

Canadian News

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MORE than a score of greenkeepers and course superintendents with membership in the Ontario Greenkeepers' Association attended the association's June meeting which was held on the course of the Lakeview Golf and Country Club, Toronto.

Bert Hawkins, secretary of the association, is the club's course superintendent. Hawkin's course is decidedly short when compared with the courses built within

recent years; it is decidedly flat and was decidedly uninteresting until recent years, but it possesses the unique distinction of being the only course in eastern Canada with unbroken par of 70, although all important championships of Canada and Ontario have been held on it.

While the course was laid out by Herbert Strong, Mr. Hawkins is entitled to a share of the credit of producing a test which has continually baffled the outstanding golfers of the continent.

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President Sansom reported that he had visited Mr. Harold Lloyd, former superintendent at the Rosedale Golf club. Suffering ill health, Mr. Lloyd was given a year's leave of absence by his club and retired to a stock farm which he owns near Beamsville. Mr. Lloyd's health has improved considerably. A pioneer in the work of organizing the greenkeeper, Mr. Lloyd sent a friendly message to the association, stating he missed the monthly meetings and frequent conferences.

He also requested that those friends of his in the United States whom he met during the annual gatherings of the National Greenkeepers' Association and antagonized in a good-natured fashion through his advocacy of things Canadian should address him to his farm at Beamsville, Ont., and provide him with as much news as possible.

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One new member was secured for the National Greenkeepers' Association through the June meeting. The new member is John Mitchell, of the Beaverton Golf club. Beaverton is a resort patronized by a number of substantial citizens of Toronto. Mitchell has had charge of the course for a number of years and told President

Sansom and others that he was sure he could derive considerable benefit from attendance at monthly meetings.

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Secretary Hawkins reported that the association had received an invitation to attend the course built near Guelph, Ont., for the people of Guelph by Arthur Cutten, Chicago multi-millionaire, who is a Canadian by birth. The course was built three years ago and is naturally in excellent condition this season. Its course superintendent can rely at all times on advice from the Ontario Agricultural College which is located within a short distance.

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LAKEVIEW COURSE IN FINE SHAPE

There was little for greenkeepers and course superintendents to commend or to criticize about the course of the Lakeview Golf and Country Club. Like all courses of the Province it is in excellent condition; in fact without a blemish. The only criticism from the point of view of the discriminating golfer has been that it was flat and uninteresting.

Steps were taken by Mr. Hawkins to overcome this by the planting of trees during the last four years. Gradually he has been able to present the attractive features of the course. The members of the association who had not visited the course since 1930 understood more fully what might be done by the planting of trees and other landscape work.

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Reports presented to the meeting by the visiting greenkeepers who also spoke for absentees in their respective localities were excellent. They stated that play at their clubs was exceptionally heavy.

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Oklahoma City, Okla.

Six Lakes Golf and Country Club has been granted a charter by Secretary of State to own and operate a golf, athletic and outdoor club near Britton. Directors include Harry Goodman, A. B. Lollar and J. J. Vivian, all of Oklahoma City.

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Williston, N. Dak.

Directors of the Williston Country Club at their annual meeting just held decided to complete an 18-hole course during the coming summer. Fairways are to be sowed and other improvements made. J. J. Murphy was re-elected as president of the Club.

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New Orleans, La.

The Westside Country Club, Mr. Geo. A. Hero, Jr., President, have let various contracts for improvements, etc., including colonial club house below Algiers.