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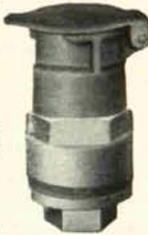
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pounds of the seed and marketed it all over the world. Canada bought more than \$60,000 worth of the seed and in turn sold an equal amount of Canadian clover to its sister Dominion.

"What strikes us particularly about this item of information is that the New Zealand grass holds the ball well up from the ground which is good news from the Commissioner for the indifferent player who finds difficulty in lifting the elusive sphere. In future we shall play on no course unless it is carpeted with Chewings fescue," stated an editorial writer of a Canadian daily newspaper.

With a trade commissioner booming the merits of fescue and a band of business men, all of them golfers willing to listen to his pleas and arguments, it is possible that the New Zealand fescue might become a still more popular seed for the Canadian course, even taking the place of bent and its many varieties. But if it is possible it is not likely yet, according to greenkeepers who read the Trade Commissioner's arguments for fescue.

Greenkeepers are prepared to admit that the fescue advocated as perfect for Canadian courses is ideal for the fairway, but they are not yet convinced the Canadian golfer has lost his faith in bent for his putting greens. The fescue was a predominating grass in Canada for many years; in fact the greens of a number of well known courses were sown with it. Perhaps the fact that bent was a matter of experiment still in Canada caused the trade commissioner to come forward with his argument for a wider use of the grass.

"For years fescue was a predominating grass on Canadian courses. Only of recent years have we gone in for the bent grass," said Secretary Bert Hawkins. "All greens on the Lakeview course are fescue. As for bent it will not stand close cutting in Canada. Fescue is fine for the fairway. No matter what its qualities may be, I doubt if those clubs which are turning to and using bent will do away with it. The Canadian golfer likes it. On the other hand when you have fescue you know what you have. When you use bent in Canada a greenkeeper is not certain of what the result will be."

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So it seems that it will take more than a Trade Commissioner's views to cause the Canadian greenkeeper to bring his experiments with bent to an end and turn to a grass because it means trade with a sister Dominion.

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The qualities of different grasses will provide a subject for discussion monthly among greenkeepers this winter. The arrangement they have made for their meetings until the season of 1932 opens is that a greenkeeper from a prominent club will deliver a short address on conditions which he observed during 1931 after which the meeting will be thrown open for discussion. In view of the conditions which prevailed during the summer of 1931 the qualities of different grasses will prove the item of discussion.

Although it is November, fairways and greens are almost in the same condition as midsummer. The prediction of an early winter after an excessively hot summer has not been fulfilled and the golfer is still able to play on permanent greens. Greenkeepers report that there is as much golf as during the height of the season and that courses are in excellent shape due to plenty of rain and mild weather.

## Western New York News

By ARTHUR STEPHEN

THE Western New York Greenkeepers' Association held its annual meeting and election of officers at Hotel Richmond, Batavia, N. Y., on November 10. There was a good attendance of greenkeepers and assistants and the following officers and directors were elected:

President, James Connaughton, Monroe Golf Club, Pittsford, N. Y.

Vice-President, Custer Stallman, Durand Eastman Park Golf Course, Rochester, N. Y.

Treasurer, Charles Earl, Oakridge C. C., Spencerport, N. Y.

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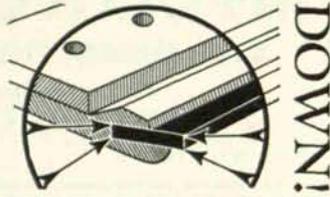


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Directors, Al. Schardt; Robert Henderson; James Connaughton; Custer Stallman; F. Reese; Wm. Brizee; Arthur Stephen.

The stork flew over the Monroe Golf Club a couple of weeks ago and left two nice babies for Mr. and Mrs. James Connaughton, our new president. "Jim" is being burdened these days with honors and responsibilities, since in addition to the above he is also District Vice-president of the National Association of Greenkeepers of America. "Jim" is extremely well liked and all the boys wish him the best of luck.

## Minnesota Gossip

By H. E. STODOLA, Secretary



H. E. STODOLA  
Keller Golf Club

THE Minnesota Association held their monthly meeting at Westwood Hills C. C., in Minneapolis, Monday, November 16. This is a privately-owned fee course with eighteen holes completed. Nine more holes are being constructed this fall to be ready for play next June. Nine more holes will be constructed later, making this a 36-hole layout.

Mr. Gerald McNulty, realtor, owns and operates this course. He is an enthusiastic sponsor of public golf and this summer the Minnesota Public Links tournament was held on his course.

Pat Johnson is the hard-working greenkeeper and his many duties are beginning to thin his hair. Many of his fairways are on peat land and the drought this summer made many cracks. He kept two teams busy two months this season

filling cracks. He has connections for fairway watering. He does not have to do much watering on the peat fairways because they stay green.

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Part of the course is very hilly and that relieves the monotony of the flat part. The greens are of a substantial Erickson bent and stand the play very well. Many trees are being planted and to see all the people working on this course makes you feel that business is what you make it. Mr. McNulty, says their business has increased about forty per cent over last year.

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Leo Feser called the business meeting in the clubhouse. The main topic was "On to New York." Minnesota is working hard to have delegates to the Convention.

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Progress is being made on a short course at the University of Minnesota and if one is not held this year it will be held next year for sure.

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A lively discussion was held on fairway fertilization. Most of the greenkeepers are in favor of a complete fertilizer in the fall and a nitrogenous fertilizer in the spring.

A regular feast was served by Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Larson, wives of the able greenkeepers from Minneapolis Club.

The next meeting will be held at Glenwood Club, Monday, December 14.

## Tri-State Gossip

By JOHN QUAILL, Secretary-Treasurer

THE past season has been a hectic one for all the superintendents of the Tri-State district comprising Western Pennsylvania, Eastern Ohio and West Virginia.

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The Pittsburgh boys not only suffered from the usual troubles to be found on a golf course but were also incapacitated through sickness and injuries.

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John Pressler, the veteran greenkeeper at Allegheny Country Club was out the first part of the year through an accident that confined him to the hospital for over six months. Arthur Snyder of Alcoma Club twisted a ligament in his knee and managed to hobble around his course with the aid of crutches. Frank Richardson of Shady Side Golf Club lost a couple of fingers by a tractor. "Fredy" Jacobs had the sad misfortune of the death of his wife, and likewise Lew Evans, who recently lost his wife. The writer also had his bad luck. Starting with the prolonged sickness of his wife followed very closely by a lengthy sickness of his own, made the season in this district one that we are all glad to see behind us.

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Our sympathy surely goes to Fred Jacobs and Lew Evans as they have lost possessions very near and dear to

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