

THE WATERDOWN REVIEW

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DESTROYING MUSTARD

How to Get Rid of a Very Unwelcome Weed.

Iron Sulphate Will Give Satisfaction
—Clean Cultivation Will Eradicate Bladder Campion or Cow Bell — Fitting the Horse Collar an Art.

(Contributed by Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto.)

Following is a continuation of last week's discussion on the best methods of destroying certain weeds affecting Ontario farms:

Spraying With Iron Sulphate to Prevent Mustard From Seeding In Cereal Crops.

Iron sulphate or copperas can be successfully used to destroy mustard in standing grain without injury to the crop.

Preparation of Solution.

A 20 per cent. solution should be applied. This can be prepared by dissolving 80 pounds of iron sulphate in forty gallons of water. Iron sulphate is dissolved quite readily in cold water. The solution should be strained through a cheese cloth, as it is put into the spray pump tank. This will remove dirt and small particles that are apt to clog the nozzles.

Time to Apply.

Apply on a calm clear day just as soon as the first few plants in the fields show flowers. It is very important to spray early. If the plants are left too long the treatment is not nearly so effective. If a heavy rain comes within twenty-four hours after the solution is applied, it will be necessary to spray again.

How to Apply the Solution.

An ordinary hand pump barrel sprayer, such as is employed to spray fruit trees may be used, or a potato sprayer can be rigged up to do this work. Many of the up-to-date sprayers have a special broadcast attachment for spraying weeds. These are excellent for large areas, as they cover a wide strip at each round. Care must be taken to see that every Mustard plant is covered with the solution in the form of a fine spray.

The results of the ten years' co-operative experiments show that Mustard may be prevented from seeding in oats, wheat or barley by spraying with a twenty per cent. solution of iron sulphate without any serious injury to the standing crop or to the fresh seedings of clover.—J. E. Howitt, O. A. College, Guelph.

Method of Cultivation For the Eradication of Bladder Campion or Cow Bell.

Badly infested fields should be ploughed deeply in the fall and then cultivated and cross-cultivated with a broad-shared cultivator in order to break up and weaken the under root-stocks. In the spring this cultivation should be repeated frequently enough to prevent the plant making any growth above ground until it is time to put in a hoed crop, which must be kept thoroughly clean in order to be effective. A well-cared for corn crop planted in hills so that it can be cultivated both ways has been found to give excellent results. Special attention must be given to hoeing out any bladder campion plants which may appear in the corn crop and which are not destroyed by cultivation. One fall and one spring's thorough cultivation, followed by a well cared for hoed crop, has been found to destroy practically all the bladder campion in a field, except in exceptionally wet seasons.—J. E. Howitt.

Some "Don'ts" for House-Cleaning.

Don't use water on waxed wood-work. Rub with a waxed cloth, then with a clean flannel cloth.

Don't wash all the curtains at one time and don't starch them. Use a little rice water or thin starch in the last rinse water. New curtains are not starched; why advertise that your curtains are old by starching them?

Don't beat rugs such as Brussels or Wilton on the right side. Lay them face down on the grass, beat and sweep on the wrong side. When replaced on the floors wipe the surface with a cloth wrung from hot salt water. This brightens and freshens the rugs.

Importing Quail.

A consignment of live quail from Spokane has been received by the Provincial Game Board, for release in the uplands district. These birds were given in exchange for Mongolian pheasants. Another consignment is expected from the Eastern States in exchange for pheasants.

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