

Visiting Toronto Courses

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WHILE attending the Executive Committee meeting in Toronto, it was our pleasure to be able to visit several of the golf clubs in and about Toronto. The Toronto boys had a schedule worked out whereby we could cover the most ground in the least time and spend a few enjoyable minutes on each course.

Scarboro

ARRIVING in Toronto about noon on Sunday, and after a very enjoyable dinner, we were taken to Scarboro Country Club where J. T. Anderson is the greenkeeper. Here we received our first surprise of many that were in store for us. The course is very picturesque and the natural setting of the greens in the woods make it a very pretty course. A creek running through the course makes a natural hazard and like all Toronto courses, there are many evergreens to add to the beauty. The course, was well kept and shows the results of the labor it requires to keep a course in good condition.

Cedarbrook

WE next walked over to Cedarbrook Club which almost adjoins the Scarboro links. It is a new course and is not fully constructed yet but good headway is being made. The greens are planted to Washington Bent; good results are being obtained. As the

name of club implies, the course is made a beautiful place by the wonderful cedar trees and the brook running through the course. Some of the greens are inclined to look a little artificial but when completed they will assume a more natural appearance.

Toronto Golf

ON Monday, after the first session of the Executive Committee, we traveled to the Toronto Golf Club, where William J. Sansom keeps the course of the oldest club in Toronto. It is truly a championship course and is well designed and built. They have a problem there as the topsoil is very sandy and they have many difficulties keeping the greens moist and also in holding the fertilizer in the soil as it leaches down through it very rapidly.

After a very enjoyable trek over the course we were entertained and tendered a hearty meal in the luxurious clubhouse. Mr. Armitage the Manager and Mr. Cummings the Pro along with Mr. Sansom were our very genial hosts. The chairman of the Green committee, whose name I can't recall, welcomed us and expressed his pleasure in having the greenkeepers from the States visit his course. The drive into the club house is lined with large pine trees and there are an abundance of evergreens all through the course. The grounds were well kept and the course speaks for itself and the ability of Mr. Sansom.



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Lakeview

WE next moved over to Lakeview Club which is not far from the Toronto Club. H. Hawkins the greenkeeper showed us around his course and explained the various items of interest. He has a very fine course and his greens are very good. He explained how the sandy soil causes the fertilizer to leach away and showed graphic charts of the change in acidity in a short time. He is mixing peat moss and clay in his compost to secure the desired results and his greens show that he is on the right track. From his course you look out over Lake Ontario and the view is very wonderful.

Mississauga

AS we had quite a few more clubs on our visiting list we had to leave Lakeview and be on our way to the Mississauga Club where we were met with a sight that you will find in no other place. The clubhouse and part of the course are situated on top of a plateau and the remainder of the course is in a valley traversed by two streams. To stand by the clubhouse and look out over the valley, is truly a wonderful sight.

Joseph Stanfield the greenkeeper has a problem that is faced by few other greenkeepers. In the spring the floods carry ice down stream and cause the water to back up and completely inundate the lower part of the course. At times there is ten feet of water covering several greens. You can imagine the work he has in the spring to remove the muck and debris that washes down over his course in the freshet. Another interesting thing was the native bent green which is a thing of beauty. It was originally part of the fairway and was cut down to putting green length and is now a wonderful green.

Islington

FROM Mississauga we went to Islington where we again looked over some very fine holes. All the courses we visited were in the pink of condition and were very well kept. The trees and natural beauty add much to the Canadian courses.

Royal York

DAD LLOYD, the affable greenkeeper of Rosedale Club acted as pacemaker and marshal for the excursion again hurried us along and we visited the Royal York course. This course is owned by the Canadian Pacific Railroad and is a fairly new course. Nevertheless we found it in fine condition for the age of it and after resting in the club house a few minutes we proceeded to inspect several holes.

Mr. Hamm the greenkeeper showed us around and entertained us for quite a while and we would have been perfectly willing to spend a lot more time there had not our pacemaker pushed us along with the news that there were some more courses to look over. Before departing, Mr. Hamm had signed an application blank for membership in the association and we were all glad to welcome such a fine man and greenkeeper into the fraternity.

Lambton

OUR last stop for the day was scheduled at Lambton Club where Mr. Wm. Kirby is in charge. After renewing old acquaintances, we were taken over his course which is a very fine one. Again the natural beauty took our attention and mingled with some fine architectural work it was a treat to look over these courses.

After a short rest which we all enjoyed and needed we moved on to the Old Mill where the Toronto greenkeepers were our hosts to a fine dinner and an enjoyable evening. We were entertained most royally and after several speeches and short talks by both greenkeepers and representatives of the City of Toronto we made our way home to a good night's rest with the promise of more for tomorrow.

Rosedale

ON Tuesday, after the main session of the meeting, we were told we would again have to be on the road to visit the club of our old friend, "Smiling Dad" Lloyd of the Rosedale Club. After a most enjoyable ride through the residential and park sections of Toronto we arrived at the Rosedale Club where we surely did enjoy ourselves. The hospitality of the manager of the club and Mr. Lloyd was unbounded. We sat on the veranda and looked out over the valley where the course is situated and marveled at the beauty and grandeur of it all.

Lloyd's course was in wonderful condition and the shrubbery and flowers were the work of a master. Mr. Lloyd then took us down to his home where we again enjoyed his hospitality and sat under the stately old pines and talked over our wonderful trip.



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