

MERSEYSIDE

“... The frost's unrelaxed grip this time has meant that not a ball has been struck in anger or pleasure, outdoors, for the best part of six weeks. And even grimmer for addicts of which Merseyside has thousands, is the warning by most clubs here that when the thaw comes it will be between ten and fourteen days before greenkeepers will let us play.

These turf-tending experts, always more concerned for the well-being of their beloved greens than with the impatience of members, have left clubs in no doubt that the severity of frost in the ground—in some cases more than twelve inches of it—will make it essential for the ground to be completely thawed out before play is permissible.

This unsuspected postscript delay to the great cold spell will dismay golfers to an even greater extent. Their vexation at being denied a game for so many weeks is assuaged by glances at links

patently unfit for anyone save metal monkeys or for anything except skating and skiing; to have to sit in clubhouses looking (often through picture windows) at green, but still unplayable, courses will be a much harder thing to bear. . .”

Leslie Edwards in the *Liverpool Post*.

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Mr. G. V. K. Burton, Chairman of Fisons Horticulture Limited, announced on 23rd January that his Company had taken “decisive steps to establish their products in the American Horticultural market”. His statement followed Treasury approval of the investment needed by Fisons to secure an 80% share of the equity of the Doggett-Pfeil Company of Springfield, New Jersey, and to provide the working capital necessary to support an extension of its activities. The Company will be re-named Doggett-Fison.

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