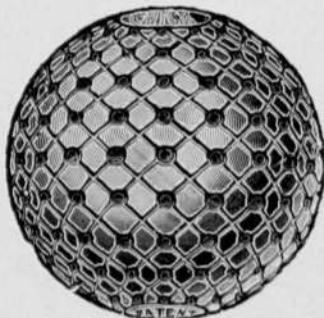
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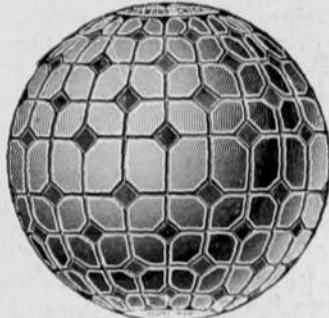
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Club Competitions

The Editor

AT the opening of the season, when captains and secretaries are arranging their club fixtures for the year, the question of team matches looms large, and the problem is being seriously considered, "What clubs shall we play or not play the coming season? Shall we extend our programme or curtail it?" Of course, this question is not such an important one in the larger centres, where golf clubs abound, but it is an important question in the "one-club" cities and towns.

Of recent years there has undoubtedly been a tendency, to some extent, to curtail outside fixtures and confine competitive play to local handicap, cup and other competitions, and the question naturally arises. Is this in the best interest of the game? Let us consider briefly the pros and cons.

Against too liberal a programme of outside matches the chief argument is generally one of time and expense. Speaking generally—more so in years gone by than now, when courses are springing up in nearly every nearby city or town—an outside game means a day wasted—that is, wasted if measured by the strict ethics of business. It also means an outlay on transportation, although here again of recent years this objection, too, has to some extent been obliterated by the substitution in a large number of cases of the ever-ready motor for the railway car. True, a four or six-cylinder isn't run on air alone, but a jaunt through the country is always delightful and always in order, and why not have as an objective, with three or four good fellows as company, a neighbouring golf links.

Then, too, there is the objection—selfish, perhaps, but often made by club members—"Oh, I don't want to be bothered going away. I'd sooner stay at home and have my usual round with So-and-So." And that is the hardest proposition that a captain anxious to fill out-of-town engagements is up against. This class of man is generally perfectly willing—yes, generally anxious—to play on the team when a visiting club comes along. But he puts

"self" ahead of the game every time, and in that essential loses the very essence, the very spirit, of golf.

These then, perhaps, are the three chief objections to be considered in determining an outside match programme.

In favour of "home-and-home" games with neighbouring cities, I think easily the chief consideration is the improvement in the individual's play which will result. There can be no question at all that a man or woman who sticks entirely to the "home meadow" will not, can not, make material advancement. New conditions, new environments, are the most delightful feature of golf. A tennis court is always a tennis court, with different degrees of perfection only. A bowling green is always a bowling green, a cricket crease a cricket crease, "and nothing more." But the great beauty and fascination of golf is that no two courses are alike—no two holes are alike. A golfer who travels from links to links has always new conditions, new obstacles to negotiate, requiring fresh evidences of skill, temper and judgment. Herein the great charm of the game. Herein one of the greatest arguments for the "out-of-town" match.

Then the sociability of the game, the general good comradeship, the making of warm business and personal friends are resultant factors of the "away-from-home" match. It's a good thing to get away from your own bailiwick, be it large or small, once in a while, and a game of golf tacked onto the end of the trip is both a solace and an education.

Then the personal "rubbing of shoulders" with other than the usual team mate is certainly a feature not to be overlooked. Man is a gregarious animal, anyway, or should be, and there is infinite satisfaction in matching skill and experience with fellow-members of the Golf Clan away from home. Your game will be possibly improved, your view of life probably broadened and deepened thereby. If you get the best out of your opportunities they certainly will be.

That very clever English golfer and delightful writer, Mr. Bernard Darwin, in the February number of *New York Golf*, has a particularly interesting article along these very lines of club or team matches. Mr. Darwin speaks from the experience of a man who has played in more team matches than any man in Great Britain, and his experience, as he himself says, is therefore, like Sam Weller's knowledge of London, "extensive and peculiar." The trend of his article is certainly in favour of the club match.

By the bye, Mr. Darwin makes this eminently interesting suggestion, which perhaps it might be well for Canadian captains to seriously consider:

"Another way to introduce greater friendliness and enjoyment is to have more play by foursomes and less by singles. I am not personally a 'whole hog' man for foursomes. When it comes to international matches or university matches, or any match in which there are many good players engaged and a real feeling of patriotism, if one may so call it, then the more severe and nerve-testing business of singles—the man-to-man struggle—is probably the best. But for the 'common' or 'gar-

den' team match, I believe that foursomes provide by far the best fun. For one thing it is, I take it, one of the objects of these contests to get to know the other side and so increase our stock of golfing friends, and a foursome, besides being essentially a friendly thing, gives just double the opportunity that a single does."

Taking it all in all, as a captain of many years' experience with one of the smaller clubs, I am decidedly of the opinion that home-and-home matches are a factor in golf to be encouraged, not discouraged. Even the disparity which frequently crops up in Canada of games between the larger and smaller clubs should not be a hindrance. There can be no shadow of question but that the "nine-hole-course" man derives infinite pleasure and instruction from a visit to his "eighteen-hole-course" neighbour, but, on the other hand, the Eighteen man often finds much enjoyment from a trip to the less pretentious and portentous "Nine." After all, golf is a game both of skill and good fellowship, and the club match, I am convinced, is the best vehicle for the encouragement of this double desideratum.

The Golf Fiend

He's ceased to dig the garden, and he's
packed the tools away;
He says he'll hire a man to plant the
flowers we want some day.
At those who toil for exercise he's
started in to scoff;
The stylish way to get it, father says,
is playing golf.

He is seldom home to supper; if he
does come, he is late;
The kitchen floor needs painting, but
the kitchen floor must wait.
The screens are in the attic, and the
storm door should come off;
But father's only rooming here, now
that he's playing golf.

