

SURVEY OF RANSOMES MOWERS FOR 1962.

The basic price of many of the Lawn-mowers manufactured by Ransomes, Sims & Jefferies Ltd. remain the same as 1961, although retail prices are slightly higher owing to the recent purchase tax adjustments.

One notable exception is the 2-stroke version of the popular 14 in. "Sprite" which has been reduced to £32 9s. 9d. This mower is also available with an electric motor (£40 1s. 7d.) or as the recently introduced 4-stroke machine (£36 8s. 8d.). The 4-stroke model is powered by a B.S.A. sidevalve unit which has been specially developed for the Sprite.

Domestic rotary mowers are becoming increasingly popular, and Ransomes' 18 in. "Typhoon" has been in heavy demand since its introduction last year. This mower will clear thick long grass and weeds with ease, yet impart a good finish to finer areas of grass, making it an ideal general purpose machine. The Typhoon can be supplied with 2-stroke (£21 15s. 0d. tax free) or 4-stroke power (£26 15s. 0d. tax free), the latter model being fitted with an oil bath air cleaner as standard.

Two Controls.

The 18 in. "Mercury" has gained the respect of thousands of "owner-users" as a mower with a really first-class performance at a reasonable cost. This light mower is powered by a 1 h.p. 4-stroke engine and has only two controls

—a throttle and landroll clutch—which give perfect handling when mowing those awkward corners. The price of this machine complete with grassbox and concave is £57 13s. 9d. An electric powered version of this mower is available at the same price.

Another quality machine, styled similarly to the Mercury, is the "Marquis", which is used extensively by professionals in the upkeep of ornamental lawns. This machine is offered with a choice of 18 in. or 20 in width of cut and is designed for areas of 3,000 sq. yds. Price of the 18 in. model is £75 6s. 0d. and that of the 20 in. £90 9s. 7d.

Outriggers.

The "Mastiff" heavy duty mower, now offered with a choice of 30 in. or 36 in. cutting cylinders, is a sturdy and compact machine with a performance unequalled in its class. Two outrigger units can be attached to the operator's trailing seat to increase cutting widths; a reverse gear is fitted as standard and a self-emptying grassbox operated from the handles of the machine can be supplied. This type of grassbox, when used in conjunction with the reverse gear, saves a great deal of valuable time when frequent emptying is required. Price of the basic machine with normal grassbox is £331 10s. 8d. for the 30 in. machine, and £362 4s. 8d. for the 36 in. model.

These are but a few of the machines included in Ransomes extensive range; further details, price lists and illustrated brochures can be obtained on application to the manufacturers at Orwell Works, Ipswich.

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