

have found that where you are isolated and perhaps considerable time away from supplies, that it is a very wise provision. We have found that when you need equipment in summer you need it very badly. We have also equipped our mowing and cutting machinery with lights which enable us when the peak load comes to work at night. This very seldom occurs, but we find it necessary to be prepared in case of a tournament, the Fourth of July load, the Labor Day load, and other peak loads.

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By An Eastern Green-chairman

ONE who has been for 10 years the green-chairman of a noted New England course tells GOLFDOM's readers of the headlights of his successful regime, asking that we refrain from using his name or that of his club. His interesting testimony runs:

Some years ago we began to establish turf nurseries which we have found very valuable. If a green shows signs of sickness our greenkeeper finds it more satisfactory as a rule to cut out the bad spots and replace with a few healthy sods rather than struggle with chemicals. We do use arsenate of lead and some other preventive measures at times, but with plenty of good turf in the nurseries we can, if necessary, returf an entire green during the playing season without seriously interfering with the play or incurring criticism from our members.

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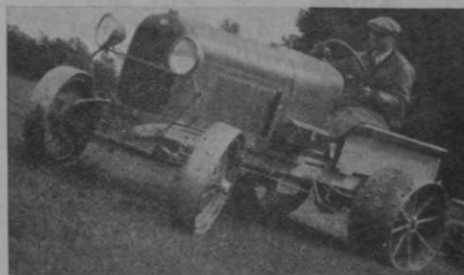
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Our finances are handled by an executive committee appointed by a board of governors. This committee is composed of the president, the treasurer, the chairman of the house committee and the chairman of the green committee and one other member of the board. We make up a budget based on the expenses of previous years and have frequent meetings to check up and see that we are not spending more than we can afford.

Study Markets

It is the duty of the green committee chairman to study markets for the seeds, fertilizers and tools which are needed and then in co-operation with the greenkeeper, to see that suitable materials are used.

We are fortunate in having a greenkeeper who handles his men well and keeps practically the same ones over long periods which, with good men, is a distinct advantage.

Any green-chairman who feels his responsibility to his fellow members must study and learn to keep up with all new methods, but should be very careful to avoid experiments on a large scale.

With good turf nurseries it is easy to try out in a small way some of the many suggestions available from the *Bulletin* of the U. S. G. A. Green Section, GOLFDOM and other publications devoted to the sport and business of golf.

First and last the men new to the job should learn to be patient with the members, the workmen and nature, not being too downcast when weather conditions are adverse nor too elated when the conditions are so favorable that the membership unite in praise of the work of chairman and greenkeeper.

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