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Fine Turnout at Annual New Jersey
Station Summer Turf Inspection
MORE than 300 men interested in fine
turf attended the annual summer inspec-
tion session at the New Jersey State
Agricultural Experiment station, New
Brunswick, N. J., July 18. Dr. Howard B.
Sprague, agronomist in charge of the sta-
tion, lectured during the tour of between
300 and 400 test and demonstration plots.
T. C. Longnecker of the N. J. Turf Ad-
visory service explained tests on fertility
nutrients penetration on various types of
soils, and J. H. Boyce, graduate assis-
tant agronomist, described maintenance of
the show plots.
High spot of the day was the naming
contest, on the station's newly developed
strain of velvet bent. From at least six

Portion of huge turnout listening to Dr.
Sprague's lecture at test plots.

states, 141 names were submitted, rang-
ing alphabetically from "Ace" to
"Wonder." The name selected was Rari-
tan velvet bent—the Raritan river flowing
nearby.
One pound of new seed was to be the
prize. The winning name however was
turned in by three persons—Oliver Deakin,
ass't. horticulturist, N. J., State Highway
Dept.; C. C. Hamilton, N. J. State ento-
omologist; and R. A. Jones, Mgr. Bal-
tusrol C. C. Deakin being the only one
present received the seed on hand. The
others will have to wait until harvest.
Judges of the contest were R. F. Arnott,
NJGA, Fred Roth of N. J. Golf Course
Supts. Assn., and Percy G. Platt repre-
senting the N. J. PGA. Second and third
choice of names submitted were "Com-
posit" and "Eureka."
Features of the Raritan bent are de-
sirable vigor, texture, color, wear and dis-
ease resistance, good spreading, and seed
production. A pound of this bent contains
an estimated 10 million seeds. The prize
pound tested in Jan., 1938, 99% pure, 85%
germination. The seed at that time was
somewhat old.—C. K. B.