He used to call men foolish when they
raved about the links;
But since he's been converted, it's a
splendid game he thinks.
He is out there every Sunday and each
afternoon he's off;
Ma's a widow and we're orphans, since
Pa started playing golf.

—Golfer's Magazine.

The Golf Doctor

You have often 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.

Question (N.T.B., Toronto)—"On the putting green a player is allowed to lift any loose impediment. In doing so I slightly moved my ball. My opponent claimed this was a stroke. Was he correct?"

Answer.—Yes, if the impediment removed was within six inches of the ball. Rule 28 states: "If the player's ball, when on the putting green, move after any loose impediment lying within six inches of it has been touched by the player, his partners, or either of their caddies, the player shall be deemed to have caused it to move, and the penalty shall be one stroke."

Question ("A.B.," Galt)—"On the putting green I have holed out. My opponent putts and his ball hovers on the lip of the cup and may drop in. Can I knock it away?"

Answer.—No. Rule 32, Section 3, says if opponent is asked he shall play his next stroke right away. He must not wait for a favourable wind or other conditions to "hole" the ball. On the other hand, if your opponent's ball lie on the lip of the hole, and then you hole out, you may knock the ball away, claiming the hole if holing at the like, and the half if holing at the odd, providing that your ball does not strike the opponent's ball and set it in motion; if you neglect to knock away your opponent's ball and it fall into the hole your opponent shall be deemed to have holed out at his last stroke.

Question ("W.H.W.," Brantford)—"I should like your ruling about playing in bunkers or hazards. (1) Is a player permitted to ground a club in

a hazard if there is grass growing where his ball rests? (2) Can he lightly sole his club in sand back of the ball, or can he take a preliminary swing above the ball?"

Answer.—Rule 25 says: "When a ball lies in or touches (mark well the word "touches") a hazard, nothing shall be done which can in any way improve its lie; the club shall not touch the ground, nor shall anything be touched or moved before the player strikes at the ball, subject to the following exceptions:

(1) The player may place his feet firmly on the ground for the purpose of taking his stance. (2) In addressing the ball, or in the backward or forward swing, any grass, bent, bush, or other growing substance, or the side of a bunker, wall, paling or other immovable obstacle may be touched. (3) Steps or planks placed in a hazard by the green committee for access to or egress from such hazard or any obstruction mentioned in Rule eleven (wheelbarrow, roller, etc.), may be removed, and if a ball be moved in so doing it shall be replaced without penalty."

A player may not "lightly sole his club" in a bunker. He may not ground his club in "any grass, bent, bush or other growing substance." He may, however, in his backward or forward swing touch the grass, bent, bush, or other growing substance, or the side of a bunker, wall, paling or other immovable obstacles. This "touching," however, must be done in his backward or forward swing. Rule 27 states that if a ball lie or be lost in casual water in a hazard the player may drop a ball under penalty of one stroke either (a) behind the hazard, keeping the spot at which the ball crossed the margin of the hazard between himself and the hole, or (b) in the hazard, keeping the spot at which the ball entered the water between himself and the hole. The penalty for the breach of this rule is loss of the hole.

A very full answer is given to this question, because, perhaps, no other rule is so universally broken by the ordinary golfer as this rule relating to playing in a hazard—and yet no rule is so important, and no rule requires to be lived up to in the strictest manner. A player should never hesitate to claim the hole if he detects his opponent soling his club in a hazard, whether in grass or sand."



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The "Canadian Golfer" takes his stance,
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He grips his pen to write for men
Who play the grand old game;
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To please you with his play,
And counts on you to help him, through
And pull for him to-day.

And mark you this, not all for gain
Or trophies that he plays;
It is the fun of something done
For golf, to win your praise,
To interest Canadians all
From Victoria to St. John
With latest news—to guide, amuse,
And help the game along.

Together, then, throughout our land
We all in some small part
Can thus unite to do our mite
And cheer him on his start.
You'll find his drives are fair and free,
His "putts" are straight and true;
In fact, in all he's what you'd call
A sportman thro' and thro'.

So here's a toast, dear golfers all
Of this Dominion free;
"May Fortune's fickle smile be kind
And grant him victory."
We know the course is difficult,
With traps and bunkers, still
The "Golfer" true can follow thro',
And you can bet he will.

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In and Around the Club House

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By special permission of Macmillan Co., the well-known publishers of New York and Toronto, a capital story, "The Tragedy of the Short Putt," from "The Happy Golfer," Henry Leach's delightful book, will appear in the June "Canadian Golfer." It is quite one of the best golf short stories ever written.



Mr. J. C. Moorehouse, a leading Toronto golfer, has written making the suggestion that golfers give five cents each for every round of eighteen holes they play this season to constitute a club fund to supply tobacco and cigarettes for the soldiers. The "Canadian Golfer" heartily endorses the idea.



The June number of the "Canadian Golfer" will be exceptionally attractive. Among the features will be a most interesting article on "Iron Play in Canada," by that sterling golfer, Mr. T. B. Reith, of the Beaconsfield Golf Club. Mr. George S. Lyon will contribute a most readable article on "The Best One, Two and Three-shot Holes I Have Played." As Mr. Lyon has an intimate knowledge of many of the best courses in England, Scotland, the States and Canada, he speaks from an unusually wide experience. Mr. Charles Hunter, one of the well-known golfers in Toronto, will give his reminiscences of the early days of the representative Toronto Golf Club, whilst a handsomely-illustrated article on the golfing members in Great Britain's War Ministry will be found most attractive. These are only a few of the good things that will appear in the "Canadian Golfer" for June.

A new golf club is to be established twelve miles from Montreal on the Canadian Northern Railway. It will be known as the Laval du Lac Golf Club, and the course will be one of 18 holes.



Notwithstanding the stringency of war times, a very large number of Canadian golfers have been playing this winter and spring at Pinehurst. Letters received by the "Canadian Golfer" from there tell of ideal weather and courses. The Lambton contingent was so strong numerically that a "Lambton tournament" was among the attractions on the cards.



