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drawal of moisture from the soil to the atmosphere, where it is of no value for next year's crop. It is particularly important that the work with the packer and harrow be done promptly, for if deferred for a few days, "until a more convenient time," it is possible that a windy day will withdraw more moisture than could be added by a good shower. Such withdrawal of moisture might mean that there would be an insufficient supply to insure a prompt germination of the seed next year, and such delay might mean a loss of the crop. It is important, therefore, that this work be done as the plowing proceeds, and that at least two strokes of the drag harrow be given, or that the land be gone over once with the surface or combination packer.—Experimental Farms Note.

To Control Stinkweed

Q.—I want to ask you to print in your paper the best way to work a field this fall which is dirty with stinkweed. It has been cut the last three weeks, and I expect to thresh the crop in three or four days, so would then be prepared to do whatever would be best to help with the destruction of stinkweed. This land has been practically always used for oat land. Would it be of any advantage next season to sow barley, therefore giving about two weeks longer for the stinkweed seeds to germinate before sowing barley?—A Subscriber.

A.—The eradication of stinkweed is one of the most difficult problems the farmers on heavy land in the moist parts of the west have to face. Fortunately the damage it causes is not as serious as that of some other weeds such as wild oats and the thistles. Stinkweed may be controlled, but once it becomes established it is difficult, if not impossible, to completely eradicate it when following a system of grain farming. Aside from the measures that should be taken to prevent its introduction to a farm or the sowing of it with seed grain everything possible should be done. (1) to cause the seeds in the soil to germinate, and (2) to prevent the plants going to seed.

So long as grain crops are grown continuously it is almost impossible to prevent stinkweed going to seed. The only thing that is left to be done is to cause the germination and death of as many as possible (1) in fall and spring; (2) in the fallow year; and (3) just after the grain is up. Thorough discing or skim plowing early in the fall should be encouraged. Surface cultivation in the spring after the first seeds start and discing or plowing after the second crop germinates, results in killing many of these weeds. The land may then either be fallowed or sown to oats for hay or to an early ripening crop like barley.

In the fallow year no stinkweed should be allowed to go to seed and every means of encouraging them to germinate should be taken.

On badly infested fields seeding even on the fallow might be delayed until one or more crops of seedlings may be destroyed by tillage. After the grain is up and just as the stinkweed is appearing above ground, harrowing the growing crop may be practiced to advantage. Aside from the use of inter-tilled crops and more frequent fallowing, these are the chief practices now used in controlling stinkweed.—John Bracken, Professor of Field Husbandry, Saskatoon.

Saskatchewan's 1918 Acreage

The final estimate of the crop area for 1918 in Saskatchewan as compiled by the bureau of statistics of the provincial department of agriculture in co-operation with the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, shows that the acreage under wheat has increased from 8,273,253 acres in 1917 to 9,249,260 acres seeded this year—an increase of almost 1,000,000 acres. A total of 614,980 acres of prairie were broken as against 431,698 acres in 1917. Rye is becoming an important crop—no less than 123,500 acres having been sown this year to this valuable cereal. The acreages sown for the various field and root crops are as follows: Wheat, 9,249,260; oats, 4,988,499; barley, 609,296; flax, 840,957; rye, 123,500; peas, 4,251; beans, 861; buckwheat, 1,207; mixed grains, 23,449; other grains, 27,347. In root crops there were: Potatoes, 59,793 acres; turnips, 5,622; mangolds, 1,806; other roots, 2,332. In feed crops there were in corn, 11,186 acres; hay, 315,117 acres, and pasture, 933,862; alfalfa, 6,943 and other crops 40,504. The total summerfallow was 4,060,801 and new breaking 614,980. This gives a total acreage under cultivation of 22,016,139.

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