

The fungous disease of wild rice is a species of ergot (proposed name, *Spermoedia Zizaniae*) (1). It is to be seen among the ripening grain in the late summer and early autumn in the form of a hard purplish mass protruding from the otherwise empty glumes. It first attacks the plant early



Photo—A. E. Kellet.

Ergot of wild rice in the "honeydew" stage.

in the season shortly after pollination, and feeds upon the developing embryo which soon yields its place to the usurping ergot. In its early stage it is recognized by a glistening sticky substance oozing from the glumes, called

(1) Fyles, F., *Phytopath*, Vol. V., No. 3, P. 186.192.