

COW COCKLE.

The Cow Cockle also called Cow-herb, Soapwort and China Cockle, is an annual plant belonging to the Pink family, which was introduced into Southern Manitoba from Europe. It has spread with rather alarming rapidity throughout the southern portions of the province and has been detected in many other parts of Manitoba and the North-west Territories. The Cow Cockle grows from seed every year and forms a rather elegant plant from one to two and a-half



Cow Cockle.

feet high, much branched and bearing, in July, a great many pretty pink flowers about half an inch across; these are followed by roundish capsules contained in five-angled enlarged calyces. The seeds are round, hard and black, twice or three times as large as those of Wild Mustard, and slightly roughened on the surface, a character by which they can be easily distinguished from the seeds of wild vetches, which are of about the same size.