

# Canadian News

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

**T**OMMY ARMOUR, now British open golf champion, succeeding into the title vacated by Bobby Jones is the present Canadian open champion. Although he is regarded as an American, Armour in Canada and in a locality said to be more British than Great Britain, is regarded for sentimental reasons as British. He is a great favorite with the galleries in Canada and has been since he first appeared in 1920 at the Royal Ottawa Golf Club as Mr. T. D. Armour, of Edinburgh, an amateur with a distinguished war record commencing to establish himself on the American continent.

With the British open championship in his possession Armour proceeds to Toledo for the United States open championship and should he win he will become for a short time at least the only golfer of his sex who has held the open titles of the United States, Canada and Great Britain at the same time.

For Armour and the other contestants, Greenkeeper Joseph Stansfield is grooming the course of the Mississauga Golf and Country Club where the Canadian open championship will be held early in July.

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The Mississauga Golf and Country Club is situated some distance from Toronto. Its course is laid out on

either side of a stream of some proportions. It is probably the most attractive lay-out in Toronto and its environs. The course is all that could be desired by the galleries which will view the tournament. At the same time there are features which impose a task on Stansfield as he is preparing the test for the tournament.

Stansfield has been associated with the club for a number of years. Three years ago, the course was short and somewhat old fashioned. It was remodelled from plans prepared by Stanley Thompson and is now accepted as modern. The work was carried on by Stansfield who drained marsh land and built two holes on it two years ago.

When the club received the championship after the course had been given a stamp of approval, Stansfield was set to work to whip it into shape. He worked throughout the season and late into the fall; he resumed his task this spring and feels that he has the course in excellent shape for the championship.

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With the stream running through the course and hills on either side, Stansfield fears the effect of humidity on the putting surfaces. He realizes the necessity of greens beyond the criticism of the most discriminating contender for Armour's title. While his associates on Toronto courses had little to concern them, Stansfield was forced to contend with some winter kill this spring and having met the condition is now compelled to concern himself with the possibility of brown patch or a kindred ailment.

"We used thirty tons of fertilizer last fall and we have used almost as much this spring to prepare the course for the championship," stated Stansfield. "We have applied extra labor to the preparation of the course for the championship. We have got along exceedingly well. Some of the greens were touched this spring with winter kill. We nursed them along and they are now all right.

"The possibility of wet weather and humidity concerns us," he said. "There is the possibility of brown patch as it is known in the United States and in some parts of Canada or something akin to it. We have to guard against it, but since the tournament is only a month off we hope that fortune favors us and none will make its appearance."

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In addition to a number of extra workmen engaged on course work, Stansfield enjoys the cooperation of members of the Greenkeepers' association which is limited, however. In the spring of the year, a committee from the Royal Canadian Golf association visited his course and was satisfied with its brief survey of the championship test. The same committee is returning shortly to make another survey of the attractive, but yet troublesome course on occasions.

Stansfield's job was discussed during the June meeting of the Greenkeepers' association which was held at the Summit Golf and Country Club. The Summit course has been selected for a minor professional championship. The course is built on sand. Its greens are usually in fine

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condition, but its fairways frequently suffer from drought. The club has decided to construct a watering system through its entire course to protect itself, but the work will not be undertaken until the fall.

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Vice-president W. J. Sansom will attend the executive meeting of the National Greenkeepers' association at Philadelphia, June 22. He is still awaiting the appearance of the bulletin of the Royal Canadian Golf association. This bulletin was to be one of four issued annually to assist course superintendents and greenkeepers. It was to be compiled by a committee of the Royal Canadian Golf association.

## Minnesota Gossip

By H. E. STODOLA



H. E. STODOLA  
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Course Superintendents.

THE Minnesota Association met at the Somerset Club, Monday, June 8th, for their monthly meeting. The members inspected the tool house and saw a well-equipped shop with tools and machinery kept in first-class condition.

Max Schieffner, who has charge, has been with the club since it started ten years ago and he knows every blade of grass on the course. A record is kept of everything that is done on the greens, and no two greens are taken care of alike. The grounds are a model of neatness from a well-groomed course to the best grass tennis courts in the Northwest.

Somerset club is gradually changing their greens to Seaside bent. They have several Seaside bent greens already and the members are so satisfied that they want all the greens of the same grass. One interesting thing about this course is that a large part of it is made up of a beautiful orchard.

After going over the course the members met in the office for their business meeting. President Erickson read a letter from Mr. Power, Editor of the NATIONAL GREENKEEPER, asking him what he thought of the name "greenkeeper." Because we do not like the title greenkeepers, for want of a better name we changed our name to the Minnesota Association of Golf Course Superintendents. The more we see that name in print the less we like it because we realize how inadequate it is. We have decided to adopt the name that is chosen by the National Association.

Thursday, June 12th, we meet at Golden Valley, where the Trans-Mississippi tournament is to be held Monday, June 15th.

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## Pacific Coast Gossip

By ARTHUR LANGTON

THE Ventura County Country Club of Saticoy, California, has a design somewhat unique in at least this area. It is an eighteen-hole, or rather eighteen-fairway, course with only nine greens.

Originally the club had a regulation nine-hole layout but it later was re-designed so that each hole is played twice, each time from a different tee. This has been made possible by some ingenious planning and is practical because the location of the club in an agricultural district does not make for congested play.

In this way the pleasure of an eighteen-hole course is afforded the club members without all of the expense involved in the upkeep of a regulation full-sized links.

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As far as current business conditions are concerned, neither the pay nor the employment of most Pacific greenkeepers have been changed. They have felt the depression in that they have been ordered to curtail expenses, but their ability to respond to this demand has kept them on the job when men in other walks of life are tramping about in the army of the unemployed.

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