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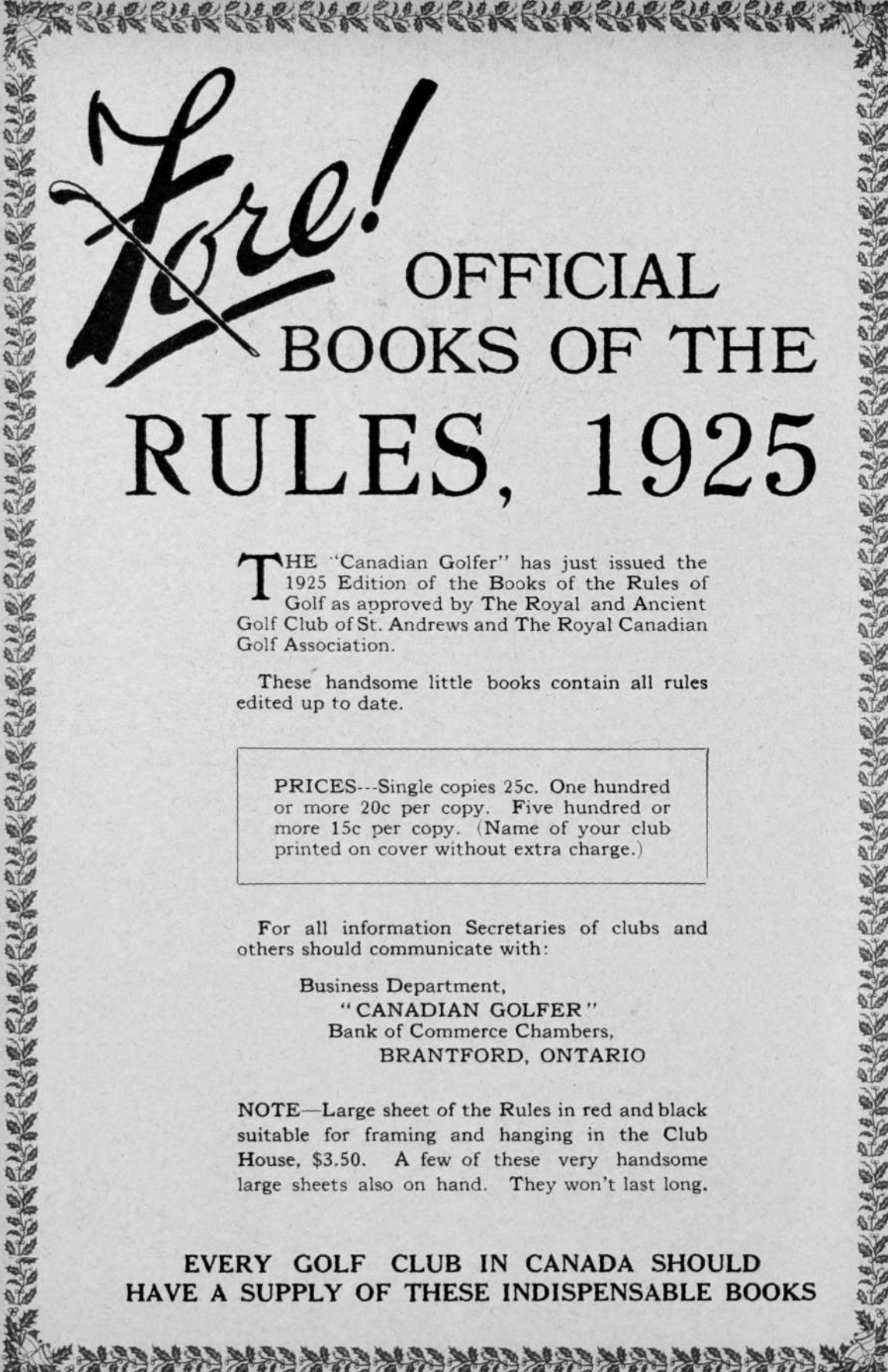
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The Ranking of the 1924 Amateurs in Canada and the States

P. C. Pulver, of New York, an acknowledged expert of the game, has just issued his annual ranking list of the best amateurs in the States. Of course he accords first place to "Bobbie" Jones, the U. S. Amateur Champion and ex-Open Champion. There will be some criticism of his putting "Chick" Evans in second place ahead of Max Marston and others, the 1923 Amateur Champion being relegated to third position. Then in fourth place comes Jess Sweetser, 5th Francis Ouimet, 6th Geo. Von Elm, 7th Jesse Guilford, 8th Robert Gardner, 9th Rudy Knepper, 10th Harrison Johnston, 11th Dexter Cummings, 12th, W. M. Reekie (a former Canadian), 13th Frank Diver, 14th W. C. Fownes, 15th D. Clarke Corkran, 16th G. White. Such a list is interesting, but not, of course, authoritative. By large and small, however, it fairly represents the best sixteen amateur players in the United States and a sixteen that would be hard to beat anywhere.

Following up this ranking idea from Coast to Coast in Canada, making it ten instead of sixteen, first place must unquestionably be given to Frank Thompson, of Mississauga, who won (for the second time), the Amateur Championship. Few, if any, would be inclined to object to placing in second place his brother, W. J. Thompson, the 1923 Amateur Champion and the 1924 Ontario Champion. Third place would logically be given to J. T. Cuthbert, of Winnipeg, winner of the Canadian Western Amateur and the Manitoba Open, the latter event comprising a particularly classy field of amateurs and professionals. Fourth place, Ross Somerville, of London, runner-up in the Canadian Amateur; fifth, George

S. Lyon, tied for Open Championship of Ontario and defeated in play-off; sixth, J. W. Yuile, winner of Quebec Amateur; seventh, F. F. Tribe, winner of Manitoba Amateur; eighth, Gerald Meilke, four times Maritime Champion; ninth, J. D. Fraser, of Vancouver, winner of B. C. Championship; tenth (bracketed), Don Carrick, Scarborough, runner-up in U. S. Junior Championship and Fred Lyon, winner of Ontario Junior Championship. This rating is subject to criticism, of course, many other good players in Ontario, Quebec and the Western Provinces readily suggesting themselves, but on the merits of the past season's play, the list above is worthy of consideration.

An Idea That Might Well Be Followed in Canada Among the features included in the park facilities of Dallas, Texas, is a nine hole golf links exclusively for children, which has turned in an attendance record report almost equal to that at the other municipal course for adults.

The children's course, which is about two-thirds as long as the average nine hole links, has seen between 1,800 to 2,000 boys and girls tee off each month since its organization. The combined attendance of the three municipal courses for grown ups was about 6,000 a month.

There is not much style on the children's course, and fewer clubs are required in the negotiation of the 9-hole round. No charge is made for playing, but the children can rent a club of some kind for a few cents, and balls sell at five cents each. The balls have been salvaged from the other links of the city and re-conditioned.

This Dallas idea might well be carefully considered in connection with Municipal Links in some of the larger centres of Canada.

Hail! to the First Canadian Ladies' Club Thanks largely to the energy of Miss Ada Mackenzie, the first Ladies' Golf Club of Canada is now an assured success, the beautiful Watson property near Thornhill, some seven miles from Toronto, now being in possession of the Ladies' Club, which already has a membership of some two hundred prominent women. It is hoped to have 9 holes in play next season. Very little will be required to be done to the beautiful residence already on the property. In the United States there is also an "Adamless Golf Club," two years ago Miss Marion Hollins, a former U. S. Lady Champion, having successfully launched a very ambitious project indeed. As a matter of fact, however, Miss Mackenzie first had the vision. Five years ago, when playing in England, she came to the conclusion that Canada would never have ranking lady players until exclusive course facilities were provided them. Right after the war, conditions were not favourable, however, for putting the idea into effect in Canada, so Miss Hollins gets the credit for the first ladies' course in America. There is no room for question that in providing them with a club of their own at a cost of some \$130,000, Miss Mackenzie and her associates have performed a great work for women's golf in Canada. In the years to come, the Champion lady players of the Dominion, perhaps of America, will be trained or developed on the Ladies' Links at Thornhill.

These are the four points emphasized by J. D. Rockefeller on the game of golf:

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"But you must not overdo matters. A certain amount is good, but too much may hurt.

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SHORT PUTTS

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

A life membership in the Merion Cricket Club has been voted to Mrs. Dorothy Campbell Hurd, formerly of Hamilton, Ont., who, playing from Merion, captured the U. S. Women's National Championship.

The New Year will soon be stepping on the first tee for his diurnal round. May he have all kinds of good fortune and happiness in store for the readers of the "Canadian Golfer," "both on and off the links."

A special despatch to the "Globe," from Ottawa:

Hon. G. P. Graham, Minister of Railways, who held so many portfolios in the summer as to constitute a Cabinet quorum in himself, has a new distinction. He has become so great a devotee of the game that local enthusiasts, at a private celebration, elected him Honorary Minister of Golf."

Misplaced golf titles: Walter Hagen, of New York, is British Open Champion; Miss Glenna Collett, of Providence, is Canadian Women's Champion; John G. Anderson, of New York, is French Amateur Champion; and Cyril Tolley is French Open Champion.—"American Golfer."

A public golf course is a public utility according to the decision of Judge Tazwell, of Portland, Ore. The opinion was rendered in a test case brought by a taxpayer, asking that the city ordinance, of which the sale of \$95,000 of public utility certificates to finance the purchase of property for the second nine holes on the municipal course at Eastmoreland, be declared invalid and void.

The great British golfers, George Duncan and Abe Mitchell, are once again on this side of the Atlantic, and their matches in the States during the winter will be followed with the keenest interest by Canadian golfers generally. They made hosts of friends both East and West during their two tours of Canada. Here's hoping that they will pick up Championships and dollars ad galore.

After thirty-seven years of association with the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Mr. H. E. Jones, assistant General Manager, has tendered his resignation, and this will take effect at the end of the year. Mr. Jones is severing his connection with the Bank of Commerce in order to enter business in New York, and he carries with him the good wishes of the Board of Directors and of his many friends among the Executive and the staff of the Bank which he has served so long. He will also be very much missed in golfing circles in Toronto.

Mr. F. M. Dela Fosse, Librarian, Peterborough, Ont., and an enthusiastic golfer, was a visitor to England the past season. He writes the Editor:

"I was playing at Hoylake and I was walking one day with my uncle over the Formby course. He is one of the charter members of the Club. He told me that Sarazen said to him after playing over the Formby course: 'Well, Mr. Beauford, I've been playing over God's own course to-day.' They have wonderful fairways, better than many Canadian greens, but if you get into the rough, O —."

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Mr. C. H. Wilson, ex-President of Lambton, and one of the best known golfing Executives in Ontario, in sending in his annual subscription to the "Canadian Golfer":

"I would like to take this opportunity of complimenting you on the continued success of your magazine. I do not remember ever reading an issue of the 'Canadian Golfer' that did not contain some items of real golfing interest, and I feel also that it has played no little part in the development of the game and the furtherance of good feeling and interest amongst players all over the country. With best wishes for continued success."

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Mr. Jackson Walton, who the past season successfully occupied the Secretarial post at York Downs, Toronto, has resigned to accept a similar position at the Summit Golf Club, Toronto. Mr. Walton is not only particularly well equipped for Secretarial duties, but he is a finished golfer of the best Old Country type. He lived for several years in the West and won all sorts of Championships there. Summit is to be congratulated on securing Mr. Walton as its Secretary. He is already in the saddle at Summit with an office in the Royal Bank Building.

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A despatch from New York announces that at a meeting of the Board of Directors of Dome Mines, held there the Hon. Wallace Nesbitt, K.C., of Toronto, was elected to the Board. A better choice of a Canadian Director for the Dome Mines could not possibly have been made. Mr. Nesbitt's election will add great prestige and strength to the Dome, which is one of the world's greatest gold mines. Mr. Nesbitt is Vice-President of The Canadian Seniors' Golf Association, and one of the most enthusiastic supporters of the Royal and Ancient game in Canada.

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J. H. Taylor, five times British Open Champion, thus writes about the "peg tee":

"We caddies at Westward Ho! used to carry a pocketful of wet sand, and it can be imagined that it was an additional burden, especially as we had to replenish the stock from the bunkers as the round progressed. I remember the time when a daring innovator made his appearance with a chunk cut off a garden hose as a tee, and since that time artificial tees of every shape and kind have become increasingly popular. It remained for our American friends to invent a tee that is dazzling in its simplicity and in creating a world-wide revolution. The peg tee is making converts by the thousand, and when one sees the professionals, who have always a keen eye for the betterment of the game, using it in increasing numbers, we may be sure there is something in it. I plead guilty to having fallen. A badly-made sand tee is an abomination; it takes an expert caddie to make one properly, and its erection seems to be outside the scope of most amateurs. The peg tee is simple and effective, and, what is even more commendable, clean to handle. It is possible to see more of the ball perched upon it, and resistance to the blow is reduced to a minimum. There is no doubt it has come to stay. However, it is sad to realize that, one by one, the game is being shorn of its traditions, and old golfers will mourn with me whilst witnessing the passing of the time-honoured sand tee."

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Word comes from England of the death there in Tunbridge Wells of Mr. Brenton Haliburton Collins, a multi-millionaire, whose family was for over a century closely identified with the history of Nova Scotia. Mr. Collins, who had reached the advanced age of 97, was the owner of the Halifax Golf Links and as long as he lived, he leased the valuable property at a very nominal figure to the Halifax Club. It has always been understood that upon his death the links would be sold and with this in view the Halifax Club has secured a very fine

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Tillsonburg has definitely taken the plunge and at an enthusiastic meeting November 28th decided to apply for a charter for a Golf and Country Club and proceed at once with the construction of a 9-hole course. Capt. C. H. Perkins, the Brantford professional, has been engaged to lay out the links. It is a splendid sign, this organizing of golf clubs in the smaller towns of Ontario. There is no reason at all why Tillsonburg should not have an interesting course and a successful club. The old idea that a place must have a population of five thousand or so to successfully launch a golf club has long been thrust into the discard in the West, and now in the East too. "The small town golf club" is coming into its own.

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The fad of figuring out the amount spent every year by golfers has spread to great Britain, and Mr. R. E. Howard in "Golf Illustrated," figures that the players there spend nearly £44,000,000 every year, and here are his figures:

Subscriptions to clubs	£4,500,000
Balls	£1,000,000
New implements and repairs	£2,250,000
Caddies	£2,000,000
Visitors' green fees	£600,000
Railway and taxi-cab fares	£4,000,000
Share of motor car costs	£10,000,000
Clothes	£4,500,000
Boots and shoes	£1,500,000
Extra food and drink	£8,500,000
Extra tobacco, cigars and cigarettes.....	£5,000,000

Total.... £43,850,000

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Mr. Cyril Tolley, who made such a great reputation for himself in Canada during the Walker Team trip, after leaving Hamilton, his last "port of call" here, paid a visit to Atlanta, Georgia, where he was among the guests at the big dinner given to "Bobbie" Jones, the U. S. Amateur Champion. Tolley's driving during his stay at Atlanta, is still being talked about. A writer in "Outdoors South," Atlanta, concludes a most eulogistic article about the British star and his record driving—he many times was well over 300 yards on the Atlanta courses:

"In a word, wherever Tolley found a record or a test drive established in ten or eleven years of play, he equalled or bettered it in the progress of three rounds. I believe firmly it was the greatest three days of driving the world ever saw. Tolley himself admitted that he 'was getting hold of them rather well,' for him, and when I asked him the direct question if he thought he ever had hit a golf ball as consistently far in three rounds before, he said he fancied not. 'Anyway,' he said, with a smile, 'I think I never hit AT the ball as hard!'"

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Another edition of the Books of the Rules, brought right up to date, has just been issued from the "Canadian Golfer" press, the 1924 edition having been entirely sold out. Shaughnessy Heights Golf Club has set a particularly good example to all the larger clubs by ordering 700 copies of these invaluable little books. On orders of over 500 or more, the name of the club is printed on the cover without extra charge. Write Business Department, "Canadian Golfer," Brantford, for prices, etc. The long winter evenings now stretching ahead of us provide an ideal opportunity to "mark, learn, and inwardly digest" these

indispensable little books which are really the foundation of the game. Every golfer worthy of the name, should carefully study the Rules, and become thoroughly conversant with them, both as regards match and medal play.

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In the U. S. Seniors' Golf Championship at Apawamis, Rye, N. Y., last September, there was a tie for the Championship between Mr. Claude M. Hart, the Boston hotel magnate, and Mr. H. S. Redfield, of Hartford, Conn. They were left to play off for titular honours at their own convenience and Canadian Senior golfers who were present at Apawamis will be interested to hear that Mr. Hart won the Championship. A most curious coincidence—both Messrs. Hart and Redfield are "southpaws."

In the International Championship at Rye last September, Mr. Hart, the ultimate U. S. Champion, defeated Mr. W. G. Ross, of Montreal, and Mr. Redfield, the runner-up, Mr. H. G. Wilson, of Winnipeg, after very close matches.

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"THE FIRST GOLF IN AMERICA"

MR. NELSON F. STEPHENS, Secretary of the Publicity Department, Savannah (Georgia), Board of Trade, writes the Editor of the New York "Times":

"In your November 1 issue appeared a short story setting forth the claim of Sarasota, Fla., to being the scene of the first golf played in the United States. I understand that there are a number of cities which lay claim to this honour. So far as we have been able to discover, one of the earliest known records of any golf event occurring in the United States is an invitation to a 'golf ball' which hangs on the wall of the Savannah Golf Club, yellowed with age, and which reads as per the enclosed copy.

We have records also to show that the game of golf was played in Savannah thirty years prior to the issuance of the enclosed invitation to the 'Golf Club Ball.' If Sarasota, or any other community, would like to get the facts, this office will be pleased to furnish them. Since golf was played 100 years prior to the first game played in Sarasota—and there are authentic records to show that it was—we trust that you will be good enough to place this letter before your readers.

GOLF CLUB BALL.

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Thus it will be seen that a golf club existed in Savannah over one hundred years ago, and that the ancient pastime was played in Savannah long before it was introduced into the East. This early introduction of golf into Savannah is easily explained by the fact that Savannah in those days was the home of many Englishmen and Scotchmen, who doubtless brought their clubs over when they came and formed the club which was important enough to give large holiday balls, to which the belles of the vicinity received engraved invitations."

LADY GOLFERS OF ROYAL MONTREAL

Have a Most Enjoyable Luncheon, Followed by the Annual Meeting—
Election of Officers and Presentation of Prizes

THE closing luncheon and annual meeting of Lady Associate Members, The Royal Montreal Golf Club, was held last month, about 150 members were present at the luncheon. In the absence of Mrs. George Cains, the President, Mrs. W. H. C. Mussen, Vice-President, presided. At the close of the luncheon the prizes won during the season were presented by the Captain, Mrs. H. Beverley Robinson. The Gold Medal, the championship of the club, was won by Mrs. Hamilton Irvine. The Coronation Cup, by Mrs. R. J. Dawes. The Club Trophy played for handicap, medal play against the ladies' par was also won by Mrs. Dawes. Putting and Approaching, first prize, Miss Barnard; second prize, Mrs. A. P. S. Glasco. Handicap Medal prizes were won by Mrs. S. D. Hathaway, Mrs. D. McLennan, Mrs. A. E. Mussen, Mrs. Hamilton Irvine, Miss Edelina Mussen, Mrs. Hebden, Mrs. W. H. C. Mussen.

After the luncheon the annual meeting was held in the ladies' sitting room. In her report for the year the Captain, Mrs. H. B. Robinson, spoke of the need of greater interest among the players, and deplored the fact that there was no representative from the club at the Canadian Ladies' Open Championship at Hamilton and only three members entered the Canadian Ladies' Close Championship at Toronto. It was encouraging to note a keener interest among several of the younger players and a more successful season was looked for next season.

The following officers were elected for 1925: President, Mrs. H. Beverley Robinson; Vice-President, Mrs. Gavin Milroy; Hon. Sec'y, Mrs. D. McLennan; Hon. Treas., Mrs. J. H. Dunlop; Captain, Mrs. Stephen White; Asst. Captain, Mrs. R. J. Dawes. Committee—Mrs. H. Irvine, Mrs. Hebden, Mrs. David Wauklyn, Miss B. MacDougall.

A vote of thanks was given to the retiring officers especially the President, Mrs. George Cains, whose resignation was accepted with great regret.

THE LAWS OF GOLF

THERE is one point which presents itself daily, almost hourly on every course (writes Mr. A. C. M. Croom in the "Morning Post.") And conscience is the only guide to correct conduct.

When a player drives his ball into the rough he is allowed to sole his club in addressing it for his next stroke. But he is also forbidden generally to improve his lie and specifically to bend or break anything fixed or growing except in so far as is necessary to enable him fairly to take his stance.

It will be at once obvious to the meanest intelligence that there is an apparent inconsistency between the permission to sole the club and the prohibition to bend growing herbage. For one cannot sole the club in long grass behind the ball, as 99 per cent. of us do when we have driven straight down the middle, and have been rewarded with a fair lie, without bending something fixed or growing.

Yet the dilemma does not for a moment worry a golfer, amateur or professional, of championship class. Having in his mind the fixed idea that he is immune from blame or penalty so long as he does not improve the lie of his ball, he soles his club indeed, and incidentally bends something growing, but soles it on a spot so far away from the ball that it cannot be considered to be within the area which constitutes its "lie."

George Duncan, playing in the Open Championship at Hoylake, pulled his drive to the seventeenth hole and found his ball cupped in the rough. He certainly soled his club, an absurdly straight-faced iron, lightly about a foot behind the ball, which he picked clean out of its exceedingly nasty resting place, and deposited on the heart of the green.

One did not know which to admire most, the skill and power of the striking, or the striker's obvious and instinctive care to suffer the full penalty imposed upon him by Nature for his error in direction from the tee.

But one has an uncomfortable suspicion that a good third of the cards returned in handicap competitions against bogey should be rejected on the single ground that the compilers of them have improved the lies of balls in the rough, by exercising improperly the privilege which the law allows of soles the club.

A similar problem arises when the ball lies on blown sand. Blown sand, it is stated in the rules, is not a hazard, but a man shall hardly sole his club on it without altering the lie of his ball. And he who alters must be held to have "improved."

HUMBER VALLEY ANNUAL A "HUMMER"

Crystal Ball Room at King Edward is Thronged by Twelve Hundred Enthusiastic Golfers and Their Friends—Mr. Ralph Connable, the President, Makes Many Important Announcements for 1925, Including An Additional 9-Hole Course and the Establishment of Tennis Courts

THERE is "no possible, probable shadow of doubt, no possible doubt whatever," that the Annual Meeting and Supper-dance of the Humber Valley Golf Club (with which is associated the Glen Stewart Golf Club), is the greatest happening of a similar character in the Canadian golfing world. In fact, the Editor is rather inclined to think that it is the most outstanding event of its kind, in America. For where else on the continent, could you find twelve



Mr. Ralph Connable (in centre), Surrounded by Many of his "Girls and Boys," 1924 Prize Winners at the Humber Valley Golf Club.

hundred members of a golf club and their friends, foregather in one homogeneous and harmonious whole at the wind-up of a golfing season? And that was almost exactly the number of the participants at Mr. Ralph Connable's annual party at the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, Friday night, November 28th.

It was a record party in every respect. The attendance was nearly three hundred in excess of last year. The speeches were exceptionally brief and crisp. The Mayor of Toronto was there to give the gathering an official stamp of approval. The entertainers, the music and the refreshments were unexcelled, whilst above and beyond all that, a wonderful spirit of camaraderie permeated the whole proceedings, which lasted from 8 o'clock in the evening until 2 o'clock in the morning, with never a dull moment. It was a triumph for community golf, and a fitting tribute to and triumph for Mr. Connable, the "Father of Municipal Golf in Ontario," because not only Toronto, but Hamilton, London and other places have caught his contagious enthusiasm and have most successfully provided golf for the masses.

The Crystal Ball Room of the King Edward, famous for its gatherings, has never contained a more enthusiastic audience than when seated at the head table, which ran the length of the ball room, fairly groaning with golfing trophies galore, and surrounded by many golfing notables, Mr. Connable, the Founder

and President of Humber Valley, called the meeting to order. Herewith some of the outstanding points covered in his inspiring address: his reference to an additional 9 holes at Humber Valley and the establishment of Tennis Courts, especially coming in for loud applause:

"Forty-three months ago construction work was started on the Humber Valley Golf Course, and forty-one months have passed since we started playing on the full 18 holes.

The Humber Valley Golf Club was promoted for the purpose of determining whether or not a public golf course could be properly constructed, equipped and maintained at a nominal fee of but \$10 per year, or 5c a day for the playing season of 200 days.

Also would it be possible eventually for the playing members to relieve the promoters of a large share of the supervision of details, in other words, carry on the club affairs after the construction work was completed.

It was also a question as to what extent the social prejudice so apparent in the selection of members in the other clubs would handicap to any extent the success of this club.

Municipal golf courses until recently were considered a liability on the hands of any municipality, as we are paying over \$100,000 per year in Toronto for the maintenance of some hundred play grounds devoted to other sports, and you must agree it is money well spent.

We therefore felt it necessary to demonstrate to the city authorities to just what extent a golf club could be made self supporting.

In this connection two or three surprising features have developed in the four years' life of this club.

First, that during that period out of over 3,400 applicants it was necessary to refuse membership to but five applicants, all others being accepted in the order of their date of application, to the extent that they could be accommodated on the course.

