

address of the day was made by Dr. John Monteith, Jr. of the Green Section, U. S. Golf Association. His topic was "Turf diseases and their control."

Following the dinner and talks, the annual business meeting of the Rhode Island Greenkeepers' Club was held. The following officers were elected: President, Chas. B. Mulaney, Meshanticut Golf Club; Vice President, Everett Pyle, Providence Municipal Links; Treasurer, Martin Greene, Wannoissett Country Club; Secretary, Woodworth Bradley, Providence, R. I.

A number of firms were represented with various lines of equipment. Demonstrations of equipment occupied the time from 3 p. m. to well towards 6 o'clock. The exhibits included lawn and putting green mowers, sprinklers and sprinkler equipment, water pumps, seeds, fertilizers, and miscellaneous golf equipment.

At no other time during the year is there a more genuinely interested and enthusiastic gathering at the college than when the greenkeepers have their field day.

Golf Course News

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CANADIAN GOSSIP

By J. H. EVANS

SOME concern is being shown by greenkeepers and course superintendents of golf clubs of Ontario over the policy of retrenchment generally decided on for 1933. With few exceptions clubs have reduced to a considerable extent the amount set aside annually for course maintenance. The policy means lower wages for the laborer, a smaller amount for equipment and material and as a consequence courses in poorer condition as the year proceeds.

"During the past few years a considerable sum has been spent by the older clubs and some of the newer clubs. Many of the clubs will be able to retrench for a year without suffering any loss, but if the retrenchment extends for more than a season, they will be faced with some serious problems," said W. J. Sansom, president of the Greenkeepers' association, who pointed out that the greenkeeper's attitude was one of interest in his work.

The majority of greenkeepers realize, according to Mr. Sansom, that economies for a season or so, must be followed by extensive expenditures to improve conditions on run-down fairways and poorly-kept greens. Their

view is not entirely one of dollars and cents and personnel, he said.

The outdoor meetings of the greenkeepers' association will commence in June. Arrangements for these meetings were made during May, while Mr. Sansom and others visited Howard Lloyd, formerly an officer of their association who was compelled through ill health to resign his position at the Rosedale Golf club and take a place in the Niagara peninsula at Beamsville. The meetings will be of the usual character—a discussion on different subjects with some technical advice thrown in by experts from agricultural colleges.

NEWS FROM THE SOUTH

By MERLE ZWEIFEL

FOR the first time in nearly five years greensmen of the southwest have been able to effect a long, deep sigh of genuine relief and devote their attention to other than laying water lines from a nearby creek or pond. For the drouth apparently is over.

Rainfall for Oklahoma and Texas has been more nearly normal during the past six weeks than at any time since 1928 although it still falls short of the pre-drouth average. The dry spell kept greenkeepers constantly on their toes trying to pull the greens and fairways through. A few clubs had fairway watering systems installed but those who were less fortunate suffered the loss of Bermuda grass turf that will be costly to replace.

Several golf clubs will take advantage of the "wet" season and seed bare spots in the fairways with Bermuda.

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A NEW THREAT?

A BRAND new plant seems to have made an impressive debut in the Oklahoma and Arkansas district quite recently and has caused much comment among turf experts. Botanists have identified the plant as Mexican clover, of a creeping variety. Although it originated in the dry, arid sections of southwest Texas, it thrives unusually well in the Mississippi valley states.

Observers have noted that a number of lawns in the northern section of Oklahoma have become infested with the weed and it will choke or smother out grasses of all kinds if allowed to spread including the hardy Bermuda. The main stem puts out runners that take root in the soil with amazing rapidity and seems little effected by close mowing.

NEW ENGLAND NOTES

By GUY C. WEST

THE Greenkeepers' Club of New England held its regular monthly meeting on May 8 at the Kernwood Country Club, Salem, Mass. In the morning, Wendell Miller, well-known irrigation expert, demonstrated and