Weston has organized a new Golf Club. A nine-hole course will be laid out on D. C. Hossack's property, on the Humber River flats, a forty-acre plot, and a club house will be built. While the club is a Weston enterprise, members from Toronto will be welcomed. It will be a popular-priced club. J. Morris is Secretary protem.



Says the New York Herald, editorially, of a brilliant young Rochester golfer well known to many Canadian players:

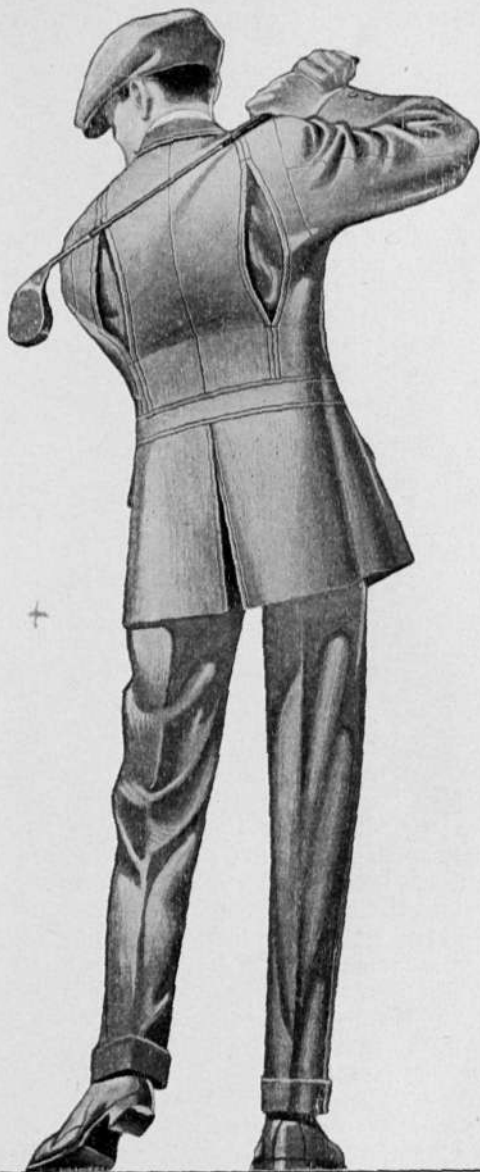
"The victory of Fillmore K. Robeson, the Pawling schoolboy, in the qualifying rounds of the United North and South golf championship at Pinehurst, N.C., is another proof that American golf is headed in the right direction. The fact that young golfers are beginning to figure with frequency in important events is encouraging even to those older and more experienced players who occasionally have to stand aside. Only by developing the schoolboy golfer can America hope in future years to successfully cope with the raids of the foreign giants of the links or to meet these players on their own soil with an even chance of victory. With only Francis Ouimet, Walter J. Travis and Frederick Herreshoff in the field at Pinehurst, F. K. Robeson's feat would have been worthy of a veteran."

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Lieut. Angus McAllister, formerly one of the best golf players in Vancouver, has lost an arm in the war. He was in the Royal Engineers. The sincere sympathy of golfers throughout the country will go out to him.



Mr. Gordon Southam, that popular all-round Hamilton amateur, in writing the "Canadian Golfer" giving it his cordial support, makes the interesting suggestion that other sports, such as tennis, racquets, etc., should be given a place in the new magazine. The editor would be glad to have the opinion of other readers along these lines. The "Canadian Golfer" is always open to suggestion and advice.



The golf coat in Canada is coming into its own. In Great Britain the coatless golfer is an unknown quantity. In the United States, too, more and more the golf coat is being worn, and on the Canadian links last season a number of the most prominent players sported it, or else the golf silk sweater. "There is a reason." Apart altogether from the argument in favor of appearance, a well-balanced golf coat or sweater undoubtedly holds up the swing and has a tendency to prevent slicing or pulling.



The Woman's Championship at Pinehurst last month witnessed one of the finest semi-finals ever seen at that well-known resort. The contestants were Mrs. Roland H. Barlow, for many years eastern champion of the States, and Mrs. J. V. Hurd, of Pittsburg, known throughout Canada as Miss Dorothy Campbell, and formerly champion of Great Britain, the United States and Canada (three times). A vast gallery followed the match, which was all square on the 17th. Mrs. Hurd's third shot on the 18th found a pit, the ball lying snugly ensconced in a heel print, which took one stroke to get it into play and another to get it out of the trap, and these two strokes gave Mrs. Hurd an eight, while Mrs. Barlow required but six. Mrs. Barlow eventually won out in the final against Mrs. Faith of Wykagil 2 and 1.

Reports from all parts of the country are to the effect that the courses, in the majority of cases, have wintered extremely well, the weather conditions having been most favorable. Very few greens have been badly "wintered" killed.



The statement is often heard that a putter, like the poet, is born, not made—"puttera nascitur non fit" perhaps will do—but George Duncan does not think so. He believes that anyone with practice can become proficient with a putter. And his recipe is, "Use one ball only and practice not more than fifteen to twenty minutes at a time." Try it and see how it works out.



As usual, the Toronto clubs are the first to "get into the game" this season. The majority of the clubs there are now open. Lambton on Saturday, April 3rd, opened proceedings for 1915 by having a sweepstake for balls. There was a large entry, and the full course was played. Mr. A. F. Rodger, who has been keeping "on edge" this winter at Pinehurst, with a capital 84—9—75, won; Geo. S. Lyon, 77—0—77, second, and C. E. Robin, 86—9—77, third. A 77 "first crack out of the box" for the Amateur Champion bodes ill for aspirants for premier honors again this year.



The Canadian Amateur Championship is staged for Lambton the first week in July. Up to the time of going to press, no decision had been reached by the directors of the Royal Canadian Golf Association, the governing body of golfers in the Dominion, whether to hold the premier event or not. The "Canadian Golfer" has seen all the directors the past month or so, and opinion differs as to the advisability of going on with the event, although possibly the majority is against cancellation. It all depends whether war conditions are favourable or not during the course of the next few weeks. By-the-by, Lieutenant Alex. G. Fraser, of the Royal Ottawa, one of the directors of the R.C.G.A., and a sterling golfer in every sense of the word, is going, or already has gone, to the front.