Second, was the most unexpected development of a strong social sentiment among the members, which is not only evident in the general atmosphere about the club house, but especially is it noticeable on the links, for scores of times I have witnessed players overtaking one who had lost a ball and they would in turn help to find it so that one unfortunate player would have four or more helping to find the ball before they all moved on again. I challenge any of the clubs to produce such evidence of solicitous interest on the part of their playing members, this either proves that we are exceptionally fortunate in our membership or it proves that there is among our class of people a higher development of those finer qualities than prevails among the old established clubs where a high schedule of dues, assessment, caddy fees, and incidentals prevails to annoy and embarrass them.

At the end of the first year, the playing members voted unanimously for raising the dues to \$15, so as to include showers, free bath towels, soap and many other club house conveniences. With this additional \$5.00 we are able to provide all of the necessities and a few of the good things that are common to the millionaire golf clubs.

At the end of the fourth year we beg to report that we have water distributed wherever necessary around the course, land well drained, electric service, suitable club house with 1,200 lockers, the best of mechanical apparatus for the care of the course.

We have spent \$48,534 for construction, furniture, fixtures and tools, have paid all bills and have money in the bank, so that from now on we should have a good net income above maintenance.

If the city should buy this property it would pay for itself, including land and improvements in less than twenty years, by which time it would be a valuable asset worth many times its cost in the enhanced value of the land.

We have therefore succeeded in demonstrating these things to the city authorities, and it is up to them to take it over whenever their financial condition will permit.

With a paid membership of 1094 at \$15, 468 at \$10, or a total of 1,562; and a long waiting list, we feel warranted in closing four other leases, giving us access to an additional 30 acres or more in which we are to-day carrying on construction work for additional 9 holes, to be ready at the opening of next season.

We also propose to add Tarvia Tennis Courts to fulfil the demand of the younger element, as the privilege of playing over week ends is not enjoyed by other Tennis Clubs of the city. The first one hundred accepted members will constitute the nucleus of the Tennis Club, from which members a committee will be appointed to supervise everything pertaining to the game, hours of play, tournaments, etc.

All of the construction work now planned will involve the expenditure of considerable money, which will be available for that purpose."

Extracts from the annual report of Mr. C. E. Cowling, Secretary of Humber Valley:

The closing of the fourth season of the operation of the Humber Valley Golf Club leaves the club in an enviable position as one of the most flourishing golf clubs in the Dominion. I present herewith a statement of our activities.

The Humber Valley course was used to a much greater extent this year than in former years. As an illustration of the popularity of the course and the enthusiasm of our members, I might say that on a holiday in September we had 560 members playing golf.

We had representatives in the following tournaments: Canadian Amateur Championship, Canadian Open Championship, Canadian Ladies' Open Championship, Canadian Ladies' Closed

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Championship, Canadian Seniors' Championship, Canadian Ladies' Senior Championship, Ontario Open Championship, Ontario Amateur Championship, Ontario Junior Championship. We also had teams in Men's Mail and Empire Trophy Competition and Ladies' Mail and Empire Trophy Competition.

Our members made a splendid showing in all of these events and in every way held up the best traditions of the game, as representatives of the club.

Our professional, Frank Murchie, has also done very well this year, particularly in the Invitation Tournaments held at the various golf clubs.

Our club events were keenly contested and the winners will be presented with the various prizes this evening.

The course of the Humber Valley has been in much better condition this year.

Our equipment is in good shape; during the season we had an average of seven men on the course, two more than in 1923.

In addition to the course up-keep we made the following improvements:

We constructed new greens at No. 5, No. 10 and No. 18, increased the size of practically all tees, drained the pond at No. 2 fairway by a 12 inch pipe, put in 250 feet 6 inch drain to carry off overflow from sewage filter bed. Graded and tile drained No. 18 fairway, extended the twelfth hole 130 yards, using old No. 13 green.

Our water connection was formerly with the City of Toronto service, connected at Jane Street, and Lake Shore Road, coming on the surface of the ground for some 3,000 feet. We connected our water system with the Township of Etobicoke water service, below frost level. This gives a year round service to the club house.

Improved putting greens by using new cups, holes and numbered flags and installed an electric flood lighting system, so that the putting green could be used in the evening. Constructed nine-hole putting green near first tee.

We improved the eleventh hole considerably by filling in the old bunker in front of the green, as this bunker was being continually washed out by rain, it had become too serious a hazard.

We also have done considerable work on the property by clearing out practically all undergrowth through the woods, opening new ditches where required and finally leaving all greens with a thorough top dressing at the end of the season.

The increased use of the club by our membership has encouraged us to increase the comforts and accommodation of the club house.

When the club house was opened our furniture was of the plainest description and we have added pieces of furniture each year with a view of bringing it up to a higher standard.

We have made considerable progress in this respect this year. We purchased four large chesterfields, two chesterfield chairs, two rugs, four floor lamps for the lounge room. Two fancy wicker chairs and one rug for the ladies' locker room. Put up a decorated frieze on three sides of the lounge room and made a direct entrance from the lounge room to the men's locker room, and put up a number of pictures suitable for a golf club. We built a fire place on the north side of the lounge room and having in mind a future extension of this lounge room, we had this fire place constructed on very generous lines, capable of burning four foot cord wood. This feature has added to the attractiveness of the room, and to the comfort, particularly in the Spring and Fall.

We constructed an awning covered pergola immediately in front of the club house, giving a splendid view over the first fairway and green. We purchased six park benches to complete the needs in this respect.

I would like to say that at no club in this city are the members more appreciative of improvements than our members at the Humber Valley Golf Club. All of our members take a keen, personal interest in the progress and development of our club.

The restaurant did a splendid business this season, doing approximately nine thousand dollars worth of business, an increase of about 10 per cent over last year.

In addition to the restaurant we maintained a refreshment booth on week-ends and holidays at the twelfth tee. The profit on this was very slight, but the convenience was appreciated very much by the members.

By the generosity of Mr. Ames we were able to use the Glen Stewart Course again this year. We lost the use of the outside six holes two years ago, and this left our caddy house stranded high and dry on the outside property. At the request of the Glen Stewart members, and with the consent of Mr. Ames we moved this caddy house some twelve hundred feet to a new site on Mr. Ames property. This move was at considerable cost, as we had to make all necessary water and sewer connections at the new site. The caddy house at the Glen Stewart is now situated in a pleasant grove of trees immediately opposite old No. 2 tee on Mr. Ames course. The site is fenced in in keeping with the fencing of the remainder of Mr. Ames property.

We constructed a permanent floor, and erected a tent pavilion with lunch tables for the convenience of the Glen Stewart members.

James Hay, professional at the Glen Stewart course, resigned at the beginning of the season and the President promoted D. Hutchison, formerly assistant to Murehie to that post. This appointment was very successful and Hutchison has done excellent work at the Glen Stewart course.

The Glen Stewart course has been kept in excellent condition by Mr. Ames' gardeners.

As a summary of the foregoing, I might add that our present situation is as follows:

1. Membership full, with a large waiting list.
2. Course improving every year, and decidedly better this season than last.
3. Finances satisfactory enabling us to meet all our obligations, keep the course in good condition, and constantly add improvements on course and club house, still retaining our moderate fee of \$15.00 per annum.

Your Secretary wishes to express his appreciation of the advice and assistance of the Board of Directors and of the loyal co-operation on the part of the staff of the Humber Valley Golf Club throughout the year.

The financial report of the club, which was presented by J. C. Zoern, showed that the club had met all its obligations during the year, after securing a loan of \$4,000, and had finished with a surplus. The dining-room was operated successfully, and with a profit of \$1,800.

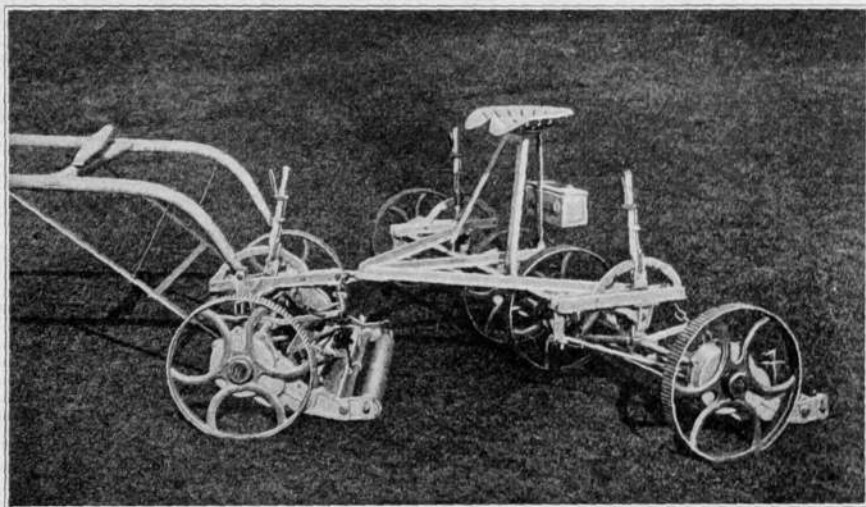
His Worship Mayor Hiltz, of Toronto, in a brief, but interesting speech, paid a great tribute to the work accomplished by Mr. Connable in providing golf for the citizens of Toronto unable to belong to the more expensive private clubs. He promised in the future the most sympathetic support of the civic officials. Humber Valley was doing a great community work.

In presenting the prizes won during the past season to the successful competitors eulogistic speeches were made by Mrs. S. Alfred Jones, President of the Brantford Ladies' Golf Club, Mrs. Hamilton Burns, Hon. Secretary of The Canadian Ladies' Seniors' Golf Association, Controller and Mrs. Cameron, Mr. Geo. Lyon, Mr. J. M. Godfrey, Mr. David Haig, Chief Constable and Mrs. Dickson, Mr. S. Alfred Jones, K.C., Brantford, Mr. R. J. Copeland, Mr. J. J. Gibbons, Mr. Norman Tovell, General Gunn, Mr. W. J. Thompson, Mr. Fred. Rateliff, Mr. J. A. Harrison, Mr. P. S. Patterson and Mr. Ralph H. Reville.

The prize winners, 31 in all, were:

Inter Club Championship, Humber Valley and Glen Stewart, Roy Bronsdon, President's Cup. Ladies' Inter Club Championship, Humber Valley and Glen Stewart, Mrs. R. Murdoch,

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After the presentation of prizes which was interspersed with some clever entertainment "stunts," the hundreds present participated in dancing and

bridge, interspersed with refreshments served from three buffets, it being early morning before the last of the happy throng dispersed. Altogether a memorable evening, which will long remain a fragrant memory with the thousand and more participants.

Previous to the Annual Meeting in the Crystal Ball Room Mr. Connable entertained the Directors and a few guests most delightfully to a private dinner in the Blue Room of the King Edward.

The comment of the mother of Barrie on Stevenson was: "His mother should be a proud woman the night." Mr. Connable should be a proud man the day!

ROYAL AND ANCIENT WILL WELCOME

A Team of Canadian Golfers in Great Britain and Will Arrange Matches
For Them

MR. B. L. ANDERSON, Toronto, Secretary of The Royal Canadian Golf Association, is in receipt of the following interesting letter:

The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Fife,
11th November, 1924.

The Secretary-Treasurer, Royal Canadian Golf Association,
18 Wellington Street East, Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

The Championship Committee of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews has now considered my report with reference to the tour through Canada of some of the members of the British team.

I am desired to convey to the golfers of Canada my Committee's cordial thanks for the magnificent reception given to the members of the team wherever they went, and for the generous hospitality extended to them during the whole of their tour.

I am further desired to say that my Committee is of the opinion that this friendly rivalry is in the best interests of the game, and it will be pleased to welcome any players sent over to Britain by the Royal Canadian Golf Association and to arrange matches for them with clubs and societies in this country.

I am, dear sir,

Yours faithfully,
(Sgd.) HENRY GULLEN,
Secretary.

A CAPE BRETON STORY

(By Stuart McCawley).

"**D**ID you had the Gaelic?"

John A. Macdougall says Adam and Eve spoke it in the Garden of Eden. Bill Blackwood says, "That's why the Lord kicked them out."

If you are without the Gaelic in Cape Breton you miss a thousand laughs a year. Its words have more double meanings than up-to-date flapper slang, and its humour is the father, mother and uncle of all the wit of the Scotch and Irish.

Its the language our best families use at funerals and frolics.

The leading Kirks have a Gaelic service at least once a month.

And we have slashings of Gaelic concerts and tucking frolics, and songs and story tellings.

Gaelic is not a Mammon-worshiping language; its lovers are the most spiritual people in the world. They have a sincere respect and love of God, and devoutly believe in all the old truths of the Scriptures; and try to live up to them.

They are rough and ready; great lovers; and the most hospitable folk on this atom of the universe.

To appreciate a Gaelic story you must know the language; it is as hard to translate the fine touches of Gaelic into English as it is to render Sappho's poetry into jazz.

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Up at Loch Lomond, on the high hills overlooking the Bras D'or Lakes, the McAskills live. Loch Lomond is one of the most beautiful spots in the world—virgin forest, trout lakes, rolling land, the Grand River, with its salmon, spruce clumps hiding partridge, wild deer in the hardwood. And the people, big, husky, all heart.

Most of the farms are deserted or left to the old people. The boys are Presbyterian preachers in Boston, and the girls trained nurses in the big American centres.

Now at Jock McAskill's place Jock and his sister are the only ones home. Jock is close onto eighty, and Julia is a year or two younger.

Last year one of these bright college boys trying to earn a dollar on his holidays drifted into McAskill's taking orders for enlarged pictures.

Julia was home, and the student gained her interest in a very handsome gold framed picture that he offered to duplicate for twenty dollars. They didn't have a picture of the old man and Julia was willing to spend the money for one if Jock was willing; so she called Jock in from the barn to get his advice.

The student went through his little sing-song again, and Jock was willing. Then the dialogue started.

Student—"Have you a negative of your father?"

Jock—"I want you to understand the old man was a decent living man; he was never naked."

Student—"Oh, I didn't mean any offence. Have you a tintype or any picture of your father that we could make the copy from?"

Jock—"What in the devil would I want to spend twenty dollars for a picture of the old man if we had one already?"

The Student couldn't just "cotton" if Jock was sincere, or playing with him, so he asked Jock if he could describe his father's looks, and promised to get an artist to make a picture from the description.

Jock—"Well, the old man was a big up-standing man about six foot four with his boots off. His hair was curly, and he had lots of it. He had whiskers and long eyebrows, and hair in his ears. He had no whiskers on his chin. He chewed tobacco a lot, and the drouls wore out the whiskers under his lip. He wore a simmet mother knitted. It was grey, with a big hole under the left arm, where the old man had a habit of scratching. His trousers were homespun. His boots were high, with straps to pull them on; and they were usually full of barn dust. Mother never let him come into the kitchen with them on. And he was a Presbyterian that could lead in prayer better than any of the Morrisons. Will that do you?"

The student told Jock that he thought he could manage to make a picture if Miss McAskill would go with him to some of the neighbors and help get some more information about the old man. So Jock went back to the meadow, and didn't see the student again until the Christmas holidays.

The future moderator of the Canadian Assembly had a beautiful picture in a beautiful gold frame, and Miss McAskill was delighted. She removed "The Battle of the Boyne" from over the fireplace in the parlor, and with the assistance of the student, hung the old man in its place. Then they called in Jock for his decision.

Jock looked it over from every angle.

"It's a lovely frame. Them's the old man's whiskers all right. That's his simmet. You have the boots with one strap gone. I forgot to tell you about that strap. That's clever. Yes, boy, it's a wonderful picture entirely. But Julia dear, don't you think the old man has changed a hell-of-a-lot since he died?"

(Note by Editor—Mr. McCawley is one of the "pillars of golf" in the Maritimes and a valued member of The Canadian Seniors' Golf Association. He has previously contributed many charming articles, golf and otherwise, to the "Canadian Golfer.")

FORTUNATE CANADIAN PROFESSIONALS

THE ambition of all professionals is to "double up" their season's activities, that is to have a club in the North in the summer and a club in the South in the winter. The latter positions are in great demand and very hard to secure. It speaks volumes for the high standing of Canadian pros, that in competition with thousands of the profession in the States this season they have been able to secure many good berths. C. R. Murray, of The Royal Montreal, again goes to the millionaire Gulf Stream Club in Florida. The exclusive Jekyll Club, Florida, also have secured once more the services of Karl Keffer, of The Royal Ottawa. George Cumming, of the Toronto Golf Club, and Kern Marsh, of the Lunda Hunt for the second season have lucrative jobs in Jamaica. To Bermuda has gone Nicol Thompson, of the Hamilton Golf and Country Club. He will have charge of the beautiful Belmont Manor course, which he laid out last season and was opened for play this month. John Peacock, the pro at St. Andrews, N. B., once again left this month for Pinehurst, N.C. James A. Swift, the professional at the Cherry Hill Golf Club, Ridgeway, Ont., goes to Arizona, where he has secured a five months' appointment with the Warren District Country Club, Bisbee. Two Canadian professionals motoring and playing in the South the next few months are J. B. Kinnear, formerly pro at Glendale, Hamilton, and Fred. Hunt, assistant pro, Brantford. Andrew Kay, the crack Lambton professional, is spending Christmas and New Year in the Old Country, as is also J. F. Dalgleish, of the Norfolk Golf and Country Club, Simcoe.

"KINGSTON'S GRAND OLD GOLFER"

THE Kingston "Standard" claims and the Editor thinks rightly so too, that in Mr. J. B. Walkem, K. C., Master in Chancery and Chancellor of the Diocese, the oldest active golfer in Canada. Mr. Walkem is 82 years of age, and wonderfully preserved. The Standard says:

"What is more, Mr. Walkem can and does play not merely a passable game, but a good game. Indeed, it will be recalled that at the closing exercises of the club last season he won first prize in the putting contest and second in the approaching contest, being beaten in this latter contest only by Dr. J. L. McKee, easily one of the best players of the club.

Up to last year Mr. Walkem was the second oldest player in Canada, the leader in age being a Vancouver man aged 83 years. But this year it is understood that the Vancouverite is not playing, and thus the dean of the legal profession in Kingston and Eastern Ontario becomes also the dean of the golfing profession of all Canada.

The amazing feature of Mr. Walkem's golfing record is yet to be told, namely, that he did not begin to play the game until seven years ago, that is, at the age of 75, when most men are dead or with one foot in the grave. But a little thing like 75 years didn't worry Mr. Walkem one iota; it was merely something more to be overcome. And so with all the spirit and exuberance of youth he started out at 75 to play the game, and he has been at it ever since—and playing so well that to-day he can beat dozens of younger men, and drive, approach and putt with amazing accuracy."



Mr. J. B. Walkem, K.C., Probably the Oldest Active Golfer in Canada.

THE DEMAND FOR BENT GRASS

Prince Edward Island Can Provide An Unlimited Supply of This Valuable Grass for Golf Clubs and Bowling Greens

(Information supplied by Mr. Geo. H. Clark, Seed Commission, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa).

THERE are several thousand acres of "natural grass" on Prince Edward Island, and the ungrazed seed crop is let go to waste every year. Most of this consists of the fine bent grasses, the seed of which is in great demand and commands a high price for golf courses, tennis courts, and fine lawns.

A seed crop which comes naturally in the back fields, or on land that is left out of the regular rotation for farm crops, is available to the farmer's hand without extra cost. Even on pasture fields the seed crop is little diminished. The labour involved in harvesting, threshing and cleaning the seed is not heavy and should command a good net return.

Taking a yield of 80 pounds per acre at 50 cents per pound, the return would be \$40 per acre, which would be very acceptable at this time of low prices for the staple farm products. Island farmers have already established a reputation for Banner seed oats and certified seed potatoes, and the time is now most opportune for adding another profitable specialty.

The Federal Department of Agriculture is fostering the bent grass seed industry. Deputy Minister Grisdale has authorized for this year free inspection of the growing seed crop, and of the seed for official sealing in the sack under seed grade. This service will be provided by the Seed Branch, which will also find a market. Mr. G. Le Lacheur, of the Ottawa staff, will assist Inspector Gordon Macmillan, of Prince Edward Island, in addressing farmers' meetings and making field inspection of bent grass.

Ten years ago there were only 12 golf clubs in Canada and 250 in the United States. We have now nearly 400 and they have 2,700. Most of our golf clubs have been started since 1918 and the number in both countries will continue to increase. Bowling greens and tennis courts are becoming very popular, and grass lawns for the beautifying of home grounds now command deserving attention.

A golf club will require an average of 1,000 pounds of grass seed for the first three years, then up to 500 pounds annually. United States importations of bent grass in 1916 totalled 46,663 pounds, and the supply had become limited during the war. The German Mixed Bent is now practically off the market, very little Rhode Island Bent seed has been saved during recent years, and New Zealand Bent is usually very high in price.

The demand for Prince Island Bent seed is therefore assured. Prices for genuine Rhode Island Bent were quoted last year up to a dollar per pound, but the market was quoted as "sky high." An offer of 75 cents was made for No. 1 Prince Edward Island "Brown Top," but it may prove rather difficult to clean this light, chaffy seed up to No. 1 grade. Seed Commissioner Clark estimates that the wholesale price of the graded Island seed may not go below 40 cents per pound until the farmers save fifty carloads per year. The Canadian wholesale seed trade has already made a definite offer for 1924 Island Bent, and large American firms have been interested in this source of seed supply.

"TOO MUCH GOLF"

(*"American Golfer"*)

IT has been asked more than once why our amateur golfers have had so much trouble winning a British Amateur Championship—and why British stars fall so far below their play over here. The answer is that invading golfers always get badly over-golfed, too stale to have any keenness left.

The last English team that came over played thirty-six holes over various courses and in various tournaments for over two weeks before going to Merion. By that time they were too stale for any steadiness at either medal or match play. They had been naturally anxious to play our leading courses, or all such courses near at hand, and after visits to Garden City, the National, Pine Valley, etc., the old zest had departed.

The same thing happens when our amateurs go over. They play golf most of the time, and there is no other game so wearing when it is overdone. Walter Hagen made the same mistake in 1920, but he learned his lesson. He was in England hardly more than a week before starting in the last British Open, which he won.

Too much golf is even worse than too little golf. There is no other game that so heavily punishes staleness.

A NATIONAL ASSET

AS the greatest transportation company in the world, the Canadian Pacific Railway has maintained a national service in the Trans-Canada Limited which is second to none and on the conclusion of the summer schedule of this crack train has transferred the equipment to the Vancouver Express which leave Toronto every night at 10.10 p.m. on its trip across the continent, via Winnipeg, Calgary, Banff, Lake Louise, the spiral tunnel, Sicamous and parts of the Canadian Pacific Rockies famous throughout the world, on its way to Vancouver, where the travellers are unanimous in their praise of the service of the Vancouver Hotel. The Canadian Pacific also operates a steamship service to Victoria, the Mecca for winter tourists.

Not only does the Vancouver Express carry tourist and standard sleepers, but it also carries a compartment-observation car complete in itself while a parlor car is added from Revelstoke to Vancouver.

Added to this national service is a feature service from Toronto to Montreal via the Lake Shore Line, which has been entirely reballasted with crushed rock and relaid with 100 pound rails, insuring a maximum of comfort for travellers at night as well as an absence of dust in daytime. Trains leave Toronto Union Station at 9.00 a.m. daily, 10.00 p.m. daily except Saturday, and 11.00 p.m. daily. Arriving at Windsor Station, the traveller has the benefit of immediate facilities in the women's rest room, lunch room and barber shop which cannot be duplicated in any other station in Montreal. An added convenience is offered those who wish to travel to Montreal from North Toronto in the 9.45 p.m. train, daily except Saturdays, from Yonge Street Station.

Canadian Pacific agents will gladly make your reservations and supply you with any information you require. They are fully qualified to offer a "second to none" service to the public.

PLAYING "BAD LIES"

(By "Sandy" Herd).

"SANDY" HERD, writing in the "American Golfer," says: Of all "bad lies," the one that gives the average golfer most trouble is the "Hanging lie," with whatever club it is played. Yet there is a way of picking up a ball on a down slope that need never fail; and so far as I know there is only one way.

Suppose the club you want to use is the baffle—the average golfer's best friend, especially in winter, when the ground is heavy and "slatchy." Well, you find the ball on the downside of hill or undulation. The distance to the green is just right for the baffle. But three times in four this sort of lie beats you. Let the reverse be true hereafter; as it will be, if you can put into practice what I am going to tell you.

Hitherto you have topped these shots, as a rule. That is because the ball is lying low—not in the sense of being "cupped," but because of the sloping ground—so that unless you know how to play the shot, the club-head hits it high; knocks its bonnet off, in caddie language.

To counteract this tendency take up your stance well behind the ball, keep well down with body and head, lay the face of the club back, or open, and then FOLLOW THE LIE OF THE GROUND!

I mean follow down the slope after the ball is hit. The result will astonish you and set you wondering why you have allowed "hanging lies" to spoil rounds for you in the past.

The mistake many make is to play this shot as if the ball were lying on the level—contrary to common sense. Get it into your mind that every golf shot

is supported by common sense and that will simplify matters very considerably.

A ball lying the opposite way, on the up-side of a slope as you face the flag, often traps the golfer into taking too much ground and "baffing" the shot.

Again, you should stand behind the ball—not so much as for the hanging lie, but still a little behind—and follow the ball with the club-head sweeping smoothly up the rising ground. That will avoid the danger of "digging." It is well to get a supple wrist flick in at the finish, as the right arm follows the ball.

