

We wrote earlier this year about the site we looked at in France where the Belgian frontier would form a very definite "out of bounds". Last month we were on a site in Belgium where just the reverse was true. The ground lies alongside a new canal and about 150 acres have been used to dump the material excavated. Unfortunately, somebody seemed to have forgotten about the top soil.

Widnes Golf Club has bought itself another six acres alongside the 13th hole and hopes to extend next year. Six acres is not much, but Widnes is so compact that it will bring proportionately big advantages.

Charlie Moore at Stanmore has stripped 10,000 turves plus at his 7th hole and is re-modelling the green contours. This will give him more space to cut holes. A noted turf specialist, who saw it earlier this year, said that the best thing to do was to put a bomb under it. Mr. Moore is carrying out the alterations equally drastically but more efficiently.

We walked round Burnham Beeches the other day and met Mr. J. C. Burnham, the Professional and Mr. R. Cox, the Head Greenkeeper for many years. Like most others, he was complaining about the excessive worm activity this autumn, but it was still a joy to play round this lovely Buckinghamshire course. The cottage where Arthur Lacey, one of the original members of this Association, once lived still stands amongst its trees by the 6th green and apart from changes in numbering, the course is still much the same.