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Captain Redman of the St. Andrews Golf Club, Calgary, is reported among the wounded at Ypres.



A number of local interests in the valley of "the Land of the Evangeline" intend this summer laying out a golf links near Kentville, Nova Scotia. No summer resort is complete nowadays without a golf course. The great majority of tourists are golfers, and will not go to resorts where they cannot enjoy the Royal and Ancient game.



The idea has been suggested that the coming season all golf handicaps and events should be subject to an entrance fee, to be devoted to the various patriotic funds. The Canadian Ladies' Golf Union is providing "Queen's Work for Women Fund" medals. Throughout Great Britain all golf exhibition games and competitions are given for patriotic purposes. In Canada, the same idea should hold sway. Not a club competition should be played unless the contestants contribute an entrance fee for the Red Cross or other fund.



Mr. J. B. Bryan, the well-known Rochester, N.Y. golfer, and first president of the Oak Hill Golf and Country Club, where so many Canadians have been so hospitably entertained, from time to time, writing from Nassau, Bahamas, congratulating Canada on having at last a golfing paper, says: "This is a very small part of the Empire, but the people are intensely loyal." Mr. Bryan, who always spends the winter in the West Indies, where he has a cottage, has placed to his credit this winter the Florida East Coast championship, and also the qualification cup in the tournament at Nassau. He concludes a most interesting letter to this paper by saying: "In your new magazine, which has my best wishes, support and, of course, subscription, give large space to the ethics of golf, as well as the rules. More than one day's good sport has been spoiled here this winter by having to play in tournaments with men who failed to realise that every game of golf should be a real pleasure to both parties."

Lambton opened its greens on Saturday, May 1st, with the Austen competition. In the evening there was a club dinner, followed by a dance.



Mr. L. A. Hamilton was re-elected President of the Mississauga Golf Club at the recent annual meeting and was presented, on behalf of the members, with a life-sized portrait of himself painted by Mr. Wyly Grier, R.C.A., the well-known Canadian artist. Mr. R. H. Coleman made the presentation. Mr. Hamilton well deserved this very great honor. The success of the Mississauga Club has been most pronounced, and Mr. Hamilton has had a great deal to do with that success.

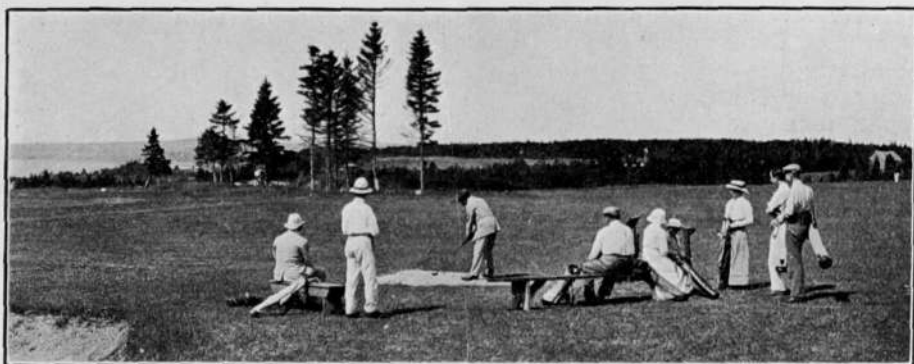


The Royal Muskoka Hotel golf links this season promise to be largely patronised. The management is sparing no expense to make the nine-hole course one of the best in Canada. A professional and instructor has been engaged for the season, which lasts from June till September. The Muskoka district now boasts no less than five courses. A few years ago it had none. All of which shows the increasing popularity of the game, and, incidentally, the necessity of catering to the ever-increasing army of golfers who patronise summer resorts and are no longer content with aquatic sports only.



After May 1st, the well-known St. John Golf Club of St. John, N.B., will cease to exist, the Riverside Golf and Country Club having been organised to take its place. The new organisation has an ideal course at Riverside, about eight miles from the city, and the St. John golfers will have every facility to enjoy their favourite game. There are some very keen and good golfers in St. John, whilst the city has the unique distinction of having had one of its lady players land the Lady Championship of Canada no less than five times, Miss Mabel Thomson carrying off the premier honors in 1902, 1905, 1906, 1907 and 1908. A championship four years in succession constitutes a record in this or any other country

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The directors of the R. C. G. A. meet on Wednesday evening, April 28th, when the question of holding the annual championships will be decided upon.



Mr. W. M. Griffith, for two years Secretary of the Lambton Golf Club, and latterly of the Essex Golf and Country Club, has been appointed resident manager of the Wanakah Country Club, Buffalo. Mr. Griffith, who was formerly on the Bank of Commerce staff, played in Buffalo with the Brantford team in the Lake Shore League some three or four years ago, and made a great hit. He is a fine golfer, has business acumen plus, and will make an ideal man for the Wanakah position, although Canadian goldfdom will greatly regret his decision to live in future under the friendly Stars and Stripes.



The following kind words from Mr. H. H. Hilton, editor Golf Illustrated, London, one of the greatest amateurs the golf world has ever seen, are much appreciated: "I am delighted to hear that you are commencing a monthly annual devoted to the Royal and Ancient game, and I wish you every success in your venture." Mr. Hilton made a host of friends in Canada when he visited this country with Mr. Hunter three seasons ago. He has the unique distinction of having won the dual crown—both the British and American Amateur Championship.



Not content with seven splendid golf courses—Toronto, Lambton, Mississauga, Rosedale, Lakeview, Scarboro and Toronto Hunt—the Queen City has another magnificent course in preparation, to be known as the Summit Golf and Country Club. An ideal property has been secured, and as soon as the war is over active work will be started in laying out the course. Messrs. D. W. Saunders, Goldwin Smith, G. S. Lyon, J. C. Moorehouse and Wm. Barnes are the directors of this new club, and Mr. George Anderson the secretary-treasurer. Toronto, for its size, has undoubtedly more golf courses than any city on the continent.