The essential condition for these shots is a firm, comfortable stance, which leaves no doubt in the mind of the player. A doubt, or the shadow of one, tends to make you hurry the shot and "hoik" the club, which spells disaster.

When you know how a shot should be played and can let the club do the rest without flurry or fluster, all's well with you. An expert looking on at your game would say: "That man plays golf. He makes his shots in the right way." Good results by any other method are not worth having.

AN INTERESTING RULING

A MONTREAL correspondent sends in the following decision handed down by Innis Brown, the New York golfing expert, and rather questions it:

"Foursome play, by which is meant the playing of alternate strokes with a single ball by the two partners of a side, does not enjoy the popularity in this country that it does abroad. However, foursome competitions are played occasionally. Of course, it is a rule in this kind of play, that each player must play alternate strokes after the ball is struck from the tee. This rule has given rise to a rather interesting decision as follows:

The question was submitted to the Rules Committee as to whether a stroke should be counted where player facing a long carry, purposely swung over the ball in order that his partner might play the next stroke in hopes of making the carry. The answer is that such a movement does not constitute a stroke. The player did not hit the ball and cause it to move, nor did he hit at it with intent to hit it, these being the two bases on which a stroke is counted."

Mr. Brown is quite right. In a case submitted from New Zealand some time ago, the R. and A. handed down a decision stating that such a stroke did not bring the ball into play.

ISLINGTON GOLF CLUB

Closes a Very Successful First Season

THE Islington Golf Club, Toronto, officially closed its first season on Saturday, November the 29th, when Secretary Millar transferred his office to the club's winter quarters in the Lumsden Building.

This club, it will be remembered, only commenced building operations late in the Fall of 1923, the roughing-in being done before it froze up.

Early in the Spring of the present year work was resumed and such remarkable progress was made that the first nine holes were put in commission in August, the second nine holes shortly afterwards.

While the seeding of some of the fairways and greens was not completed until July, with constant attention on

the part of the management, the real golfing months, September and October, found the whole course in exceptionally fine condition, especially for a first season, a completed water system, second to none in Canada, a beautiful club house built, equipped in running order and a membership of over half the limit set—500.

All of this, including the placing of some three hundred shares of capital stock, was accomplished through the efforts of a small committee, composed of Major W. T. Rogers, Major C. S. Pote, Major E. H. A. Watson and Mr. James Turner, with Capt. Melville Millar as Secretary-Manager in charge of operations.

While pending the completion of

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the course in every particular, no attempt at club organization was made, all details of management being left to the Committee and Secretary. The club's initial season passed off without a hitch of any kind, with the consensus of opinion among the members being that the Islington would eventually become one of the most popular clubs in the city.

In fact, so popular did it become during September and October with mem-

bers of other clubs that over a thousand dollars in green fees were taken in with enthusiasts still wanting to play over the course after the flags had been removed from the greens.

So soon as the books of the club have been closed for the season, and the financial statement prepared, the first meeting of the shareholders and members will be called, at which the necessary directors and committees will be appointed for 1925.

QUEBEC LADIES' GOLF CLUB

**Holds a Wonderfully Successful Closing Luncheon and Presentation of Prizes
—The Clever Speech of Mrs. A. R. M. Boulton**

THE "Jacques Cartier" room of the Chateau Frontenac, Quebec, was crowded for the closing luncheon of the Ladies' Branch of the Quebec Golf Club. The many tables were so placed around the room that every person present could see the long center table, on which the many beautiful silver trophies and other exceedingly pretty and useful prizes were placed. There was an exceedingly large attendance, some 150 in all.

After a hearty luncheon had been partaken of, Mrs. C. M. deR. Finnis rose and proposed the toast to "The King," which was honoured by the singing of the National Anthem. Mrs. Finnis then called upon Mrs. A. R. M. Boulton to propose a toast to the Ladies' Branch of the Quebec Golf Club. Mrs. Boulton in a neat little speech stated that it gave her great pleasure to propose the toast, to the Ladies' Branch of the Quebec Golf Club, which she said was an organization second to none in Canada, being affiliated with the second oldest Golf Club in America, which is one reason why for many years Quebec has held a foremost place in the

History of Golf in Canada, and one of the members of the Ladies' Branch had seen to it that the Ladies' Branch should hold its place by bringing to the club two championships.

"The proudest feature of this success," she stated, "is the fact that our two Champions, Mrs. H. C. Foy and Mrs. F. T. Hand-sombody, entered the tournaments, not because they had expectations of winning, but with the best sporting instincts, for the sake of their club and the love of the game. To those who like myself, never get 'anywhere,' I read the following consoling lines:

My mind is burdened with a premonition,
I have a funny feeling in my bones,
That I shall never reach my fond ambitions,
And play the game of golf like Bobby Jones.

I'm glad 'tis so, for reason all sufficient,
And purely personal, as you shall see;
If I became doggedly proficient,

I'd lose the friends who now play golf with me.

Mrs. Boulton also said that she wished to convey—on behalf of the members, a very

hearty vote of thanks to the President, Mrs. C. M. deR. Finnis, who had done so much for the welfare of the Club, and as a token of their regard presented Mrs. Finnis with an exquisite bouquet of pink roses. Every one in the room took up the refrain of "For She's a Jolly Good Fellow," which was followed by three hearty cheers and a tiger for the President.

Mrs. C. M. de R. Finnis, the President of the Ladies' Branch, distributed the prizes handed to her by Mrs. F. T. Handsombody, the Club Captain, from the table upon which they had been attractively displayed.

The season's prize winners were:
Championship, Turner Cup, Mrs. Handsombody.

Runner-up, presented by Mrs. Meredith, Mrs. Foy.

Championship Consolation, Mrs. Finnis, Mrs. R. Meredith.

Championship, Turner Cup, Class "B," Mrs. Henderson.

Runner-up, Mrs. E. Wiggs.

Championship Consolation, presented by Mrs. Delaney, Miss H. Home.

Qualifying Round, Meredith Cup, Miss P. Burstall.

Best Gross Score, presented by Mrs. Burstall, Mrs. Foy.

Qualifying Round, Class "B," presented by Mrs. Whitehead, Mrs. Delaney.

Best Gross Score, Class "B," Mrs. Delaney.

Foy Cup, Mrs. Handsombody.

Driving Class "A," Boswell Cup, Mrs. Handsombody.

Longest Drive, presented by Mrs. C. Thompson, Mrs. R. Meredith.

Driving, Class "B," Barrow Cup, Mrs. Bradley.

Longest Drive, presented by Mrs. Handsombody, Mrs. Sheehy.

Approaching and Putting, "A," presented by Miss Price, Mrs. Boulton.

Approaching and Putting "E" Gale Cup, Class "B," Mrs. Bradley.

Ringer Competition, "A," Burstall Cup, Mrs. Foy.

Second Ringer Prize, presented by Mrs. R. Meredith, Mrs. Handsombody.

Ringer Competition, "B," J. A. Scott Cup, Mrs. Wiggs.

Second Ringer Prize, Mrs. Henderson and Miss Home.

Finnis Cup, Mrs. M. Gallagher.

Boulton Plate, Mrs. C. Thomson.

Boswell Cup, Miss K. Turner.

K. Thomson Cup, Mrs. Foy.

Webb Cup, Miss P. Burstall and Mrs. Wiggs.

L. G. U. Silver Spoon, Mrs. Foy.

L. G. U. Bronze Spoon, Miss D. Smith.

Tombstone Match, Lockes' Prize, Class "A," Mrs. Pigot.

Tombstone Match, Lockes' Prize, Class "B," Mrs. Jess.

Pigot Cup, Miss M. Gallagher.

Mixed Foursomes, Quebec Golf Club, Mrs. J. Thomson and Mr. W. P. Good.

Handsombody Cup, Quebec Golf Club.

For player in greatest number of matches during season, presented by Mrs. Finnis, Mrs. W. Willard.

The prizes won by Quebecers in the Canadian Championship and Provincial Championship games were also on view.

Before the gathering broke up, Mrs. Finnis said that she wished to present to Mrs. F. T. Handsombody, the energetic Club Captain, a few flowers as a slight token of the appreciation in which she held her efforts on behalf of the club.

CALGARY GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

Results of the Principal Competitions in 1924 which was a Record Season

MR. A. BRISCOE, Secretary of The Calgary Golf and Country Club, under date of November 26th, writes:

"Hereunder I give a list of the more important competitions which have been played on the grounds of the Calgary Golf and Country Club during the long and very successful golfing season of 1924. Play is still possible here, although there are a few drifts of snow scattered over the course. A few days ago Mr. L. H. Miller, playing with Mr. F. M. Harvey, holed out from his tee shot on the 8th hole, a distance of 200 yards. Results of Competitions (Men)—April, Team Match won by Captain's team with 28½ points to Vice-Captain's 22 points; Tombstone Competition won by Mr. G. F. Tull. May, Loughheed Cup, winner J. L. Bell; Mixed Foursomes, Mr. E. C. Mapson and Mrs. Shaw. June, Herald Cup, T. B. Weatherbee; Veteran's Cup, Dr. Roach. July, Middleton Cup, C. S. Henley; Best Ball against Par, Dr. Roach

and T. B. Weatherbee; Mixed Foursomes, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Gray; Craufurd Cup, Brig.-General Bell. August, Sports and Pastimes Cup, T. B. Weatherbee; Mixed Foursomes, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Toole; Club Championship, A. T. Lowes. September, Mixed Foursomes, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Gray; Electric Competition, 1st, J. L. Bell; 2nd G. R. H. Anderson; 3rd F. F. Wilson.

Ladies Competitions—May, Putting Competition, won by Mrs. H. I. Millar; Ladies' Team Match, Vice-Captain's Team won by 13 points to Captain's Team 10 points. June, Foursome Medal Round, Mrs. Hindsley and Mrs. Toole; Foursomes, Match Play, Miss Sparrow and Mrs. McLean; Tombstone Competition, Mrs. C. E. Morris. August, Medal Round, 1st Mrs. Morris; 2nd, Mrs. Dorland.

September, Ladies' Championship, Mrs. J. R. Hutcheon; 2nd, Mrs. P. J. Jennings; F. C. Lowes Cup, Mrs. Gray; Dillon Coste Cup, Mrs. A. H. Allen; Electric Competition, 1st Mrs. A. H. Allen; 2nd, Mrs. C. V. Daere."

THE PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE GOLF CLUB

Western Organization is in a Flourishing Condition with a Large and Enthusiastic Membership

THE Portage La Prairie Golf Club was started in the Spring of 1922 and is now in its third year.

Along with all the other lines of sport and athletics the course, which is of nine holes, is situated on "The Island," and the north side of the course runs along Creseent Lake. The land is rolling and nicely treed and is,

The majority of the members were new to this game in 1922, but some surprisingly good players have developed and some low scores have been turned in. Last year a seventy-two was turned in more than once and eighties were quite common.

There are men's and ladies' medal competitions each month and the



Winter Golf in Portage La Prairie. Snap Shot Taken of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Dunham and Daughter, on the Links, December 23rd, 1923.

indeed, a beauty spot. Nature has done everything to make it an ideal golf course, and the man in charge is rapidly getting the fairways and greens in splendid shape. The temporary greens, which are just selected level spots well rolled and tended, have been surprisingly good. The aim is to build two permanent greens each year.

The fairways are looked after by a Townsend Triplex machine, drawn by horses, and the course is well equipped with the exception of a club house. There is a nice poplar grove at the east end of the course, and a marquee tent pitched in this grove, overlooking the lake on one side and the ninth green and number one tee on the other side, serves as a club house in the meantime. The main object of the Portage Club is to play golf, and the members place the matter of a good course and playing convenience ahead of a club house. The club house will come in time.

monthly winners play off at the end of the season. The Championship for the men's competition is represented by a cup presented by Dr. G. P. Armstrong, of Portage La Prairie, and of the ladies' competition a cup presented by Mr. E. Mander, of Montreal, who has kindly feelings towards the Portage Club, having played over the course during the first year, when the fairways were badly in need of "a shave."

The ladies are organized to look after their own competitions and any social activities in which they wish to engage.

During the first season, before the course was in good shape, caddies were found necessary to spot balls, but they proved a nuisance, and now that the fairways are kept so well mown the balls are seldom lost, caddies are debarred from the club grounds, except when members take a caddie with them

and become responsible for their behaviour.

Through careful management on the part of the Board of Governors the club is free from debt.

The officers for 1924 are: Honorary President, Dr. G. P. Armstrong; President, H. M. Dunham; Vice-President, Dr. H. J. Hassard; Treasurer, W. J. Bowler; Secretary, C. A. Smith.

NATIONAL GREEN SECTION TOURNAMENT

Nearly \$9,000 Raised as a Result of the Competition Inaugurated by the U. S. G. A.

MR. WYNANT D. VANDERPOOL, President of the United States Golf Association, announces that two golfers have tied for the prize in the National Green Section Tournament, held on October 25th, throughout the United States and Canada.

The players who returned cards showing that they were 6 up on par are Mr. John J. Hane, Marion Country Club, Marion, Ohio, gross 87, net handicap 23=64, and Dr. E. L. Brady, also of Marion Country Club, Marion, Ohio, gross 90, net handicap 23=67.

Mr. Hane's club handicap was 30, and Dr. Brady's also 30, and the usual three-quarters ($\frac{3}{4}$), allowance was taken in arriving at the "Match Play against Par" result.

The Marion Country Club course is a 9-hole layout, the par being 74 and the yardage 3,467.

Both players will receive appropriate prizes to commemorate their achievements in the new National Tourney.

Up to the present time returns have been received from 207 clubs and individuals, showing that 8,743 players participated in this event and the total realized amounts to \$8,883.50.

The splendid spirit of co-operation and enthusiasm expressing appreciation of the

services rendered by the Green Section to all kinds of golf and country clubs, both in this country and other countries, indicates that the Green Section has accomplished something worth while, even with the limited amount that has been available in past years, and the general sentiment is that this new undertaking to secure more funds will receive hearty support in the future, when arrangements can be made to properly set up this event as an annual or semi-annual competition.

The late date announced for the tournament was unfortunate as it found a number of clubs closed and this, together with other attractions, such as football matches, interfered greatly with the attendance.

Club officials are unanimously agreed that next year the event should arouse greater interest and be productive of larger returns.

A number of clubs went to the trouble to have special announcements printed and distributed to members and one club had photographs taken of two of their rebuilt greens, showing the improvement made by planting bent stolons secured from the Green Section, which permitted play thereon within 46 days.

Four Canadian Clubs held competitions for the cause and an unusual contribution was received from the Valparaiso Golf Club, Chile, South America.

CARLTON CLUB HAS STRONG DIRECTORATE

WITH a membership of nearly 300, principally prominent golfers of Toronto, the Carlton Club opens its doors this month in Toronto, having acquired the Queen City Curling and Bowling Club on Church Street. The idea of the club is to provide its members during the winter months with Indoor Golf, Squash Rackets, Badminton and Bowling. Mr. E. Mason, the well known Secretary of the Lambton Club, has been appointed Secretary of the club for the winter months and James Martin, the assistant pro at Lambton, will be the golf instructor. The following is the very strong Board of Directors elected—a Board which spells success: President, E. L. Ruddy; Vice-President, H. H. Williams; Directors, R. A. Burns, Lambton; S. B. Gundy, President of the Royal Canadian Golf Association; John A. Gunn, E. H. Gurney, W. S. Hodgens, Gordon Hyland, D. McK. McClelland, T. G. McConkey, Frank A. Rolph and Allan Ross.

GREAT BRITAIN AND OVERSEAS

Interesting Jottings from the Courses of England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales and British Dependencies.

A competition course record was registered at the Royal Liverpool Club by Mr. D. E. Landale when he turned in a 73 at the regular autumn meeting.

The London Scottish Golf Club will re-open its full course in Wimbledon

from temporary members and visitors. Incidentally there is another source of income which would brighten up the balance sheets of many clubs on the American side of the Atlantic, an item which reads: Sale of wines, spirits, cigars, provisions and other "19th



J. H. Taylor and E. Ray, Playing in the Press vs. Pros. Match at Fulwell, Stop Their Match for the Two Minutes' Silence. Canadian Admirers of "Ted" Ray will hardly recognize him in his "Plus Fours." Like Taylor, he has, until quite recently, always been a devotee of trousers.

Common early in the New Year. It will be remembered that during the war the Common was occupied for military purposes and extensive damage done to the fine old course. This club is the oldest in England and has been continuously connected with the London Scottish Regiment since 1865, in which year the Regiment secured permission to play on Wimbledon Common from Earl Spencer.

Large incomes from green fees is not restricted to American resort clubs, for it is noted that during the last year the Hythe Golf Club received £1,366

hole" perquisites, £2,312, net profit £724. Rather nice, too.

In the course of a series of exhibition matches with George Duncan and George Gadd, Arthur Havers, ex-British Open Champion, established new course records at the following clubs: Tehidy (Cornwall), Wrexham, Forfar and Banchory.

The Montrose Rotary Club recently listened to a most interesting talk on "Early Golf in Montrose," given by Dean of Guild Thomas Lyell. Every boy and girl of Montrose plays golf



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and the Dean was easily able to prove to his listeners how jolly lucky they were to have courses on which an annual expenditure of £2,000 was made compared with the thirty pounds that had been allowed by the Town Council in days gone by.

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The first English Close Amateur Championship will be held at Hoylake in April next.

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A putting green will be constructed by the Corporation of Plymouth on a most historic site. It will be but a few yards from the green on which Drake played bowls whilst the Spanish Armada approached England's shores.

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A wedding of golfing interest was that of Miss Joan Cheney, daughter of the late Mr. E. J. Cheney, of Heather Lodge, Sunningdale, to Mr. Charles de Paravincini. Miss Cheney is one of the only two women members of the exclusive Sunningdale Club, the honour being shared with Miss

Molly Griffiths, now Mrs. Heppel. Both are sterling golfers and were honoured by Sunningdale in recognition of their work in caring for the greens during the absence of the regular staff on war service.

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The sub-committees of the British Golf Unions' Joint Advisory Committee have been busy drawing up a scheme for uniform handicapping and the fixing of scratch scores for the courses throughout the British Isles. The schemes will be passed upon by the Joint Advisory Committee in January and then laid before the Royal and Ancient Championship Committee.

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In the "Eve" Autumn Foursomes at Ranelagh, Miss D. Houthill, of Copt Heath and Miss P. Cotgrave, of Stoke Poges, handicap 10, were the winners. The feature of the meet was the defeat of many strong couples as Miss Wethered and Mrs. Hambro, former holders of the event, and Mrs. Dorothy Campbell-Hurd and Miss Fowler.

Oxford University received a severe beating at the hands of Walton Heath, 12 points to 5, on the day's play. Foursomes were played in the morning, and singles in the afternoon. The weather was atrocious, heavy rain falling throughout the day, whilst several matches were finished in darkness. Sir Ernest Holderness, the Amateur Champion, partnered with C. E. Beharrell, had a runaway victory in the morning foursomes, and also beat A. R. Nall-Cain, Captain of the University team, 2 and 1, in the singles.

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At the meeting of the Surrey Ladies, at Guildford, Miss E. Grant-Suttie, the Scottish Internationalist and former British Lady Champion, paired with Mrs. Collis Brown, won the bogey foursome competition. The best scratch score of the day was secured by Mrs. Brown, viz., 79; Miss L. Acheson Gray, Guildford, won the Surrey Challenge Cup, handicap 10, net 73.

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When Lord Sackville formally opened the new Knole Park course near Sevenoaks, the event of the day was a four-ball match in which Bernard Darwin and Roger Wethered opposed Capt. D. S. Peplow and Pea-

cock, the club professional. The match ended all square.

An analysis of the scores made in first-class competitions by professionals during the past season shows the following under 70 and the courses upon which they were secured:

Roehampton: E. Ray, 68; W. G. Oke, 68; A. Herd, 68; F. Ball, 68; R. D. Vickers, 68; C. Gray, 69; Abe Mitchell, 69; Fred. Robson, 69; G. Duncan, 69. Deal: C. A. Whitecombe, 69. Gleneagles: W. G. Oke, 69. Wilmslow: G. Gadd, 69; W. E. Brown, 69. West Herts: J. H. Taylor, 68.

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Aberdeen University lost all its matches, both singles and foursomes, to Edinburgh University at Gullane.

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The Mid-Surrey Golf Club recently honoured John Henry Taylor and his twenty-five years service by a dinner at which the great professional was presented with many interesting mementoes of the occasion.

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The members of the Leeds Municipal Golfers' Club have presented a well signed petition to the City Council requesting that Sunday play be permitted on the city's municipal courses.

CANADIAN GREEN KEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

Successfully Launched at a Meeting in Toronto—Constitution and By-laws Adopted and Officers Elected

THE successful launching last month in Toronto of The Canadian Greenkeepers' Association marks a forward step in golf in Canada.

The meeting was held at the Prince George Hotel with a representative attendance and a constitution and by-laws patterned after those of the powerful British Greenkeepers' organization were adopted.

The officers of the Association are: Honorary President, S. B. Gundy; Honorary Vice-President, Prof. Clarke, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa; President, W. J. Sanson, Toronto Golf Club; Secretary-Treasurer, F. H.

Hawkins, Lakeview Golf and Country Club. The charter members of the organization, from whom the executive officers were chosen, are: John Anderson, Scarborough; James Hickman, Highland Golf Club, London; Malcolm Bunting, Glendale, Hamilton; A. Horne, Welland; Charles Robinson, Thistledown; A. MacCallum, Scarborough; W. Kirby, Lambton; John Cameron, Weston; James Stanfield, Mississauga; C. W. Freeman, Toronto Hunt; William Gray, Lake Shore; A. T. Nixey, London Hunt; James Scotland, Scarborough.

If the Association develops along the lines of the constitution and the by-

laws as they were framed by Messrs. Sanson and Hawkins, and endorsed by the score of greenkeepers present, and it undoubtedly will, an organization will come into existence of great value to the supporting clubs, and helpful to their employees in charge of course maintenance.

Its object is "mutual self-help; improvement of its members by periodically holding competitions and offering prizes for essays, plans, drawings, models of greens and bunkers; to institute a benevolent fund for the relief of deserving members; to act as an agency of assistance to any member in obtaining employment."

The membership in the Association is limited to greenkeepers, and in the case of a professional who combines work on the course with instruction, the head groundsmen in the employ of the club becomes eligible for member-

ship. Entrance fee is fixed at \$2, and the annual fee at \$10. A clause gives the Executive Committee power to demand the resignation of a member whose conduct is likely to bring discredit upon the Association. A duty of the Secretary is to keep a register of positions vacant and of clubs in need of greenkeepers.

Mr. Sanson briefly outlined the program of the Association. During the winter there would be lectures from experts and in the summer a monthly meeting at clubs supporting the Association to be followed by competitions, in which members would be asked to write essays on subjects of general interest.

The Association has a big field before it and the Canadian Golfer is confident it will justify its existence in every sense of the word.

"HEARD ON THE LINKS"

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

The report (fortunately false) that Mr. Cyril Tolley was to remain in the States was not received very kindly in the Old Country and called for the following effort in the columns of "Golfing":

We were not awfully fed up

When Hagen carried off the Open;
A victory in the Walker Cup

We never really placed our hope in.
But now we're feeling pretty blue,

They're taking everything, of late,
And that they should take Tolley too
Is more than we can Tolley-rate.

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It is a habit in one of the clubs near London for members at lunch time to carve for themselves at the sideboard. In the course of the meal it is frequently observed that a generous slice is followed by a long pull.

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Father—And what business would you like to go into?

Sporting Son—By all means one where you play golf with the customers.

It has been estimated that if all the golf balls used in England in twelve months were placed in a straight line they would reach from Land's End to Hull. Provided, of course, that all caddies were placed under lock and key for the time being.—"Punch."

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IN GOOD OLD QUEBEC.

A Montreal subscriber sends in the following good 'un:

"Old Mother Hubbard
Went to the cupboard
For something to quench her thirst.
But when she got there
The Cupboard was bare,
'Cause hubby had been there first."

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An old golf caddie was asked by a beginner what was the best thing to use for cleaning golf balls.

"Whiskey," replied the caddie.

