

Canadian News

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BROWN patch, a disease which the Canadian greenkeeper has seldom encountered in his work, has attacked the expensive greens of the Royal York Golf course in Toronto, and according to reports from greenkeepers in different parts of Ontario and Quebec it has made its appearance elsewhere.

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Brown patch has been uncommon in Canada. It made its appearance this summer for the first time in many years. The rarity of the condition has caused the greenkeeper and course superintendent to boast of freedom from the affliction whenever he had the occasion to visit neighboring portions of the United States.

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When the growth appeared, courses were coincidentally scalded and presented another problem. Scalds due to excessive heat followed by drenching thunder showers and then by more heat caused those greenkeepers who were called on to treat brown patch to form the opinion that the appearance of the fungus was due entirely to the climatic conditions existing in eastern Canada this summer, just now showing some signs of abating.

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Four greens on the Royal York course were attacked by brown patch just prior to an important tournament during which the contestants struggled over the course under a blazing sun. Frank Hamm, the course superintendent, was able to catch some of it in time and to restore the surface by the use of chemicals. On another green, however, the brown patch could not be eradicated with chemicals, and as a consequence he was compelled to replace the ruined turf.

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"It is uncommon in Canada. We haven't seen it for some years and must be entirely due to the abnormal weather which has been experienced this summer," said Hamm. "During July and the early part of August, there was no change in temperature night and day. At the same time we suffered from sun scalds, which has been unknown for a long time. It was impossible to cope with the situation. Heat, thunderstorms and more heat did the damage. However, with a return to normal conditions, we can repair the damage."

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The conditions which have existed at the Royal York course are similar to those to be found elsewhere. While some courses with their watering systems and with constant attention were able to escape serious damage, others were not so fortunate.

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The brown patch and the scalds which have concerned club officials and secretaries was a subject of discussion at the last regular meeting of the Ontario Greenkeepers' Association held at the Scarboro Golf and Country Club recently. Several secretaries attended the meeting and frankly confessed that while the conditions were of consequence, criticism could not be directed toward those who were in charge of courses and that nothing could be done but to go to work and repair the damaged putting surfaces in time for fall tournaments.

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Eighteen greenkeepers from different parts of the Province attended the meeting at the Scarboro club along with Secretaries Tulloch, Cameron, Annis and Fenning.

The party went over the course to observe the damage done by the abnormal conditions which commenced early in June and continued for five weeks. The putting surfaces suffered severely and are just commencing to recover.

Two more meetings are to be held by the association before the fall. One of these meetings will take place at the St. Andrew's club, Toronto, early in September and then another meeting at the Royal York course later in the month. No club has adopted a more progressive attitude toward the greenkeeper than the Royal York club which plans to do something of a special character for the association.

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It is of interest to note that while recognized associations in the golfing world of the Dominion, particularly

in eastern Canada, have endeavored to arouse some enthusiasm on the problems of course maintenance, the clubs are gradually turning to the greenkeepers' association for advice and assistance. More than ever are they recognizing the value of the work the association is doing and to realize the merit in direct contact.

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The next task of magnitude to be presented to a course greenkeeper is offered to Howard Lloyd, of the Rosedale club, Toronto, whose duty it is to prepare the course for the Women's Open golf championship of Canada which draws a strong entry from the United States and all parts of Canada with the addition this year of the British open champion, Miss Wilson.

Mr. Lloyd takes a great pride in his course and has

promised officials of the club that he will provide a lay-out above criticism. The club's membership includes many prominent and critical golfers. Mr. Lloyd says they will have nothing to worry over.

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Rosedale is an interesting course. It was laid out prior to the war on extremely sandy soil. The turf was literally built on the sand. A portion of the course is now within the city limits and is surrounded by costly homes. Its property is valued at several thousand dollars an acre. Mr. Lloyd has been with the club many years and has been responsible for the development of the course. He has followed a policy of growing grass with strength and has been peculiarly successful in his efforts, although he is quite willing to recognize the merit of finer grasses.

Beverly Country Club—Chicago

Where the National Amateur Championship will be played the first week in September. Matt Bezek, president of the Mid-West Greenkeepers Association is the greenkeeper.

THE CARD

No. 1—	378 yards.	Par 4
No. 2—	545 yards.	Par 5
No. 3—	228 yards.	Par 3
No. 4—	365 yards.	Par 4
No. 5—	414 yards.	Par 4
Par 6—	187 yards.	Par 3
No. 7—	558 yards.	Par 5
No. 8—	375 yards.	Par 4
No. 9—	429 yards.	Par 4

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3479 yards. Par 36

No. 10—	173 yards.	Par 3
No. 11—	590 yards.	Par 5
No. 12—	110 yards.	Par 3
No. 13—	390 yards.	Par 4
No. 14—	326 yards.	Par 4
No. 15—	448 yards.	Par 4
No. 16—	414 yards.	Par 4
No. 17—	200 yards.	Par 3
No. 18—	572 yards.	Par 5

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3223 yards. Par 35

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Total—6702 yards. Par 71



No. 14 at Beverly—326 Yards



No. 17 at Beverly—200 Yards