

Famed Golf Architect Here

Dr. Mackenzie, in Demand the World Over, Pays Brief Visit to New York.

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It is one thing to eulogize over the rapid progress of the game of golf and something else again to receive the evidence by word of mouth from one who has been in direct touch with its advance in various parts of the globe. The writer yesterday received a call from Dr. A. Mackenzie, probably the world's busiest course architect, and P. D. Maxwell, one of his American partners.

When a man's advice and services are sought on both sides of the world partners become a necessary adjunct. Dr. Mackenzie, originally from Leeds, England, now has a number of associates, including Robert Hunter in California; Maxwell, who is going to look after his interests in this section of the country, and Alex Russell, well known in Australia.

It is a matter of months now since Dr. Mackenzie left the homeland for Australia, and it was that visit that placed him away behind on his schedule. Upon being asked how that happened he replied:

"I left England the end of September for Australia, the call from there being to design two courses, and I had intended to limit my stay to a month, but after arriving and my presence became known it seemed as if the entire country wanted my services. The first thing I knew I'd been there two months, and even then found it difficult to get away. Some of the work had to do with new courses for Royal Melbourne and the Royal Sydney clubs. The latter in addition to having thirty-six holes also has thirty tennis courts. Its membership is exceptionally large, nearly 2,500."

Clubs Have Waiting Lists.

"Sounds as though they are somewhat interested in the old game 'down under,'" observed the writer.

"Interested is no name for it. They

are not constructing courses fast enough to meet the demand. Practically all the clubs are not only full but they have long waiting lists.

"From Australia I sailed for California and discovered the same keen conditions, golf and more golf. My work there included courses on the Del Monte peninsula, Pebble Beach reconstruction, two new courses for the Peninsula Country Club, and one for the Cypress Point C. C., a new organization started by Miss Marion Hollins and Roger Lapham. There is another, Dana Point, and still another, the Meadows Golf Club, near San Francisco, that ought to be heard from before long."

Although Dr. Mackenzie's present stay hereabouts will be short, as he is booked to sail to-morrow, he and Maxwell are covering considerable ground to-day, visiting a number of New Jersey courses which he did not see the last time he was in this city. It might be said in passing that he and Maxwell are also identified with the new Melrose Country Club, within a few miles of Philadelphia. The club has 155 acres, which cost \$600,000, and Maxwell, who really designed this layout, is going to give the construction work his special attention from now on.

Near the 150 Mark.

It probably will not be long before the Metropolitan Golf Association reaches the 150 mark in membership clubs. At present the total is 149, which included the Governors Island Golf Club, an honorary member. There are only about ten more eligibles in this section; that is, clubs in Metropolitan territory that already belong to the United States Golf Association.

Walter Z. Shafer, the Met secretary, is preparing to mail the handicap sheet to the clubs. They will probably receive the handicaps to post on the bulletin boards about April 1, and the new year book will go out a few days later.