Mr. Charles L. Millar of Glasgow, Scotland, has recently come out to Canada, and has opened an office at 759 Shuter Street, Montreal, in the interests of three well-known Scotch golf firms, viz., the Scottish Golf Ball Mfg. Co., Ltd., Wm. Gibson & Co., Ltd., and Martin McDaid & Son. These are all very representative houses.



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The Toronto Golf Club opened its regular greens on Saturday, April 24th. There was a splendid turn-out of members. Among the well-known four-somes seen on the course were Messrs. George S. Lyon and R. C. H. Cassels, F. R. Martin (Hamilton) and Temple Blackwood. The Toronto greens are in superb condition this season.



It is generally conceded that the Quebec Golf Club is the oldest golf club in Canada, and therefore on the continent of America. Other old clubs are the Royal Montreal, Toronto, Brantford and Hamilton Golf Clubs. The "Canadian Golfer" in a future issue expects to have an interesting article on the game as played here in the seventies and eighties.



That very progressive and enthusiastic body of golfers in Galt known as the Waterloo Golf and Country Club has decided on a capital idea for Arbour Day, May 5th, when each member of the club will plant a tree on the club's beautiful grounds on the Preston road. Here's a splendid example for clubs throughout the Dominion to follow. The Galt genius who is sponsor for this idea is deserving of a life membership in his club, at least. "Great oaks from little acorns grow."

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The Calgary Golf and Country Club opened the season on April 2nd (Good Friday) by having a 36-hole match handicap bogey for a cup presented by the President, Mr. F. C. Lowes, and on Easter Monday played a 36-hole medal handicap sweepstake. They play golf almost the whole year round in Sunny Alberta.



There are a very keen lot of golfers in the Maritime Provinces. They have an association there, of which the President is Mr. Martin Dicke, Truro, N.S.; Vice-President, A. J. Campbell, Truro, N.S., and Secretary, Harry W. Crowe, Truro, N.S. Among the clubs in the Maritime Provinces, the majority of which belong to the Association, are: Moncton Golf Club, Moncton, N.B.; Humphreys Golf Club, Moncton, N.B.; W. H. Lugsden, Secretary; Riverside Golf and Country Club, St. John, N.B.; Andrew Jack, Chairman of Greens; Yarmouth Golf Club, Yarmouth, N.S.; Dr. Putman, Secretary; Halifax Golf Club, Halifax, N.S.; H. A. Flemming, Secretary; Brightwood Golf and Country Club, Halifax, N.S.; C. E. Creighton, Secretary; Truro Golf Club, Truro, N.S.; Sackville Country Club, Sackville, N.B.; Thos. Murray, Secretary; Amherst Golf Club, Amherst, N.S.; G. W. O'Brien, Secretary; Lingan Country Club, Sydney, N.S.; F. C. Kimber, Assistant Secretary; Algonquin Golf Club, St. Andrews, N.B.; F. H. Grimmer, Secretary; Windsor Golf Club, Windsor, N.S.



Canadian Golfdom has to pay its tribute to the great war. And one of the first to "go out" is Captain Trumbull Warren, a director of the Toronto Golf Club. It was a coincidence that he only lived one day after his dearest friend, Captain Darling, whom he succeeded as adjutant of the 48th Highlanders when that officer was fatally wounded. The two were inseparable, as they went through Upper Canada College and the

Royal Military College, from which place they both graduated in 1907. They were both enthusiastic soldiers, and occupied the same tent at Long Branch when the troops were mobilised. Together they enlisted for active service and again shared the same quarters at Valcartier and also slept together under the same canvas while training at Salisbury. To Mrs. Warren and the wee baby girls of two and three years of age the sympathy of golfers throughout Canada will go out. The bereaved wife, daughter of Mr. A. D. Braithwaite, is well known in Montreal and Hamilton as a member of one of our best-known golfing families. Captain Darling was also a golfer, a member of the Toronto Hunt Club.



The Vancouver Golf and Country Club has a splendid list of fixtures for 1915, starting March 27th and lasting till Xmas Day, when a sweepstake handicap will be held.



Full particulars just received from Singapore state that the native outbreak, which was finally quelled, was engineered by Germans. The Fifth Light Infantry, Mohammedan troops, rushed out simultaneously from their two barracks next the golf links. A number of golfers thought it was merely a sham fight, and two, a major and a captain in the Royal Garrison Artillery, were shot dead with their golf clubs in their hands.



The casualty list in connection with the Ypres battle contains the names of many golfers. Among the killed is Captain Gerald Lees, of the Montreal Highlanders, who represented for several years the firm of McGuaig Bros., stockbrokers. He was well known throughout the Dominion as a golfer. In 1908 he was Secretary of the R. C. G. A., and in 1913 was runner-up for the championship against Geo. H. Turpin, only being beaten by one hole. A sterling golfer and one of Canada's finest sons has fallen in saving one of the most critical situations yet recorded in the whole war.

A Brilliant Young Golfer

Special Correspondence of Canadian Golfer

PINEHURST, N.C., April 17.—Young Fillmore K. Robeson, the 19-year-old "wonder golfer, who won not alone match but medal honours in Pinehurst's annual United North and South Amateur golf championship, began golf here as a school boy under the tutelage of Donald J. Ross. To most of Pinehurst he is, in consequence, still the quiet, modest, unassuming "Fill" of not so many years ago, bright-eyed, smiling.

missed tee shots are usually followed by fine recoveries, indicating that these failures make little if any impression on him.

Hovering on the outskirts of the crowd during the final round was an eager-faced colored caddy whom the big gallery shut off from following the play in detail, and always his query to the stragglers was: "Is Mars' Fill still ahead? Ah used ter caddie fo' him when he wuz er lil' boy, an' Ah do



The Pinehurst Annual United North and South Amateur Golf Championship. The Winner, Mr. Fillmore K. Robeson, at the left, his opponent, H. J. Topping playing an iron.

