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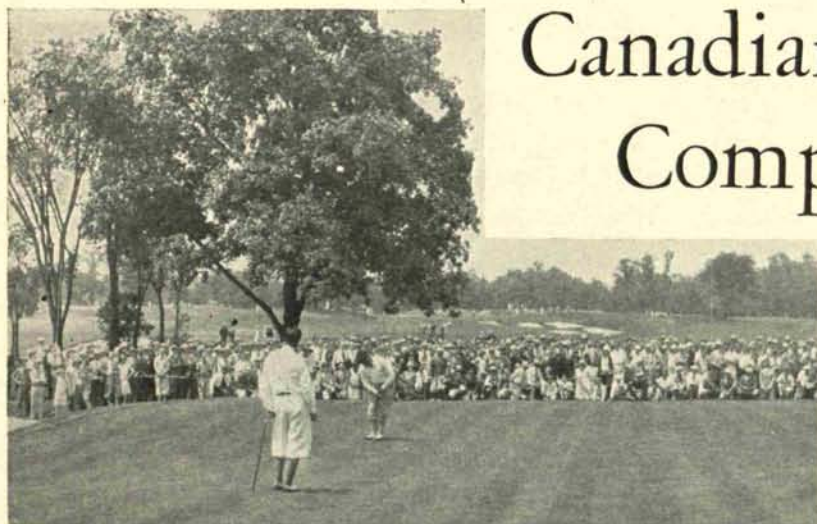
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BOBBY JONES PUTTING AT WINGED FOOT  
In the foreground is Emmett French who was paired with Jones  
in the preliminary rounds

## Canadian Courses Compare Favorably

Supt. Sansom of the Toronto Golf Club compares Winged Foot with the championship courses of the Dominion. Other Canadian gossip.

By J. H. EVANS

Golf Editor, *The Toronto Globe*

THE older golf courses of the Dominion of Canada, all of which are located in the East compare favorably in many respects with the championship courses of the United States, according to Course Superintendent Sansom, of the Toronto Golf Club.

Superintendent Sansom attended the 1929 open championship of the United States held on the Winged Foot course as a vice-president of the National Association of Greenkeepers of America and upon his return presented his observations on an American championship from a Canadian greenkeeper's point of view to members of the Canadian Greenkeepers' association at their July meeting at the Mississauga Country Club, Port Credit, Ont.

The greenkeeper of Canada as an influence through his organization is commencing to make himself felt. His opinion is respected and accepted by the committee men in a quandary, but his association has not yet become a recognized factor in Canadian golf. As a consequence what Course Superintendent Sansom had to tell members of the association at their monthly meeting was of extreme importance

in determining future policy. And while it appeared to Mr. Sansom that a championship course of the United States could be compared favorably indeed with many tests in Canada, there were features associated with American tournaments which might be applied to Canadian golf with a good deal of success.

As the greenkeeper of the Toronto Golf course, Mr. Sansom has been called on more frequently than any greenkeeper during the past ten years to prepare his course for a national championship. He has been compelled to adapt his course to the requirements of open and amateur golf, to the needs of the Canadian Women's Golf union, and to meet the wants of the seniors of both sexes—the most discriminating of all and then to answer the grievances of club members as soon as the field had departed from the course.

Mr. Sansom's observations at Winged Foot caused the Ontario Greenkeepers associations to go on record as in favor of one important change. The association came to the conclusion that the course superintendent and his workmen should not be diverted from their

# What One Man Says:



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GREENKEEPER

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labors during a championship to attend to a gallery which should be controlled by members of the club or a golf association in charge of the tournament. Mr. Sansom pointed out that if laborers were not expected to guide galleries behind champions and contenders, the criticism of club members would not be heard after a tournament for much of the damage would and could be repaired as soon as it was done.

#### Know How To Build Greens

"THERE is no mistake. They know how to 'build their greens in the United States,'" said Mr. Sansom in a brief address to the association. "Of course our championship tests are much older in a great many instances and it is to be expected that the character of Canadian greens might not be as modern. The contours of the American green are above criticism. However, I believe the general condition of the turf on our courses is much better than on American courses. Perhaps it is for the same reason that their greens are better than ours in important golfing respects—our courses are older, and age alone produces turf.

"The Canadian greenkeeper can secure an important lesson from an American championship. The open championship of Canada is now regarded as second in importance to the United States championship. Last year at Rosedale we had every professional of note from Great Britain, the United States and Canada in search of the title. A field of this description in a large golfing center draws a gallery of many thousands of men and women. For three days they tramp over the course under the guidance of workmen. After the tournament is over the workmen are placed at their duties. Clubs and associations rather than the working crew should be expected to take charge of galleries and to do all in their power to limit the amount of damage which a golf gallery will and can do to a course."

#### Invite N. A. G. A. to Toronto

THE association discussed the advisability of extending an invitation to the National Greenkeepers' association to hold its next meeting in Toronto. The opinion was expressed that Toronto was well located in eastern America and was not away from the beaten path as far as the manufacturer was concerned. It was pointed out that the city provided all facilities

for the holding of a golf maintenance show, always associated with the annual meeting of the greenkeepers' association. Also that the Federal and Provincial governments were taking an interest in the development of golf courses and as a consequence would extend their official support to a gathering of the National Greenkeepers' association.

It was definitely decided that the exhibition of equipment held last year on the Rosedale course would not take place this year. The exhibition was the result of repeated requests from club members for opinions on equipment. The association decided to give secretaries and members of club committees an opportunity to study the merits of equipment offered to them. In many respects, it was an unqualified success.

