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BRAID'S VISIT OF 1922 AND  
COMPLETION IN 1924

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### FRASERRURGH COURSE.

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#### BRAID'S VIEWS ON PROPOSED EXTENSION.

At the invitation of the Council of the Fraserburgh Golf Club, James Braid, the Walton Heath professional, visited the local course on Wednesday in connection with the proposed extension scheme. He made a thorough inspection of the course, and was favourably impressed with its natural resources and the fineness of the turf. He said he saw no reason why Fraserburgh should not vie with the more famous golf courses in the south in attracting players from all parts, and he is to lay before the Council a scheme which should result in this end being attained.

The proposals he has in view will add 1126 yards to the length of the existing course, which measures 4874 yards. The extension will take place on the south side of the Corbie Hill, and fresh ground is to be broken towards the Water of Philorth. Braid was accompanied round the course by Mr A. J. Russell, captain of the club; the Green Committee, and members of the Council, including the Master of Saltoun. Lord Saltoun, the proprietor of the ground, is taking a friendly and sympathetic interest in the enterprise.

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CHAMPION OF AUSTRALIA.

## **FRASERBURGH GOLF COURSE EXTENSION.**

### **VISIT OF JAMES BRAID.**

James Braid, of Walton Heath, spent Wednesday last on the local Golf Links at Philorth. For this good fortune the Golf Club are largely indebted to the enthusiastic interest of the Master of Saltoun, who personally interviewed Braid at Walton Heath. The members of the Golf Club Council, who went over the course with Braid, were so lost in admiration of the man and his methods, what Braid does not know about Golf and Golf Courses is not worth knowing. One felt the presence of a master. Braid "ex-pede Hercules" without apparent haste but without waste of a single second of time from the first light of day to late in the afternoon, strode tirelessly over bent and turf seeing everything and saying little. An occasional terse remark or question about possibilities, or a pithy cursory remark on the endurance of the nimble rabbit, was all.

After a survey, involving three good rounds of the links from near the Kethock Burn to the banks of the water of Philorth, his decision seemed to have matured, and in crisp decisive sentences the eighteen holes were mapped out. The scheme—a plan of which may be seen in the shop window of A. J. Russell, Broad Street—seems a bold one, but the more consideration it gets the greater its masterly conception appears. The course will be lengthened by over 1100 yards at a cost small in proportion to the advantages gained.

By midsummer it is expected that a large part of the extension will be in play, and the congestion of the course will be greatly relieved. The standard of play must soon rise; every variety of golf club will now have to be mastered, as each round will require its use. Innumerable bunkers are to be made to trap and penalize every loose and rash stroke. The true golfer will be in his element, the weak-kneed will either improve or retire in despair.

James Braid, born at Elie in Fife some 50 odd years ago, carpenter by trade, golfer by profession, five times open champion of Britain, is a big man in body and mind; Scotch still in nature as in accent, though his life has been chiefly spent in England. Quiet to taciturnity, yet full of quiet humour, it is good to have spent a day with him. Of his numerous experiences one of the most curious is, that while he has done the 5th hole at Walton Heath six times in one, yet the first three times he only halved the hole—he was giving a stroke. This particular hole is 162 yards in length and on the first three occasions his opponents had less than 18 inches to hole out for two. If Braid's opinion of what the Fraserburgh Golf Course can become proves correct, the Fraserburgh Golf Club Council are to be congratulated on their enterprise.

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## EXTENDED FRASERBURGH COURSE.

1500 YARDS LONGER THIS YEAR.

The Fraserburgh Golf Course, as laid out by James Braid, the Walton Heath professional, which is now practically completed, is 5688 yards in length, or about 1500 yards longer than it was last year. The first tee is now on the left-hand side of the railway, and the eighteenth hole is near the pavilion. The new greens are coming on well, and the course gives promise of soon being one of the best in the north. The following are the particulars regarding the holes, distance in yards, and bogey:—

1 Corbie	.....	400	5 10 Valley	.....	265	4	
2 Braid's Bellows	.....	370	5 11 Puzzle	.....	166	3	
3 Whyte's Shelter	.....	315	4 12 Mound	.....	212	4	
4 Plateau	.....	330	5 13 Hill	.....	374	5	
5 Hump	.....	160	3 14 Hillfoot	.....	440	5	
6 Cottage	.....	582	6 15 Bridge	.....	352	5	
7 Well	.....	135	3 16 Rosehill	.....	495	5	
8 Solitude	.....	227	4 17 Philforth	.....	335	5	
9 Sea	.....	296	4 18 Home	.....	304	4	
Out	.....	2815	39	In	.....	2673	40