

The officers elected for 1931 are as follows: President, Al Schardt, Wanakah Country Club; vice-president, Frank Bulges, Niagara Falls Municipal Golf Course; treasurer, James Connaughton, Monroe Country Club; secretary, Arthur Stephen, Erie Downs Golf and Country Club, Bridgeburgh, Ontario; directors, F. Nichols, Meadowbrook Golf and Country Club; W. F. Radford, Niagara Falls Country Club; Robert Henderson, Country Club of Buffalo; James Connaughton, Monroe Country Club.

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### Ontario Greenkeepers' Association

By W. J. Sansom

In October, 1924, on the invitation of C. H. L. Knuth, then secretary-manager of the Weston Golf Club, a meeting of representatives of various other golf courses was held at that club, and the Ontario Greenkeepers' Association was then organized. The original membership was 11, but it has since increased to 27, all of whom belong also to the National Greenkeepers' Association of America. The officers and executive committee of our association have remained the same since the date of organization, and are as follows: President, W. J. Sansom, Toronto Golf Club; secretary-treasurer, H. Hawkins, Lake View Golf and Country Club, Route 1, Port Credit, Ontario; executive committee, H. Lloyd, Rosedale Golf Club, A. McCullum, Scarboro Golf and Country Club, William Kirby, Lambton Golf and Country Club, C. Freeman, Toronto Hunt Club, and J. Stanfield, Mississauga Golf and Country Club. The annual meeting is held on the second Tuesday of January.

The purpose of the organization is to advance the science of greenkeeping, maintain a closer fellowship among the greenkeepers of the district, accumulate practical knowledge on the problems of greenkeeping with a view to promoting more efficient and economical maintenance of golf courses, and serve as an agency through which members may obtain employment. We hold educational meetings from time to time in which specialists from the agricultural college at Guelph assist; also regular monthly meetings during the summer on the various golf courses, at which discussions of turf problems yield very helpful results. The different clubs are very generous in providing us with a room and luncheon at these meetings. We are often called upon for advisory service, from which the smaller clubs especially profit. We are also often asked for advice through the mail, and the inquiries are always given prompt attention. Our winter meetings are held at the Sons of England Hall, Toronto, the second Tuesday of each month. These are very helpful from an educational standpoint. A greenkeeper is invited to prepare a paper to be presented at the meeting, and this serves as a basis for a discussion. We do not issue any publication of our own, but the local papers and occasionally the *Canadian Golfer* lend publicity to our activities. Once in two years a machinery demonstration is held, our last having been in September, 1930, at the Royal York Golf Club, where everything in the way of tractors, machinery, and equipment for the upkeep of a golf course was represented. As few of our greenkeepers play golf we have not had occasion to hold any tournaments.

Our membership is confined to greenkeepers and greenkeepers' assistants, while at the same time we strive to enlist the cooperation

of green committees, secretary-managers, professionals, and stewards at the various clubs in our activities, as it is quite essential that all work in close touch one with another if the best interests of the clubs are to be served. After all, we are all working toward the same ends, namely, to give the players the best course possible, the steward the best service in the club house, the professional the best assistance in his shop, the secretary-manager the best help in his office, and the green committee the utmost economy possible. Our territory covers the Province of Ontario.

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### **Greenkeepers' Club of Western Pennsylvania**

By John Quail

Early in 1926, a few of Pittsburgh's prominent golf course superintendents realized the benefits to be derived from an organization of the greenkeepers of the district. With this thought in view they questioned the other superintendents of the district and everywhere were met with the same answer, "Fine; go ahead and we will follow." Such was the beginning of the Greenkeepers' Club of Western Pennsylvania. On March 17, 1926, the club was organized and a constitution and by-laws were drawn up. The officers elected were: President, John Pressler, Allegheny Country Club; vice-president, John McNamara, Pittsburgh Field Club; secretary-treasurer, Charles Nuttall, Fox Chapel Golf Club. There were 12 members in the original club, and it has since grown slowly but surely, until every eligible greenkeeper in the district is a member. At first the by-laws excluded the professional-greenkeepers, but have since been changed to permit them also to belong.

The club meets monthly in the Fort Pitt Hotel, Pittsburgh, on the second Monday of the month, at which time all business is attended to and plans made for the good of the club. Other activities consist of joint meeting of greenkeepers and chairmen of green committees, equipment demonstrations, and visits to different clubs. The meetings are forums where the members can exchange ideas and discuss topics of interest and work for the betterment of their clubs. The annual meeting is held on the second Monday of December when officers for the ensuing year are elected.

Mr. Pressler has been president of the organization since the beginning; and up to November, 1930, at which time he was seriously injured by an automobile, he missed only two meetings of the club, and both times it was strictly unavoidable. Mr. Jacob was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of John McNamara, one of the organizers, and was elected to serve a full term in 1930 and has since been reelected for 1931. The writer was appointed secretary-treasurer in 1927 to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Nuttall. He has since been reelected for the past four years.

The membership includes the western Pennsylvania district, which covers a radius of about 20 miles. Several more members are expected to become affiliated in 1931.

The officers for 1931 are as follows: President, John Pressler, Allegheny Country Club; vice-president, G. F. Jacob, Stanton Heights Golf Club; secretary-treasurer, John Quail, Highland Country Club, West View, Pittsburgh, Pa.