

but cost more. Sheep and red fescues are about the only grasses for the rough, but the former seems more subject to the brown-spot fungus than the latter, if sown on heavy soil. Of the fourteen different grasses in my trial patches, sheep fescue was the only one which was badly affected last year with the brown-patch fungus. Crested dog's-tail died out the first winter. Rhode Island bent I have not been able to get in the past few years. Last year I obtained a small amount of this seed from a large seed store at a high price, but I found out that when it came up in my trial patch it was nothing but redbot. Canada bluegrass and several of the other rough grasses have no place on lawn or golf course. Use them where you wish. There are only five turf grasses worth while—creeping bent, red fescue, redbot, Kentucky bluegrass and Rhode Island bent. I planted some creeping bent by the vegetative method last year in the trial ground and it did very well. I planted out a large patch this fall and expect to try it on some new greens next year. It is a nice thing to see when it blooms, as it grows so thick and only about a foot high.

Training Greenkeepers

The supply of competent greenkeepers is far below the demand. While there are many first-class men engaged in this work, everyone of them, as a rule, is satisfactorily located. It is almost impossible for a new club, or an old one which has lost the services of its greenkeeper, to fill the position with an experienced man. At present there are no systematic efforts being made to train men for this work. The laborers on golf courses seldom grow into greenkeepers; most of them lack the intelligence and executive ability which a greenkeeper must have to be successful.

The Green Section wishes to start a movement to correct this condition. It believes the best source to draw on is the students in the agricultural colleges. The course of study pursued at such colleges gives these boys a training which should be very helpful to them in greenkeeping work. But few of them know anything about golf. Most of them would not know a green from a sand trap. It would be a gamble, with the odds heavily against the club, to hire an inexperienced agricultural college graduate as a greenkeeper.

In order to give these boys the practical experience they must have before they can become greenkeepers we would suggest that as many clubs as can do so take on one or two of these young men as laborers during the summer vacation. The college year closes early in June, and the vacation period lasts until about the middle of September. Many of these students are working their way through college. Most of them are farm-raised and familiar with hard work.

The Green Section is willing to act as a clearing house to bring together these boys and the clubs that wish their services. We ask that every club which desires to take on one or more of these students this coming summer write us, stating the wages it will pay, and we will do our best to induce a sufficient number of the students at the various agricultural colleges to take the jobs. Many of them will be anxious for such work as soon as they are made to see what such an experience means to them in the future.