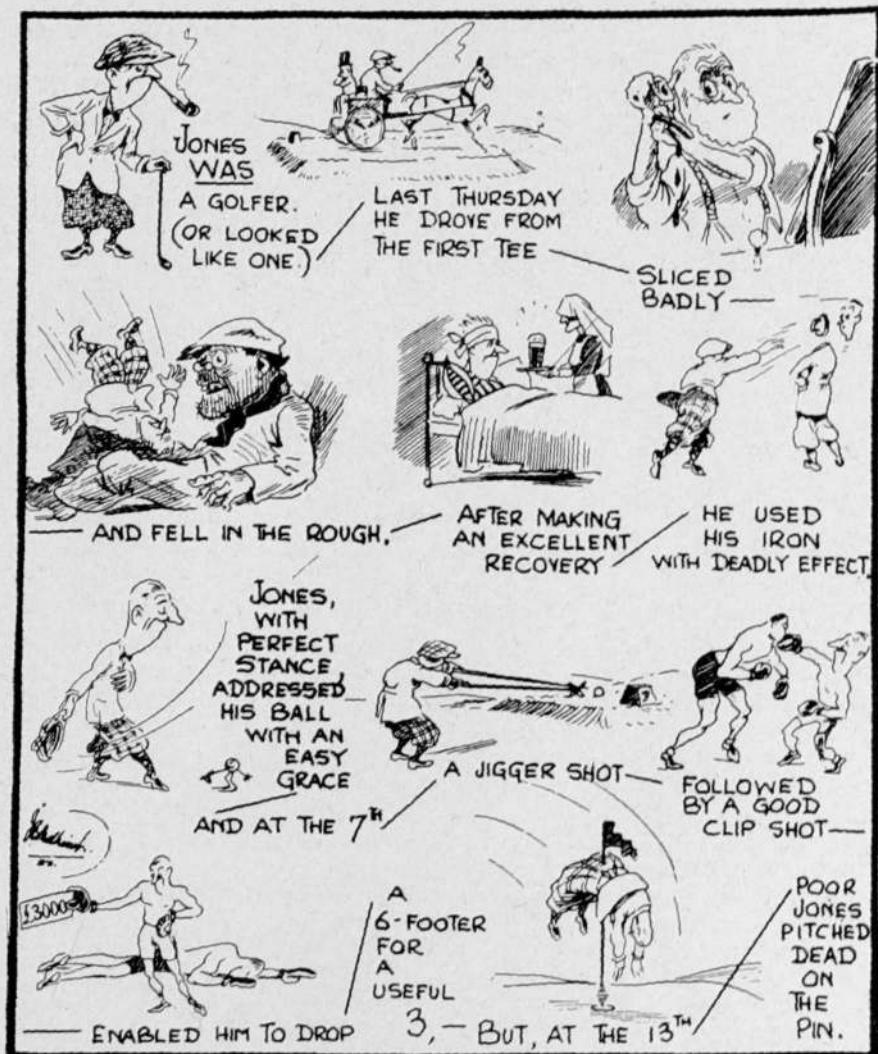
"Indeed, and how do you use it?"

"Oh, I just swallow the whiskey," was the reply, "then I breathe on the balls."

"A SHOT GUN OR A BOOK OF RULES"

Golf is spreading so rapidly in this broad and admittedly glorious country that the Book of Rules hasn't caught up to it yet in certain uncivil-

Two ladies were engaged in a tournament in the southland. One had a putt for a half on a green. After taking her stance she discovered that she still had her mashie in her hand instead of a putter. She straightened



AN EXTRAVAGANCE

- J. B. Melhuish in the *Golf Monthly*

ized sections. Two sad reports have been received where ignorance was anything but bliss. The victims learned too late that they had been hocus-pocussed by rules that had been made up to fit the circumstances, and had never been included in the regulations laid down by the R. and A. or the U. S. G. A.

up again, got a putter from her caddie and holed out.

"My hole," said her competitor. "You had no right to change clubs after you had addressed the ball."

"I'm so sorry," said the victim, "I really didn't know I was breaking the rules. Of course it's your hole."

The second case is reported by George W. Nickel, former official of the California Golf Association. A disconsolate duffer was telling him how he lost a certain match somewhere in the wilds on a course where the sand greens were rectangular in shape.

"It was a beautiful shot," he moaned, "but it just trickled over the back edge of the green, and, of course, I lost the hole and the match."

"How so?" queried Mr. Nickel.

"Why," they told me that a ball that rolled off the back edge of a green is always out of bounds."

A man should either carry a book of rules or a shotgun.—"American Golfer."

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THE PASSIONATE SPECTATOR.

Oh, it's hey for the flash of the tennis ball, as it whizzes across the net.

It's ho for the zing of a placement ace or a dash for a clever get.

Then the joy that comes from a well-placed chop there is none more keen or rare.

Tennis indeed is the game of games (from the coign of a linesman's chair).

The dimpled Colonel arches aloft and away to the rolling green;

The swinging driver follows through with a click that is crisp and clean.

Ah! golf is a match to light the flame of enthusiasm's torch!

Give me the kick of a close links tilt— from a seat on the clubhouse porch.

The thud of a punt, the crack of a bat, the flash of a runner's limbs,

The cleaving swoop of a perfect dive all move me to joyful hymns.

There's not a game, as a matter of fact, that doesn't give me a thrill;

There isn't a contest I can't enjoy— as long as I'm sitting still.

—"Life."

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We have frequently drawn attention in these columns to the golfing performances of well known historical characters such an Ananias, who lay dead after a bad lie, and Queen Elizabeth, who was always in the ruff. American golfers have recently sug-

gested one or two additions, e.g. David, the first man to hole out in one; Samson, who couldn't break away from the links; and Magellan, the circumnavigator, who went round in 1521.— "Golfing."

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HOME IN EIGHTY-THREE.

(By Harold Willard Gleason).

Just one more short putt for me, lad,
And my round of life's complete,
And they'll mark up my eighty-three,
lad,

On the Last Great Scoring Sheet.
As well as I knew I've played, lad,
And peaceful and calm I'll rest
Till the qualifications are made, lad,
For the Tournament of the Blest.

It seems but a week ago, lad,

That I stood on the high first tee
With the course unfolding below, lad,

Now I'm home—in eighty-three!

I topped and I sliced at times, lad—

No man plays a perfect game—
But errors aren't always crimes, lad;
My tally-card's free from shame.

There are hazards thick on the course,
lad,

And many a pit I knew,
Not mentioning water and weeds, lad;

But I tightened and followed
through;

And after you've known the rough,
lad,

The fairways sweeter smile,
And a pitch, when the going's tough,
lad,

To the green makes life worth while.

This last hole many folks fail, lad—

I grant you it's long and hard—
And many good golfers quail, lad,

And turn in a blank "NO Card";
But I loved the game that I played,
lad—

It's royal—and ancient, too;
On the last green I'm afraid, lad—

God grant—that the ball—roll true.

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A local celebrity, who had got on in the world, was invited to open a new golf course by driving off the first tee. Being a big man he preferred to use a niblick. With a mighty swing he missed the ball, but dislodged about

a foot of earth, and remarked: "I declare this course now opened!"

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A NEW TEST.

"Golf is a good test of what sort of a politician a man would make."—Mr. Lloyd George.

'Tis on the links that one can see

A politician's chance of fame,
By noticing the way that he
Shapes at the royal, ancient game;
Tell if he'll sit in Fortune's lap,
Or suffer from some handicap!

If he can boast a swell "address,"

And has his ball discreetly tee'd;
If he disdains that shocking "press,"
He's on the "fairway" to succeed;
But should he try some rotten tricks,
Though in plus fours, he's minus nix,

He must beware that topping smack

That lands his pilule in the heather.
He also should acquire the knack
Of putting two and two together!
Else he will feel (how vain the toil!)
The iron entering the soil!

A "slice" of luck may fill brim full

His cup of happiness; and yet
If at the last he's got some "pull,"
He need not greatly feel upset:
Most politicians, if they try,
Can wriggle out of any "lie!"

—Bystander.

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"And now," said the good fairy,
"you may have your three wishes—
anything you want."

"Well," said the lucky one, "I'd like to do the ninth in par and—"

"Yes, yes, what else—?"

"And I'd like to have Bill Green there to see me do it, and—"

"Hurry up, what's your other wish now?"

"Well, if it's all right, I'd like to do it in one under par the next day—"

But the good fairy had fainted dead.

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—*Golfer's Magazine.*

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"Dear, dear!" said the fooler at last, "there cannot be worse players than myself."

"Weel, weel, maybe there are worse players," said the caddie consolingly, "but," he went on, "they dinna play."

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A well-known doctor was playing golf with an equally widely known minister.

"What shall we play for?" asked the former.

"Why, it is rather out of my line to play for anything," the minister replied.

"Well, we ought to play for something," insisted the doctor, "so I'll put up a pill and you put up a prayer."

"CANADIAN GOLFER" BOOK REVIEWS

FOUR particularly suitable books for holiday giving and general reading have recently been received by the Editor.

"The Green Stone" (S. B. Gundy, Publisher, Toronto, price \$2.00), has for its setting New York and the lonely North Carolina Coast. The heroine is Mary Cunningham, who goes to New York to retrieve the family fortunes by the sale to a Fifth Avenue jeweller of an heirloom—a green stone of great value. She is taken for a crook and promptly her amazing series of adventures are off to an exciting start. Harold MacGrath, the author of the big seller "The Man on the Box," is responsible for "The Green Stone," and he tells an absorbing story in a most masterly manner. Altogether a well worth while book, especially for holiday reading.

Mr. Frank L. Packard, of Montreal (the creator of "Jimmy Dale"), who by the way is an enthusiastic golfer, in his latest story, "The Locked Book," forsakes the crime centres of New York and other large cities and finds an absorbing centre for a tale of intrigue and adventure in the Malia Archipelago. The hero of the story is a well-limned sea captain, Kenneth Wayne, who in his search for the leader, "the man with the Crimson Sash," of a piratical crew, and who in an attempt to scuttle their schooner, murdered his father, meets with many most exciting adventures and experiences, amongst the romantic islands of the Peninsula. Mr. Packard is a past-master in the art of building up gripping situations. In "The Locked Book" he holds the attention of his readers from the first chapter until the last and thrilling denouement. The Copp-Clark Co., Ltd., of Toronto, are the publishers.

"The Garden of Folly," by Stephen Leacock (S. B. Gundy, Publisher, Toronto, price \$2.00), finds the shrewd and genial Canadian humorist at his best. In this exceedingly well printed volume Mr. Leacock treats in his own inimitable manner such problems as "The Human Body, Its Care and Prevention," "The House, Garden and Bungalow"—or how to be happy, even at Home. There is not a dull page in the whole book, making it the ideal Xmas or New Year gift. "Laughing with Leacock" is always a delight.

If one likes a story of adventure, and who doesn't? then "The Major-Diamond Buyer" (S. B. Gundy, Toronto, publisher, price \$2.00), provides thrills galore. The author is Mr. Patrick Greene and the setting of the story is South Africa, and Mr. Greene knows his South Africa well. The "Major" is six-foot of well groomed Englishman and his adventures on the veldt, in the diamond mines and in the depths of the jungle give the skilful writer a great chance to pile up exciting situation after exciting situation. By all means secure a copy of this fascinating South African story of adventure.

THE U. S. CHAMPIONSHIPS

Courses and Dates Are Decided Upon by the Executive of the U. S. G. A.

THE "Canadian Golfer" is in receipt of the following official announcement from the Secretary of the United States Golf Association:

"The Executive Committee has tentatively set aside the following dates for the Championships:

Open—First week in June, at Worcester.

Amateur—First week in September, at Oakmont.

Woman's—Second week in October, at St. Louis.

Public Links—First week in August, at Salisbury.

Definite dates will be announced at the Annual Meeting in New York City, on January 10th, 1925, which will be held at the Hotel Astor, at 4 p.m.

The recommendations of the Professional Golfers' Association with regard to increasing the qualifying area, the number of qualifiers, setting aside three championship days and players competing in threesomes, was informally discussed, but no action taken."

A TYPICAL ENGLISH GOLF GALLERY



Spectators at Cooden Beach, rushing to secure a good position in the match between Miss Wethered (who won the Championship), and Miss Cecil Leitch. This is possibly one of the finest "action" photographs ever taken of a Golf Gallery. It demonstrates in a very forcible manner the interest our English cousins take in a championship match. Note the Curate!

OFF TO A GOOD START

The Britishers, Duncan and Mitchell, Who Arrived in the States This Month for a Tour of the South, Are Certainly Off to a Good Start

A DESPATCH from Asheville, N. C., says:

"George Duncan and Abe Mitchell, British professionals, defeated Bobby Jones, National Amateur Golf Champion, and Francis Ouimet, by one hole in a 36-hole match to-day at the Asheville Country Club. Best ball of the English players was 66-69; for the amateurs, 68-68; for the foursome, 63-65. The individual cards were: Duncan, 141; Mitchell, 150; Jones, 149; Ouimet 143."

To defeat such a formidable pair as Jones and Ouimet just after travelling thousands of miles by sea and land and under strange course and climatic conditions was certainly a fine performance. Judging by the scores, Duncan must have done the major work for the British pair. His score of 141 was 3 under fours.

HOW TO APPROACH WITH SUCCESS

(By J. H. Taylor, *Five Times British Open Champion*).

I HAVE long held the view that to be known as a consistently accurate approach player is one of the most desirable reputations any golfer can enjoy. I have said many times before that long driving, whilst conferring on the individual a sense of superiority over his fellows, does not contribute a great deal towards happiness when the playing of a hole is finished. When a ball is teed up, the hole is the real objective, and whether the drive be long or short, there is no escaping the approach shot. It is the link between the drive and the putt, and if the link be weak, the whole chain is rendered untrustworthy.

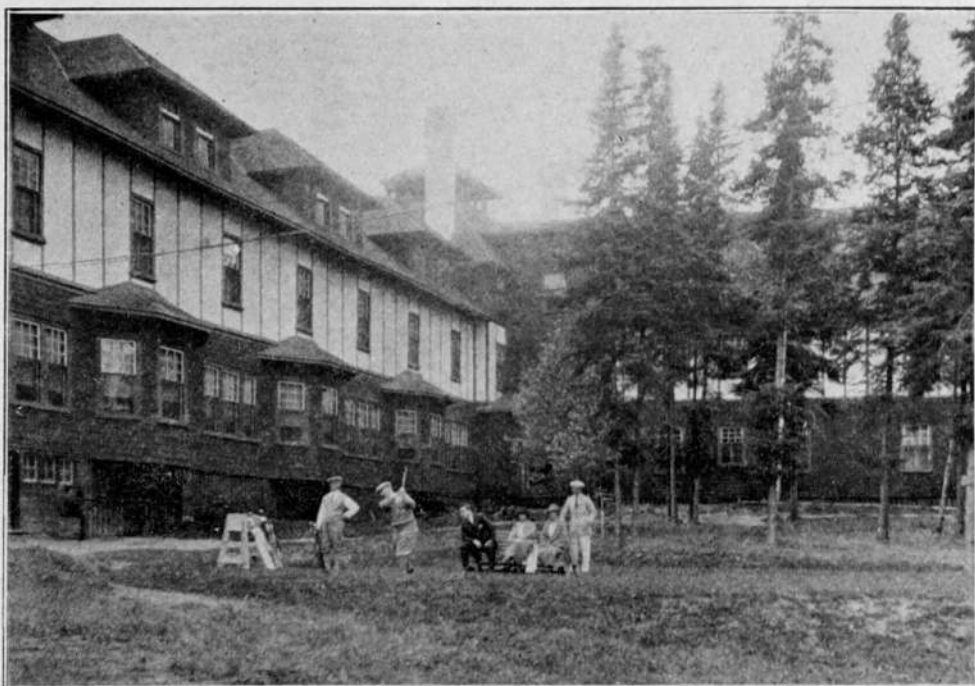
To be able to guide the ball towards the hole, with full control of strength and direction, proves that the player has achieved mastery over his more brutal instincts and brings the realization that skill at golf is not the sole prerogative of the very strong. The good approach shot in its delicate firmness also proves that the exponent has grasped the meaning of self restraint, and that he relies on pure skill to attain his objective. I am more than ever convinced that the reason so many players fail in this vitally essential stroke is want of patience in its execution. An effective approach with any iron club requires a deal of patience, not demanded in any other stroke with the exception of the putt. A hurried swing of the club is a sure herald of the failure of the shot, and proves that the swinger is conscious of his weakness and wishes to get it over as quickly as possible. It is a weakness that has always lain in wait for me, and I have to be continually on the alert to fight it. I make this admission without shame, but the fact that I may have conquered it more often than not proves, I hope, that I am always conscious of it. Therefore, a few tips from one who is considered to be fairly good in this department may not be amiss. Whether the approach shot be long or short it is most important that the head be kept as still as possible. To attain this, try to imagine that a glass of water is balanced on the top of the head and avoid spilling a drop. The body, in rotating, should not move outside the limits of its own width. It is the swaying to and fro that accounts for the pushed out or pulled shot, and destroys the solidarity of the blow, which is the pith and kernel of the stroke. Delay the application of the wrists and fingers till the last possible moment, and when applied, see to it that this is done crisply and with decision. A firm grip with the fingers is absolutely essential. Many a faulty down swing of mine has been rectified at the last moment by the application of the fingers, and has turned—what I have felt was coming—a wild shot into a respectable one. The reason so much bad iron play is seen is because of this absence of wrist and finger work. The ordinary amateur pleads inability because of want of power. I would advise these to attempt and cultivate it, even should the first efforts seem ludicrous. It is only through its agency that real and lasting success can be attained.

THE GOLF COURSE AT MINAKI

Popular Canadian National Resort 125 Miles East of Winnipeg Next Season
Will Have a Most Picturesque Course in Play

(By Mr. A. J. Hills).

WHEN the Transcontinental Trains of the Canadian National cross the Winnipeg River, 125 miles east of Winnipeg, passengers now get a glimpse of the Minaki Hotel, until recently entirely hidden by trees. They may be unaware of it, but as they look across the waters and through the opening in the woods towards the big gray and red building, they are looking up the fairway of the first hole of a golf course that gives a new kind of golf to



Driving from the First Tee at Minaki. The hole is 355 yards. This first tee it will be noticed, is most conveniently adjacent to the Minaki Inn.

Winnipeggers who form the great majority of the guests at Minaki. Fairways cut out of woods, or thrown across muskegs on corduroy foundation, greens and tees built over rocks with fine views of lake and river, give the course a character of a kind not previously accessible to residents of the Prairie City.

Minaki has been a summer resort favoured by Winnipeggers since the early days of the Grand Trunk Pacific, but its habitués until now have had to content themselves with tennis, boating and swimming. Golf is now added. It has been talked of for years, but the roughness of the terrain available seemed to present unsurmountable difficulties. However, golf was regarded as indispensable, so an expert was called in for consultation. Mr. Stanley Thompson, of Toronto, was selected and after going over the property reported, quite to the surprise of many, that a very good nine-hole course could be put in and that with proper handling, it could be ready for play in one year's time. A quick decision was reached to go ahead and work was commenced about the middle of May. A farm was bought from which top soil was obtained, which was delivered to the golf links site from a special siding. The work advanced with remarkable speed.

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the grading contractors, Messrs. Riley and Reid, doing extremely good work. All the work was done under the supervision of Mr. Stanley Thompson, the Golf Architect, and his staff, with whom the Railway's engineering and water service men co-operated to the fullest possible extent, and with the result that when the writer visited Minaki on October 7th the entire course was green with a fine catch of grass, tees were sodded and in good shape, greens had a good showing of creeping bent propagated from stolons and the fairway grass from seed. The water system was completed in August and was a factor in securing the excellent growth on fairways and greens.

HOLE NO. 1—355 YARDS—

The course starts from the hotel, the first tee being as close to the building as at any golf club. The first hole is 355 yards long and the drive is slightly up hill to a side hill resting place, the fairway sloping from trees on the right, to the lake on the left; a huge sand bunker, however, will prevent most pulled shots from reaching the water. The fairway swings a little to the left for the second shot. The surface of the green is slightly cupped but it sits pretty boldly against a background of trees and water and is protected with run offs and a trap to the left. It is an ideal drive and mashie for the par golfer and the player whose limit is about 180 yards will get a fine thrill if he makes the green in two shots.

HOLE NO. 2—370 YARDS—

The second hole has two distinctive tees, one for special competition use, requiring a drive over the brow of the hill, making the hole 370 yards, and the other on the brow giving a length of 340 yards. The tee shot from the latter is down an ovalled fairway cut through the woods, curving to the left, to a flat green with a trap to the left.

HOLE NO. 3—395 YARDS—

This is a long, narrow hole with the tee and green on high ground and a flat fairway (paralleling and seen from the railway), built up on corduroy; with two good shots one can expect to get home in two. The green is a natural one, slightly cupped.

HOLE NO. 4—295 YARDS—

A pleasant drive and pitch. The tee is of the pulpit type and the best tee shot has to carry a bunker. The green has a natural contour and is well trapped.

HOLE NO. 5—155 YARDS—

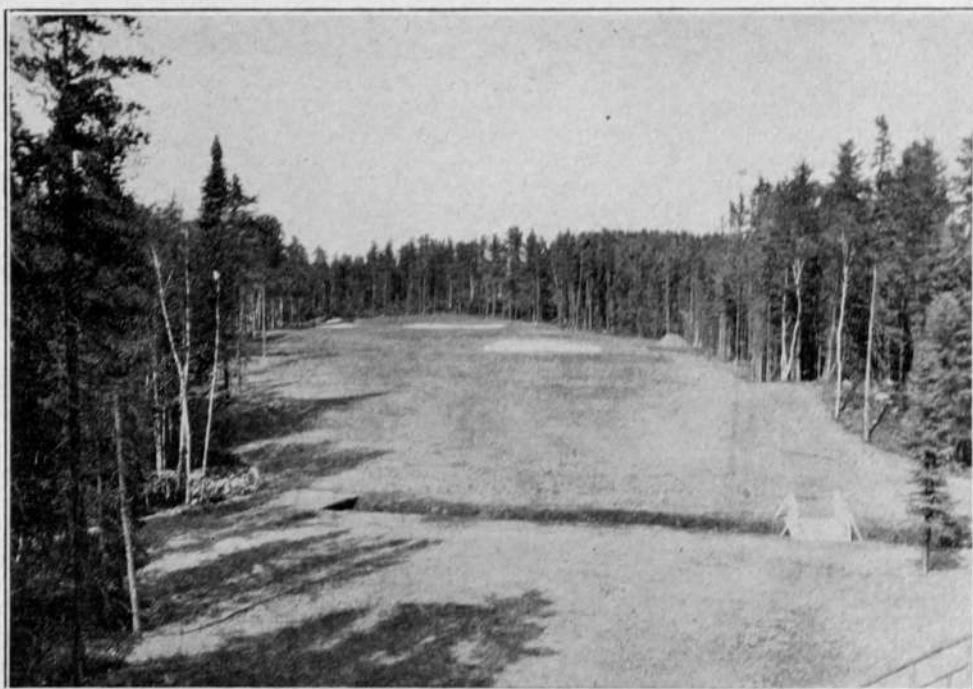
A one shot hole to a green that is not entirely receptive. This hole may also be played with a short tee, which gives an alternative 130 yard shot with a better view of the green.

HOLE NO. 6—380 YARDS—

This is a two shot hole, similar in character to the second and requires two well hit shots to reach a green, which is just as nature shaped the rocks over which it has been built. There is a short tee, making a material change in the tee shot.

HOLE NO. 7—190 YARDS—

Parallels the third and calls for a good stiff carry to cross a ditch. The green extends into a nook between and partly up the face of rocks which stand behind it.



The Beautiful Fourth Hole at Minaki. This picture gives an admirable idea of the charm of the course.

HOLE NO. 8—180 YARDS—

This requires a fine iron shot. The tee is high, the visibility is good, the trouble and green being clearly in view.

HOLE NO. 9—345 YARDS—

This tee shot must be well placed; trees are to the right and the lake, only protected by a thin fringe of trees, to the left. A good drive puts the player in position to mashie to a fine big green to the left with the hotel just beyond. The green has particularly interesting contours, is irregular in shape and stiffly trapped. A four will be well earned as both shots are exacting ones.

With the exception of the first and ninth, which have the lake to the left, and for part of the third, which has the railway to the left, the fairways are cut out of the woods, and save for the seventh, which parallels the third, all fairways are isolated, although with occasional opening to give fine vistas. There is a great natural beauty all around and all harsh lines have been avoided. The fairways are very pleasantly undulating and while the bunkering is not severe, the green traps are large, even if a number are not deep. The surface of the greens should be a feature much appreciated by those who recognize the fine points of putting; natural contours have been carefully preserved. Accuracy from the tee will be rewarded—there is nearly always a preferred position to be reached.

Variety for the habitue may be obtained by playing the first from the long tee in the first nine, and the second and fifth from the short tees, then playing the other tees at these holes for the second nine. There is a complete absence of clay in the subsoil and the turf will be pleasantly soft, which will put a premium on the shots that have a good carry. As there is water to every green and tee the course can be well maintained in the dryest season.

The golfers who visited Minaki this season were enthusiastic at the prospects for next year and already bookings of rooms have been solicited.

Minaki should be a valuable addition to the golf courses available to Winnipeggers and due to the interesting character of the terrain, the beauty of its surroundings, and the careful planning of the holes, the course will no doubt be extremely well received by golfers in general. To Minaki it adds an attraction that makes that resort an objective for many who previously said, "Minaki is all right, *but there is no golf.*" Now there is golf at Minaki and I should say for most Winnipeggers, just a little bit better than they get at home.

U. S. BEST TEN PROFESSIONALS

Hagen Back to Top Rank, Cyril Walker in Second Place and Diegel, Canadian Open Champion, in Third Place

(By William Everett Hicks, Golf Editor, Brooklyn "Times").

Player	District	Chief Feat	Rank				
			1924	1923	1922	1921	1920
W. Hagen	Metro.	British Open	1	2	1	3	2
C. Walker	Metro.	U. S. Open	1	..	..	7	..
L. Diegel	Unattached	Canada Open	3	..	8	..	8
J. Barnes	Unattached	P. G. run-up	4	9	3	2	3
W. Mehlhorn	St. Louis	Western Open	5	..	..	..	..
Mac. Smith	Metro.	Third, British Open	6	10	..	..	..
M. J. Brady	Metro.	Metro. Open	7	..	6	..	..
A. Espinosa	Chicago	Missouri, Open	8	..	..	..	..
E. French	Ohio	Pa., Open	9	..	..	..	..
W. MacFarlane	Metro.	Westeh. Open	10	..	..	..	7

JUST as Bobby Jones reigns supreme among the golf amateurs of the United States for the season just closed, so does Walter Hagen loom among the pros. of the country. There can be no question about his right to hold the No. 1 position among the best ten of the paid contingent, for he is the possessor of three national titles, two of them open and the third professional. The two open are the British and Belgian and the professional is the American, which he won for the second time by defeating Jim Barnes in the final at French Lick. In addition he captured the leading open event of the winter season, the North and South Open at Pinehurst in April. No other professional either here or abroad has ever held so many big titles in a single season.

