

## Canadian Gossip

By J. H. EVANS

**A**FTER a summer which has tested the patience and the skill of the course superintendent and the greenkeeper, Canadian courses will be tucked away within a few weeks in normal condition for a northern winter with zero weather.

Nineteen twenty-nine opened early with members of clubs in central Ontario playing on permanent courses late in March—an earlier opening than for many years. The early opening was followed by a protracted spell of wet weather, then an equally long period of drought after which came some rain and another period of drought which was national in its scope, inflicting severe losses on Canada's major industry—farming.

### Clay Courses Fare Best

**T**HE conditions have favored the clay course of which there are many throughout central Canada and in the west. While sand failed to hold the moisture, the clay retained the limited amount of rainfall and it so happened that midsummer matches and tournaments when held on the courses built on clay were played under reasonably satisfactory conditions.

### Toronto Course Chosen

**V**ICE-president Sansom, of the National Greenkeepers' association, will attend the annual meeting of the association in Louisville, Ky. Mr. Sansom is engaged in the preparation of the Toronto Golf course for the Lesley Cup matches which will be held on his lay-out late in September.

Held on the course of the Canadian National railways at Jasper Park, Alberta, the annual amateur championship of Canada was a marked success. Its success occasioned a demand from golfers who took part in the tournament for another championship at an

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early date on the same course. The condition of the course, well-nigh perfect at a time when the great grain growing areas were in the midst of a drought, and the unbounded hospitality of the railways were the factors which gave rise to the demand for another championship in the West.

## Echoes From Pomonok

By ELMER F. AFFELDT, Greenkeeper

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**T**HE facts regarding the match for the Metropolitan Professional Golfers championship at the Pomonok Country Club, Flushing, L. I., when Walter Kazak an unknown youngster trimmed Gene Sarazen in the semi-finals, and on the following day took that stalwart foe Joe Turnesa for the count, has well been told by sports writers in their respective columns.

But the truth of the matter is the man won who could PUTT! It is seldom that a truer surface has ever been offered to golfers in a local championship, and they were just as good the day of the final match as they were when the qualifying round was played.

This condition of the greens was exceptional when the weather conditions for the past three months in the Metropolitan District are considered, therefore we must infer that William Joy, the greenkeeper must have spent

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much time and thought and by the aid of a loyal gang of workmen his greens were in the pink of condition at this critical time in spite of the very trying summer that we have had on Long Island.

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