

Andrews 'Pro' Day

Robert H. Andrews Ltd., held their annual exhibition of grass maintenance equipment at Windsor Racecourse on October 10th, a valuable opportunity to compare the products of all well-known companies displayed within the same paddock.

Richmond Gibson Ltd., introduced the Driftmaster TD100 to their range of smaller selective weedkiller and liquid fertiliser applicators. This model is able to provide a spray width of up to 105 in. while being towed by any power unit using their Driftmaster principle whereby the active material is applied directly to rollers which in turn apply it to the ground with no risk of drifting on to adjacent borders, shrubs or ponds. Up to 1 acre can be covered by the 22-gallon tank.

Husqvarna were showing their established 160 and 260 models, all round saws for professional use and suitable for cutting medium-size timber. Powerful enough for felling and cutting while sufficiently light and convenient to be effective for limbing work. The saw has been awarded a design prize for styling but it is not just a pretty face. Silencing and minimum vibration as well as making daily maintenance easy, provide the operator with as many safety factors as possible. Also introduced was the 140S model, a new light-weight version suitable for thinning work and limbing.

Stihl were providing opposition with their chain saws providing a wider variety of petrol and electrically driven models. Strange how they both claim to have the worlds' newest light-weight model with built-in vibration elimination. But all equally impressive in their demonstrations.

Ropers displayed their range of Ride-on garden and lawn tractors

with all the operator comforts thrown in. All the models are provided with easy gear change and speed control. The RT-10 is described as being styled with sports car flair; it may not match sports car performance but it does have the agility and manoeuvrability around the flower beds. Attachments are available for all models from an organic shredder and cultivators to snow blowers. Roper also have electric and gas powered rider-mowers with rotary action mowers similar to the petrol driven models.

Andrews exhibited the smaller range of products from Cylone spreaders to domestic aerifiers (needing the weight of household bricks for better turf penetration) and Tarpen hedgecutters.

Of the larger machinery Leyland were showing their powerful tractors and Buckingham's showing the size of trailer that you would need a tractor to pull.

Hayter and Atco both exhibited their extensive range of mowers for domestic and professional use of both the rotary and cylinder mower varieties.

The largest exhibitor was Ransomes who perhaps provided the greatest variety of machinery from their already well-established cylinder mowers such as the Auto-Certes to their Hydraulic power 5/7 Gangs cutting up to 10 acres per hour at 7 m.p.h. and the smaller version of this, the Motor 5/3. Both have hydraulic power for continuous fast cutting and provide the ability to cut with any number of the units at any one time. This hydraulic lifting enables the cutting width of 15 ft. to be reduced to a transport width of only 8 ft. 2 in. in the 5/7 model.

The Ransomes-Hahn Tournament Triplex, the one-man machine greens' management system, was also on show with all its accessories for spiking and verti-cutting. Individual aerifier and verti-cut units were also

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available for demonstration. The Multimower 2000 was introduced, the Rotacutter version able to cut down growth of up to 24 in. high, and the reelcutter up to 7 in.

Perhaps the highlight of the day was: No! not the excellent lunch supplied by Messrs. Andrews, or the free bar, both thoroughly appreciated by all visitors, but the helicopter ride to view Eton College, Old Windsor and the Castle with the Great Park from a new angle. This was certainly a new and much appreciated experience for which everyone would like to thank Andrews. I do not know who maintains the small golf course in the grounds of Windsor Castle, but from the air it looked to be in splendid condition - my compliments to the Greenkeeper!

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