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nine; the second nine is called the white nine; and the third nine is called the blue nine. We have three starting places and everything goes by colors, red, white and blue flags, tee markers, direction flags, etc. I have wonderful greens of which I am certainly proud."

### Obituary

Louis Ferrari, assistant greenkeeper of the Essex Golf and Country Club, Sandwich, Ont., passed away suddenly at his home, March 15, 1929. Mr. Ferrari was born in Falmenta, Italy on August 7, 1872, and came to Windsor, Canada in the summer of 1893, and immediately took up gardening which line he followed until the spring of 1913. He then went into the employ of the Essex club and worked there as assistant greenkeeper till his death.

Mr. Ferrari was a member of the National Association of Greenkeepers of America and his surviving relatives immediately received several hundred dollars from the Death Benefit Fund of the association.

### Capt. Truran Speaks His Piece

**N**OW that time for reflection on our gathering at Buffalo has passed, I feel that it is very essential, and indeed a part of my duty to the association to respectfully tender my observation from a layman's point of view. To my mind the convention was a complete success and its organizers are worthy of all congratulation.

The chief fault and probably the only fault that commands attention is the program held on Saturday morning. This portion of the entire arrangement is no doubt the most important one of the convention, for it is at this meeting that one learns who's who, what the association is founded upon, and the various allocations that member's subscriptions are connected with.

I feel sure that many members travel from distant fields to the convention to know more of its activities—what can be gathered when the membership card is received after all requisite dues have been paid. Members indirectly (and fellow greenkeepers from the outside world to our association), have often expressed their wishes to know more of the organization, and in what way are the annual dues allocated. The obvious reply to this would be—"Come to the convention and there you will be fully informed."

Alas, on joining the meeting this particular morning (Saturday), I found but only a small gathering. Here was the most essential topic of the convention and such was miserably attended. I wonder if it could be so arranged that the program participated on the morning in question may in future be subdivided so as to be included in each day's allocation of talks.

The last day of the convention is too late for this great and important item. Many of the members have already departed, while others have their minds preoccupied in preparing for their early departure, and enthusiasm is on the wane.

No association can hope to carry on or prosper without the influx of members, there lies our greatest form of propaganda. Members may depart to the four points of the compass fully aware of the inner workings of their organization and ready to impart such knowledge to those who are knocking at the door for admission.

This is only a friendly criticism, given in a spirit of goodwill, so characteristic amongst associates I met at Buffalo, and in appreciation of that splendid old man and brother compatriot, President John Morley.

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