

4.—(1) It shall be the duty of the inspector to give or cause to be given notice in writing to the owner or occupant of any land within the municipality whereon the said noxious weeds are growing and in danger of going to seed, (and in the case of property of a railway company, the notice shall be given to any station master of the company resident in or nearest to the municipality), requiring him to cause the same to be cut down or destroyed within ten days from the service of the notice; and it shall be the duty of the inspector to give or cause to be given such notice for the first time not later than the 10th day of July in each year, or such other earlier date as may be fixed by by-law of the municipality.

(2) In case such owner or occupant of land (or, if it be railway property, then the station master upon whom notice has been served) refuses or neglects to cut down or destroy all or any of the said noxious weeds within the period aforesaid, the inspector shall enter upon the land and cause such weeds to be cut down or destroyed with as little damage to growing crops as may be, and he shall not be liable to be sued therefor; or the inspector, instead of entering upon the land and causing such weeds to be cut down or destroyed, may lay information before any Justice of the Peace as to such refusal or neglect, and such owner or occupant shall, upon conviction, be liable to the penalties imposed by Section 10 of this Act.

(3) But no inspector shall have the power to cut down or destroy noxious weeds on any land sown with grain; and where such noxious weeds are grown upon non-resident lands it shall not be necessary to give notice before proceeding to cut down or destroy the same.

5.—(1) The inspector shall keep an accurate account of the expense incurred by him in carrying out the provisions of the preceding sections of this Act with respect to each parcel of land entered upon therefor, and shall deliver a statement of such expenses, describing the land entered upon, and verified by oath, to the owner or occupant of resident lands, requiring him to pay the amount.

(2) If any owner or occupant of land amenable under the provisions of this Act deems such expense excessive, an appeal may be had to the said council (if made within thirty days after the delivery of such statement), and the said council shall determine the matter in dispute.

(3) In case the owner or occupant of resident lands refuses or neglects to pay the same within thirty days after such request for payment, the said claim shall be presented to the council of the municipality in which such expense was incurred, and the said council is hereby authorized and required to audit and allow such claim, and order the same to be paid from the fund for general purposes of the said municipality.

6. The inspector shall also present to the said council a similar statement, verified by oath, of the expenses incurred by him in carrying out the provisions of this Act upon any non-resident lands; and the council is hereby authorized and required to audit and allow the same, or so much thereof as to the council may seem just, and to pay so much thereof as has been so allowed.

7. The council of the municipality shall cause all such sums as have been so allowed and paid by the council under the provisions of this Act to be by the clerk severally placed on the collector's roll of the municipality against the lands described in the statement of the inspector, and to be collected in the same manner as other taxes imposed by by-laws of the municipality.

8. If written complaint be made to the inspector that yellows or black-knot exist within the municipality, in any locality described in such complaint, with reasonable certainty, he shall proceed to examine the fruit trees in such locality, and if satisfied of the presence of either disease he shall immediately give notice in writing to the owner or occupant of the land whereon the affected trees are growing, requiring him within five days from the receipt of the notice to deal with such trees in the manner provided by section 2 of this Act.