

infested, the plan should be to take such action as will insure such lands going back to grass so that weeds will be unable to grow. Often it will be found cheaper to mow the land off once or twice in a season for two or three years, rather than to plough or cultivate or seed to grass. It is sometimes better to mow twice in the season rather than mow, rake and burn when the weeds have attained full growth. (See, also, Nos. 3, 10, 9, 11, 46, 76, 86, 90.)

**29.** New men will sometimes be confronted with weed problems that have been unattended to during the previous season, such as vacant land upon which he found tumbling mustard or Russian thistle, or straw piles still standing that are badly infested with weeds. These problems can be dealt with under section 7 of the Act. See regulation No. (b) paragraph 91, at the end of the pamphlet defining the term "growing." (See, also, Nos. 7, 9.)

#### WEEDS ON RAILWAY LANDS.

**30.** Notify the section foreman and the station agent; if possible, ten or fifteen days' notice should be given. If notice is disregarded proceed as per section 12 and write us. Small patches of Canada thistle and perennial sow thistle should be dug out from the roots. (See, also, Nos. 12, 31, 77.)

**31.** It should be borne in mind that employees of a railroad must of necessity be guided in their work by rules and regulations. They are not exactly at liberty to drop certain work and undertake something proposed by someone outside of their particular company. The men at the top in railway circles are just as anxious for the control of weeds as the local inspectors are. When a notice is served upon a local railway official, it is generally necessary for him to refer the matter to his roadmaster or superintendent, hence the suggestion that ten or fifteen days' notice should be given when serving notice upon railways. In cases of perennial sow thistle and Canada thistle, it would be advisable to refer the matter also to the Weeds and Seed Branch, Department of Agriculture, Regina. (See, also, Nos. 21, 72, 80, 30.)

#### WEEDS ON ROAD ALLOWANCES.

**32.** The municipal council is responsible for weeds on the roads; It is part of the road work. Where very dirty fields adjoin the road, it would sometimes be advisable to have a strip of the field a rod wide seeded to grass. This would prevent the weeds of the field spreading into the road allowance. (See, also, Nos. 4, 33, 34, 89.)

The responsibility for weeds on the roads was placed upon the municipal councils because:

- (a) In past years many councillors would undertake in one season far more road work than they were able to complete. The next year probably the division would be represented by someone else, who in turn would open up a lot of work and at the same time neglect to finish up the work started by the