Last year young Robeson won the qualifying round of the United with 79—76 cards for a 155 total, which he equalled this year with 75—80, one stroke better than Ouimet, Travis and Guilford, and in match play H. K. Kerr of Ekwanok, Jesse Guilford of Intervale, Robert Hunter of Wee Burn, and H. J. Topping of Greenwich were the victims in the order named. Robeson is a Pawling School student and captain of its team; a son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving S. Robeson of Rochester, N.Y., and he was the winner of the City Championship in his home town last year.

His game is characterised by ease and confidence, especially noticeable in short work, and his curious off-and-on

hopes he do win, deed Ah does." Who knows but this unseen and unknown mascot was responsible for the "luck" which was surely with the new champion during the entire day.

Topping, who is remembered as the United winner in 1913, always down and never up, fought grimly to the last, in trouble and out; tense, alert, toiling ever onward—almost but not quite.

Many Canadian golfing friends of "Mars' Fill" and his father, Mr. Irving Robeson, who has also been playing great golf at Pinehurst, will extend heartiest congratulations on his remarkable showing at Pinehurst. He is undoubtedly one of the coming golfers of the United States.

The Golfers Roll of Honour

CANADIAN golfers, like golfers in Great Britain and Ireland, India, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, and all the far-flung British dominions, have volunteered in no uncertain manner for active service in the war.

Herewith the "Canadian Golfer" presents a partial list of golfers in the Dominion who have already gone or are going to the front. Secretaries of clubs not here reported—and there are a large number of them—will confer a favor by sending in the names of members who have volunteered for the contingents, and they will be published in the June issue. The list herewith is a very imperfect one, but it gives some idea of the hundreds of Canadian golfers who are serving their King and Empire. It will be noticed that some clubs are represented by well-nigh fifty members—certainly a most creditable and loyal record, one worthy of every praise and commendation.

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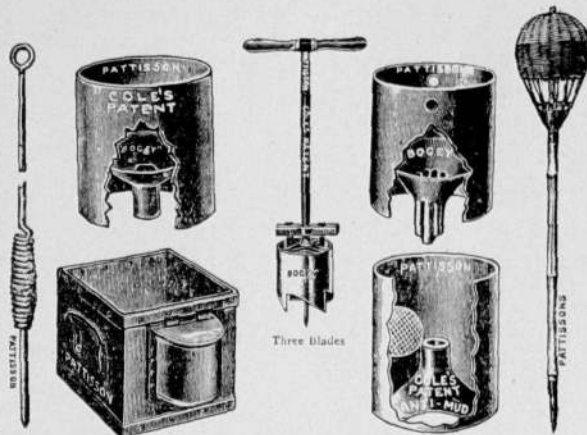
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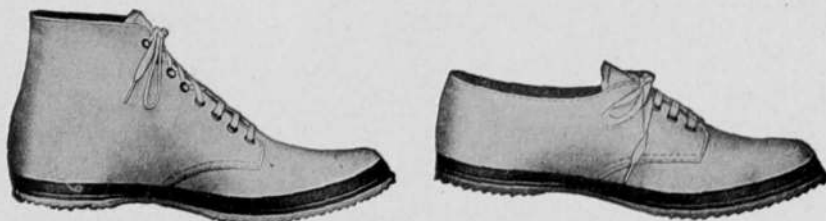


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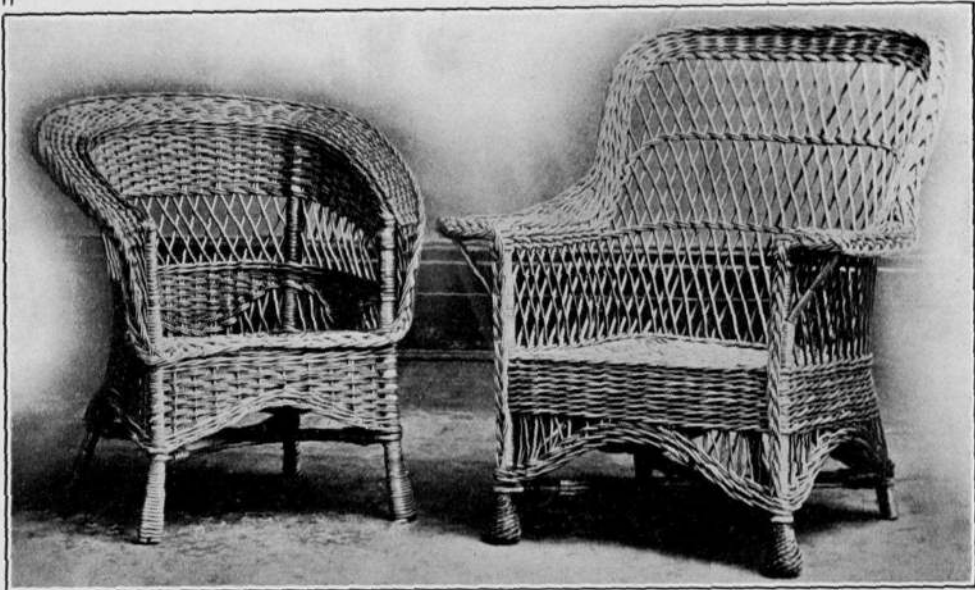
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won first, H. Ryrie second, J. A. Fraser third, A. F. Rodger fourth, G. H. Wood fifth, and C. S. Pettit sixth. Others participating included: C. V. Harding, J. W. Corcoran, S. R. Hart, H. H. Fudger, W. G. Mackendrick, R. H. Greene, W. A. Kemp, G. S. Deeks, W. S. Hodgens and F. R. Hinds.

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The above group picture was taken at the Mistletoe cottage, where Mr. and Mrs. C. S. McDonald entertained at afternoon tea.

The June number of the "Canadian Golfer" will contain a handsomely illustrated article on "The Golfing Members of Great Britain's War Ministry" Be sure and get a copy.

