

# MUNICIPAL GOLF FEES SET BY PARKS BOARD

## Scale Provides For Annual, Monthly and Daily Permits

After some discussion on a report submitted by Secretary J. H. Blackwood, the parks board yesterday afternoon finally fixed the fees for golf on the municipal course which will be thrown open soon.

The rates were fixed as follows: Annual permits, men, \$16; women, \$8; monthly permits, men \$4, women \$2; and single game permits, men, 40 cents, women, 25 cents. There will also be a combination permit for man and wife which will cost \$20 a year.

The locker charges have been fixed at \$5 for annual permit; \$1.50 monthly, and 25 cents daily. Locker charges will include the use of the club house, towel, soap and showers. A bag and five clubs will be rented for 50 cents a day and a charge of 10 cents will be made for the checking of clubs or parcels.

Golf equipment will be sold, rented and repaired, and the schedule of prices will be posted prominently in the club house.

In his report the secretary stated that he had mailed a questionnaire to 178 cities throughout the English-speaking world and 50 replies had been received to date. The information received was so meagre as to be valueless. He pointed out that in

certain cities no charges whatever were made, while in others the city supplied the grounds and citizens' clubs are formed for the construction, operation and maintenance of the course, so that the clubs are required to fix the charges at such a figure as to make the club self-supporting. Other cities charge locker rentals only. The city of Toronto is opening its first municipal course this season. A "membership drive" secured 1,400 members at \$10 each, sufficient for three full courses.

The secretary further pointed out that last year the board had a fixed levy of \$2 on every lawn bowler or cricketer using municipal greens and pitches. A bowling green contains approximately 1,500 square feet, whereas a golf green contains approximately 3,000 square feet, and there are 18 of these which require as extensive maintenance as bowling greens. In addition there are the fairways to be maintained, and while the maintenance scarcely equals that required for the maintenance of a good park lawn, yet there is a large acreage because the course is spread over approximately 95 acres.

Mr. Blackwood pointed out that the burden of municipal taxation is reaching a climax, and the time had come when every service provided for the adult population must be self-supporting. He therefore thought it was better to fix the rates sufficiently high at the outset, and if it were found that the fees charged were more than sufficient to pay the cost of upkeep, the charges could be reduced, because it was easier to lower fixed charges than it was to raise them.