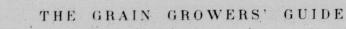
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be prepared and distributed freely. "Another part of the campaign will be to look after vacant lands, and we will arrange to compel the burning of small weed seeds. Publicity will also be given to the experiences of successful weed eradicators. Every meeting where a good word along this line can be spoken will be attended, and I need hardly say that we are counting a great deal on the cordial co-operation of the press, both daily, weekly, and agricultural."

will be attended, and I need hardly say that we are counting a great deal on the cordial co-operation of the press, both daily, weekly, and agricultural." It is understood that J. B. Reynolds, Professor of English at Guelph Agricultural College, has been offered the Presidency of Manitoba Agricultural College in succession to President Black.

## NOXIOUS WEEDS CASE

One of the first, if not the first, case of the prosecution of a railway com-pany under the Noxious Weeds Act took place before Judge Gibson, at Virden, Man., on September 3, when the Canadian Northern Railway was charged, at the instance of the munici-pality of Pipestone, with permitting noxious weeds to flourish on its track and with pagateting to nay proper afand with neglecting to pay proper attention to the various notices served on its agent at Cromer. John Turnbull, the weed inspector, in his evidence, stated that ever since the road came in-to the district it had been very negligent in this respect, and particularly in respect to sow thistle and Russian thistle, which were utterly unknown there till the arrival of the company. For the past two years the municipal authorities have been lodging notices and making complaints, and have had cor-respondence with the superintendent in Brandon, and failing in getting satis-faction even then, lodged complaints thru Mr. O'Malley, the provincial inspector.

With all this, said Mr. Turnbull, they had failed in getting satisfaction, and as a last resort were forced to prosecute to have proper attention paid to the matter. Under cross-examination by Supt. Boomer, the inspector admitted that more work in connection with weed control had been done this season than in the past, but stated that the section men had practically confined their work to the actual track and a couple of yards alongside, leaving the rest of the right of way neglected, and that so far as the complaint regarding the Russian thistle in the gravel pit was concerned, they had not even burned last year's growth till a few days ago.

Albert Grose and Thomas Turnbull, who both farm extensively in this district, were called in support, and confirmed the inspector's evidence. Several railway' officials gave evidence in rebuttal.

Judge Gibson considered the case proven, imposing a fine of \$100 and costs.

## CANADIAN CO-OPERATIVE CON-GRESS

A congress of the Co-operative Union of Canada was held at Galt on Labor Day. Samuel Carter, M.P.P., president of the union and of the Guelph Society, presided. There was a good representation of Ontario and Quebec societies. Suggested amendments to rules submitted by the executive and an alternative proposal by the Sydney Mines (N.S.) Society, were considered. A capitation tax suggested by the executive but slightly modified was adopted.

proposal by the Sydney Mines (N.S.) Society, were considered. A capitation tax suggested by the executive but slightly modified was adopted. Hon. Secretary Keen reported net profits for last year of ten societies were \$70,626.18, and membership 5,219, with four societies yet to report. While formerly genuine co-operative activities formerly genuine co-operative activities were almost exclusively confined to workingmen, little in the way of extension had been done during the year. There had been, however, rapid development of co-operation among farmers, particularly in the west. George Lawson, Valleyfield Society, P.Q., gave an address on "Co-operative Education and Organization, Local, Provincial and National." E. R. Thurlow, Ottawa Civil Service Co-operative Association, spoke on the collective buying of fish and fruits, and for the convenience of the movement in Canada offered to prode sample room accommodation for British co-operative productions. Sam Carter, M.P.P., was re-elected president, and George Keen, Brantford, honorary secretary-treasurer and honorary editor of the official organ.



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