The Definition of a Golf Amateur

OUR golfing friends in the States have been very much exercised for some months past in reference to the status of their amateur players.

It has been common gossip in club houses and other places where golfers do congregate, that many prominent amateurs have been skating on very thin ice when it came down to the strict observance of the amateur rules as laid down by the United States Golf Association, the governing body of the Royal and Ancient game in the country to the South of us. It has been common report that leading amateurs have been paid their hotel and traveling expenses, in order to secure their presence at the big tournaments promoted by well-known Winter and Summer resorts. Amateurs have also been receiving substantial pay for contributing articles to newspapers and magazines, and also for their advice in laying out golf courses and improving old courses.

A strenuous effort the past few months has been made to declare all these sources of money making as coming under the head of "professionalism."

The United States Golf Association has now spoken, and has authoritatively told the amateur what he can do and what he can't do.

Section 7, of the rules as now in force, thus defines his position:

An amateur golfer is one who has not accepted, directly or indirectly, any fee, gratuity, money, or its equivalent as a consideration for the performance of any act or service arising in connection with the game of golf, and who is not or has not been a professional in any other branch of athletics. Provided, however, that the above shall not apply to writing, editing or publishing articles, magazines, or books on golf, or to laying out, constructing, supervising, or giving advice concerning the layout, construction, or upkeep of a golf course, or any part thereof.

Any person who becomes ineligible by reason of this by-law, may be reinstated by giving to the Executive Committee of this association satisfactory evidence of meriting such reinstatement. No occurrence prior to January 8, 1915, shall affect the status of any person who was in good

standing as an amateur on said date.

As if to prevent arguments on the foregoing new rule, the Executive Committee has compiled what it defines as five distinct violations of the amateur rule. They are as follows:

1. Playing or teaching the game of golf for pay. This includes accepting traveling or living expenses for playing over a course or for participating in a golf tournament, contest, or exhibition.

2. Personally making or repairing golf clubs, golf balls, or other golf articles for pay.

3. Serving, after reaching the age of sixteen, as caddie, caddiemaster, or greenkeeper, for hire.

4. Lending one's name or likeness for the advertisement or sale of anything except as a dealer, manufacturer, or inventor thereof, in the usual course of business.

5. Permitting one's name to be advertised or published for pay as the author of books on golf of which one is not actually the author.

Under the new ruling, it will be noticed that an amateur can contribute to newspapers or publish a magazine or write a book on golf, and the decision is a just one. There is no particular reason why an amateur with literary taste and a knowledge of the game, should not cater to the golf-reading public.

It might be noted here that nothing is said about selling golf paraphernalia, a livelihood in which Francis Ouimet, the national amateur champion, is engaged.

Altogether the new rules will tend to put the game on a better amateur basis in the States, although even yet perhaps hardly drastic enough from a "Royal and Ancient" standpoint.

The United States Golf Association winds up a lengthy promulgation on this controversy, fraught with so much interest, by tritely saying:

"The whole subject of this amateur question is in reality most simple if only it is approached with the attitude of willingness to do the right thing. The executive committee should not be compelled to drive players into the habit of compliance with regulations. There must be developed a more enlightened public opinion upon the subject that will result in the instinctive avoidance of questionable practices."

The Open Champion of Canada

THE open championship of Canada was first competed for in 1904 at Montreal. Three men have had the honor of winning it twice, viz., C. Murray, Royal Montreal, 1906 and 1911; Albert Murray, Kanawaki, 1908 and 1913, and Karl Keffer, Royal Ottawa, 1909 and 1914.

The present champion captured the premier Canadian event both times over his old home course, the Toronto Golf Club, the first time on the old links, the second time on the new links at Long Branch, and upon each occasion his golfing instructor and mentor, George Cumming, of the Toronto Golf Club, was the runner-up. The scores were in 1909: Keffer 309, Cumming 312, and in 1914, 300 and 301 respectively.

The Open Champion's golfing career has been a short but most successful one. Born in Ontario, his home was for 25 years on the property of the Toronto Golf Club, in the east end of the city. Naturally he became a caddie and early showed his coming prowess by winning the first caddy match held on the Toronto links. Among the other players on that occasion were also the double champions-to-be, Charlie and Albert Murray of Montreal and Nichol Thompson of Hamilton, the runner-up in the Open of 1913—certainly a great field of youngsters. Keffer became very fond of the game, and on the advice of George Cumming, that maker of golf champions, took it up as a busi-

ness, with the result that after three years as assistant pro. with Cumming, he won his first Open. This was his second attempt at the Open, having played at Lambton in 1907, finishing tenth on the list. In 1910 he was sixth in the open at Lambton and won from the same field at the open competition held by the Mississauga Club the same week. In 1911 and 1913 he won the

open competition at Caledonia Springs, no matches being played there 1912 and 1914.

The Champion's first position after leaving the Toronto Golf Club was, in 1910, with the Albany C. C., Albany, N.Y. The following year he engaged with the Royal Ottawa Golf Club, and has been the proficient professional there ever since. For the past six winters he has been professional and golf manager with the Jekyl Island Club, of Brunswick, Georgia, a private club of Northern gentlemen who spend their winters in the South. Karl Keffer is popular alike with his brother pros. and with golfers generally. He is a fine

player and good sport. The photograph herewith was taken this winter whilst in the South.

The champion has a particularly fine, free style, and plays every shot in his bag with great confidence. He has a natural golfing temperament, and in the years to come is bound to be heard from in championships, not only in Canada, but in the States and other countries.



KARL KEFFER

With the Professionals

THERE have been quite a number of changes amongst the professionals this season. W. F. Lock, who has been with the Mississaugas for several seasons, goes to the Essex Golf and Country Club, which has a splendid course at Sandwich. His place is taken at Mississauga by George Daniel, who sailed from Scotland April 3rd. He comes here highly recommended. He served his apprenticeship under W. Fernie, Troon, in company with Nipper Campbell, now of the famous Brookline Club, Massachusetts, and other good 'uns. He was employed at Cardross, Scotland, when he accepted the Canadian offer. He is a beautiful player, with a very free style, and Mississauga was certainly fortunate in securing him. Daniel should be a decided acquisition to Canadian professional golf.

