

## New Equinox Links—Why so Named

A second course is being built at Manchester, Vermont, as a result of the inability of the Ekwanok Country Club to accommodate the great number of players attracted by the well-known Ekwanok course. The name will be "The Equinox Links," and work is actively proceeding. The new course will lie between the Equinox House and the Battenkill River on rolling land that offers constantly changing views of the valley, wonderful in its scenic beauty.

The course will be of eighteen holes, and the plan is to make it above the average. Walter J. Travis, who is the architect, says that "The course will

be better than good. It will be simply superb." Four ponds or lakes will be features of the course, two of which have already been artificially created by dynamiting, and the third is now in the making—an illustration of the process through which it is coming into being is shown herewith.

As the new course has been named "The Equinox Links," Mr. Travis was asked if the term "links" as applied to the Equinox golf course was correct, and Lido was referred to as being generally considered as a typical "links" because of its sandy environment and proximity to the ocean, Mr. Travis replied: "Having regard to strict terminology, in its narrow sense, perhaps not; but there is more justifi-

fication for it as applied to Equinox than to Lido, which you cite.

"The true, undiluted links, as I understand it, is the nonarable stretch of land between the cultivated (or cultivable) part and the sea; the soil, basically, consisting of pure sand upon which the ages have superimposed an alluvial deposit, furnishing the necessary plant food for the development of the fine grasses peculiar to such conditions. The very essence of the thing is the natural base of sand, not necessarily the contiguity to the water.

"Lido is alongside the water, but it is purely of artificial creation, built upon a marsh, Nature having nothing to



CHEATING AN ARTIFICIAL LAKE AT MANCHESTER, VT.

do with it in its finished state. The greater part of Equinox consists of sand, deposited in the glacial period, alongside a river. Much of the terrain, with its dunes, is strongly suggestive of the real links. For this reason it is called the Equinox Links.

"It does not do to be too critical with many of the more modern terms which have fastened themselves on the game. What about 'shot' a 74; 'foursome,' for four-ball match; 'partner,' for opponent in match play, and 'competitor' in medal play; or that greatest abomination of all, 'trap,' for hazard . . . and so on?

"No, we have got to march with the times and shut our eyes (or ears) to such solecisms."