

## PREFACE

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The whole land  
Is full of weeds; her fairest flowers choked,  
Her fruit trees all unprun'd, her hedges ruin'd,  
Her knots disorder'd, and her wholesome herbs  
Swarming with caterpillars.

—SHAKESPEARE, *Richard II*

I will go root away  
The noisome weeds, that without profit suck  
The soil's fertility from wholesome flowers.

—SHAKESPEARE, *Richard II*

The object in publishing this little Pocket Guide to the Common Weeds of Canada, is to provide farmers, teachers, and students with the information necessary for the identification and eradication of our common weeds.

The loss to the individual farmer, and to the country as a whole, occasioned in various ways by weeds, is very great. In the future, weeds must necessarily receive greater attention than they have received in the past.

In most cases the botanical names used in this book are those sanctioned by the International Botanical Congress, held at Vienna in 1905 but in some instances old familiar names are retained.

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I hope that this little book will, by its doing, establish its right to exist.

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