

## Canadian President Urges Support

By W. J. SANSOM, *President,*  
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W. J. SANSOM  
*who will represent the Ontario  
Greenkeepers at the New York  
Convention.*

ONCE again the arrangements have been completed and we are looking forward to meet our fellow-greenkeepers at our 6th Annual Golf Show and Convention, to be held at the Hotel Pennsylvania, New York City, January 19-22.

Thanks are due to Fred A. Burkhardt, chairman of the Golf Show, who has left no stone unturned for a successful exhibition. It by no means has been a

small undertaking. This year he has been able to secure a room for our Conference program where we can all assemble and enjoy the conference in comfort.

The needs of our golf courses are many and varied. The problem of selecting the needs of golf course equipment is by no means a light one. Through the efforts of our committee on the Golf Show it has been made possible for those who are in charge of golf course maintenance attending our Annual Golf Show and Convention to see and judge for themselves every piece of machinery made for golf course maintenance and be able to purchase or to recommend to his golf club official the equipment most suitable for his requirements with a great saving of money.

The Conference itself is sufficient for greenkeepers and club officials to attend and to give their time in the general discussion of all things pertaining to good golf course maintenance and to be able to listen to the various speakers both from a scientific and practical viewpoint.

Then too, the fraternal side of our profession makes it worth-while to attend. Meeting our fellow-greenkeepers, whereby new acquaintances are formed and old ones of a year ago renewed, meeting the other fellow whose article that he had written for the NATIONAL GREENKEEPER for the benefit of others, was interesting to read.

So to my fellow-greenkeepers I would say, make every effort possible to be at this our Annual Convention. To those who have attended in previous years and to those who have not been able to attend, think of the various committees that have worked so faithfully to make our meeting possible. Let us not disappoint them by not attending. Come and show your appreciation in a practical way which cannot be shown any better than by your presence. If each and everyone does his part success will follow.

Try hard to get your Green committee chairman to attend with you. We want your wholehearted cooperation. We have an organization to be very proud of. If there are any suggestions that you can offer for the good and welfare of our organization that is your privilege. We desire our members to be active and invite criticism of a constructive nature at all times.

## Mid-West Will Spring Surprise

By JOHN MacGREGOR, *Vice President,*

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THERE is one event which every greenkeeper looks forward to; it is the annual convention and golf show.

When the convention is over he goes back to his job feeling that it was profitable from the standpoint of information gathered from the speakers on the program. Also, with greenkeepers with whom he has become acquainted he had made new friends and has become better acquainted with friends made at previous conventions.

The speakers' program this year is well balanced. The greenkeeper and the Green chairman cannot afford to miss it, as it will touch deeply the matters which have concerned and will continue to concern greenkeepers and Green chairmen during the year 1932.

It is a fact that most of those who have attended previous conventions make a habit of putting a certain percentage of their wages away every month so they will have the necessary funds for the next convention, except those who are more fortunate in having their clubs pay their expenses. The directors of clubs should give more thought to this as the club is to reap the benefit of whatever its greenkeeper learns.

I do not think there is one man who goes back to his club without having learned something worthwhile. He has a chance to look over all kinds of equipment and materials at the golf show, which in itself is well worth the expense. Manufacturers and dealers from near and far bring their products to the Show, where the greenkeepers can see just what they have recommended or will recommend to the chairman of the Green committee for the coming year.

The Mid-West greenkeepers have something unique for the conference, which no one can afford to miss. I cannot tell you what it is, as you will have to come to get the full benefit of it. We expect to have at least twelve members at the convention, and hope to have more. I would urge everyone to attend the convention in New York.

May I hope to meet you at the biggest convention ever.

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## Here We Go

By GEORGE DAVIES, *Greenkeeper*,  
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**T**HE Sixth Annual Greenkeepers' National Convention will unquestionably stand out as the most important assembly in the history of golf. Never before has a gathering in the interest of golf been as vital as this will be. No greenkeeper can afford to miss it, and what is more no golf club can afford to permit its greenkeeper to absent himself.

It is my firm conviction that any greenkeeper who absents himself, or any golf club which does not (where circumstances indicate it should) send its greenkeeper to this important educational meeting, can hardly be considered loyal to tradition of the royal and ancient game.

What is availed if weeks of study is given to the size and weight of golf balls, the kind of golf clubs permissible, and the rules of the game, if the greens are subject to an epidemic which destroys them practically over night, and which the greenkeeper is powerless to prevent, because of the failure to receive helpful advice.

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The past year has proven that there is not a more dejected picture than that of a golfer with a perfect swing, and a set of perfect golf clubs, playing over a course with imperfect greens.



GEORGE DAVIES  
*Director of the N. A. G. A.*

An epidemic attacked golf courses last year which without question robbed seventy-five per cent of golfdom of its rightful enjoyment. In many cases clubs lost eighteen greens in less than twenty-four hours, and the most proficient greenkeeper was powerless to prevent the ravages of the disease. The clubs which were not so afflicted may become victims, unless the greenkeeper can meet with those who have studied the subject thoroughly and receive the benefits of their experiences.

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This convention will be so vital that no greenkeeper in the country should be anywhere else than at the Pennsylvania Hotel on January 19-22, 1932. It is not a question of not being able to afford to attend, but a question of not being able to afford to stay away.

I am confident there is not a single member of any golf club in the country who would not subscribe one dollar to a fund to defray the expenses of the greenkeeper to attend this educational meeting, where he can learn how to combat an epidemic which may overnight deprive him of his golf and healthful exercise. At this moment it is not possible for any golfer in the country to spend a dollar more wisely.

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If any greenkeeper feels he cannot afford to pay