

SESSION 6d.

DISCUSSION

A Review of Recent Work on Ragwort in Victoria.

Grazing with sheep was a method of control which was used in New Zealand. Control was also achieved in Victoria, but eradication was not possible by this means.

The Control of Onion Weed by Competing Pasture Plants.

Reference was made to the lack of information concerning the nature of the competition between plant species. This was a deterrent to the effective use of this method for controlling weeds. Also, in some areas there was a lack of competing plants, and an important but neglected weed control measure which should be taken into account was the widening of the range of plant species, particularly perennial grasses.

Professor Wood stressed the need for a more fundamental understanding of plant behaviour, particularly in the Physiological and Ecological fields.