

NAL we hope to overtake this work, and publish the usual summary, with the range of *Senecio Jacobaea*.

In Pictou County, the Corresponding Secretary of the East Pictou Woman's Council, reported a fund of \$100 to be offered as prizes to school pupils for exterminating the weed, and hoped the County Council would offer a similar amount. From notes in the *Eastern Chronicle*, the most alive of our provincial newspapers, some progress must have been made in this not only useful but necessary work. There really should be municipal, if not provincial officers, whose duty it would be to cut down or otherwise destroy any weeds or trees spreading disease, charging the expense to the individuals or parties responsible for allowing their growth. Some new and effective legislation is necessary.

In milch cattle one of the first symptoms of *Senecio* poisoning is a putrid odor from the milk, especially distinct when hot water is poured into some in a cup. Near Halifax, some beautiful Jerseys were the other day seen grazing in a pasture between luxuriant clumps of the ragwort. It is quite time that the milk users in our towns and cities should have official inspection of the source of their milk supply. It concerns them just as much as the rural milk users and sellers, who may first have to use or sell unwholesome milk, and later, lose their poisoned cattle. For a fuller account of the origin and character of this poisoning, see Dr. Pethick's report on the "*Senecio*, (Pictou) Cattle Disease," published by the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa. A very few of the more progressive newspapers have published it in full.

Mr. Malcolm Blue, Post Master at Valley Mills, in Inverness County, reports that it is extending into the Cape Breton counties, *via.*, Orangedale and Marble Mountain. It has been reported seen lately near Whycocomogh and even at Upper Glencoe. It will never be more easy to eradicate than now. Twenty years ago it would have been comparatively simple. In a few years it is likely to spread to every part of the province. From Dr. Pethick's reports, teachers can get an idea of what it has already cost Pictou, from which it can be inferred what it will cost the province if allowed to freely spread. The teachers may create a sentiment which may develop into a law against all spreading noxious weeds and other serious disease disseminators before the people are moved to act by heavy loss.

NEW SCHOOL MAPS.

George Philip & Son, 32 Fleet Street, London, England, the great map publishers, have just issued a map of Canada and Newfoundland in their series of "Comparative Maps." They are constructed to give greater prominence to the physical features, the land elevations and sea depths, being shown by graduated shades of color. They also publish them with coloring showing the political divisions. No map makers have any higher approval from geographical authorities; and the prices are especially reasonable.