Frank Lock, the Brantford pro., answered the call of King and Country, and is now with the Second Contingent at the front. His place is filled by Alfred George Hearn, a "Devonshire lad," who started as a caddy on the Royal North Devon golf links, Westward Ho. He was afterwards a member of the Workingmen's Golf Club, and during that time won the Bethune Trophy for the best aggregate score for three rounds over the famous Westward Ho course. Hearn came to Canada in 1913 and acted as assistant for W. F. Lock at Mississauga. He is certain to make good in his new position.

W. M. Freeman takes the place of Percy Barrett at Lambton, one of the most important positions in Canada, and he is well qualified to do so in every respect, both as a player and instructor. Freeman's first engagement was with the Brantford Golf and Country Club. This was seven years ago. For two seasons he filled the position to the entire satisfaction of everyone. Then for four years he acted as assistant to George Cumming at the Toronto Club. For a year he gave instructions at various clubs, and last

winter had charge of the instruction school of the Harold A. Wilson Company, Toronto. A splendid player, a painstaking and capable teacher, courteous at all times, Freeman is bound to make his mark at Lambton.

Where They Are to be Found

The following is a very complete list of the professionals and their clubs. Any pro. not represented here will please notify the "Canadian Golfer" for publication in the June number:

- J. A. Black, Beaconsfield Golf Club, Pointe Clair, Que.
- D. L. Black, Rivermead Golf Club, Ottawa, Ont.
- W. J. Bell, Scarborough Golf Club, Scarborough, Ont.
- P. Brault, Little Metis Golf Club, Little Metis, Que.
- Geo. Cumming, Toronto Golf Club, Port Credit, Ont.
- Connelly, Halifax Golf Club, Halifax, N.S.
- A. Desjardines, Brockville Golf Club, Brockville, Ont.
- Geo. Daniel, Mississauga Golf and Country Club, Port Credit, Ont.
- H. W. Eve, London Hunt Club, London, Ont.
- E. Fletcher, St. Charles Golf Club, Winnipeg, Man.
- E. P. Freeman, Rosedale Golf Club, Bedford Park, Ont.
- W. Freeman, Lambton Golf Club, Lambton Mills, Ont.
- T. C. Forest, Berlin Golf Club, Berlin, Ont.
- T. Gallop, Vancouver Golf and Country Club, Burquitlam, B.C.
- T. Gray, St. Thomas Golf Club, St. Thomas, Ont.
- Frank Grant, Whitlock Golf Club, Hudson, Que.
- A. G. Hearn, Brantford Golf and Country Club, Brantford.
- Karl Keffer, Royal Ottawa Golf Club, Ottawa, Ont.
- Charles Lock, New Westminster Golf Club, New Westminster, B.C.

- W. F. Lock, Essex Golf and Country Club, Sandwich, Ont.
 R. Mair, C. P. R. Hotel, Caledonia Springs, Ont.
 T. R. Murray, Royal Montreal Golf Club, Lachine, Que.
 A. H. Murray, Kanawaki Golf Club, Box 1315, Montreal, Que.
 H. Mason, Toronto Hunt Club, Toronto, Ont.
 J. Newman, Stratford Golf Club, Stratford, Ont.
 H. Piddrick, Outremont Golf Club, Hudson, Que.
 L. Quesnell, Dorvol, Que.
 A. S. Russel, Lakeview Golf Club, Port Credit, Ont.
 F. Richwood, St. Johns Golf Club, St. Johns, N.B.
 H. Stevens, Winnipeg Golf Club, Winnipeg, Man.
 J. W. Skinner, Waterloo County Golf and Country Club, Galt, Ont.
 N. Spittal, Sarnia Golf Club, Sarnia, Ont.
 J. B. Sloan, Thunder Bay Golf Club, Fort William, Ont.
 N. Thompson, Hamilton Golf Club, Hamilton, Ont.
 Arthur B. Woodward, St. Lambert Golf Club, St. Lambert, Que.

Short Putts

Nicol Thompson of Hamilton spent two or three months in the South this winter. Karl Keffer, the Open Champion, also was in the South for the winter.

Frank Lock, before leaving for the front, was presented with a wrist watch by the members of the Brantford Golf and Country Club. He was very popular in the Telephone City.

George Cumming, the well-known Toronto professional, expects to be busy this season laying out one or two new courses in different parts of the country. Notwithstanding war times, the interest in golf does not abate.

The "Canadian Golfer" wants to thank most heartily a number of the prominent pros. for their cordial support and encouragement. Not only have they subscribed themselves for the magazine, and taken advertising, but have also sent in subscriptions for a number of the members of their clubs. There is no finer body of men in Canada than the professionals who have charge of the courses from coast to coast. They are a sterling class in every sense of the word, and Canadian golfers are proud of them.

A New Scoring Plan for Best Ball

W. J. Travis has got up a new scheme for scoring best-ball matches, which was used at Garden City Golf Club in the tournament for the benefit of the Belgian relief fund.

The system has the merit of giving the Dubs and the Duffers in a four-ball match a chance to figure in the scoring, instead of trailing along behind.

According to the Travis method, a 3 is possible on each hole. The best ball counts 2 and the next best ball counts

1. For example, A and B are playing C and D. On the first hole the score is A, 4; B, 6; C, 5; D, 7. A and B score 2 for the best ball and C and D score 1 for the second best ball, C's 5.

In the case of A, 4; B, 5; C, 5; and D, 5, the score would be 2 for A and B and the next best ball would be a tie. In the case of A, 7; B, 5; C, 5; D, 5, C and D score 1 for the next best ball, as the 5 beats the 7, and the best ball is a tie.

The June number of the "Canadian Golfer" will be a particularly attractive number with articles by Mr. G. S. Lyon, Mr. T. B. Reith, and other authorities on the game. The special departments, too, will be especially interesting.

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