

What's Doing in Ontario

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AFTER weeks of excessive moisture and a spring which was expected to leave untold problems on a hundred courses throughout the Province, the Ontario greenkeeper now finds his course in need of moisture. It is a condition which Nature alone can solve for him because few clubs, in fact none over here, possess a system by which fairways may be watered. However, the situation is not yet of sufficient importance to cause great concern.

Through the latter part of May and the early part of June, President William Sansom and the membership of the Ontario Greenkeepers' association, which includes course superintendents of the 18-hole lay-outs of the province, were compelled to use every available unit of their equipment to cope with the heavy growth. They had more grass than they could cut.

The monthly meeting of the Ontario Greenkeepers' association was held on June 12 on the course of the Islington Golf and Country Club at which the discussions arose from what had failed to materialize and what did not happen and with the lack of rainfall as the only item of note on an agenda prepared by Mr. Sansom. Such is the fortunate position of the Ontario greenkeeper.

It was noted with considerable interest that brown patch, a disease which has presented itself on different occasions in the past, has failed to make its appearance although there has been brown patch weather through central and western Ontario. For the disease there are different explanations. The absence of the



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growth when it was expected has added another confusing factor to the study being carried by the association through its officers to eliminate brown patch. There was no evidence of it in bent grass.

The group insurance policy of the National Greenkeepers' association was unanimously endorsed at the meeting. While the policy and the rate will directly benefit present members of the association, President Sansom saw in it

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an indirect benefit to the organization. He believed it would assist in securing the practical cooperation of greenkeepers from many nine hole courses for the work which the association is carrying on.

Greenkeeper Joseph Stanfield of the Mississauga Golf and Country Club informed the gathering that the reconstructed Mississauga course would be in play for the spring tournament of the Ontario Golf association. The course was short from the point of view of the requirements of championship and was lengthened last fall by a professional architect.

The construction was carried out by Stanfield and his workmen several hundred dollars lower than the estimate given the club for which Stanfield is receiving considerable credit. Heavy marsh was cleared and drained and several hundred yards added to the course. Stanfield now awaits the criticism of leading amateurs.

Mississauga is a particularly attractive course. A stream fifty yards in width flows through it into Lake Ontario. Two holes were added to it, one of which is a one-shotter, 170 yards in length with the green built on the bank. The river also crosses the other hole at a point which will necessitate considerable skill with the second shot.

President A. E. Gilverson, of the Rice-Lewis company, a Toronto firm handling golf equipment attended the meeting. Mr. Gilverson has visited all courses in central and western Ontario and reported that he found them in excellent condition. There had been no winter kill, and while grass was late, there was no evidence of damage from the protracted cold spell.

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