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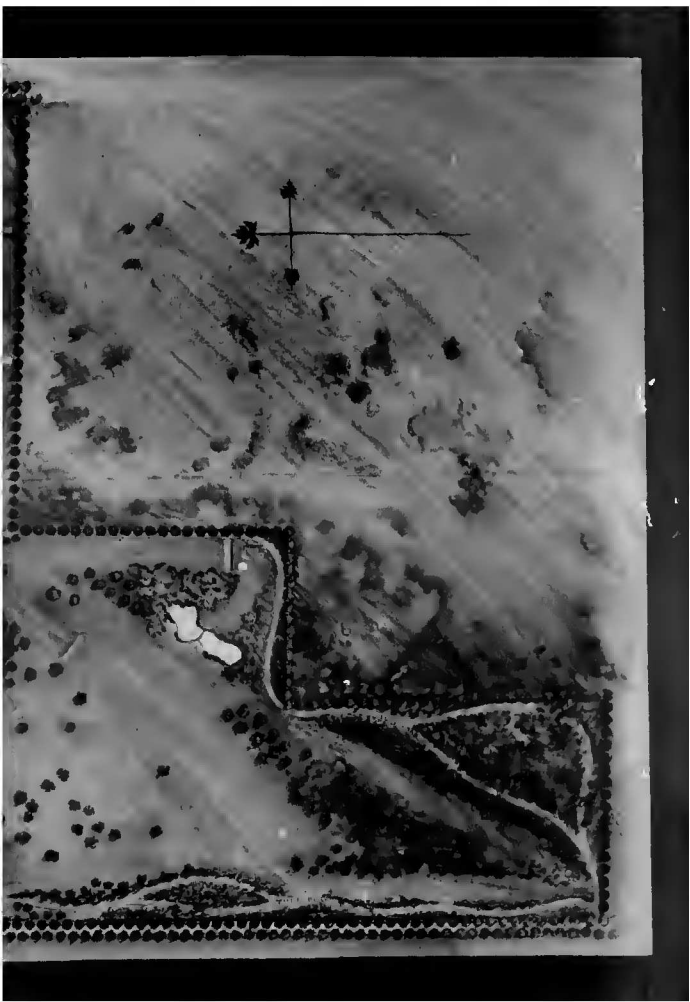
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FOR THE GROUNDS OF

The Buffalo Country Club

BUFFALO, N. Y.



REPORT OF

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**REPORT ON PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT ON THE GROUNDS
OF THE
BUFFALO COUNTRY CLUB.**

Original Purchase of Land.

THE original purchase of land by the Club, comprising seventy acres (more or less) was made in 1900. At the request of the House and Grounds committee, Mr. Townsend assisted in choosing a location for the club house, in determining upon the course of a road from Main street to the house and in establishing grades in the immediate vicinity of the buildings.

He was authorized to select and purchase, so far as possible at the Pan-American, planting material in sufficient quantities to produce an attractive appearance over that portion of the ground lying between the highway and the northern front of the building, the purpose being to alter the aspect of this area, from one of a neglected farm, to that of a place under cultivation, observing with due care, certain fundamental principles of landscape design.

It was desired to have the work in hand, as nearly complete as possible, for an opening on Arbor Day, 1902.

The work of road building, as approved by the House and Grounds committee, was commenced late in the autumn of 1901. At the earliest practicable time in the following spring (1902) the work was taken up again, together with grading and planting. Nineteen hundred and fifty (1950) sq. yds. of macadam road was constructed, grading which involved the

use of three thousand (3000) yards of earth for filling and six hundred (600) yards for top dressing, the bulk of which material was secured in grading for the road, was done. Planting which necessitated the handling of three hundred and twenty three (323) trees, four hundred and thirty five (435) flowering shrubs, eight hundred and fifty (850) perennials, one thousand (1000) hedge plants, one hundred and sixty seven (167) conifers, eight hundred (800) sq. ft. of bedding, together with approximately six thousand five hundred (6500) sq. yds. of seeding, and seven hundred and fifty (750) sq. yds. of sodding, was well on toward completion on Arbor Day, and was finished, so far as superintendence was desired on the 30th day of May.

The ground under treatment had been considerably improved, but owing to the desire to curtail expense, and the uncertainty as to a plan of procedure, the work of development was not carried further.

The Polo field, which, owing to an improper method of grading and seeding, had failed to produce grass, had, under a system of fertilization, become an expanse of green sward, and by a system of drainage, certain wet portions of the golf links and polo field had been relieved of a superabundance of moisture, and the quality of the turf somewhat improved.

Additional Purchase of Land.

The purchase of additional property in 1903 to the extent of about one hundred and forty (140) acres, and the determination to enlarge the Club House, necessitates certain changes in the