

island, almost devoid of grassy vegetation and supporting only a stunted growth of fir trees. Considering the fact that this island was several hundred yards from the coast line and at all tides entirely surrounded by salt water, combined with the fact that the weevil is unable to fly, it becomes increasingly hard to believe that this insect is other than an indigenous species.

All evidence points to this weevil being primarily a grass-infesting insect, and further that it is more or less uniformly distributed throughout the southern sections of British Columbia. It will attack strawberry plantations when the native vegetation is removed and it has received its name, not because strawberries alone are attacked, but because this fruit offers a suitable form of nourishment to its taste. Strawberries being grown in consolidated areas under a high state of cultivation, naturally suffer to a marked extent. It is useless for growers to consider it advisable to purchase plants from non-infested districts, as is so often suggested. The statements made above naturally preclude this form of suggestion, apart from any remarks on the egg-laying period in relation to transplanting.

It seems a foregone conclusion that all strawberry plantations in this part of the world, are doomed to the possibility of infestation despite the efforts of the growers. Much, however, may be done to alleviate the nuisance. The control measures, while given on previous occasions, may well be mentioned again. They are briefly as follows:

1. Rotation of crops, which includes naturally the growing of strawberries in proportion to the land available on individual farms.
2. The production of strawberries on the "one" or "two-year cropping plan," which includes the choice of varieties suitable to these plans.
3. The removal of old or infested plantations by ploughing at the end of the egg-laying period, which ordinarily would mean in September. Such land should be thoroughly cultivated in the autumn and kept devoid of all vegetation during the winter.