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Minnesota Gossip

By H. E. STODOLA, Secretary



H. E. STODOLA Secretary, Minnesota Association of Golf Course Superintendents. **T**_{HE} November meeting of the Minnesota greenkeepers was held at Minikahda club. Twenty members were present and "Charley" Erickson made them all feel at home.

Our chairman, Leo Feser told about the N. A. G. A. Directors meeting at Cleveland and asked that we give John MacGregor the support we gave to Colonel John Morley. The discussion concerned the coming Golf Show. It was decided to pass up our Short Course this year and make every effort to have a one hundred per cent representation at Chicago.

One of our men suggested that when we visit a course during a meeting we should have a demonstration of certain work. It would

be interesting to see how a fellow-greenkeeper dresses his greens, how he sharpens his mowers or how he prevents brown patch.

This is the time of year when fairway fertilization is in order. I suppose there are many clubs that had to omit it this year. It is essential to fertilize each year and when you miss it, it takes a long time to catch up. A healthy, well-nourished grass can withstand drought and disease better. Try and fertilize this fall if you can.

The next meeting will be held Monday, December 12, in the Log Room of the Superior Golf Club.



By J. H. EVANS, Golf Editor Toronto Globe

An extensive program was mapped out by the Ontario Greenkeepers' association for the series of monthly meetings which the association will hold in Toronto until its members are expected to resume their duties next spring. There was an excellent turnout of members for the first indoor meeting.

Each member is to contribute a paper of his own to be read at the meetings, giving his experience during the past year on operations at the reduced cost forced on him by prevailing conditions.

He is expected also to include any experience with fertilizers and with any method used for fungus, as well as the control of diseased grass. The general routine of course maintenance was also included in the topics to be discussed during the winter.

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Vice-president Sansom spent some time in an elaboration of the work of the National Greenkeepers' association. Mr. Sansom dealt with the annual convention of the association to be held in the Hotel Sherman, Chicago, early in the new year and urged all greenkeepers of the Province to attend if they could find a way to do so.

He said he felt they could learn a great deal at the convention and also declared it was their duty to support the association by attending the annual gathering.

Pacific Coast Gossip

L F INSPIRATIONAL surroundings mean anything on a golf course, then the players on the Lincoln Park Municipal Golf Course of San Francisco ought to be forever at the peak of their game. The course is located on the high bluffs overlooking the Golden Gate through which since the days of '49 a constant stream of ships from every nation has sailed. In the center of the course is situated the beautiful Palace of the Legion of Honor erected in commemoration of the heroes of the late war. And just outside the front portals of this edifice is a circular driveway marking the western terminus of the Lincoln Highway.

 $D_{\rm R. \ LEWIS \ L. \ THOMAS}$, chief factotum of the Gilman Hot Springs Golf Course at San Jacinto, California, claims the best nine-hole resort layout in the state, which is saying something. However his claim is backed up by such well-known professionals as Olin Dutra and Larry Gleason.

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WEATHER PROPHETS ARE BUSY

T HE weather prophets on the Pacific Coast armed with scientific instruments, willow forks, rheumy bones, rabbits' feet, and what not are now indulging in the annual pastime of prognosticating the rainfall. As usual few of them coincide. The scientists, testing the temperature of ocean water, predict a dry winter. The Indians, judging by the coats of animals, say that there will be much rain. Greenkeepers can take their pick and act accordingly, but in the meantime keeping their fingers crossed.