

TEE SHOTS



by the Editor

ASIX thousand mile search for visible grass last month brought up some odd results. No snow round Lough Neagh and hardy golfers enjoying the Massereene Golf Course, Antrim, just about to extend itself to eighteen holes from nine. Deep snow at Lyons — -27°C . on the club-house terrace but work well on with their new 18-hole course. No snow on two new Paris courses under construction—the one where tree felling provided frequent blazes along future fairways distinctly the favourite. An inch or so at Wigan where Ashton-in-Makerfield Golf Club is getting ready to move itself to a new home. No: a flake in Majorca though rain has been holding up work on the new Son Vida course. More fell last November than normally in the whole year. A sprinkling at Lavandou in the South of France—but the sun already strong enough to shift it and the new 18 holes all roughly shaped. But up to the knees at Orpington where a new public course is planned not far from the West Kent Golf Club at Downe.

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The Apprenticeship Scheme has had the blessing of the English Golf Union and the Welsh Golfing Union. Next stage is to set up the Central Council. To show how fast they move in Wales, just a fortnight elapsed between requesting consideration and a reply saying it had been approved and more copies were wanted to send out to clubs.

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Thanks to C. R. Cooke, of St. George's Hill, for telling us about the celebration that never was. A paragraph in the *Daily Express* mentioned the 50th Anniversary celebrations of the B.G.G.A. and a lot of greenkeepers may have wondered why they did not have an invitation. To reassure them, neither did the President, Chairman, Hon. Secretary nor anyone else. Out of curiosity, it would be interesting to know the occasion which led to the rumour.