

# Ontario Greenkeepers Hold Show

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September 9 has been selected for the second annual exhibition of golf course equipment under the auspices of the Ontario Greenkeepers' association. The date was chosen on account of the Canadian National Exhibition where nationally and internationally known manufacturers exhibit their wares. The exhibition closes on September 6, thus enabling the greenkeepers association to secure a wide range of machinery and equipment for its show which is to be held on the Royal York course.

Announcement of September 9 as the date of the exhibition resulted in a response from manufacturers which exceeded the expectations of President W. J. Sansom of the association. He had found it difficult to interest them in the first exhibition and its worth as a medium through which club presidents and officers of Green committees could be interested in equipment. Pennsylvania; Toro; Crane, Ltd.; Jacobsson; Worthington; Rice, Lewis; Taylor, Forbes; Aikenhead; Golf, Ltd. are some of the firm's who have promised to support the exhibition.

In addition to their practical support, the firm's supporting the exhibition have taken space in a program being issued by the Greenkeepers' association. Through the program, the association will be able to convey a message to the course superintendent and greenkeeper on the several hundred eighteen and nine-hole courses in the Dominion. The message, setting forth the appeal of the association for support is to be written by Mr. Sansom and from every other angle the exhibition will be used for the purpose of propaganda.

For the first time there will be a meeting of Ontario and Quebec greenkeepers when the exhibition is held. Efforts have been made

without success to promote a gathering of this description. Quebec has worked through a cooperative association with buying as an important feature of its activities and with a salaried official to visit clubs when the greenkeeper required assistance, while Ontario's activities have been educational with meetings in the summer months conducted as a forum and continued throughout the winter with the assistance of lecturers from Federal and Provincial governments.

Four representative greenkeepers from Quebec are to attend the exhibition. Their co-workers in Ontario plan to take advantage of their presence to discuss the advantages of bigger and more representative organization.

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in the United States discusses the effects of the drought and the farm leader in Canada seeks for relief from the pending calamity, the course superintendent in eastern Canada has no problem of any proportion on its hands yet, nor does he expect any as the days shorten and the days and nights become decidedly cool. Some showers which are bound to appear will relieve him of his responsibilities.

The Toronto Golf club has been chosen for the triangular championship of the British, United States and Canadian seniors' associations. The putting surface is perfect, but the fairway has been burned in spots. Mr. Sansom has assured the club that the course has suffered no damage and will be in shape for tender-footed seniors who played their championship on it two years ago and came back to it on account of its delightful turf.

"I doubt if there has been any serious dam-

age suffered by clubs in Ontario, while there is no indication of such in Quebec," said Mr. Sansom. "This is in spite of the fact that we haven't had any rainfall of consequence since May 14. I doubt if I can recall a season with as little rainfall and with as little real loss. Last year the drought came in August, extended into September and October and before the courses could be well soaked with early snows and rains, a severe winter commenced, precipitating problems sufficient to make all of us hustle this spring."

Mr. Sansom stated that greenkeepers who attended the monthly meeting of the association at the Oshawa Golf club were amazed to find fairways and putting surface of bent grass unaffected by dry weather. The meeting after a comparison of notes on conditions elsewhere came to the conclusion that clubs had been extremely fortunate and would escape without trouble provided fall and early winter was normal.

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