

**Banish the Barberry**

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cord as favoring the destruction of all common barberry in Canada. And they acted wisely. It is high time that this shrub be replaced by something more beautiful and less destructive.

The campaign against the barberry will be successful. Plant doctors are imbued with a sense of their responsibility and will co-operate in the righteous fight against a bush which has been so definitely proven to be detrimental to grain crops. They would be sadly remiss in their plain duty as public servants if they did not see the fight through. The facts are so plain that the removal of the bushes is the only sensible corollary.

There is no good argument against the removal of common barberry. Of course there are always those estimable citizens in our midst who know by some mysteriously occult intuition things that scientists know are not true and these same estimable citizens know that many of the things that have been demonstrated scientifically hundreds of times are only the products of a hectic imagination. But happily only very few people are mentally mired in the mud of medieval mysticism. It is true that even a few erudite college professors have been known to scout the idea that a bush like the barberry could possibly have anything to do with wheat rust. Most of them have been fair enough to be open to conviction. The few who are not may call on Robigus and see what luck results. It is a wise man who realizes that the fact that he has had no first hand knowledge of a phenomenon does not necessarily signify that it is a snare and a delusion.

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