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as the trouble is already too much spread about. Can it be destroyed by seeding the field down to grass? If so, how many years would it be necessary to leave the field in grass?—A. J. W.

Ans.—Discussing this question in a former issue, Prof. S. A. Bedford, of Manitoba Agricultural College, says:

"Couch grass is one of the most persistent weeds to be found in this country, and unless eradicated it will soon take possession of any farm. During a dry summer the land may be plowed lightly about the latter end of June, well harrowed, and then cross plowed during July. This will bring a large number of the roots to the surface, where they can be drawn to the surface with the ordinary spike-tooth harrow; or, better still, with a spring-tooth harrow, and then raked up and burned."

"The above plan entails a lot of labor, and can only be carried out successfully during a hot, dry summer. In many respects a much better plan is to plow the land during the first week of June; harrow it once, and sow about three bushels of barley per acre. If the land is moist, the barley will grow up quickly and smother out the couch grass, but to secure success with this plan the soil must not be allowed to get dry before the seed is sown, otherwise the couch grass will get the start and choke the barley."

"Plowing the grass late in the fall and leaving the land rough so as to expose the roots to the winter frosts often destroys many of them."

"Cultivation during damp weather, or when the soil is wet, only helps to spread the roots and increase the pest."

As couch grass belongs to the grass family nothing can be gained by seeding down. The weed would prove to be a more vigorous grower than the desirable pasture grasses.

STORED OATS SOLD

I would like some advice about storing grain under the Manitoba grain act, which I think is used here in Alberta. Last spring I stored a car of oats, 1,750 bushels, in an elevator, expecting to sell when prices were better. The drought made the crop very short here and the demand is such that oats are selling for 50 cents per bushel. I asked the elevator company for the return of my oats, but they have shipped them and offer me 37 cents per bushel net or the same amount of oats in Fort William, upon which I would be expected to pay freight. Is there not someone who represents the shippers' interest, to whom I could write for information? Any information you may be able to give will be highly appreciated.—R.W.H.

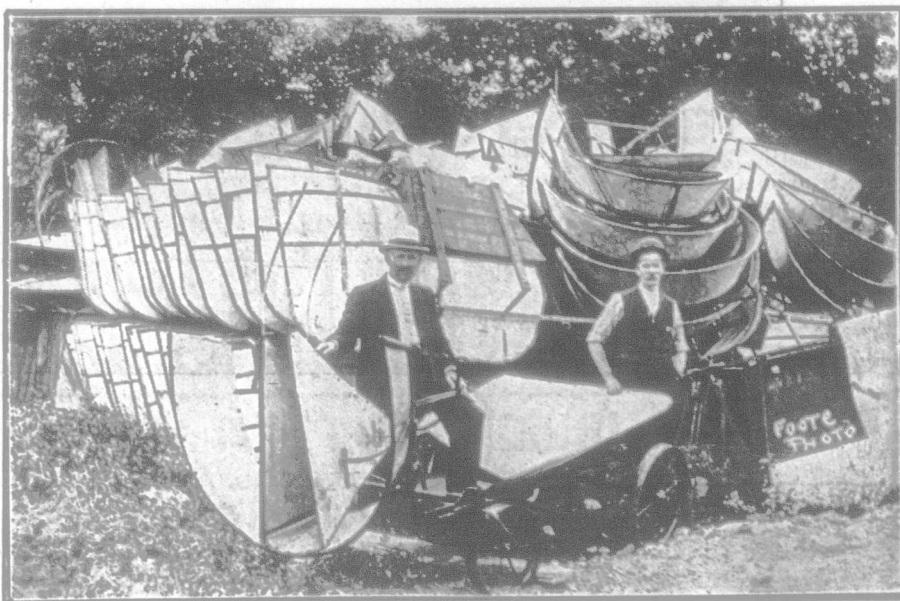
Ans.—Clauses 53 and 58 of the Manitoba Grain Act seem to meet your case. This act holds good in Alberta. It would seem that if the elevator operator did not notify you in writing you have redress. D. D. Campbell, room 526, Grain Exchange, Winnipeg, looks after shippers' interests without charge. Here are the two clauses of the act:

53. The person operating any country elevator or country warehouse shall, upon request of any person delivering grain for storage or shipment, deliver to such person therefor a warehouse receipt or receipts, dated the day the grain was received and specifying—

- (a) The gross and net weight of such grain;
- (b) The dockage for dirt or other cause;
- (c) The grade of such grain when graded conformably to the grade fixed by law and in force at terminal points; and,
- (d) That the grain mentioned in such receipt has been received into store.

2. Such receipt shall also state upon its face that the grain mentioned therein has been received into store, and that upon the return of such receipt, and upon payment or tender of payment of all lawful charges for receiving, storing, insuring, delivering or otherwise handling such grain, which may accrue up to the time of the return of the receipt, the grain is deliverable to the person on whose account it has been taken into store, or to his order, either from the elevator or warehouse where it was received for storage, or, if either party so desires, in quantities not less than carload lots, on track at any terminal elevator in the inspection district of Manitoba, on the line of railway upon which the receiving elevator or ware-

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