

FIRE AT WORKS OF

H. PATTISSON

A fire at the Stanmore Hill Works of H. Pattisson & Co., Ltd., the well-known makers of turf maintenance and golf course equipment, caused heavy damage to three of the Company's workshops and one stores building. About one-third of the production area was affected by the fire, which blazed for over 1½ hours and required the attention of ten fire appliances.

The fire—the cause of which is unknown—started at about 8 p.m. on Tuesday, 28th January, well after work at the factory had ended for the day and, fortunately, no personal injury was caused. Further, none of the Company's staff of about 60 has had to be laid off as a result of the fire.

The section of the works damaged by the blaze was used for the production of heavy sports ground machinery and, although limited production of this type of equipment has already recommenced in another part of the works, customers may experience a short delay in the supply of their orders. Every effort will, of course, be made to meet demand from existing stocks, much of which escaped damage.

Production of golf course equipment and requisites, and also of certain sports ground accessories, was completely unaffected, and these items will continue to be available from stock for immediate delivery.

No delay is expected, either, in routine office administration, as customer records were also unaffected by the fire.

The effect of the fire has been greatly reduced by the full co-operation received, both from the Company's own staff and from outside suppliers.

It is anticipated that normal production will be in full force by early April, and that the backlog of outstanding orders will be satisfied very shortly after that time. In due course, it is planned to replace the damaged buildings with the most modern type of sectional concrete factory buildings which, when completed, should result in a consider-

able increase in the Company's production capacity and overall efficiency.

H. Pattisson & Co., Ltd., were established in 1896, and have occupied the Stanmore Hill Works since 1926. Their golf course equipment is renowned all over Europe and the Commonwealth, and has been supplied to every championship course and all the principal golf courses throughout the world.



RANSOMES LAWN MOWER RANGE FOR 1964

Ransomes Sims & Jefferies Ltd. announce a new British engine to their 20 ins. Antelope, 18 ins. and 20 ins. Marquis Mowers for the 1964 season. With B.S.A., of Redditch, a new 119 cc. 4-stroke engine has been developed incorporating many features that have long been needed in the mower market. These include a high standard of exhaust quietness, gentle and smooth response to the throttle control, long life characteristics of main and big end bearings and a lubrication system that ensures positive direction of oil to the bearing surfaces.

Ransomes have already extensively demonstrated, in conjunction with their Distributors, the new professional mower, the Motor Triple. The reception of this machine has been outstanding and its application will meet a wider variety of requirements than originally anticipated.

Ransomes continue to offer one of the most comprehensive ranges of grass cutting equipment in the world; from the best-selling quality hand mower, the 12 ins. Ajax, to the 40 ins. water-cooled motor mower.

As from 1964 Ransomes give a Guarantee on the complete machine . . . mower and engine. Wherever Ransomes' lawn mowers are sold fitted with engines manufactured by B.S.A. Power Units Ltd. or Villiers/Jap Ltd., Ransomes, in conjunction with their appointed service stations, make themselves fully responsible for the Guarantee of the COMPLETE machine.