

(a) Section 5.—Every owner or occupant of land shall use all reasonable means within his power to keep under control all noxious weeds thereon. (See, also, No. 6.)

(b) Section 17.—No person shall sell for seed, cereals, clover or grass seed that is not up to the standards set forth in The Seed Control Act of Canada. (See, also, No. 16.)

(c) Section 19.—No person shall haul dirty grain across country in an open grain box.

(d) Section 21.—No person shall leave exposed for more than five days screenings containing seeds of noxious weeds. (See, also, No. 18.)

(e) Section 22.—All threshing machines and equipment must be cleaned before removal from one farm to another. (See, also, No. 19.)

The remainder of The Noxious Weeds Act is the authority of the weed inspector to take steps to correct the evils resulting from non-compliance with the above sections.

SERVING NOTICES.

21. According to section 6, subsection (2), all notices must be made in duplicate. Special book forms for this purpose can be secured from the stationery company with which your municipality does business. No special forms are required by law; ordinary business paper and common business courtesy are all that are required. In dealing with absentees and with the careless and indifferent in your district, it is always advisable to word the notice in the form of an agreement, and have it signed by the party receiving the notice as well as by yourself. Under sections 7, 9 and 10, more than five days' notice can be given, if desired, by dating the notice several days in advance of the time at which it is served. (See, also, Nos. 13, 14, 31, 72, 80, 22.)

When a notice reads, "to destroy said weeds within a stated time," it means that the work is to be done by that time, rather than that the person notified has that many days in which to prepare to begin work. When a reasonable order is not complied with, don't serve another notice, but rather get someone to do the work ordered and also lay a complaint before a justice of the peace, under section 11. By so doing you will develop a feeling of respect for The Noxious Weeds Act and for your work. When you ask a man to do the common sense thing, for both his own good and for the protection of the adjoining farms, and he fails to do this, he deserves very little consideration.

When serving notice by mail always register the letter, and, as stated before, keep the receipt for the registered letter. Several inspectors have lost their cases because of carelessness in this respect. Whenever you have occasion to serve a notice, deliver it personally, and have the recipient sign your duplicate. If the owner is absent, the notice should be received and signed for by another responsible member of the family, or sent by registered mail. Attach the receipt for each registered notice to the duplicate of that notice and place both in the municipal office for safe keeping.