

Canadian Golf Association Recognizes Greenkeeper

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THE Royal Canadian Golf association has recognized the efforts of the Ontario Greenkeepers' association which has functioned for several years with little recognition, hoping to assist the clubs of the Province with their problems.

Recognition was conceded by Vice-President W. H. Plant, of the association, when he appeared before the annual meeting of the Ontario Golf association, held in the National Club, Toronto, to urge the provincial association to accept a generous offer placed before them by the Federal Government.

In connection with the offer Mr. Plant referred to the work being done by the Greenkeepers' association, to the abortive effort on the part of the R. C. G. A. to maintain a Green section with one official endeavoring to serve 400 clubs scattered from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and to the fact that the organized greenkeeper was looking for leadership from the governing body.

Government to Establish Plots

THE Federal Government is prepared, Mr. Plant told the gathering, to establish experimental plots in Toronto, Winnipeg and Montreal, to provide all necessary seed and fertilizer, and to appropriate funds to pay the labor costs associated with their maintenance provided the golfers of the Dominion will furnish the land. The government is prepared to undertake the responsibility of issuing bulletins to golf clubs of Canada monthly on the results of experiments.

"The Royal Canadian Golf association some years ago endeavored to successfully promote a green section," explained Mr. Plant. "It secured funds through a one day tournament the first year, while the next year there was no response of sufficient proportions to provide the finances. The lack of interest on the part of the clubs was due to the fact that the lone official was unable to give much time to each club.

"The Royal Canadian Golf association believes that a green section is the function of the provincial body. As a consequence the subject was discussed with the Federal Government with the result that its Deputy Minister of Agriculture has met our proposals. The department claims it has been doing considerable work and golf clubs appear to be unwilling to avail themselves of the results of the experiments. The plots would be located in large centers where greenkeepers could visit them. The greenkeeper is asking for leadership on turf culture. We should provide it."

An aspect of the situation was revealed by Mr. Plant when he explained that farmers of Prince Edward Island were producing seed and that if the golf clubs of the Dominion would assist themselves they could also assist the government in developing a market for Canadian seed.

Stanley Thompson, golf architect, suggested that the association avail itself of the offer and that land close to the Royal York course be used for the experimental plot. Mr. Thompson stated it was pitiful to visit the smaller clubs of Ontario and study the methods being used on turf culture. He believed every effort should be made to encourage their development.

President L. M. Wood, agreed that the Ontario association was lagging behind in the study of turf. He advised the association to consider the advisability of supplying clubs of the Province with assistance and believe that all would welcome the establishment of a green section. He urged the 1930 board of directors to give the subject prompt and early consideration.

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