

To the Honourable

The Minister of Agriculture.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit for your approval Bulletin 28 of the Experimental Farm series on "weeds." This has been prepared under my direction by Dr. James Fletcher, the entomologist and botanist of the Dominion Experimental Farms. The annual losses which occur from the inroads of pernicious weeds are much larger than is generally realized, and where a proper course of treatment is adopted, these losses can be materially lessened. The increased interest which has of late been manifested in this subject by farmers generally augurs well for the future. In the present bulletin most of the noxious species are referred to, and short descriptions given of their appearance and habits, accompanied in many cases with figures which will, it is believed, lead to their easy recognition. Associated with the descriptions of the various species will be found the treatment best adapted for their extirpation. It is hoped that the publication of the information contained in this bulletin will bring about a more general and active war against pernicious weeds, which would undoubtedly result in much benefit to the agricultural community.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

WM. SAUNDERS,

Director Experimental Farms.

OTTAWA, 27th July, 1897.

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