

Bert Gee, in charge of the oldest municipal golf course in Canada, that of Edmonton, Alberta, has come to the Pacific Coast for his winter's visit, thus making local greenkeepers with work beginning to pile up green with jealousy. Course superintendents in the East have no cause to envy their contemporaries out here.

Paradoxically enough, now that the rain has come in California, greensmen have to work harder than ever to keep the color in the greens because the grass insists upon hibernating unless treated. Chemical fertilizers are in order on many courses because play is at its height and must not be stopped by heavy topdressing.

Canadian News

By J. H. EVANS, *Golf Editor, Toronto Globe*

ALARGER delegation than in former years will attend the February convention of the National Greenkeepers' association in Columbus, Ohio, to represent the Ontario Greenkeepers' association, President W. J. Sansom announced at the January meeting.

Those superintendents and greenkeepers who are certain of attending the convention are Mr. Sansom, Toronto Golf club; Howard Lloyd, Rosedale Golf club; Frank Hamm, Royal York club; William Austin, Humber Valley club, William Kirby, Lambton Golf and Country Club; James McCullough, of the Scarboro Golf and Country Club and a representative from the Toronto Ladies' Golf and Tennis club.

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In addition to the seven greenkeepers who have made arrangements through their clubs to attend the convention, others are expected to join the party when it leaves on February 2. Mr. Sansom explained that club directorates were now considering the advisability of allowing their greenkeepers to take advantage of the opportunities provided by the National Greenkeepers' Association to study the problems with which they are confronted during the playing season.

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Officers of the Ontario Greenkeepers' association are pleased with the attitude taken by the clubs toward the association's annual convention. It has taken some years to convince club secretaries and other officials that greenkeepers can and do derive a great deal of valuable information from the annual gathering, and it is with some satisfaction, indeed that the Ontario association has accepted the changing attitude of the larger clubs of the Province.

Mr. Sansom believes there might have been a much larger representation of Ontario greenkeepers at the convention but for the fact that several greenkeepers failed to make the necessary arrangements with their clubs before winter and are now confronted with the fact directorates are being changed which makes it more



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"A number of the clubs are taking a deeper interest in the Greenkeepers' organization and are sending their representatives to the convention," said Mr. Sansom. "If some other greenkeepers had been able to get into touch with officials for 1931, there is every likelihood they would also have been at the convention. It isn't entirely the fault of the clubs."

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The delegation from Ontario is going to the convention to extract a promise that the national convention will be held in Toronto in 1933. The delegation understands that the 1932 convention will be held in New York City, but is anxious to secure the gathering of the ensuing year. The delegation will have the official support of the city when it makes its plea for the convention.

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That which would be expected from Ontario Greenkeepers' Association and the city of Toronto if the convention was held in Toronto was placed before the January meeting of the greenkeepers' association by Mr. Sansom who had secured the data from Fred Burkhardt, of Cleveland, Ohio. A representative of the city's official tourist bureau attended the meeting and expressed the opinion that there would be little trouble in meeting the requirements of the National Greenkeepers' association. As a consequence, the delegation to the Columbus convention proceeds with a hearty invitation to meet in Toronto in 1933.

"We hope to bring the convention to Toronto in 1933. Insofar as the city is concerned there will be no trouble," said Mr. Sansom. "In fact, I was surprised at the amount of assistance it was willing to extend to us. There is no use of thinking of it for 1932. We left the last convention with the understanding that it would be held in New York City. We must wait until 1933."

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Officers of the Ontario Greenkeepers' association for 1931 are: President, W. J. Sansom; secretary - treasurer, Bert Hawkins, executive committee, Howard Lloyd, William Kirby, Joseph Stanfield, Fred Haines and James McCullough.

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