

upon the extent to which there is free circulation of the air over the surface, the more rapid and complete the destruction of the grass. These conditions could easily be associated with sun scald injury.

Furthermore, sprinkling, topdressing and the incorrect application of the fungicides proven of value in controlling other fungus diseases may not lessen the injury because they may aid in spreading the fungus and provide the necessary excessive moisture on the blades of grass.

The condition of the grass is important because it is a factor in determining the extent to which the grass is susceptible to injury. Certain of the grasses are naturally more resistant to such types of injury and so generally suffer less. This is true especially of the creeping bents, Kentucky blue and the fescues. The mixed bents, poa annua and poa trivialis are very susceptible to injury and generally suffer first as well as more severely. With the last named grasses it is doubtless not entirely a question of their natural resistance to the attacks of the pythium fungus but also of their weakened condition during the middle of the summer.

In some instances, even the creeping bents were severely injured this season. Whether in every case these grasses were not in exactly the best of condition cannot be said, but it is known that on a number of those greens suffering most the grass had not been given the growing conditions conducive to any great degree of resistance. In any growing season the cultural practices should be so regulated that the grass is made as vigorous and hardy as is possible. Much more can be accomplished in this direction than might at first appear. By combining these correct cultural methods and the selection of an acclimated grass with the necessary precautionary measures during times when the pythium fungus may become active will do a great deal to prevent such wholesale destruction another time.

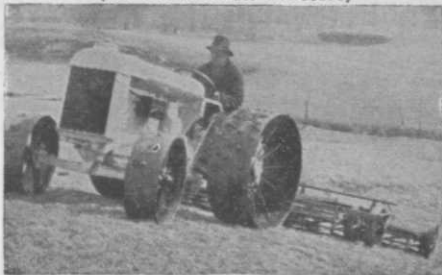
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