

bank. The whole of this country was found to be badly infested with weeds of many kinds, the Canada thistle, wild mustard and tall rag-weed being particularly conspicuous on most of the land passed. However, just before reaching the city again, some market gardens were seen in an excellent condition of cleanness, showing what good results could be obtained with hard work and attention.

On the morning of the 22nd, I left Winnipeg for Cartwright in Southern Manitoba in company with the Rev. W. A. Burman and Mr. P. V. Collins, of Minneapolis, the editor of the "North-west Agriculturist" of that city. Both of these gentlemen are keenly interested in the question of noxious weeds, and together we made many useful notes on the occurrence of the species observed. Cartwright was reached the same evening, and Mr. Burman and I drove out to the Hermitage, the residence of Mr. E. Firmstone Heath, about 6 miles to the north of Cartwright. Of the observations made at this point, the most important was the detecting of the Perennial Sow thistle, close to the railway track at Cartwright. Before leaving I drew the attention of some of the leading people to this weed, and advised them to lose no time in eradicating the whole patch. We returned to Winnipeg on the evening of the 23rd, and left for home the following morning.

I have the honour to be, sir,
Your obedient servant,

JAMES FLETCHER.

The Honourable
The Minister of Agriculture,
Ottawa.