The same support from manufacturers appears to be lacking this year. Much of the equipment used in Canada is purchased in the United States. But how much longer will the club secretary purchase his equipment from the United States and how much longer will the greenkeeper recommend the use of machinery manufactured in American shops?

President Hoover's tariff proposals and concessions to groups in his country which are regarded in Canada as the chief reason for the return of the Republican party, have given rise to a demand for goods manufactured in Canada and a tariff to meet that which Mr. Hoover would give effect to.

Shall Canada continue to be United States' best customer or shall it turn its best business into other sources? A live topic in all walks of life, the subject is freely discussed by golfers and those connected with the game in various capacities. There are greenkeepers, for instance, who can not understand why a British subject should be denied free access to the republic, while Canada is the best buyer in the United States market.

In other directions the immigration and tariff laws of the United States are felt in the Dominion and are followed by a more forceful demand for protection which is likely to find expression in legislation here before another year has passed unless the governments of the United States and Canada should find a way of adjusting the situation.

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# Greenkeepers Meet in New York

N. A. G. A. executive committee convenes in New York and visits Winged Foot during the Championship. Splendid entertainment provided by Metropolitan greenkeepers. U. S. G. A. head elected honorary member

By JOHN MORLEY, President  
National Association of Greenkeepers of America



JOHN H. ELLIFFE  
Winged Foot Greenkeeper

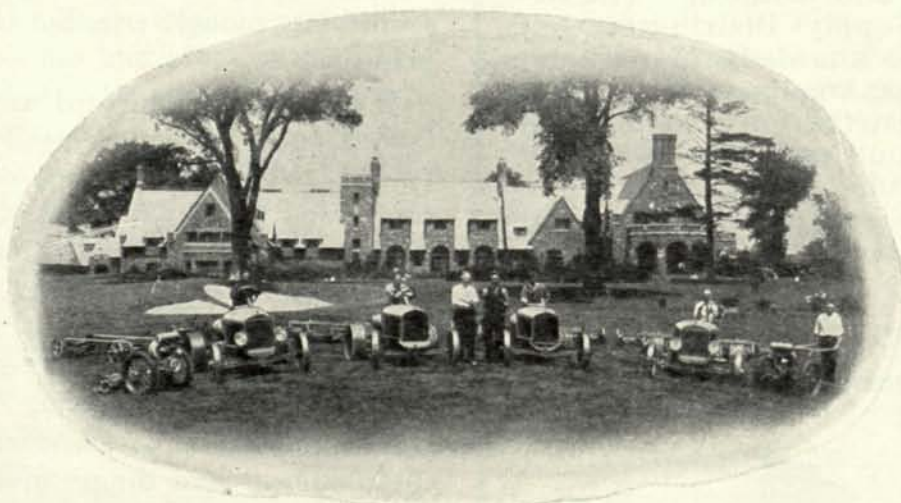
IT AFFORDS me great pleasure to record in this issue of the NATIONAL GREENKEEPER one of the best executive committee meetings held in the interest of our association at the Hotel Roosevelt, New York City and at Winged Foot Golf Club, Mamaroneck, New York, June 27-29 during the National Open Championship when we were the guests of the Metropolitan Greenkeepers' Association.

Words are unavailable of expressing our deep appreciation to those who assisted in making our visit one of extreme pleasure. I find it impossible to mention all who so generously gave of their time and the use of their automobiles. However, there are a few who deserve mention in this report.

We are deeply indebted to Robert J. Hayes of the Pelham Country Club and vice president of the Metropolitan Greenkeepers' Association, who devoted his entire time to seeing that we were royally entertained. Through his hospitality we were able to visit a large number of golf courses in the Metropolitan district and observe the very fine courses and the up-to-date conditions in which they are kept. The

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dinner which Mr. Hayes had served at the Pelham Country Club will long be remembered.

During these visits to the various clubs we were honored by having with us Hugh Luke, Garden City Country Club, Garden City, Long Island and president of the Metropolitan Greenkeepers' Association. Hugh, like Robert is a good entertainer. During these trips we were also entertained by Captain J. P. Truran, North Hills Golf Club, Douglaston, Long Island and secretary of the Metropolitan Greenkeepers' Association, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer F. Affeldt, Glen Oaks Golf and Country Club, Great Neck, Long Island, Mr. and Mrs. Sid Black, Broadmoor Country Club, New Rochelle, N. Y. and John McGlynn, Lakeville Golf and Country Club, Great Neck, Long Island.

Previous to my visit to New York I received a very pleasing invitation from Captain and Mrs. David L. Rees, Progress Country Club, Purchase, N. Y. to make my headquarters at their home, and it was with great regret that my time was so taken up with various matters pertaining to our association that I found it impossible to accept.

It would be remiss if I did not give due credit to John Elliffe, greenkeeper of Winged Foot. John had his course in fine shape for the tournament. Nature was a little unkind in not furnishing enough rain but John could not help that.

We are greatly indebted to Mr. Charles C. Nobles, president of Winged Foot who extended to us the freedom of his wonderful course and permitted us as well as all greenkeepers to visit the course and witness the game during the tournament of the National Open free of charge. I believe this is the first time on record that the greenkeepers have had such a privilege extended to them.

It is impossible to adequately describe the entertainment and dinner given in honor of our visit, at Lawrence Inn, near Mamaroneck. To those who do not live near the seashore I might state they call it a shore dinner. They give you all the clam broth you can drink, little neck clams, fried chicken and broiled lobster. In fact I enjoyed it better than any banquet that I have ever attended. This dinner was the means of bringing together what we may term old timers in greenkeeping and it proved