There is no doubt either of the legitimate occupant of niche No. 2 in the year's Hall of Fame, for Cyril Walker earned that distinction by the flawless golf he displayed in winning the National Open at Oakland Hills, with his three rounds of that long course in 74, closing with a 75, an exhibition of steadiness never surpassed in the history of American golf. It is true that Walker failed to qualify for the National Professional Championship, but that slip cannot take from him the right to second place after Hagen, earned by his work in the Open.

To Leo Diegel is given third place, largely because of his victory in the Canadian Open, which is becoming more and more every year one of the great contests on this continent. The field of surpassing excellence which Diegel had to wade through to insure victory would almost alone entitle him to third place, but he has also to his credit the Shawnee tournament and the Heart of America professional tournament at Kansas City, in which Walter Hagen and other stars of the first magnitude competed.

For fourth place there is an interesting rivalry between Jim Barnes and William Mehlhorn. Barnes was runner-up to Hagen in the National Professional Championship, while Mehlhorn gathered in the Western Open. The latter's was a positive achievement, while Jim's was of the almost-got-there character.

We have submitted the question to prominent pros. and amateurs and they have decided that Barnes should outrank Mehlhorn as the week's test of match play in the pro championship was a greater strain than the two days of medal play that Mehlhorn went through to gain his title. Moreover, Barnes' play in the British Open was highly creditable, his total of 309 giving him sixth place in a tie with George Duncan, against the winning 301 of Hagen.

How can I improve my game?



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But placing Mehlhorn at No. 5 may also arouse objection on the part of admirers of MacDonald Smith, who may claim that he ought to stand at fifth place. Smith was in a tie for third place in the British Open, won the California Open title and defeated George Duncan in a special 72-hole match in Britain. The latter victory does not mean as much as it would in other years, since Duncan has won nothing since 1920, and in this country did not figure importantly in the two U. S. Open Championships in which he and Abe Mitchell entered, those of 1921 and 1922.

Putting Smith then, at No. 6, we come to niche No. 7, and in that we deposit Brady by virtue of his triumphs in the Metropolitan Open and his holding of Barnes to the 39th hole in the pro championship at French Lick.

The Metropolitan field this year was one of the weakest in the past decade on account of so many local and outside pros being absent, and the only reason we rank Brady where we do is that the field had a high average of excellence and included Leo Diegel, whom we rank as third best of the year. Had Diegel not started, we should not place Brady so low.

Now come the demands of three players for recognition as No. 8, that are difficult to estimate properly. They are the claims of A. Espinosa, winner of the Missouri Open; Emmet French, winner of the Pennsylvania Open; William MacFarlane, holder of the Westchester County, N. Y., Open title. Because of the presence of Jock Hutchison, Johnny Farrell and other stars in the Missouri Open, we are going to give Espinosa position at No. 8. As between French and MacFarlane, we believe that the Pennsylvania field was stronger than the Westchester and, therefore, are disposed to rank Emmet at No. 9 and give Mac the last place on the list.

A noticeable feature of this year's roster is the absence of two names which a year ago would not have been thought liable to such extinguishment—Gene Sarazen and Jock Hutchison. But neither has done anything in the year justifying his inclusion among the ten. Two other names also to go by the board are those of Bobby Cruickshank, the 1923 runner-up to Bobby Jones in the U. S. Open, and Bob MacDonald, of Chicago, who captured the Metropolitan Open in 1923 for the second time in three seasons.

Few yearly lists of the ten best have seen greater changes than the above from 1923. Only three survive. They are Hagen, Barnes and Smith. Kirkwood, after doing well in several winter Southern events, failed to qualify for the pro-championship. Had Joe not fallen down in that qualifying, his winning of the Philadelphia Open would have given him a place among the ten.

It will be noted that only two in the list have been mentioned in each of the last five years—Hagen and Barnes. The masterful position Hagen has held in these years is shown by the fact that he has never been below No. 3, while last year Barnes just got in at No. 9.

OUR "HOLE-IN-ONE CLUB"

No Fewer Than 158 Canadian Players from Coast to Coast Join the "Golfers Hall of Fame" in 1924—Ontario, As Usual, Leads the Provinces with British Columbia in Second Place—Eight Ladies are Included Amongst the Immortals

THE curtain has at last been rung down on our "Hole-in-One" competition for the season of 1924, and the Editor breathes a financial sigh of relief. It has been an expensive, but withal a pleasurable experience, awarding a year's subscription to this Great Family Golfing Magazine as a fitting punishment for performing the "stunt." In all throughout Canada, 158 golfers committed the crime compared with a total in 1923 of 88, or the large increase of 70. Since the November issue a few belated stragglers reported. Here they are:

Mr. R. E. Crawford, a member of the Westfield Golf and Country Club, N. B., playing with Dr. A. H. Merrill over the Riverside Golf Course, St. John, N. B., made the 150 yard 4th hole in one. A strange coincidence, Mr. Crawford, when playing over the Riverside course in October, 1923, also made the old No. 5 hole in one shot.

Mr. J. H. Carson, of the Bank of Toronto, Montreal, writes most amusingly:

"You have been so hard hit this year through the amazing accuracy, or shall I say, good luck of so many hole-in-one golfers that I really had to take compassion on you. I decided, therefore, to do the deed after our club was closed, and incidentally the bar, and it was on a temporary green, but I got the thrill just the same, even if my friends did not. They called it 'rotten luck.' I called it strategy."

C. R. Murray, the popular pro at The Royal Montreal, who left for Florida this month, before his departure decided to notch a "oneer" on the 15th hole of the North Course at Dixie. It is six years since the ex-Open Champion recorded a similar feat, although all told during his long and distinguished career on the links he has six of the stunts to his credit.

On October 31st Mr. Harry Navin, one of the enthusiastic members of Lakeview, Toronto, negotiated the 17th (95 yards), in one stroke. He was playing with Dr. Peter Healy, when he recorded his "ace."

Shaughnessy, Vancouver, running true to form to the last, reports a final hole-in-one performance for the season. It was made by Mr. J. D. Fraser, who chose the third hole for the turning of the trick. He was playing with Mr. A. L. Hagen, Mr. A. K. Johnson, of Shaughnessy, and Mr. Binkins, of Tacoma.

Mr. Ingleson, Manager of Scarborough, Toronto, writes:

"The enclosed card will advise you that Col. P. T. Rowland, of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., while visiting Scarborough over the week-end of November 1st, with his brother, F. J. Rowland, and Mr. George M. Begg, members of our Club, made a "one" on our "Last Chance," the 18th. While the card shows 200 yards, through the alterations, this has been changed to 100 yards blind mashie shot. As we expect to be playing on our new 18th about the middle of next June, the chances are that Col. Rowland, being the first, will also be the last and only player to make this extraordinary shot."

Congratulations to the Colonel. Glad to welcome a "Soo" golfer to our club at last.

Playing over the well known Calgary Golf and Country Club course with Mr. F. M. Harvey, Mr. L. H. Miller holed out his tee shot at the 8th—a tidy little swat of 200 yards.

The Colwood Golf and Country Club, Victoria, B.C., is again in the lime-light, Mr. E. C. McQuade did the trick at the 150 yard 7th. He was in distinguished company, he playing at the time with Mr. J. A. Sayward, President of the Club, Mr. C. P. Schwengers and Mr. Parry (Resident Secretary of the Club).

Herewith the lengthy list of the 1924 immortals, arranged by Provinces:

Alberta—J. A. Simpson, Edmonton Country Club; C. O. Smith, St. Andrews, Calgary; A. G. McKinnon, Edmonton Golf Club; Reg. Skiteh, Municipal Golf Club, Edmonton; A. R. Ingram, Drumheller Golf Club; J. L. Ahearn, Hardisty Golf Club; Mrs. James Gallagher, Edmonton Golf Club; J. R. McClure, Red Deer Golf Club; J. A. Bell, Municipal Golf Club, Medicine Hat; J. S. Horne, Earl Grey Golf Club, Calgary; L. H. Miller, Calgary Golf and Country Club. Total 11.



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Manitoba—R. W. Bassett, Municipal Golf Club, Winnipeg; Thomas Bruce, St. Charles, Winnipeg; J. S. McDiarmid, Winnipeg Golf Club; F. M. Duncan, Municipal Golf Club, Winnipeg; George Sewell, Souris Golf Club; F. H. Kerr, Neepawa Golf Club; Harry Thompson, Royauomont Golf Club, Winnipeg; Fletcher S. Andrews, Pine Ridge Golf Club, Winnipeg; Gideon Scott, City Club, Brandon; B. W. Galbreath, Municipal Course, Winnipeg; H. C. Wilfe, Alerest Golf Club, Winnipeg; Donald H. Bain, St. Charles, Winnipeg; Dr. H. O. McDiarmid, Brandon Golf Club; Mrs. J. A. Jack, Deer Lodge Golf Club, Winnipeg. Total, 14.

New Brunswick—A. C. Currie, Westfield Country Club; Mrs. Percy D. McAvity, Westfield Country Club; R. E. Crawford, Riverside Golf Club, St. John. Total, 3.

Nova Scotia—John H. Malcolm, Yarmouth Golf Club; D. H. Williams, Brightwood Golf Club, Dartmouth; E. Coughlan, Digby Golf Club; H. S. Foley, Digby Golf Club; John R.

McIsaac, Lingan Country Club, Sydney; F. L. Snook, Truro Golf Club; W. C. Smith, Brightwood Golf Club, Dartmouth. Total, 7.

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Quebec—H. Rolph, Royal Montreal Golf Club, Montreal; E. A. Macnutt, Royal Montreal Golf Club, Montreal; W. H. C. Mussen, Royal Montreal Golf Club; N. Reeder, Royal Montreal Golf Club; James Buchanan, Kanawaki Golf Club, Montreal; R. C. Dozois, Granby Golf Club, P. L. Markman, Murray Bay Golf Club; Captain E. E. B. Rattray, M.C., Quebec Golf Club; N. E. Clouston, Granby Golf Club; E. H. Hodgson, Whitlock Golf Club, Hudson Heights; George W. Wood, Beaconsfield Golf Club, Montreal; E. L. Gnaedinger, Kanawaki, Montreal; Dr. D. W. Oliver, Beaconsfield, Montreal; W. Duncan, Country Club, Montreal; Redvers Mackenzie, Marlborough Golf Club, Montreal; R. E. McDougall, Mount Bruno, Montreal; C. R. Murray, Royal Montreal Golf Club; J. H. Carson, Montreal; Carl H. Anderson, Mount Bruno (whilst playing in the Open Championship of Canada). Total, 19.

Saskatchewan—Gordon S. Lake, Luseland Golf Club; Mrs. John W. Gorman, Moose Jaw; Dr. Oliver Hart, Gull Lake; Thomas Hill, Swift Current Golf Club; Joseph H. Fownes, Swift Current Golf Club; George P. Styles, Fort Qu'Appelle Golf Club; G. A. Mantle, Regina Golf Club; W. A. Gabb, Moosomin Golf Club; H. N. Stennen, Stennen Golf Club; A. Wiley, Citizens' Golf Course, Moose Jaw; Rev. A. Ward, Saskatoon Golf Club; J. D. Millar, Saskatoon Golf Club; G. E. Leeson, Yorkton Golf Club; M. M. Anderson, Citizens' Golf Club, Moose Jaw. Total, 14.

The only Province in the Dominion not reporting a "Hole-in-One" is Prince Edward Island.

It will be noticed that Ontario, which still holds the Provincial golfing supremacy as regards the number of clubs and players as usual and as would naturally be expected, easily leads the pack in the total number of "one-shotters." British Columbia's showing is really a remarkable one, that Province being quite easily in second place.

The total number of ladies turning the trick the past season was eight, compared with six in 1923. The lady "oneers" were: Mrs. James Gallagher, Edmonton; Mrs. H. Cunningham, Vancouver; Mrs. A. McAllister, Vancouver; Mrs. J. W. Gorman, Moose Jaw; Mrs. J. A. Jack, Winnipeg; Miss E. Boothe, Barrie, Ont.; Mrs. Dobell, Quebec (who performed the feat whilst playing in the Close Ladies' Championship at Mississauga, Toronto); and Mrs. P. D. McAvity, St. John, N. B.

Three players during 1924 "performed the impossible," by twice making "Holes-in-One." They were Messrs. E. S. Matthews, Weston Golf Club, Toronto; A. W. Smith, Glen Stewart, Toronto; R. C. Dozois, Granby, Que. Mr. W. W. R. Mitchell, of Nanaimo, B.C., who made a one this season, has four times performed the feat in two years. It should also be noted that Karl Keffer, of the Royal

Ottawa, ex-Canadian Open Champion, whilst playing over the Jekyl Island course, Georgia, this year made a "one-shotter," the first he has ever bagged during his long and notable career on the links.

To Mr. Allison, of Nelson, B. C., goes the credit of making the longest "oneer." He made the 9th hole at Nelson, 308 yards, from the tee. This is easily a Canadian record. The record in Great Britain is 330 yards, held conjointly by Messrs. R. R. Burton and A. C. Ladd. In the States the record is 328, made by Mr. J. G. Anderson, who won the French Amateur this year defeating Cyril Tolley in the final.

The total number of one shots made during the season over the whole of the Toronto courses was 22. Vancouver courses piled up a total of 17 and Victoria 12.

When it comes to clubs, Shaughnessy Heights, Vancouver, holds the record, with eight "Holes-in-one" performed on that course during the season. The Vancouver Golf and Country Club is not far behind, however, with an even half dozen. The Royal Montreal Golf Club, the premier club of the continent, does pretty well, thank you, with five performances recorded. Chedoke Civic Club at Hamilton also comes along with the same total. Weston, Toronto, and Thornhill, Toronto, had four each to their credit.

To these one hundred and fifty odd players who have beaten "par" and "birdies" and "eagles" and attained the greatest ambition of all golfers—to find the tin from the tee, the Editor extends heartiest congratulations. May they one and all have a jolly Xmas and may Health and Happiness aplenty attend them the coming year, "both on and off the Links."

"HOLED IN ONE"

(By Bernard Darwin).

IT has been said that everyone has one novel in him. If so, it is probably a good thing that everyone does not try to produce it, and that publishers are unsympathetic. However that may be, the same thing seems to be true of "holes-in-one" at golf.

There is no better iron player in the world to-day, of either sex, than Miss Joyce Wethered; but until a little while ago—though to be sure, she is very young—she was still waiting for her first one. Then, in an Open Mixed Foursome Tournament, which she won with Mr. Tolley, she proceeded to hole the tenth hole at Worplesdon with her mashie. Miss Wethered found this so agreeable a sensation that in the very next round she came within a millimetre of holing the fourth with her brassie.

Certainly it is a very pleasant thing to do, though there may be different opinions as to the pleasantest way of doing it. Which is the best?

Is it to have the green in full view from the tee, so that you can see the ball

running ever more slowly straight at the pin till it sidles into the hole at its last gasp? Or is it to play a blind shot straight over the guide flag, to think that you must be dead, to have a moment's bitter disappointment when you see no ball on the green, to search perhaps in the rough, and then, looking at length in the hole, to experience the most exquisite revulsion of feeling?

Personally, I have in my life done two ones, the latter of them (I admit the circumstances are suspicious), on a course I laid out myself in the wartime near Salonika. One was of one kind and one of the other, and I have no hesitation in giving my verdict in favour of seeing with your own eyes the ball go in.

The sad part of these ones is that they never seem to come when we badly need them. What a help they would be in a crucial medal round, whereas they generally happen on the bye in a four-ball match, at a hole where both our opponents have already played three in the bunker. Yet there are, of



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course, classical instances of intensely important ones.

The most recent is that of Jock Hutchison's one at the eighth hole at St. Andrews in 1921. I think it won him that Open Championship. I do not mean that it merely made the difference of a single shot and enabled him to tie with Mr. Wethered and so beat him in the play-off; I mean that it came at exactly the right moment to give him the fillip he then rather badly wanted.

He had started poorly, and was making comparatively heavy weather of it, until he holed that pitch at the eighth. After that, as all the world knows, he came within inches of holing a tremendous tee shot at the ninth—270 yards or so—and went on his way rejoicing. It is not everyone who can thus take advantage of a piece of good luck.

Many people let themselves become unsettled by it.

An even more famous and more certainly decisive one dates from 1878, when Jamie Anderson, who won three Open Championships running, was playing in the Championship at Prestwick. J. O. F. Morris had finished in 161, and in order to tie with him Anderson had to do the last four holes in what was reckoned the par score, 5, 4, 3, 5—he actually did them in 5, 4, 1, 5—to finish in 159. Even so, he only just won, for Bob Kirk, coming behind, had a putt to tie with him and hit the hole.

As Anderson was about to play his tee shot to that fateful 17th, a little girl exclaimed that he had teed his ball beyond the marks. He thanked her politely, re-teed his ball, and holed the shot.

PLAYS GOLF IN SPAIN

MR. F. P. BETTS, K.C., of London, Ontario, has returned from a two months' trip to France and Spain, in the latter of which places he stayed with his son, Lt.-Col. H. H. Betts, O.B.E., R.E., who is residing in Barcelona, where he has an important engineering position. Col. Betts when a young man in Canada, was a very well known golfer indeed, ranking high in golfing circles in Ontario. In Spain he is rated as one of the very best players.

Mr. F. P. Betts had the unique honour of playing during his visit on the Barcelona team in its match with Luchon in the south of France, and was made an honorary member of Luchon for two weeks, where he was treated most loyally. He states that Luchon is a nine-hole course and extremely picturesque, as it is surrounded on all sides by mountains, some of them snow-capped. It is high, being in the Pyrenees. He also played over the Barcelona course, which was laid out by Mr. H. S. Colt, the architect of the Toronto and Hamilton courses.

HOW JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER KEEPS FIT AT EIGHTY-FIVE

Plays Eight Holes Every Day at Ormond, Fla., and Thoroughly Enjoys
the Game.

(By Hamilton M. Wright).

“EIGHT holes a day keeps the doctor away,” seems to be the motto of John D. Rockefeller, Sr., and the residents of Ormond, Florida, are expecting this good friend and neighbor down soon to begin his winter golf. Every morning at 10.15 on the dot during the past eight winters they have been accustomed to see the Rockefeller car drive up the palm shaded road to the Ormond Beach Golf Links and the world's richest man step out. He walks to the first green, meets his favourite darky caddie and starts eight holes of golf. The distance of the eight holes is 2,589 yards. To this must be added about 1,300 yards for strayed balls out in the rough, walking to the tees, etc., which gives Mr. Rockefeller a two and one-half hour's walk over the links. He usually makes the eight in about fifty shots. At the eighth hole, the Rockefeller car awaits him and he drives to the “Casements,” his winter home. Thus the great philanthropist at the age of 85 has been able to regain health, appetite and add many years to his span of life.

Hole No. 6 is Mr. Rockefeller's hardest and favourite shot. It is a dog-legged hole with a V-shaped stretch of woods between the greens. Oftentimes he attempts to drive over the trees and loses the ball. But sometimes he surmounts the bunker and the fringe of woods in a clean, straight drive, and throws his hat in the air overjoyed as a boy. He sometimes makes No. 3 and No. 8 in par. He plays golf every day except Sunday, attending church in the morning and the concerts at Hotel Ormond in the evening. Here he chats and holds a sort of informal reception, throwing his arm over the shoulders of old friends and acquaintances and telling bright yarns. No one would suspect that he is probably the world's wealthiest man. Mr. Rockefeller says golf has not only kept him out in the open but it has taught him to conserve his strength and not overdo.



Mr. Rockefeller, Generally Thought To Be the World's Richest Man, at the Age of 85 Daily, Except Sunday, Plays Eight Holes of Golf, at Ormond, Fla.

NEW GOLF COURSE TO BE BUILT IN FRANCE

DU E largely to the fact that foreign ambassadors and Government representatives always bring their golf clubs along when they go to France on Governmental missions, and the fact that Mlle. Thione de la Chaume has not only won the championship of France but has taken the girls' championship in England, France in

general and Paris in particular is taking more notice of golf than ever before. Plans for the next season include the construction of many more courses and the improvement of the present ones to suit more modern conditions.

Writing in *L'Illustration*, published in Paris, Robert de Beauplan says: “Whether

the following reasons have deterred the development of France or not is a matter of speculation, but nevertheless they are drawbacks that certainly could keep many from playing what the English call "the noble game." In the first place golf does not need to be played in England, but it does have to be played in English. The very name golf is English, for which we have no equivalent, and the clubs all bear English names. We have to learn English in order to play the game, and I have heard more than one enthusiast say that a small vocabulary of English expletives has helped his game to a great extent.

"There is the further fact about golf that has to be remembered—the player is not a sportsman, he is a clubman. He gains admission to a course through being a member of the club that owns that particular links (another word that is English and cannot be translated into French.) In order to join the club it is impossible for him to present himself at the gate and ask for admission—the name has to be proposed by a member and then a board of directors votes on the weighty subject as to whether the candidate should be permitted to become a member of the organization. All this is not strange to France, but it is to the athletic life of the country, and that has meant something.

"Although there are less than a hundred golf courses, probably, in France at the present time, it is interesting to note that the first one built in this country was completed in 1856. It was built at the summer-

ing resort of Pau, and was constructed by the English, although the plan first originated with the French. Not many tourneys of great magnitude were held there, but the course always was popular and seldom idle during the season.

"Not many years previous to this, probably forty-five, the first course was constructed in England, that is the first course of any size and practicability. The Italians already had become proficient in the sport, and there can be no doubt but that they were superior at that time to the Scots who were struggling with a sport that had been brought to them by the Normans who had crossed France and Holland. In the latter country a kind of game closely resembling golf was originated, and to it the title of kolf was given. Kolf really means cross, but the name was carried over to England and there became golf.

"Many of the basic elements of kolf were included in the English variety of the game, but as time went on minor changes were made so that there now remains only a slight resemblance between the game of kolf and that of golf. In the meantime the Italians had lost interest in the sport, there being a great many wars to attend to, and the French never had taken to it with any show of enthusiasm. Time has brought its changes and with it the diplomacy meeting now on the links, before, after and even during the weighty meetings, it is a small wonder that France is looking toward the game of golf with a great deal of respect and enthusiasm.

A SENIORS' ASSOCIATION FOR GREAT BRITAIN

AS all the golfing world knows, both the United States and Canada have most successful Senior Golf Associations, but the idea has never been taken up in Great Britain.

Next April, however, it is proposed to have such a Tournament. Mr. H. H. Hilton in "Golf Illustrated," this month suggests the following as eligible for such a Tournament:

John Ball, J. E. Laidlay, Edward Blackwell, C. E. Diek, W. Herbert Fowler, S. H. Fry, H. E. Taylor, R. H. de Montmorency, A. C. M. Croome, Ernest Smith, G. H. Peacock, O. C. Bevan, F. S. Jackson, D. Stoner Crowther, W. E. Fairlie, S. Mure Fergusson, Leslie Balfour Melville, Stanley May, John L. Low, H. S. Colt, J. Stuart Paton, J. F. Abereromby, H. J. Carver, R. H. Howie, M. W. Mossop, George F. Smith, J. Livingston, H. H. Spencer and H. H. Hilton.

Mr. Hilton adds:

"I may have omitted the names of more than one player who has arrived at the age of fifty, and who, moreover, has distinctive rights to be included in the list of old-time celebrities—my list is a casual one, taken from memory. This veterans' event will take the form of a competition over 36 holes, to be played in one day—perhaps a severe ordeal for men on the other side of fifty. But we will be playing against golfers who have arrived at a similar era in this life, and there will not be any question of youth holding an advantage over mature age."

There is no question that the above list submitted by Mr. Hilton is a very formidable one indeed. One of these days a triangular match between Canadian Seniors, U. S. Seniors and British Seniors may yet be staged. It would be a wonderfully interesting fixture.

AN INTERNATIONAL "GOLFING MATCH"

A GOLFING "match" of more than usual International interest occurs next month, when the wedding will take place of Miss Alexa Stirling, of Atlanta, Ga., to Dr. Wilbur G. Fraser, a prominent resident of Ottawa. The romance started on the links three years ago at Rivermead, where Dr. Fraser first met his fair bride-to-be, who was then defending her Canadian Championship title, won the year previously at Hamilton. Miss Stirling will be a most welcome addition to the women golfing ranks of Canada. She is one of the outstanding lady players of America. The following is her wonderful record: Won the U. S. Women's National Championship 1916, 1919, 1920. Runner-up 1923. Won Canadian Championship 1920. Runner-up 1922. Won Metropolitan Championship 1922, 1923, besides lesser events by the score.

Dr. Fraser is a very good golfer indeed—a member of The Royal Ottawa. Needless to say that the golfers of the Capital will extend to the many times Lady Champion the heartiest kind of a welcome. For that matter so will the golfers of the whole of Canada. Upon her three visits to compete in the Championship here Miss Stirling installed herself a great favourite alike with players and galleries. She is possessed of a most charming personality. Her father, Dr. Stirling, by the way, is a Scotsman, and has always taken a keen interest in the Royal and Ancient.



