



Group of greenkeepers who braved the elements at Mid-West's annual demonstration

club and a prominent figure in Green Section activities. Of special interest was the experimental turf garden which has recently been instituted by the Green Section at this club. Various species and strains of grass seeds and stolons are under test in this experimental garden, under varying conditions of tillage, care, etc., all with the object of determining their reactions to extreme sandy soil and the best methods of handling turf under the sandy soil conditions prevalent at Atlantic City. This is a cooperative affair between the Green Section and the Atlantic City club from which the golfing fraternity will ultimately reap an appreciable benefit. It is characteristic of H. Kendall Read and his club, that this experimental work will go on until the results desired are obtained, with the club footing a large proportion of the expense and Mr. Read giving a lot of his time and personal attention to the work. Turf enthusiasts are born, not made.

The evening was devoted to a discussion of various turf problems including the ever pressing *Poa annua* problem.

On the morning of the 5th the meeting transferred its activities to the Pine Valley club. This course also is built on very sandy soil in the Pine Barren section of New Jersey. Those present made a tour of the course under the direction of Norman Mattice, manager of the club, and the opportunity was presented of seeing a de luxe course, with greens, fairways, etc., all growing in soil treated with arsenate of lead. There have been some remarkable changes in this course during the past year mainly characterized by the present splendid condition of the turf throughout the course.

Some of those present left after luncheon for Washington for an inspection of the turf gardens at Arlington Farm.

Mid-West Holds First Demonstration

WITH customary perversity Jupiter Pluvius dealt himself a hand in the affairs of the Mid-West Greenkeepers' association when he permitted the first rain in weeks to fall on the day chosen for the organization's first annual demonstration and exhibition of golf equipment.

June 5 found a comprehensive array of equipment from the leading manufacturers assembled at the Sunset Valley Golf club at Highland Park, Ill. Greenkeepers from the Chicago district and as far away as Rockford and northern Indiana looked over the demonstrations which were conducted in a cold drizzle, which was not bad enough, however, to dampen the ardor of the greenkeepers and exhibitors.

Edward M. Laing, superintendent in charge of the course, arranged for exhibitors who wished to make private demonstrations to prospective purchasers at the conclusion of the set program. The club, which is an excellent conducted municipal course, was host to the greenkeepers at lunch.

The day's program:

- 9:45 a.m. —Pneumatic Air Cavity Machine.
- 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.—Fairway and Rough Mowers.
- 11:00 to 11:30 a.m.—Power Mowers.
- 11:30 to 12 m. —Green Mowers.
- 12:00 to 12:30 p.m.—Top Dressing Equipment.
- 12:30 to 1:00 p.m.—Hand Tee Mowers.
- 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.—Lunch Hour.
- 2:00 to 2:30 p.m.—Compost Shredders and Fairway Fertilizer Distributors.
- 2:30 to 3:00 p.m.—Worm Eradicators.
- 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.—Sprinklers--All Classes.
- 4:00 to 4:30 p.m.—Tractors.
- 4:30 to 5:00 p.m.—Greens Construction by Turf Method.