

88. Q. What attention should be paid to a man who boasts that there is no authority in The Noxious Weeds Act and that he would like to see the weed inspector try anything on him?

A. There will probably be an opportunity to satisfy such a man, because, generally speaking, his will be found to be one of the dirty and slovenly farms of the neighbourhood, but aside from this, pay little attention to him. (See, also, No. 23.)

89. Q. A piece of land badly infested with mustard adjoins the road allowance. Because of this, the road is very weedy. What action should the inspector take?

A. If the owner does not desire to keep the weeds on the road mowed down, then have him seed to grass a strip several rods wide as far as his cultivated fields adjoin the road allowance. (See, also, Nos. 4, 32, 33, 34.)

Note.—The Rural Municipality of Indian Head has an arrangement whereby it supplies the grass seed to any farmer who wishes to plough up and seed down the road allowance adjoining his land. It is being taken advantage of to some extent because the hay from the road easily pays for the work.

90. Q. When is an inspector justified in having unoccupied land ploughed to destroy weeds?

A. Almost never. Sometimes it is necessary, but one should remember that in so doing he is only preparing the land for a better crop of weeds next year. Some say, "plough it and then you will get someone to put it in crop." Possibly, but the business of the inspector is to give protection to adjoining farms at the least possible expense to the municipality. The plan in these cases should be to so act that the land will revert to grass as soon as possible. (See, also, Nos. 3, 10, 11, 46, 76, 86.)

REGULATIONS UNDER THE NOXIOUS WEEDS ACT.

91. Under the provisions of The Noxious Weeds Act, His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to approve of the following regulations:

CONCERNING THE POWERS AND AUTHORITY OF WEED INSPECTORS.

(a) Any inspector finding noxious weeds growing in any grain crop may, if such action would be deemed reasonable and expedient, notify the owner or occupant in writing to hand-pull such weeds.

(b) The word "growing" wherever it occurs in sections 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of The Noxious Weeds Act, shall be understood and interpreted as including weeds that have matured and ripened their seed.

(c) The expression "summerfallowing" shall be understood and interpreted as meaning: (1) the ploughing of the field specified at such time and in such manner; and (2) the previous and subsequent cultivation of such field in such manner and with such frequency, as the condition of the field requires and as the custom of good farming justifies.