Dr. Wilbur G. Fraser, well known Ottawa Golfer, whose Marriage to Miss Stirling will take place next month.

"DON'T KID YOURSELF"

Walter Hagen Gives Some Invaluable Advice in Regard to Trying to Make "Miracle Shots"

"THERE are two main things every golfer has to fight against," writes Walter Hagen in the "American Golfer." One is a faulty golf swing. The other is human nature.

The faulty golf swing includes swinging too quickly, lack of balance, and a dozen other mistakes.

Human nature includes lack of concentration, over-anxiety and other faults of like nature. And perhaps, above all, it includes Kidding Yourself into trying something you know should never be tried.

Saving strokes at golf means a lot more than learning the correct swing. The correct way of swinging, of course, is the basis of good golf. But it isn't the entire foundation. I'd like to have a dollar for every golf stroke wasted in a season, not by a faulty swing, but strokes that are just thrown away in a useless fashion. These are the mistakes that hurt most, because they can always be avoided where often the others can't.

The point I am trying to make applies to golfers of every class, good, bad and worse. It applies to crack pro-

professionals and crack amateurs and duffers who can't break 120.

Here is one variety of the mistake known as kidding yourself—the player comes to a hole three hundred and fifty yards in length. He thinks—'Well, this is a 4. I'll get my 4 here sure.'

He then hooks his drive in back of a tree. Just at this point he should accept the fact that he has lost a stroke and face the penalty. But most golfers won't accept the penalty. In place of playing safely out into the course they walk up and try some fancy hook or slice that Kirkwood would find hard to play. The result is another wild smash and possibly a 6 or 7 on the hole in place of a simple 5.

Under these conditions I never try any such fancy shots unless I am compelled to by the state of the match. In a medal round I never try them. I think it is much better to play safely out and then hope for one of two things to happen—either to get my pitch close to the pin for a 4, or else reach the green in 3 and then sink my putt from ten to fifteen feet away. In any event I have got my 5 if neither comes off.

This is what I call "saving strokes." When I am asked what my plan is through a medal round I always answer—'To save all the strokes I can—to cut down the useless waste.'

When the golfer has made a mistake he should accept the penalty, mentally, of a lost stroke. I don't mean that he should give up trying for his par. But I do mean that he should then make sure of getting down in just one over par, of losing just one stroke.

Each golfer loses hundreds of strokes in a season trying to save the situation through a miracle shot. Miracle shots rarely come off, especially on the part of average players who are none too sure of a simple pitch. I have seen golfers who were not very good at a simple mashie pitch or even a chip shot trying to play strokes that the best of us couldn't get away with one time out of five. That is what I call Kidding Yourself.

Think of all the strokes wasted each season by golfers trying to get distance

out of traps to escape the penalty. The player slices, or hooks or tops. He reaches the sand and doesn't get a very good lie. He has made a mistake where the penalty is supposed to be a lost stroke. But in place of playing out safely he decides to beat the penalty. So he takes an iron or a spoon and tries to reach the green. Once in a while this can be done, but none too often. The result is that he fails to get out, possibly gets in a worse place in the sand against the bank, and in place of a 5 he takes a 7 or an 8.

When you are in a bunker the first thought should be to be sure of getting out in one stroke—if you can. Make sure of that with as little risk as possible. Then gamble on getting your pitch up close or sinking your putt. Why keep trying impossible shots that you know won't come off one time out of fifteen trials? Yet all classes of golfers do, day after day, and all classes of golfers will keep on doing this in spite of anything ever said or written. But there may be a few who will correct their mistakes along this line and find a big reward in strokes saved through the year.

I've talked to many golfers about this and they say—'Yes, but I like to take the chance for a big thrill that comes if the miracle comes off.'

Against this, think of all the mental suffering and the self-cursing when the ball bounds deeper into the woods or doesn't come off. There are times to take chances—desperate ones. But they don't come so often.

I'll give you my idea of saving strokes. Two years ago in the British Open, where I was one stroke behind at the time, I had a chance to reach a certain green with a full brassie shot. But there was a deep brook to be carried and the ball was lying close. If the shot came off I had a 4 in sight, a sure 5. If it didn't come off I had a 6 or a 7 to face. I played safe on my second, pitched dead and got my 4. But the point is this—if the brassie shot had come off, I might not have beaten a 5 anyway. As it was I was sure of my 5 and I was killing off any chance to run up a 6 or a 7.

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When I have placed my drive where I want it, then I am ready to gamble on a birdie by a bold second. But if I haven't placed my drive, then I try to make sure of not wasting any more strokes.

You've heard of 'throwing good money after bad.' Golfers are always throwing good strokes after bad. They won't accept the penalty. They try to get one bad shot back by some fancy attempt that Sarazen wouldn't like to gamble on. This is where the big waste takes place.

All sorts of golfers keep on kidding themselves, knowing down in their hearts what they ought to do. Don't let one mistake add on two or three more. Figure you have only lost one

stroke, and then play to ensure yourself against any more losses on that hole. If it is a 4 hole and your drive is bad, accept the fact that it is now a 5 hole, and if you get a 4, you can be thankful. But play it for a 5. Don't gamble the loss of two or three more strokes trying to save one that is already gone. This is a very big part of golf, and a part that is constantly being overlooked. I believe more in eliminating bad holes than I do in trying to get birdies. You know how often you hear—'I was playing well, but three bad holes ruined my score.' Eliminate those bad holes as often as you can by not trying for too much after your first mistake. You know about what you can do. Don't kid yourself into trying miracles.

INNOVATIONS IN GREAT BRITAIN

An English Championship to be Introduced—Scratch Scores and Handicapping

A SPECIAL Canadian Press despatch from London:

"The phenomenal growth and interest in the Royal and Ancient game which is now practically world-wide in its scope is expected to receive added impetus in England during the coming year. Matters of golfing legislation in this country have been placed on a sound footing and the progress of the game has been steadily in the right direction.

Two desirable innovations of far-reaching effect has been adopted recently. The first of these, the institution of an English Closed Amateur Championship, confined solely to players who possess English qualifications has been definitely decided upon, the venue and date for the initial English Championship being Hoylake in April next.

The institution of the English Championship will be welcomed by all players in this country. While in the last 10 years the British Amateur Championship in which any

player in the world with suitable qualifications may participate, Englishmen have been successful on nine occasions, only in four instances have two Englishmen met in the finals. The point raised in connection with the British Amateur is that an individual may win this title and yet not be the best English player of the year, by reason of the fact that the luck of the draw plays an important part in the final result.

As an illustration of this, the 1921 championship is often cited. A strong American contingent, including Bobby Jones, "Chick" Evans, Francis Ouimet and Jesse Guilford were drawn against the then recognized leading English players, while the ultimate winner, W. I. Hunter, did not meet with serious opposition until he met Roger Wethered in the sixth round. In consequence there were many followers of the game who were not convinced that Hunter was the best of the English golfers. It is quite possible of course, that there may be similar happenings in the English Championship, but it could not be such a 'cut-throat' business and the winner would be generally considered as the leading English player of the year.

The second innovation to be introduced is the fixing of scratch scores of golf courses through the British Isles for handicapping. Schemes have been drawn up by sub-committees of the British Golf Unions' Joint Advisory Committee. Since their appointment in June last these sub-committees have been engaged in investigation of the subject and the results have been embodied in schemes which have been submitted to the National Union for consideration. When the unions' observations have been considered the schemes will come up for final approval by the Joint Advisory Committee and then be submitted to the Royal and Ancient Championship Committee and simultaneously be published. This will probably be in January, when the next meeting of the Joint Advisory Committee will take place.

Golf critics believe that it would be a good thing for the game if the "plus" man was altogether eliminated; if the recognized best player in every club was placed on scratch and all other handicaps so adjusted that players would occupy their true positions according to the official value of their particular course."

"THE PIGEON-TOE STANCE"

As a Result of Adopting it, Cyril Tolley has Increased the Length of His Drive by Many Yards

IT was remarked in Canada and the States that Cyril Tolley this season was using a decided "pigeon-toe stance." Here is what he told a writer in "Outdoors South," Atlanta, Ga., about this celebrated stance:

"When I was a boy, I used to play from a pigeon-toe stance (that is, turning the left toe well in), until I saw that no one else did, so I concluded it was not the way to play golf and adopted a position more conventional. I was always rather on the long side as a hitter; probably because I was rather big and strong and didn't mind hitting hard at the ball. But as I got on in the game I was bothered more and more by a tendency toward loss of control in my long shots, even when I was not trying to hit them unusually hard. When I was on my game, all went well enough and I had no trouble with control. But at times I lost control in a manner inexplicable to me; I couldn't seem to figure out what was wrong.

Early in 1923 I ran into an unprecedented streak of wildness from the tee and I got rather desperate about it. Floundering around in an effort to find a cure, I remembered the pigeon-toe stance of my early days in golf and tried it again. And that was the solution. It not only restored control but I soon found it added a good many yards to my range, very likely because I now felt I might hit as hard as I pleased with no particular

worry as to what would become of the ball. I don't mean to say I don't lose control at times now; I suppose everybody does. But ordinarily I am not far off line with the long shots.

The explanation, as I understand it, is the locking of the left hip against a too-early projection and turning away from the ball as the club is coming down. If you will try it, both ways, you will find that with the left foot turned out, there is great freedom of the left hip-joint and a disposition when hitting hard for that hip to move forward and twist away too far before impact. This of course, takes much of the sting out of the shot, and almost invariably results in a wild ball. With the left toe turned inward, the hip is locked—braced, if you prefer that term—and the weight is held back nearer the correct place; it should get into the stroke just as the club is coming on the ball."

There is no question as a result of this "pigeon-toe" stance. Tolley is to-day the world's longest driver. Bobbie Jones is one of the longest tee-shot performers in America, but when playing with him in Atlanta a few weeks ago, Tolley was consistently out ahead of Jones from 20 to 50 yards. It might be a good idea for Canadian golfers, especially very short drivers, to try out Tolley's stunt next season.

NOT TOO MUCH LABOUR!

THE only new woman M. P. elected in Great Britain at the last election was Miss Ellen C. Wilkinson, a most extraordinary character, who in her time has been accused of Bolshevik tendencies. Three years ago she visited Russia as a British Communist delegate. In the recent General Elections she gained East Middlesbrough for Labour, converting a Liberal majority of 1529 into a Labour majority of 92 in a three-cornered fight. Miss Wilkinson is a paid organizer of the National Union of Distributive and Allied Workers, and helped materially to promote the long-continued strike of Co-operative employees. Last year she was elected to the Manchester City Council and contested unsuccessfully Ashton-under-Lyne in the Labour interest. She is a radical of the radicals and golf, it would seem, would be the last thing she would take up with. As a matter of fact, it is her chief recreation. All of which goes to prove the universality of "the game of games," which literally draws its devotees from the ranks of Peer and Peasant.



TILLSONBURG ON THE GOLFING MAP

CAPT. C. H. PERKINS, the Brantford professional, was in Tillsonburg this month laying out the new 9-hole course. He reports that the Borden farm of 70 acres near the town is an ideal location and he predicts that in a few years Tillsonburg will have one of the best 9-hole courses in Ontario.

Leading Tillsonburg business men realizing that golf links will be a great asset to the town, are taking up with the project most enthusiastically and are

confident that there will be no difficulty in raising \$12,000—the amount aimed at. The following prominent residents form the Provisional Board of Directors: E. I. Torrens, R. W. Armstrong, H. J. Houghton, J. M. Clark, B. D. Burn, G. A. Meyers and E. U. Tillson.

A GOOD JOB THIS

New York Will Pay \$4,500 for the Post of Golf Supervisor.

(Montreal Standard).

Oh, boy, somebody's going to get a soft job with the city. Examinations will presently be held for the post of golf supervisor, to manage the municipal courses, at \$4,500 a year. There are 151 applicants, instead of the 436,748 you'd expect. Among them are several Pullman conductors, a group of professional golfers, a street car motorman, who probably knows as much about the exasperating pastime as the pros; a plasterer and a professional ball player.

All the golf supervisor has to do is to explain to the golfing public of New York why the games are the way they are at Mosholu, stand around the eighteen holes of Van Courtlandt Park and make the women put back divots, arrange things so that caddies will look up occasionally to keep track of his player instead of kicking around in the rough all the time looking for lost balls, elucidate why the Belgian block paving of the tenth fairway at Mosholu is superior to turf.

At odd moments between times he can referee disputes when women decline to yield anything whatever of the rules or etiquette of the game to anybody else, and demand to go through because they're in a hurry.

In addition to these arduous duties he is required to know where the three municipal golf courses are and some of the topograph-

ical characteristics. Such minor details as the fact that the corn is nearly ready to cut or pick, on large areas of the Pelham Park course can be disregarded. It would be desirable to do away with the eighth at Pelham, which gets this department's goat, but he can attend to that at his leisure. The great present necessity is for another flivver taxi at the City Island crossroad besides Paddy, because every time Paddy is out late the night before, the early metropolitan golfer to Pelham is out o'luck.

The rule is that the golf supervisor shall be paid regularly, but the tender of the municipal fairways shall in all cases protect himself in breaks, and assume all responsibility for being up dark alleys after night-fall, where the municipal golfers, who never themselves replace divots, can get at him. There is some sort of a tradition among players on public courses that putting back cut turf is menial in nature. It's easier to kick balls out of bad holes and keep on kicking them toward the pin until they naturally assume a perfect lie. Once that is accomplished, the public course player can again dig in. When the entire course has thus gradually been skinned to a depth of eight inches they can use the 130 or 150 acres for an aviation field.

THE MEASUREMENT OF GOLF HOLES

(By Alan D. Wilson in the *Bulletin of the Green Section of the U. S. G. A.*)

SO many questions are asked as to the proper manner of measuring golf holes that it has been suggested this article be written, not, however, to lay down any hard-and-fast rules, but simply to give a practical method and one which we believe to be in the nearest accord with the best-recognized practice. In order to give the article authority, it has been submitted to Howard F. Whitney, Chairman of the Rules of Golf Committee, and it is published with his approval.

As discs and cups are constantly moved, no absolutely accurate measure of a hole can be had from day to day,

but it would seem as if the fairest measure of the average distance would be from the centre of the back or so-called championship tee to the centre of the green. If also regular tees and short tees are used, the holes may likewise be measured from them if it is desired to give this information on the card. If these shorter tees are not measured, a player can approximate the length of the hole pretty closely from the measure given from the back tee.

The question is constantly asked whether holes should be measured in an air-line or along the contour of the ground. For practical reasons the

contour of the ground is usually the better method. In the first place it is much easier, and in most cases it gives a result almost identical with that of the air-line method. If the play is over rising ground followed by falling ground, and then another rise, it is true that the contour method slightly increases the length, but as a large part of the play is uphill, this seems entirely fair, because the hole plays long even as measured. Of course, in certain exceptional cases the air-line method should be used. Let us take, for instance, a one-shot hole of, say 160 yards in a direct line, played from a high tee over a deep ravine to a high green beyond. The air-line measurement would be 160 yards. If a contour measurement were used, following down into the ravine and up the other side, it might show a distance of 200 yards, which would be entirely misleading, as the contour of the ravine in no way enters into the shot. In general, then, for the sake of practical convenience, holes should be measured on the contour of the ground; but in the unusual case where the contour does not enter into or affect the play of the shot, the air-line method should be used.

Dog-leg holes should be measured from the back or championship tee on the line of play which would be used by the standard good player—a man, say, who could drive 225 yards—and not on the line taken by either the very short or the very long player, both of whom, due to their variations from normal, are more or less golfing freaks. The measurement, therefore, should be made from the center of the tee on the line indicated above to an angle point clear of the dog leg which properly opens up the green, and from this point to the center of the green. If measurements are also to be made from the regular tee and from the short tee, the same theory should be followed; that is, one should measure on the line which would be taken by the standard player of regular tee-length or of short tee-length.

Holes with long diagonal carries, on which the player has the option of bit-

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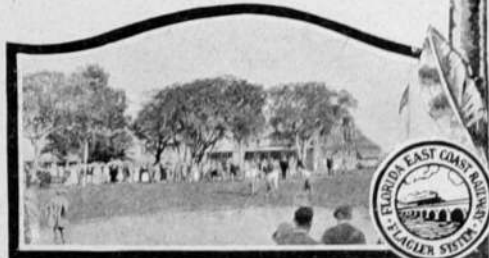
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ing off just as much as he thinks he is able to chew, should be measured on just the same theory as above, namely: from the back tee, on the line which would be taken by the standard good player—one who could carry, say, 190 yards; and from the regular tee and from the short tee, on the lines which would be taken by the standard player of the class who would be expected to use these tees—let us say 160 yards and 125 yards.

There has developed in this country recently, probably due to the increased power of the modern golf ball, a desire for long golf courses, and due to this desire clubs have yielded, in some cases, to the temptation of what might be called artificially lengthening their holes by the use of such expedients as measuring from the back of the back tee to the back of the green. This would probably add 30 yards to the length of the hole and while it may look pretty on the card and add 500 yards to the apparent length of the course,

it not only adds nothing to the play, but deceives the stranger as to the length of the hole and also deceives the regular player by making him think that he is getting, let us say, 450 yards in two shots, when actually he is getting about 420 yards. This is, of course, a harmless deceit, but, all said and done, it is pretty bad practice in what we believe to be essentially a sportsman's game.

There are three really important things that help on golf courses to grow and maintain good turf: (1) barnyard manure, positively the most efficient of all fertilizers; (2) sand, for any course where the soil is of a clayey texture; (3) clay or clay loam to top-dress on land that is very sandy. Put your money first of all in manure, and secondly in sand or clay loam, as the soil conditions may require. Do not spend money on other materials until you have these in ample quantities.

PARIS GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

Ends Up a Most Successful Season with a Dinner-Bridge and Presentation of Prizes—President Mr. R. E. Haire Comes In for Much Praise

THE closing dinner bridge for the season of 1924 of the Paris Golf and Country Club was held last month in the Community Hall. A splendid dinner was served by the ladies at 6.30 and the tables were beautifully decorated with cut flowers. Some 150 participated. After the dinner a very fine program of toasts was given, at which Senator J. H. Fisher presided. The toast "The King" was most appropriately given by the chairman and a very fine toast to "Paris Golf and Country Club" was proposed by Mr. Franklin Smoke, K. C., and responded to in an excellent manner by the President, Mr. R. E. Haire, to whose unflinching energy the success of the Paris Club is largely due. Mr. Haire was able to tell the members of a most successful season, with prospects for 1925 of the very best and brightest. Many improvements to the pretty course will be made next season.

A toast to "The Prize Winners" was proposed by Mr. R. A. Cale, Captain of the Club and responded to by Mr. J. K. Martin and Mr. H. P. Long. Another "Our Visitors," was proposed by Mr. J. R. Inksater and responded to by Mr. Ralph Reville. The toast to "The Ladies" was proposed by Mr. John Harold, ex-M. P., and responded to by Mrs. A. S. Lovett, President of the Ladies' Section of the Club. Mr. Harold is the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Club, and he was able to present a most encouraging report. The financial future of the Paris Club is assured.

The prizes won during the year were then presented as follows:

The H. P. Long Trophy, P. G. and C. C., Miss D. Thompson.

The Captain, Miss Dorothy Thompson, gave three pins to be played for each month, handicaps being given. The June pin was won by Miss Wickson; the July pin by Mrs.



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Mr. Baird very kindly donated a prize, which was turned into a handicap tournament, the best eight scores being in the first flight. The winner was Miss Dorothy Thompson and the runner-up Miss Wickson, the prize being kindly donated by Mrs. Martin.

The second flight was won by Miss Dunn, prize kindly given by Mrs. Martin. Runner-up, Mrs. Cale, the prize kindly donated by Mr. Crooks.

The Cup winners were:

Club Championship, J. K. Martin; Captain's Trophy, R. E. Haire; June Cup, John Wilson; July Cup, H. Garner; August Cup, R. E. Haire; September Cup, F. Huson; October Cup, J. K. Martin.

The Ladies' Section of the Paris Golf and Country Club had a very successful year. Eleven games were played with outside clubs. They won 6, lost 4 and tied 1.

After the toasts and presentation of prizes, bridge was greatly enjoyed and the prize winners are as follows: Ladies' first, Mrs. William Ferguson; gentlemen's first, Mr. Ralph Reville; consolation, Mr. William Watson; drawn prize, Miss K. Campbell.

Kuhlman's Orchestra was in attendance and added materially to the enjoyment of the evening.

All the speakers paid a well deserved tribute to the President, Mr. Haire, who financially and in every other way has been the leading spirit in launching the new and enlarged Paris Club—which has now one of the most up-to-date 9-hole courses and club houses in Ontario.

PLAYIN' GOLF

(From the "London Advertiser")

JOE kept a-comin' in each day to coax me to a game of golf, and every time Joe talked a spell I'd laugh at him and pour my scoff. But he kent pesterin' at me so, a-wiggin' at his busy tongue, I says to Joe I'll go along and see just how this thing is done.

Well first we gets in Joe's big car, him jabberin' on in fiendish glee, he parks the thing beside a hut and says this here's the place we tee.

For me he got a flock of sticks and had 'em stuck inside a sack, he says I am a golfer

now and trussed the parcel on my back.

Then Joe, says he, you get some pills, you buy 'em over in that hole, me payin' fifty cents per pill and pealin' ducats from my roll.

"You use your driver, stand like this, you aint a-workin' with a hoe, now smite upon the blinkin' pill and watch just where she starts to go." I stood just how Joe said I should, my legs pried out as fit to bust. I swung my drivin' thing on high and only raised a cloud of dust.

Then Joe he laughed. I knew he would, I wisht he was in far-off France, he started in to talk again about the trouble with my stance. Well next I swung around some more and smote the thing right in the eye, my fifty center sailed away, it must have gone clean to the sky, for Joe he squinted left and right, he couldn't see the thing about, but says as how it's worth a ball to hit the thing one powerful clout.

When we got started down a spell Joe says you take a mid-iron now, me havin' clubs enough along to pick up quite a decent row. And then he goes and lifts a flag a-wavin from a fishin' pole, and hollers, take

a putter now and sink your pill in this here hole."

Well say, I've played at croquet on the lawn and had a spell of shinny too, but bedin' up that pill in there was somethin' I don't seem to do. Joe he kept talkin' to me to cut out talk that sounded rough, six times I whacked the thing too far, six times she wasn't strong enough.

We then went to another spot and did the same thing there likewise, and Joe remarkin' it would take ten years for me to win a prize. Some other chaps was playin' too, some folks what I had never seen, and one he driv his pill at me and smote the thing upon my bean, but Joe he says I was to blame, he says the chap had yelled out "fore," a-meaning if I didn't move he'd lay me on the kitchen floor.

Well Joe and me we walked and whacked, we must have got six miles or more, and I climbed up upon a tree each time I heard some chap yell "fore." I lost four balls on that there trip, but found six others in the wood, so Joe he 'llowed as how my golf was startin' out most powerful good.—*Ark.*

IN DAYS LANG SYNE

Mr. Andrew Forgan, Tells of the Famous Incident Which Broke Up the Final Match Between the Great Rivals, Old Willie Park and Old Tom Morris

MR. ANDREW FORGAN, who is nearing the 80-year-old mark, the last of the great family of Scottish golfers of that name, now living in Montreal, writes the Editor in reference to the article in a recent issue about the Parks, that he well remembers the match mentioned therein, played at Musselburgh, in which "Old Tam" Morris picked up his ball and refused to continue the contest. Mr. Forgan explains the incident thus:

"Park drove out of bounds. A follower of the match lifted the ball, threw it on the

fairway and said to Park: "Here, you'll play it better there." Then the dispute began. Park claimed a lucky rub on the green for him. Old Tom said, "No, you were out of bounds. The penalty is two strokes." Neither would yield, so old Tom picked up and walked off. Now who was right? At the time Park was 2 up and 6 to play. The Musselburgh sports who were betting heavily on Park said to Old Tom, 'Yer 2 down and yer afeard ye lose.' Which was not true, as Old Tom had lots of pluck. He and Park never played a single again."

These famous matches were for £100 a side, which was quite a lot of money to wager on a golf match a half century or so ago.

FOLLOWING THROUGH

MANY golfers have a wrong conception of the true meaning of "follow through," declares Robert Stanley Weir, K. C., Montreal, in "Golf Illustrated," New York. Following is an extract from his very interesting article:

"The follow-through by the right hand in its proper orbit over the left shoulder

while the left arm with bending elbow is swiftly retiring to the left side in a much more restricted orbit, sets up a leverage of right against left, which greatly promotes the power of the right as it becomes uppermost and dominant.

To put the matter more technically, the plane of a good ball's flight is perpendicular—"straight out" in common parlance; but the plane of the club's swing is sloping or angular to the other.

The 'straightness' of the ball results, of course, from the face of the club being at right angles to the ball during the brief instant of impact; but after that instant, club and ball, as said, pursue their different orbits. The club, after the impact, I must repeat, does not follow the ball at all, as the current folly about follow-through teaches, but follows its own predestined route, which, if the swing is correct, is toward the left shoulder.

