

MITCHAM COMMON CONSERVATORS.

Report to the Croydon Town Council of the Members appointed by the Council.

Constitution and Attendances.

1.—Your representatives have attended meetings of the Mitcham Common Conservators during the year ended the 11th October, 1924, as follows :—

	Board Meetings.			Committee Meetings.			Total.	
	Poss.	Actual.		Poss.	Actual.		Poss.	Act.
Mr. Alderman G. J. Allen ...	6	5	...	2	1	...	8	6
Alderman Major J. E. Fox...	6	6	...	3	2	...	9	8
Mr. Alderman Houlder ...	2	0	...	0	0	...	0	0
Mr. Alderman W. B. Robarts	6	5	...	2	2	...	8	7
Mr. Councillor A. Peters ...	4	3	...	2	0	...	6	3

(Mr. Councillor A. Peters succeeded Mr. Alderman Houlder as a member on the 18th February, 1924).

2.—The Board of Conservators consists, in addition to the Croydon representatives, of four representatives from Mitcham, two from Beddington, two from Wallington, a representative of the Lords of the Manor appointed under an Agreement by the Princes' Golf Club Co., Ltd., and a representative of the City of London Corporation appointed under the City of London (Various Powers) Act, 1911.

Finance.

3.—The Revenue of the Conservators consists of :—

1. A contribution from the Croydon Corporation equal to one-third of the previous year's expenditure and not exceeding £100.
2. A contribution of £100 from the Mitcham Urban District Council.
3. The sum of £30 contribution from the Parish Council of Wallington, which is charged with the maintenance of the Beddington Corner Recreation Ground.
4. The sum of £150 payable by the Princes' Golf Club Co., Ltd., for the use of the Princes' Golf Course.
5. Miscellaneous revenue, including registration fees, telephone rents, fines, etc., which last year amounted to £210 1s. 0d.

The contributions from the Croydon Corporation for 1922 to 1923 are now due.

The annual sum payable by the Princes' Golf Club has been written off each year for some years, and having regard to arrangements in progress at the date of this Report for the conversion of the Golf Course into a Public Course, it will probably disappear from the accounts for the future.

The expenditure of the Conservators for the past year has consisted principally of the sum of £150 19s. 4d. for salaries and remuneration of its officers, and the sum of £171 3s. 10d. for the upkeep and improvement of the Common.

Games on the Common.

4.—With regard to the playing of golf upon the Common in May last, the Princes' Golf Club Co., Ltd., the licensee of the course, assigned to Sir H. M. Mallaby-Deeley, Bart., Sir Charles Eric Hambro, K.B.E., and the Hon. Francis Stanley Jackson, M.P. (hereinafter called "the Trustees") the interest of the company in the golf links under the license granted on the 20th July, 1901. The Company also assigned their rights and interests in the Club House adjoining the golf links, and delivered to the Trustees all the furniture and chattels used by the Company in connection with the Club House and the Golf Course. The Trustees are to hold the said interests, rights and chattels upon trust, to permit and cause the said premises and the Golf Course chattels to be used and employed for the use of all members of the public, subject and without prejudice in all respects to the rights, powers and duties of the Conservators, and to all bye-laws and regulations for the time being in force under the Metropolitan Commons (Mitcham) Supplemental Act, 1891. The Conservators have now under consideration the amendment of their regulations for playing golf rendered necessary by the new conditions.

Through the Clerk to the Conservators six clubs were granted permits for cricket last Summer on the Mitcham and Beddington grounds, and fourteen permits for football have been granted during the current season.

5.—The permits for football and cricket on the ground adjoining the Borough boundary are issued by the Corporation. For the football season ending the 31st March last 557 permits were issued, each permit representing a separate match. For the cricket season ending the 30th September last 665 permits were issued, each permit representing a separate match. These permits, both for football and cricket are issued to clubs established in the Borough.

15th January, 1925.