



Heavy drag of "two-timing" mowing equipment made necessary by Singapore courses' grass doesn't prevent American tractor from cutting mowing costs under coolie labor charge

American Mowing Method Costs Less Than Coolie Labor

TWO GOLF courses in Singapore, Straits Settlements, have adopted American course maintenance methods in their use of tractors, the Island Golf club of Singapore and the Singapore Golf club.

The Singapore Golf club course consists of 276 acres, has an 18-hole course, a nine-hole course, and now is adding three more holes. The total membership of the club is 963, consisting of 491 active members, 15 country members, and 457 absent members.

The Singapore golf course has been maintained by an International Fairway tractor, a seven-foot power mower, as well as a five-gang lawnmower. The complete outfit is used on the fairway at the present time and in many cases both mowers are used at the same time, the seven-foot mower cutting the stems of grass that are too long to be cut by the lawnmower.

A. C. Robertson, professional of the Singapore Golf club, states that this outfit has reduced the labor cost by approximately \$154 (U. S.) a month. That amount represents the cost of wages of eighteen coolies.

The golf club championship of Malaya is always held on the Singapore Golf course. At this year's meet many favorable comments were made regarding the excellent condition of the course. Mr. Robertson states that the course is in much better condition than it ever has been before, due primarily to the improved methods of maintenance.

The Fairway and mower operate six days a week and seven hours a day. The fuel consumption, which is kerosene, is eight

gallons a day, or a fraction over one imperial gallon an hour.

One of the interesting things about the Singapore Golf club is cutting thealang



"Rough what is rough" gets tamed by American maintenance methods adopted in Singapore.

(coarse wide grass of a rank growing nature which is very hard to mow). Mr. Robertson states that they are able to mow the same number of acres in one and one-half hours with the Fairway that they formerly moved with 20 coolies in seven hours.

WHEN THE turf of fairway or green dies out in spots without apparent cause, the first thing to suspect is defective drainage.