If one tries to make the club follow the ball 'straight out' with both arms and both elbows, as so often mischievously enjoined, it will be speedily found out how unsatisfactory the stroke is; with all sense of leverage lost. On the other hand, if the true line of the club's sloped swing or plane is followed slightly leftwards, with the right hand in command and left elbow bending, what a gratifying sense and realization of power is secured! The danger, of course, is the absence of rectilinearity at the impact, which is chiefly a matter of stance; but that surely, goes without saying.

It follows, from the fact that the correct and most forceful swing follows the line of our imaginary sloping hoop, that the left elbow tends, at and immediately following the impact, and almost of itself, to seek the left side, much as the right elbow does in drawing the club back and up. There is, indeed, a singular and similar alternation of movements between elbows which is well worth noting: First, the rightelbow seeks the right side, then, what is equally important, the left elbow, in its turn seeks the left side momentarily (for here action is at its swiftest), and then may slightly move out clear of the side while the right hand and arm come sweeping through, unobstructed by the left, and with full power. Follow through by all means, but not in the line of the ball! See to it, also, that the left elbow courts the left side; not stiffly, but in easy, natural fashion. This

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non-rigid keeping back of the left elbow is a marked feature of the true swing. It might almost be said to be the secret of good form in golf; of good action; of perfect balance. It is certainly one of the very first things a golfer should learn, instead of stumbling upon it only after years of play, and perhaps not even then, owing to wrong notions about follow-through.'

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gentle sighing of the breezes through stately palms, venerable cedar trees and lovely gardens of gorgeous flowers nodding in the brilliant sunshine, the reality of such a fairyland always seems too good to be true.

And when it is further realized that this haven, for rest or play, as one may desire, offers all of the comforts through its modern hotels, which range from the modest hostelry to the palatial, up-to-the-minute establishment where the service equals that of the famous hotels in leading American

cities, it is not to be wondered that visitors return again and again, for as Mark Twain was wont to remark, "The lure of Bermuda sinks into your bones."

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DOWN WITH GOLF!

A CONSTITUTIONAL amendment prohibiting golf is proposed by Thomas H. Price, the brilliant leader writer of "Commerce and Finance," who arraigns the game as the greatest moral curse and national affliction of the American people today.

The worst slackers are the golfers, he declares. Tens of thousands of formerly upright, respectable heads of families and pillars of society have deserted home, business, church and civic forum for the golf links in the pursuit of lives of shiftless responsibility.

The moral sense becomes totally deadened in the habitual devotees of this iniquitous sport, which is a perfect cure for ambition, veracity, placid temperament and frugality. It inculcates the love of idleness among youths of from 50 to 70, at the very time in life when they are most easily influenced and led astray.

Furthermore, golf is a very dangerous sport, mortality statistics showing that in 1923, 22 golfers, 17 of whom were struck by lightning, dropped dead while over-indulging in this sport.

It is wasteful of wealth and energy.

A recent calculation shows the expenditure of \$500,000,000 by golfers last year besides \$2,000,000, wasted for automobiles in which to reach the accursed haunts where grown men thus evilly disport themselves. Engineers say that the staggering waste of human energy in playing an 18-hole course if applied to useful work would raise 100,000 dead-weight pounds one foot, or the equivalent of carrying a 50-pound hod of bricks to the top of a 20-story building.

All golfers become more or less crazy, if they do not start that way. The game often becomes a mere bragging contest, its devotees flailing the atmosphere and exhibiting other symptoms of insanity. They tear great chunks of greensward in maddened frenzy, while indulging in shameful objurgation.

No sadder sight can be beheld than this utterly shameless orgy of dissipation and we quite agree with Editor Price that if our country is to be saved and the great cause of liberty preserved, golf has got to go.—Anti-Golfer in Honolulu "Advertiser."

IN AND ROUND THE CLUB HOUSE

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

THERE will be quite a number of changes amongst the professionals of Canada the next few months. The first has already been announced, Summit, Toronto, having appointed A. E. Cruttenden, of Edmonton, as the club's pro for 1925, in place of Fred. Rickwood, who has resigned. Cruttenden learned his game in Scotland, but coming out to this country, was for some years one of the best known amateurs in Calgary, winning as an amateur the Alberta Open Championship in 1919. During the same year too, in the big Pacific Northwest Championship he reached the final, only being defeated by the celebrated Dr. Willing, of California, 2 and 1. Dr. Willing, it will be remembered, again won this Championship this year, defeating the ex-British Amateur Champion, Willie Hunter in the final. Quite recently he decided to take up the game professionally, and secured a position at the Mayfair Golf and Country Club, Edmonton. Here he made "particularly good," with officers and members alike, and it is with very great regret that Mayfair is accepting his resignation. Cruttenden is a very fine golfer with a most finished swing and follow through and will be quite an addition to the professional ranks of Toronto. Only this season he won the Open Championship of Alberta, carrying off chief honours in a very classy field with a score of 76-74-150. Cruttenden, by the way, is a great friend of Mr. Jackson Walton, who has just been appointed Secretary of Summit—another Scot with a most finished game in his bag. They played together a great deal in the

West. In Walton and Cruttenden, Summit will have a pair of players capable of giving the best in the Toronto District a royal battle.

Capt. C. H. Perkins, the Brantford pro., is leaving next month to take part in the \$6,000 San Antonio Tournaments and two or three other big events in the South.

It Isn't Size

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Mr. G. H. Wood, of Wood, Gundy & Co., Stock Brokers, Toronto, is spending the winter in Great Britain. Mr. Wood is a well known member of Lambton and the Canadian Seniors.

Says the "American Golfer":

"Bill Mehlhorn and Leo Diegel, Canadian Open Champion, have hooked up for the purpose of meeting any and all comers who care to take them on in exhibition matches before any clubs that care to have them show their wares. Mehlhorn as Western Champion, to say nothing of the fine showing in the two of the last three Open Championships, and Diegel as Canadian title holder carry quite a lot of prestige, and should prove a good drawing card anywhere. Added to this, of course, is the fact that both are very fine golfers and quite able to make the going interesting for any exhibition duo going. Their combination expects to take on any team in the field, and will also be on hand for a series of important matches which are expected to be played in Florida during the winter season.

Mr. D. R. Hutton is the acting Secretary-Manager of the York Downs Club, Toronto, rendered vacant by the resignation of Mr. Jackson Walton. Mr. Hutton is a Scottish chartered accountant, and a very fine golf player, too.

A despatch from Montreal herewith chronicles the destruction of a par-



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ticularly well known Golf and Country Club near Montreal:

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Mr. P. G. Jones, Editor of "Sport Goods Journal of Canada," Toronto:

"We have been following with interest month after month, copies of your 'Canadian Golfer,' and must congratulate you on its quality, appearance, news interest and pictorial features. It certainly speaks very highly of an organization like yours which can get out a paper of this kind, that is devoted to only one sport."

The following were the results in the principal competitions at Beaconsfield, Montreal, the past season:

Club Championship, D. C. Ritchie; Drummond Cup (36 holes scratch), S. Morgan; Shorey Cup (Match-Handicap-Championship), J. A. M. Robertson; Championship, Class "B," M. Lawson Williams; Championship, Class "C," A. R. Wilson; Father and Son Competition, R. C. and N. S. Smith; Manitoba Cup (four ball, medal), T. B. Reith and

N. M. Mowat; Two-ball Foursome, R. B. Chillias and Hope E. Scott; Mixed Foursomes, Spring Event, Miss Joan Chillias and J. A. C. Colvil; Fall Event, Miss A. McBride and J. W. Nicoll; Tombstone Competition, W. A. B. Hicks; Ringer, Class "A," E. S. McDougall; Ringer, Class "B," M. D. Brown; Ringer, Class "C," A. B. Wilson.

Ladies—Club Championship, Miss Mollie McBride; Napier Cup, Miss Mollie McBride; Bacon Shield, Mrs. A. S. Chillias; Junior Championship, Miss Carolyn Smith; Ringer Class "A," Miss K. Robertson; Ringer, Class "B," Miss Eileen McCulloch; Ringer, Class "C," Mrs. A. S. Chillias. Greatest Reduction Handicap (C.L.U.) Silver Division, Miss Kate Robertson; Bronze Division, Mrs. J. W. Nicholl.

A very enjoyable "obstacle golf competition," was staged at the close of the ladies' season at the Pembroke Golf Club. The winner of this interesting event was Mrs. Edward A. Dunlop and the Captain of the Ladies' Section of the Club, Mrs. Munro Moffat, very kindly decided that an appropriate prize would be a year's subscription to the "Canadian Golfer."

Mr. Charles L. Millar, manufacturer's agent of Montreal, representing The Burke Golf Co., Newark, Ohio; Martin McDaid & Son, Leith, Scotland; The Barrowfield Leather Co., Glasgow; Stell's Rubber Studs, Scarborough, England, etc., has had to forego his usual annual western trip this year, owing to a serious illness. The trade will be sorry to know that Mr. Millar has for the past three months been seriously ill in hospital, during which time he underwent three serious operations. It is only now that he has sufficiently recovered to be able to get back to the office—and then only for an hour or so each day. As a result of his indisposition, therefore, he has sent his Ontario representative, in the person of Mr. Wm. F. Tollervey, to the West, as his substitute.

Mr. Millar hopes, however, to take the trip himself again next year.

Ladies of the Scarboro Golf and Country Club, Toronto, held their annual meeting in the King Edward Hotel and elected the following officers for the season of 1925: President,

Mrs. J. B. McCarter; Vice-President, Mrs. A. J. Doherty; Secretary, Mrs. C. M. Jones; Captain, Miss Sadie Heron; Executive Committee, Mrs. W. E. Young, Mrs. H. L. Kerr and Mrs. E. J. Buckle. Mrs. J. J. Carrick, Mrs. J. H. Riddel, Mrs. W. J. A. Carnahan and Mrs. W. A. Skirrow, officers of the club in 1924, would not stand for re-election. The club had a successful year, and plans a larger schedule of events next season. A number of Bridge Parties were held during the year, which were most successful and it was proposed that these parties be continued through the winter.

Leo Diegel, Canadian Open Champion, has accepted a position as professional of the Glen Oaks Golf and Country Club, formerly the Wm. L. Vanderbilt estate, at Great Neck, L. I. George Diegel, Leo's brother, will be assistant professional at the club. The course will open on Decoration Day of next year.

November marked the opening of the Pinehurst season of sports. The outstanding surprise of the twentieth annual autumn tournament, November 4th to 7th was the defeat of Donald Parson, of Youngstown, O., by the more inexperienced Halbert J. Blue in the final round by 1 up. Veteran golfers playing their first matches over the four Pinehurst courses acclaim them in better shape right now than ever before. Changes in the seventeenth and final holes of the champion Number 2 course have lengthened the distances of each and made them more interesting to play.

It is understood that Duncan and Mitchell, after concluding their winter tour of the States, will play in Victoria and Vancouver, B. C. They sail for home again April 5th, in order to take part in the £1,000 Daily Mail" Tournament.

Como Golf Club, situated 36 miles from Montreal, is one of the oldest and most interesting clubs in the Province of Quebec. The links are in Como, on

the C. P. R. line between Montreal and Ottawa, and the club has an exclusive membership of some eighty enthusiasts. The principal trophy competed for during the year is the "Shepherd



Mr. Harry W. Thorp, Winner of the "Shepherd Cup" at the Como Golf Club. On the right, Mrs. Thorp, who is one of Como's best Lady Golfers.

Cup," donated in 1913 to the club by Dr. Shepherd, the celebrated Montreal surgeon, who from its inception has taken a keen interest in the Como Club. This season the cup was captured by Mr. Harry W. Thorp, who won out in the final from Mr. N. M. Yuile. The win was a particularly popular one.

Weston, Toronto, has been chosen by The Canadian Ladies' Golf Union as the venue for the Ontario Ladies'

Championship in 1925. The C. L. G. U. is to be congratulated on its choice. Weston's new course was laid out by Willie Park, of international fame as a golf architect. It will provide an ideal setting for next year's Ontario Ladies' Championship.

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Johnny Farrell and Bobby Cruickshank defeated George Duncan and Abe Mitchell, British star golfers, 3 and 2, in a 36-hole match at Tampa, Fla., December 7th. Poor putting by both Britons and the tying of the course record with a 68 by Duncan featured the match.

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A despatch from Chicago:

"The design by Charles Marega, of Vancouver, British Columbia, was selected by the Kiwanis International Council to-day for a memorial to President Harding, to be erected at Vancouver. It was at Vancouver that President Harding made one of his last addresses on his Alaskan tour and played his last game of golf. The monument will consist of a semi-circular seat, before which will stand two female figures holding above a relief of President Harding, the shields of Canada and the United States and an olive branch. It will bear a tablet, with an inscription taken from an address delivered in Canada by Mr. Harding, in which he commented upon the peace between Canada and the United States. It contains these words: "Our protection is our fraternity; our armor is our faith." The memorial is to be 37 feet wide, 13.9 feet deep, 9.9 feet high, and is to be surrounded by a flower bed 5 feet wide."

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Bayview, one of the newer of the Toronto Clubs, has just closed a most successful season. The revenue exceeded \$14,000, and there will be quite a handsome surplus as the result of the year's operations. Many members of the club whose status until mid-summer was that of players only, have become shareholders. The effort of those behind the club to place it upon a permanent basis has been successful. Three hundred playing members secured stock when it was offered in September. Directors now propose to exact an entrance fee when four hundred permanent members have been obtained and to increase it before its capacity, which is 500, has been reached. Much of the success which

the club has enjoyed this season has been due to the efforts of Edwin Mearing, Secretary, backed up by an energetic Board of Directors. Under his management the club house has been operated successfully, and with the assistance of James Martin, professional, he has made improvements to the course. It has been lengthened from 4,900 yards to approximately 6,000 yards. The club has made substantial progress in every department.

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Major C. O. Hezlet, who during the tour of the Walker Team in Canada a couple of months ago, made many friends here, headed the West Hill Club which administered a decisive defeat to Oxford University last month by ten matches to two.

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A despatch from St. Thomas, Ont., December 7th:

"A number of golfers in this city are thanking jupiter pluvius for the inducement to play a round of the great national outdoor pastime. Nearly twenty entries were received at the municipal golf course this afternoon, and although the fairways were quite heavy, due to recent rains, the greens were in fair condition, and approaching was not too difficult. It is believed that the playing of golf to-day established a new record. In some of the bunkers there was snow, and snow hazards are pretty rare in these parts. If the weather remains warm local golfers plan to play several times next week. Although the Municipal Links are still doing business, the St. Thomas Golf and Country Club has closed for the Winter season. Golf has taken a great hold here, and it has been estimated that there are about five hundred active players inside the confines of the Railway City."

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Very satisfactory were the annual reports submitted at the annual meeting of the Stratford Golf and Country Club this month. The club is in good shape financially, there being a surplus of some \$700 in the current revenue over current expenses. In addition some \$300 was written off for depreciation, which would make a surplus of nearly \$1,000 in the statement of assets and liabilities. Some \$400 will be paid off the mortgage on the building, which is the only indebtedness the club has. It is not considered at all prohibitive. The principal busi-

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ness other than receiving reports was the election of directors for the coming season. The motion was made that the Board be re-elected. Three members, J. A. McFadgen, F. M. Gifford and R. S. Morgan declined to stand for re-election. The following were then elected to compose the Board for 1925: Dr. S. T. Rutherford, Dr. S. Silcox, P. J. Kelly, D. M. Ferguson, W. C. Orr, S. G. Rankin, R. J. Moffatt, the first three being the new men.

An Open Tournament with a prize list that takes rank as one of the best ever offered, has been planned by the Southern California Professional Golfers' Association for the coming year. In an effort to attract the leading professional players in the country to the Pacific Coast the organization has put up a purse that totals \$7,500 for the tournament, which, according to present plans, will be held in Los Angeles about February 1, between the dates

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fixed for the California State Open at San Francisco and the Texas Open Championship at San Antonio. The money will be divided \$1,300 for first, \$1,250 for second \$1,000 for third, \$750 for fourth, and so on down. With Duncan and Mitchell, the two British stars, certain to be on hand, as well as Macdonald Smith, efforts are now being made to interest Hagen, Kirkwood, Sarazen, Cruickshank, Farrell, Diegel, Barnes, Walker and others.

A new portfolio in the cabinet of President Coolidge is advocated by Opie Read, dean of American novelists.

"Secretary of Golf" is Mr. Read's suggestion, and as a candidate, eligible and approachable, he suggests himself.

Speaking of the golf secretaryship, Mr. Read called attention to the greatly increased interest in the game of golf, and admitted that in certain individual cases, golf is of greater importance than agriculture, the interior, the army or the navy.

"As a matter of fact," he explained, "golf is making huge encroachments upon agriculture, and in many districts a drought is more dreaded for its effect upon the golf courses than upon the cornfield.

"One of the duties of the golf secretary," he continued, "would be to send out agents to prevent lying about golf scores. Such fabrications would be a constitutional wrong, under my plan."

Mr. J. S. Worthington, a prominent British golfer in pre-war days, has just returned to England on account of ill-health, after a stay of eight years in America.

A despatch from Chicago:

"Robert A. Gardner, Vice-President of the United States Golf Association, speaking before the Chicago District Golf Association, of which he is President, announced last night that the parent body would adopt a lighter ball at the annual conference in January, and would stage the international Walker Cup matches every two years instead of annually as at present. The lighter ball, Gardner said, had been shown by experiment to rise more easily, and carry within a few yards of the distance obtained by the present missile."

Berlin will possess next year a new 18 holes course, which, it is claimed, will rival those in any country. It is situated half an hour's run from the city on the road to Potsdam. The original plans were drawn by Butchart, the professional there, before the war. The work is now being carried out by an English firm. Butchart is now in the United States. Until recently he was professional at the Westchester-Biltmore, Rye, N. Y.

The Lieut-Governor of Quebec who last month made such a favourable impression in Toronto, where he was a prominent figure in the opening of the Royal Winter Fair and at the Complimentary Dinner given to the Lieut-Governor of Ontario by the Boards of Trade of Ontario, at the King Edward Hotel, only recently took up the game of golf and is now "a most persistent player,"—so Sir George Garneau of Quebec writes the "Canadian Golfer."

Mr. Walter Watts has been elected President of the Chatham Golf and Country Club, the other officers being: Honorary Presidents, J. G. Kerr, K.C., and P. S. Coate; Secretary, T. E. Cottier; Executive Committee, P. S. Coate, J. G. Kerr, Sam Glenn, A. D. Chaplin, W. G. Richards, S. A. Morse, T. E. Cottier, E. C. Briscoe, P. G. Piggott, C. Hadley, A. C. Woodward, C. H. Houson, Dr. Neil Smith, Wm. J. Taylor, S. Stone, W. Watts, W. W. Turner. The past year has been the most successful in the history of the club.

The following are the winners of trophies by the ladies of Scarborough, Toronto, the past season, which was the most successful in the history of the club:

Club Championship, won by Mrs. J. H. Riddel; runner-up, Mrs. E. J. Northwood; Mrs. McConkey Trophy, won by Mrs. J. H. Riddel; runner-up, Miss Sadie Heron; Mrs. Mutton Trophy, won by Mrs. E. J. Northwood; runner-up, Miss D. Wreyford. E. A. Burns Trophy, won by Mrs. E. J. Northwood; runner-up, Mrs. F. E. Mutton. Mrs. Northwood Trophy, won by Miss Sadie Heron; runner-up, Miss D. Wrayford. Ringer Competition, won by Mrs. E. J. Northwood. Special prize donated by the President, Mr. J. H. Riddel, won by Mrs. E. J. Northwood.

The feature of the annual statement of the Weston Golf Club, Toronto, which the President, Mr. Kenneth Wright, will have the pleasure of presenting at the annual meeting on December 20th, is that during 1924 there was the substantial increase of \$5,000 in revenue. Total income this year will reach the substantial total of \$42,000,

compared with \$37,000 in 1923. Improvements are planned for 1925 including a short practice course, north-west of the club house, a practice driving tee, a teaching tee, a properly constructed putting course and to the snack room to provide a better service. All competitions were keenly competed for and the winners were:

McFadden Cup—J. E. Joyce.

Duffers Cup—C. W. Nicholson.

Handicap Cup—Mrs. C. A. Neville.

Glasgow Cup—M. McLean and Mrs. W. P. Dobson.

Goodearle Prize—J. Love and Mrs. L. Anderson.

Directors' Shield—J. E. McLean.

Strickland Cup—J. E. McLean.

Championship—Mrs. C. A. Neville.

Fall Cup—Dr. Robertson and A. A. Atkinson.

L. R. Young Shield—J. E. McLean.

Ringer Competition, J. E. McLean.

Monthly Medal, First Flight—J. Read.

Braid on Iron Shots

A full swing should seldom be made with any iron club, for when it is made the necessary control over direction is lost. Of course, we often speak of "a full iron" and "a full mashie," but in doing so we mean really a full swing for an iron and a full swing for a mashie which I would set down as being a three-quarter swing in relation to that for the drive. This is to say, that a three-quarter swing should generally be the limit for any iron club, and if there is a doubt about its giving enough length with the club that has been taken, that club should be exchanged for the next one more powerful. So in this sense I do never believe in playing to the full value of the club; but on the other hand I think it is quite essential that a player should cultivate not only three-quarter swings, but what are to many the more difficult half-swings.

The "Chicago Golfer" thus pays tribute to the late Bernard Nichols, brother of "Gil" Nichols, so well known on Canadian courses:

"In the death of Bernard Nichols, at Philadelphia, November

4th, golf lost a noted professional. Coming to this country from England over twenty-five years ago, he was the first professional to defeat Harry Vardon, when the noted Englishman toured the country in 1900. Bernard Nichols never won the Open Championship, but figured in it prominently several times. He was noted for his taste in dress and especially for his ability as a mimic. In his younger days he was an amateur actor. Ben occupied positions at a number of clubs and was well known through the east and middle west. His brother, Gil, survives him."

Mr. R. N. M. Robertson, Secretary-Treasurer of the Riverside Golf and

Country Club, St. John, N.B., writes December 1st:

"We have had a most successful season, with wonderful playing weather, in fact, we played up to and including Saturday, November 29th, but yesterday and to-day we have had a small snow storm, so I think the golfing is done until about May, 1925, as we can never start here too early. It takes quite a while in the Spring for the frost to get out of the ground. We made a good start this Fall to get the balance of our 18 holes, and with luck, we should have all the remaining fairways and greens ready for the seed by this time next fall. This will give us an extra good championship course."

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The large number of Canadian golfers who will be spending the winter in far-famed Bermuda cannot do better than make the "Hotel Bermudiana" their headquarters, which is unequalled in Bermuda, in the beauty and luxury of its furnishings and unsurpassed anywhere for its cuisine and service.

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Definite plans for a country club at Del Monte were announced this month by the Del Monte Properties Company. An area of 1,600 acres, embracing a section of the Del Monte Forest and a wide strip of shore land along the world-famous 17-mile scenic drive, has been set aside for the development of two 18-hole golf courses; six tennis courts; a trapshooting grounds; a bathing pavilion at Moss Beach; community riding stables in the centre of 25 miles of bridle trails and a club house, estimated to cost \$100,000. It will be known as the Monterey Peninsula Country Club. The site selected provides a beautiful scenic combination of forest and sea. It extends two miles along the 17-mile drive from Moss Beach to Bird Rock, and into the forest around the reservoir for two miles. With the Del Monte and Pebble Beach courses, it will give Del Monte four 18-hole golfing places within a radius of about nine miles.

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At the end of a very successful year the ladies of the Weston Golf and Country Club, Toronto, held their annual meeting in the club house. After the various reports were read and the business of the year covered

the election of officers took place. Upon the resignation of Mrs. Worthington Miss A. Baldwin was elected as Vice-Captain. Mrs. Norman Young as President, Mrs. Murray Stewart as Captain, Miss Dorothy Trimble as Secretary, Miss Edith Buckland as Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Donald Sutherland and Miss C. Lloyd as committee members, Mrs. Howard Gray and Mrs. Leslie Young as house committee members, all unanimously re-elected. Mrs. Norman Young then presented the following prizes:

Club Championship—Mrs. C. Neville; runner-up, Mrs. A. Scott. Handicap Cup—Mrs. C. Neville; runner-up, Mrs. Goodearle. Second Flight Championship—Mrs. K. Wright. C. L. G. U. Silver Medal—Mrs. C. Neville. C. L. G. U. Bronze Medal—Miss M. Cook. First Flight Ringer—1, Miss Atkinson; 2, Mrs. J. K. Scott; 3, Mrs. Worthington. Second Flight Ringer of 18 Holes—Mrs. White. Second Flight Ringer of 9 Holes—Mrs. Fowkes. Prize donated by Mrs. Worthington for the player with the most scores nearest handicap, won by Miss Buckland. Prize donated by Mrs. Norman Young for the player winning the most points in The Mail and Empire match was tied for by Mrs. Donald Sutherland, Miss A. Scott and Miss Dorothy Trimble. Prize donated by Mrs. Murray Stewart for the two best net scores a month for six months was won by Miss Dorothy Trimble. Glasgow Cup, won by Mrs. Dobson and Mr. McLean. Goodearle Consolation Cup, won by Mrs. Anderson and Mr. Love.

