

with corn, that the corn kept perfectly clean and then another crop was seeded down and the Ox-eye Daisy appeared, much to my surprise, in the field.

A. The seeds do probably remain in the land for some years, but the method of cleaning land by sowing with clover and timothy is very good, and farmers have told me that it has given good results.

Q. And then the sod broken up after the crop is cut?

A. Yes.

## LEGISLATION ON WEED CLEANING.

*By Mr. Rogers:*

Q. Do you think that the present legislation on weeds is strict enough?

A. Well, I think so; but it is not often enforced. When we find the present legislation is enforced, we can talk about new legislation. I am told by weed inspectors that it is very unpleasant work for a weed inspector to have to go round to some farmer neighbour and tell him that certain weeds need to be cleaned off his land. This farmer says, as a rule, 'Yes, I intend to get them out, but we have been very busy.' Then the inspector goes back in a week or so and finds the work not done, but the farmer says he has been very much rushed and he is going to get the weeds out next week. So long as a man says he is going to attend to it, what is the weed inspector to do?

Q. They have an Inspector in Manitoba?

A. Yes, but there the conditions are different; practically the crop of the whole country is wheat and farmers seemed to realize that the eradication of weeds was an important matter which all must attend to; and then another thing is, summer-fallowing is regularly practised by the best farmers; besides this there are fewer fences and fewer public roads—from which weeds spread—so that it is not quite so difficult to keep weeds under. Again in the North-west Territories they have a very strict law and it is well observed, for public opinion makes it even easier to do so there than in Manitoba.

The CHAIRMAN.—We have a very strict law in Ontario against the Canada Thistle that has been on the statute book twenty years, and where has it been carried out?

A. In very few places, I fear.

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Having read over the transcript of my evidence of March 1 and March 7, I find the same to be correct.

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