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REPORT ON DONCASTER GOLF CLUB.

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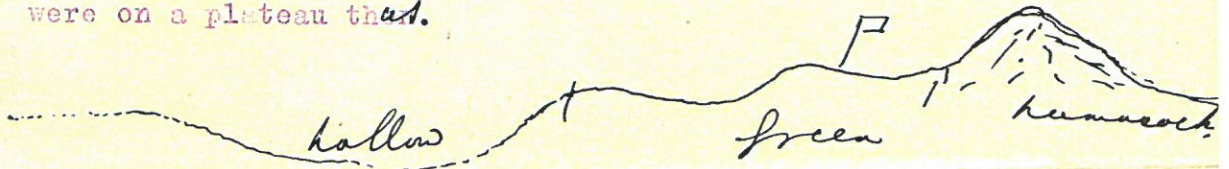
It is about two years since I first visited the site of the Doncaster Links at Rossington, since then I have frequently quoted Rossington as having more the character of the real seaside Links among the sand dunes than any inland Course I am acquainted with. The Links are of even a sandier nature than Ganton, the sand extends 20 feet deep in places, and the Course is the only inland one I know, where it has been necessary to put up wattles to prevent the sand blowing. The Links are so dry that it would be quite possible to play (in carpet slippers) during the wettest of winter months without one's feet being wet. The Course is not yet finished, but the construction work, which has already been done is excellent, and it is only a question of time and labour on the same lines to make the Doncaster Golf Course the equal, if not superior to any Links in Yorkshire.

The land, however suffers from the same disadvantage as is common among the sandiest of seaside Links, namely that in places there is a certain amount of difficulty in getting a sufficient amount of turf on it, this however is only a question of time and treatment on the right lines as the natural grasses are of the finest possible character.

It is unnecessary for me to discuss the positions of the bunkers, and construction of the greens, which have yet to be made as I have already done so verbally.

I would suggest however that large bold hollows, varying in size and shape be cut out of the approach of several of your

greens which are on the flat namely:- 1st, 3rd, 7th, 14th etc, this will have the effect of making a green appear as if it were on a plateau that.



The sand taken out of the green should be utilized for making large hummocks (10 to 12 ft. high in places) at the back and sides of the greens. It will save enormously in labour in constructing these hollows and bankers, if you use a scraper or levelling machine, as it is sometimes called.

In making the undulations in the greens I would suggest you vary their character more, in some cases one or two large hollows are sufficient.

#### TREATMENT OF THE FAIRWAYS.

On most of the fairways all that is necessary is to scrape the bare patches and fill up the holes with equal parts of soil and lime, and roll with a heavy roller. The most of your fairways should be limed with 1 ton of Carbonate of Lime and 6 cwt of basic slag to the acre, a few weeks later after it has been washed in meat-guano (containing 7 to 8 per cent ammonia) and malt culms or fish guano at the rate of 2 cwt per acre should be used.

#### TREATMENT OF THE GREENS.

Use malt culms or malt dust occasionally, and dress with pe<sup>4</sup>vian guano in February or March at the rate of one oz per square yard. Mr. A. D. Hall of <sup>the</sup> government experimental station

at Roth<sup>am</sup>stead, the greatest living authority on Manures, does not advise soil and farmyard manure on even excessively sandy soil like Doncaster, he states that you can get the same results from artificials at less cost, and that the resulting turf is of a better golfing quality than that obtained by farmyard manure, this is no doubt correct, and artificials have also the advantage that they do not put the Course out of play.

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