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The Championship Committee of the Royal and Ancient Club of St. Andrews officially announces that the Amateur Championship of 1925 will be played on the course of the Royal North Devon Club at Westward Ho! commencing on May 25, and that the Open Championship of 1925 will be played on the course of the Prestwick Club Ayrshire, on June 25 and 26. The qualifying rounds of the Open Championship will be played on the two courses of the Troon Club, Ayrshire, on June 22 and 23. The Amateur Championship of 1926 will be played on the course of the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers at Muirfield, East Lothian, and the Open Championship of 1926 on the course of the Lytham and St. Anne's Club, Lancashire.

J. B. Kinnear, of Hamilton, and F. Hunt, of Brantford, two well known Canadian pros, are spending the winter in the South. Writing from Marshall, Texas, Kinnear writes:

"We are having a fine time down South, the weather is really wonderful, indeed most courses are badly requiring rain, for it is months since they had any. We are both in fine health, and especially in excellent form; hope we keep it up, as we are entering the Texas Tournament, commencing at San Antonio Feb. 12th to 14th. We have four clubs we teach at, and are making a good impression. We are, best of all, engaged giving exhibition games at the smaller clubs. We have played three games, coming out on top each time, our greatest win was at Shreveport, La., where we beat Manning and his partner (a pro.), 7 and 5."

A meeting of the directors of the Big Bay Point Golf Club was held at the residence of Mr. F. H. Gooch, Crescent Road, Toronto, with Hon. Justice Lennox presiding. The committee who had been up to inspect the last four holes, completing the nine holes, reported that the work had been done very satisfactory, and that the course, with Kempenfeldt Bay on one side, and Lake Simcoe on the other, would be one of the prettiest in the country. It is expected that all the nine holes will be ready for play by July 1st, and that the first five holes, which were played on last Summer, will be in excellent shape, as the permanent greens had been top-dressed and had come along splendidly. The membership committee reported that enough shares have been sold to pay all construction and other expenses and that the club will go into the new year free of debt.

At the annual election of officers of Essex Golf and Country Club, W. R. Campbell, General Manager of the Ford Company, was chosen to succeed Albert F. Healy, M. P., the retiring President, and Major Edward C. Kenning was elected Vice-President. The retiring Directors were all re-elected as follows: Allan C. Prince, A. F. Healy, M.P., A. D. Green, W. L. McGregor, W. P. Perley, W. G. Bartlett and C. S. King. Frank Joyce was chosen Captain and George Willoughby Vice-Captain.



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The closing social meeting of the members of the Halton Golf and Country Club was held in the Oddfellows' Hall, Georgetown, Ont., when the shields were presented to this year's champions, Miss Owen and Mr. Wemyss. Other prize winners were, Mrs. O. G. McKay, Mrs. Shorey, Miss F. Herbert and Mr. D. L. Herbert. After supper at which the usual toasts were made and responded to, dancing and cards were enjoyed. A brief review of the year's activities was made by the Captains, Mrs. P. B. Coffen and Mr. J. B. Wallace, and a hearty vote of thanks tendered Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Willoughby for the use of their beautiful course.

What has been designated as a "World's Championship Match" will be played next month between Walter Hagen, British Open Champion, and Cyril Walker, the Englishman, the U. S. Open Champion. The match will be over 72 holes, in Florida. The date

has not yet been decided, but it will be some time during January. It is probable that the first half of the match will be played in Miami, and the second on the new Bear Creek course at Pasadena-on-the-Gulf, near St. Petersburg.

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At the annual meeting of the Scottish Golf Union at Edinburgh it was announced that Scotland had been asked to provide £600 for the Walker Cup match in America, and they had raised £449. It was decided to hold the Scottish Amateur Championship of 1925 on the Muirfield Course, beginning July 20th.

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George Gadd and P. Miller (handicap 12), representing Roehampton, won the Croyden Alliance Foursome Tournament over their own course, where, in the final over 36 holes, they defeated A. G. Havers and Ronald Burton scratch (Coombe Hill), by 6 and 5.

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While J. H. Taylor and F. G. Hawtree were in Bristol for the purpose of supervising the laying out of the Knowle Club's new course at Brislington, the Rotary Club asked the famous professional to address their members. He consented, and his speech, "a few words about games," was enthusiastically received by a large audience.

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Mr. F. G. Hoblitzell, of Detroit, formerly of Sarnia, and a well known competitor in the Canadian Amateur Championships, is the 1924 champion of the Essex Golf and Country Club, Windsor, defeating in the final Mr. T. Kirkham, the very popular Secretary of the Club, after the hardest kind of a struggle by 1 up. "Hobby" started off in whirlwind fashion with an "eagle" and a "birdie" on the two first holes and he maintained this spectacular two-hole lead throughout the first 18. In the afternoon, playing the steadiest kind of golf, Kirkham at the 29th was only one to the bad, Hoblitzell running down a long putt to prevent his opponent from making it

"all square." At the 35th Hoblitzell was still 1 up and dividing the 36th, won one of the keenest championship games ever recorded at Sandwich. The new champion of the Essex Club particularly made a name for himself in the International Matches, Canada vs. the United States in 1919 and 1920. Although now a resident of the U. S. he still fortunately keeps up his connection with the Sarnia and Essex Golf and Country Clubs.

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He—The golf season will soon be over.

She—Oh, pshaw! Then we'll have to go to church again on Sunday!

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Philadelphia "Sports":

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Wm. Gunn, who has been professional at the Grand River Country Club the past few years, is spending the holidays with his family in Winnipeg.

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In the final for the Directors' Cup at the Essex Golf and Country Club, Windsor, Mr. W. H. Gardiner, after having to play three rounds, defeated Dr. F. A. Adams. Sixty-four qualified for the event.

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"The Country Club Magazine," Pasadena, Cal., says that the demand for the services of Duncan and Mitchell is far in excess of any former combination that has visited the Coast and it is expected that that they will be kept going at full speed from the time they land on the coast until they bid goodbye to Southern California for the Southwestern States. Already a number of clubs in San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego have signed

them up for 36-hole exhibition matches and the officials of the California Golf Association report that the entries of both players have been received for the California State Open Championship, which is due to take place in San Francisco during the early part of January.

The past season what is virtually a Public Course was successfully opened in Windsor, Ont. Some two years ago the Devonshire Racing Track Association spent nearly \$20,000 in setting apart and laying out a 9-hole course, but the venture was not a success. Then this year the Windsor City Council was asked to take up with the proposition, but declined. However, the City Engineer did spend some \$1,000 in cutting the grass and opening up the greens, which had been laid out by the Racing Association, and the course was thrown open the latter part of July, a playing fee of 25 cents being charged. The response was most discouraging, only two players appearing on the first day. However, in August, September and October the residents of the Border Cities not in a position to join the three private clubs commenced to show a marked activity in this Community Club, and during the week ends from 175 to 300 players were sometimes registered. It is hoped the coming season that the Windsor City Council will officially back up this deserving enterprise.

Meeting recently the Committee of the Royal Porthcawl Club decided to cancel the rule, recently introduced, providing that the lady players should stand aside to allow men players to pass them.

Mr. B. H. Manning, President of the St. Clair Country Club, one of the Border Cities' three successful golf clubs, has done very much to place this club on a sound footing. At a recent dinner, attended by some 200 members, he was deservedly presented with a silver loving cup. Judge Thomas Cotter made the presentation.



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Walter Hagen's lead of one stroke over E. R. Whitecombe, of England, in the British Open Golf Championship shows the danger of spectators interfering with crucial shots. It is claimed that if Whitecombe's ball had not been diverted into a rabbit scrape by hitting a spectator, he might have won. Writing to the "Liverpool Post-Mercury," a bystander said:

"I was standing near the spot where Whitecombe's drive from the ninth tee dropped, and saw the ball strike a spectator, which interference diverted the course of the ball much further to the right and eventually caused it to finish in a rabbit scratch—an impossible lie. It cost him seven strokes to hole out and to my mind, the championship."

This incident may result in the British charging admission or devising some other method of cutting down the huge throng that now congests the courses at championships.

Mr. Findlay S. Douglas, the former Scot, who won the United States' Amateur Championship in 1898, or over a

quarter of a century ago, will soon be 55 years of age, and eligible for the U. S. Seniors. He will be a tower of strength to the Americans in their annual International Match with the Canadian Seniors. That Douglas is still capable of playing great golf was demonstrated only the past season, when he won the Rockaway Hunting Club's Annual Tournament, defeating in the Final the former Metropolitan Amateur Champion, Gardner W. White, of Nassau, decisively by 5 and 3. White is looked upon as quite one

of the best players in the New York District. It will be remembered he toured Canada in "Red Cross" matches during the war with "Chick" Evans and other U. S. stars and greatly impressed the large galleries which saw him play.

Mr. N. B. Ackerley is the 1924 champion of the Beach Grove Golf Club, Walkerville, Ont., defeating in the final (36 holes), Mr. A. S. Fitzgerald, 3 and 2. Beach Grove has just concluded a most successful season.

BASEBALL AND GOLF

TYRUS RAYMOND COBB arose one balmy morning, gathered his Detroit athletes unto himself, and, solemnly, majestically, spoke, to-wit:

"Nix on golf."

Much ado was made about it. Sport editorials were concocted. Golf was held up as a type of game that would contaminate, flabbergast, pollute, ruin and otherwise cause desolation among those noble baseballers.

But, in the midst of it, Tyrus Raymond spoke newer words of explanation:

"I gave those orders not because I think golf a bad game, but because I think it affects a ball player's hitting ability.

"Quite a few years ago I took up golf. I think it one of the greatest forms of sport in the world. I enjoyed every hour of indulgence in it—and I indulged for several years.

"Finally I fell off in my hitting. I wasn't just swinging right at the ball. I wracked my brain for the rea-

sons. At last I decided it was due to my playing golf.

"Feeling that the golf swing handicapped the baseball swing, because the former developed muscles in a different way than baseball, I quit golf. My batting average perked up quickly. It's still perking. I have not played golf since. I won't play it until I'm through as an active ball player. Then I shall play nothing else but.

"I do not say as an absolute fact that golf interferes with baseball players hitting effectiveness. I merely say that such is my conclusion and that is why I have forbidden golf for all my players except the pitchers. They were exempted because they can't hit whether they golf or not."

Cobb may be right.

But, if so, how is one to account for the fact that Ross Young is close to the top in National League batting, and that Babe Ruth, king of all the diamond sluggers, plays golf every day that the opportunity offers?

—"Golfers' Magazine," Chicago.

AVOID TOO LONG A SWING

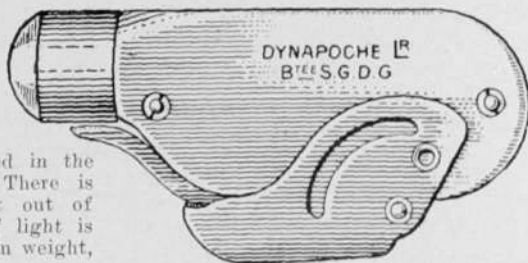
(By Gene Sarazen).

WHEN Mrs. Dorothy Campbell-Hurd won the Women's Championship some weeks ago, she introduced some thing of a surprise, since most people thought Miss Glenna Collett would probably regain the title,

or maybe one of the other young players would come through. I was among those who were quite surprised, but I have since been told something that gives me a very satisfactory explanation of Mrs. Hurd's extra fine golf,

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and incidentally affords what I think is a forceful lesson for most golfers.

That information was nothing more nor less than that Mrs. Hurd during the past year had worked patiently and long to cut down the length of her backswing. I have not seen her play since she won, but heretofore, she has been accustomed to taking a good long swing at the ball. She, as most golfers know, learned the game when she was quite young, and naturally acquired a full sweep, and I can imagine that it was no easy task for her to systematically cut it down, without spoiling her concentration on hitting the ball by thinking of how far back she was swinging.

But she has cut it down, and the surprising thing is that she is said to be hitting a longer ball now than ever before. To many this will not seem plausible, but the explanation is easy enough. The shorter swing enabled her to get better timing in to the stroke. She is actually hitting the ball harder now that she was with the longer sweep. This is a point hard to get over with

most golfers. They think they are hitting the ball with all of their might, but they are not. They are timing badly, and the hitting force is almost always being expended too soon, and by the time the club head reaches the ball, it has actually begun to slow down, although it can't be told by looking at the swing with the naked eye.

I have been surprised, at times in the past, to see players get such fine distance with a stroke that carried the club hardly past the perpendicular on the backswing. But on watching them, it may be noticed that from that short starting place, they put a great punch into the stroke as the clubhead gets to the ball. One of the commonest faults in golf is hitting too soon. In fact it is almost impossible to hit too late. And with the short backswing, there is far less margin for mistiming. Try out a little experiment in this way. You will probably be surprised at the result. And this goes for practically every shot up to the putting green.

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Consider the Golfer, my Daughter.
For he is the Son of Joy, and the
heart of his wife rejoiceth in him.

He requireth not to be awakened,
but riseth at dawn, and arouseth the
whole house.

Mighty are his preparations, and
there is much rushing about amongst
the women to find his THINGS.

He swalloweth his breakfast without
complaint and fortifies himself at the
font within his locker.

Optimism is his middle name; and
in his bright lexicon there no such word
as "RAIN."

The mind of his wife is at peace; for
she knoweth where he IS all day; and
in the evening he is weary and goeth
to sleep after dinner.

Whatsoever his wanderings, and
however long his absence, she feeleth
no jealousy, but saith, "Thank Heaven,
he is safe."

His moods, his grouches, and his
temperamentalism are known only to
God and his caddie, and, in the open,
where it can do no harm, he bloweth
off the carbon of his brain-storms.

The "touch of liver" knoweth him

not, and dyspepsia is a stranger unto
him.

The sun lighteth up his countenance,
and his figure keepeth its beauty; em-
bonpoint cometh not near him.

He is happy in his folly, and weareth
the smile that will not come off.

He preferreth a pleasant day unto a
moonlight night, and a beautiful course
unto a beautiful woman.

A smile of approval from his caddie,
he findeth more thrilling than the
smiles of blondes and sirens.

Verily, verily, a little hobby is a
wonderful thing.

For, every man must have his folly,
whereon he worketh off the original sin
within him.

And some choose wine, and some to-
bacco, and some flirtation.

But the Golfer exceedeth them all in
wisdom.

Then, blessed be the driver, and the
putter, and the mashie, and the nib-
lick, and the little white ball.

For where a Golfer is, there is sweet-
ness and light—and a good digestion.

And no man can be a good golf
player and a bad husband. Selah.

HOW I IMPROVED MY PUTTING

(J. H. Taylor, *Five Times British Open Champion*).

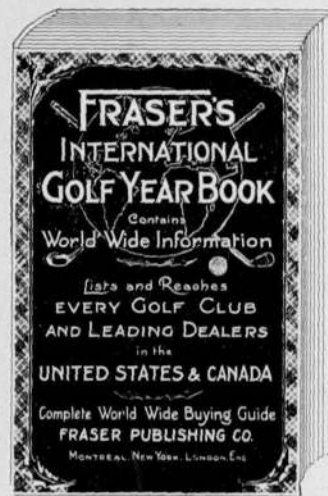
I HAVE always felt that he is a par-
ticularly daring and bold instructor
who gives hints on how to putt. It
is also extraordinary, when one comes
to think of it, that even the most feeble
players in the long game are fully con-
vinced that they know all there is to
be learnt about this most perplexing
part of it. They are to be seen on any
putting green putting their theories
into practice and imparting their
knowledge to those who care to listen.

It is still more curious that they are
usually successful in demonstrating, by
the consistency of their holing out,
that their methods are sound. It is
only when the would-be imitators try
themselves that they find there is a

snag somewhere; the theories which
work so well with the demonstrators
do not appear to apply to their own
putting. It is the exemplification of
the old saying that "What is one man's
meat is another's poison." I have al-
ways been considered a steady, reliable
putter. Indeed, my professional col-
leagues have embarrassed me at time
by declaring that I am one of the best.
Whilst strenuously denying the soft
impeachment, I will admit it is the one
department of the game that has given
me the most trouble, and, at the same
time, the most delight when successful.
There is an elusiveness about putting
that is at once a charm and a continual
worry, and it is these different attri-

butes that make it so fascinating. It is also an insoluble problem why these two attributes should alternate with such consistency. They never travel hand in hand, but take a positive delight in chasing each other out of the mind of the player.

Neither has security of tenure. When the "charm" mood is in occupation the putts become easy, but when worry takes possession conscious effort seems to go astray. I am going to be bold and assert that there is no hard and fast formula for good putting, except the one cardinal virtue of striking the ball accurately, and as this can be done whilst adopting several different methods, it does not lead to a definite conclusion. During the past season I have had a prolonged spell of real good putting. For some years I played regularly with an aluminum putter of the usual type, but, as my work on the greens was becoming more unsatisfactory, I switched over at the beginning of this year to a putting cleek. I have no doubt it was the change over from the broad-bottomed aluminum to the narrow-bladed cleek that worked the oracle. It gave me a complete change in striking at the ball, and that made the difference. I have also no doubt that, with the aluminum, I was not getting down to the bottom of the ball, which caused it to jump unsteadily off the club, and wobble in its run. The narrow-bladed putting cleek gave me the necessary confidence to hit the ball down, and to ensure that this should be done with greater certainty I stood more in front and more square. I also found that by this change the ball ran slightly from right to left, causing the lip of the hole to swallow it more readily than when travelling the other way. Willie Park, perhaps the greatest putter of all time, advocates this pulling of the ball into the hole, and, for the time being, I am willing to follow his lead. Imagination is the greatest power that can be called in to help the putter, and without I am convinced the most perfect technique is of little lasting value.



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USE YOUR HEAD

S^TEWART MAIDEN, famous teacher of Bobbie Jones, Miss Alexa Stirling and other notables in the golfing world, writing for “Outdoors South,” makes the point that too many players waste shots in trying to save distance. Instead of using the right club to get out of trouble they try to make up for the previous bad shot, and often get into even more serious difficulty. To quote:

To begin with, it is important for the player to realize that any kind of trouble into which his ball travels has cost him something; perhaps a full stroke; perhaps a part of a stroke; perhaps several strokes, depending on how he goes about his recovery. One of the greatest mistakes that can be made

on a golf course is for a player to “try to make it all up on the next shot.” How many times have you seen a player, topping his drive a hundred yards in the rough on a 350 yard hole, take his brassie and make a tremendous effort to reach the green with his second? And what happened? Nine times out of ten, the loss of half a shot which he already had suffered was increased to the loss of a whole shot, and as often as not he was in a position where he could not count on getting his third on the green, and his card showed a 6 instead of a 5. Also, had he taken an iron and hit a good, normal shot, he would then have been left with a short pitch to the green and a decent chance to make his par 4 by getting close or by holing a good putt.

You see the same thing from many a trap. The ball may be lying clear enough, at a little distance from the bank, and there is just a chance that a perfect stroke with a spoon may get it away for a couple of hundred yards and save distance. But it takes a real expert to play any full shot, wood or iron, from the sand, even with the ball lying clear. For one thing, the stance is more or less treacherous. For another, the ball must be taken as cleanly as if it lay on concrete, and yet it must

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not be the least bit topped, with that frowning bank in front. The situation conduces to nervousness, and nervousness in most golfers produces tension, and tension pulls the swing out of line or lets it down too much, or raises it too much. In any case, the player usually is found playing three from the same trap, in a much worse position, and is forced to play a regular explosion shot to get out at all, where by taking his mashie-niblick or perhaps a mashie, and contenting himself with an easy three-quarters swing, he might very well have got out on his first attempt, with a hundred yards or even more of distance.

It is well to imitate the mental attitude of Walter Hagen, one of the greatest golfers, and certainly one with a philosophical temperament. So many players feel indignant when a shot goes into a bad place, even if it was a poor shot, and when it was a good shot that kicks badly, they are simply outraged and their play is hopeless for the rest of the hole and maybe several holes to come.

It is said that while he was winning the British Open the first time, a fine, long tee shot of Hagen's kicked wretchedly into a bad place in the rough—an undeserved penalty. "Gee, Walter, that's rotten luck," said a friend in the gallery.

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THE "SPELL" OF GOLF

MUCH dubiety, or, at any rate, much divergence of practice, exists in the spelling of golfing terms. Take the words: Brassie, Dormie, Stymie, Caddie, Baffy, Mashie, and Bogey. These are certainly the commonest modern spellings but alternative forms frequently seen are Brassy, or Brassey, Dormy, Stymy or Stimy, Caddy, Baffie and Mashy. Of the three club names "Baffy" is the oldest, and there is no doubt that the "y" termination is the correct one.

Perhaps it is on this analogy that the Badminton glossary gives the spelling of the other two as "Brassy" and "Mashy." Use and wont, however, are entirely in favour of "Brassie," and certainly of "Mashie." "Dormie" would also seem to be the correct form of the word if the analogy of Stymie (also written "Stimie") is any guide, but Badminton gives it as "Dormy." The original spelling of "Caddie" was "Cady," with "cadies" for the plural, and it is so spelt in the

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codes down to 1875. The word is simply the French "cadet," so that the second "d" is a modern interpolation. In Scottish the "y" and "ie" terminations are often interchangeable,

but by no means invariably, the "ie" being by far the commoner.

Another word which has alternative spellings is "putt." In our experience, the word has always been written with two "t's," but some writers have recently taken to spelling it with only one. The two "t" spelling is to be defended as differentiating the word from "put," which is differently pronounced, but the modern spellers have mended better than they knew, for it is a singular fact that in the older codes of rules the word was always written with the single "t." The "putt" spelling does not appear till about 1890. The older codes, however, are not, perhaps, to be taken as authoritative guides on matters of spelling, or even of grammar. Here are a few curiosities of spelling taken from some of them: "Dropt," "Stopt," "Eeither," "Untill," "Mist" (for "missed"), "Ly" for "lie."

It is curious that "Dormie," one of the oldest golfing terms, does not occur in any of the codes of rules, and "Stymie," which is probably even older, occurs only twice, namely, in the codes of 1858 and 1875, under the rule for Medal Days. It is there naively enacted that "All balls must be holed out on Medal Days and no stimies (*sic*) allowed."—"Golf Illustrated."

ON AND OFF THE LINKS

These lines may not be strictly true,
But has it not occurred to you
That when upon the links you find
We're creatures of another kind.

A man, a flapper, or a wife,
Who've led a strictly honest life;
A son, a sister, friend or brother,
Would steal a golf ball from their mother.

If playing with your loving wife,
And would avoid unseemly strife,
Then let her keep the score, my lad,
And say 'tis good, when really bad.

The church, the army and the court,
Indulge in this particular sport;
And all the players seem amused
To hear the language sometimes used.

And as for calls "to pass on through,"
If any, they are mighty few.
And if you look for treatment fair,
Just go and find a grizzly bear.

To hear a dulcet voice call "fore,"
Reminds one of a lion's roar.
A player getting out of rough
Would shock the roughest kind of tough.

L'ENVOI.

But in the club house, friends once more,
In pleasant voice discuss the score;
And laugh and talk like girl and boy—
Replay their games with joke and joy.

—W. A. T.

DATES FOR 1925 SENIORS' TOURNAMENT

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Dec. 30 to Jan. 1.—Annual New Year's Golf Tournament at Del Monte for men and women.

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Jan. 19-23.—Annual Mid-Winter Tournament, Miami, Fla.

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Feb. 12-15.—Lincoln's Birthday Tournament at Del Monte.

Feb. 16-20.—Championship of Miami, Miami, Fla.

Feb. 16-20.—Women's Championship of Florida, Palm Beach, Fla.

Feb. 16-21.—13th Annual Amateur Championship of Cuba, at the Country Club of Havana.

Feb. 16-21.—Ormond Beach Tournament, Ormond Beach, Fla.

Feb. 17-21.—Ninth Annual Spring Tournament, St. Augustine, Fla.

Feb. 21.—Twenty-first Annual Tin Whistle Anniversary Tournament, Pinehurst, N. C.

Feb. 21-23.—Annual Gold Vase Tournament at Pebble Beach.

Feb. 23-26.—Women's Championship of Miami, Miami, Fla.

Feb. 23-24-25-26.—Fifth Annual Seniors' Tournament, Pinehurst, N. C.—Qualifying round and finals, eighteen holes.

Feb. 25-28.—Women's Championship, Ormond Beach, Fla.

Feb. 28-Mar. 1.—36-hole Medal Competition at Del Monte.

Mar. 2-6.—Palm Beach Country Club Championship, Palm Beach, Fla.

March 2-3-4-5-6-7.—Twenty-first Annual Spring Tournament, Pinehurst, N. C.—Qualifying round, 36 holes; finals, 18 holes, in all divisions.

Mar. 4-7.—Fourth Annual Ladies' Tournament, St. Augustine, Fla.

Mar. 9-14.—Championship of Volusia, Ormond Beach, Fla.

Mar. 16-20.—Dixie Championship, Miami, Fla.

Mar. 24-28.—Winter Championship of Florida, St. Augustine, Fla.

March 25-26-27-28-30-31. — Twenty-third Annual United North and South Amateur Championship for Women, Pinehurst, N. C.—Qualifying round and finals, 18 holes to be played on the morning of each day, four divisions to qualify, first division of sixteen, other three divisions of eight.

April 1-2.—Twenty-third Annual United North and South Open Championship, Pinehurst, N. C.—Seventy-two holes medal play.

April 6-7-8-9-10-11.—Twenty-fifth Annual United North and South Amateur Championship, Pinehurst, N. C.—Qualifying round and final of winning pair in first division, 36 holes.

April 14-15-16-17-18.—Fifteenth Annual Mid-April Tournament, Pinehurst, N. C.—Qualifying round and finals, 18 holes.

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