

weed control. This education may be gained through public meetings, preferably during the slack period of the year, through the press, by means of government bulletins, and, above all, through the appointment of thoroughly competent weeds inspectors engaged for a number of years at a fair salary.

The success of any Noxious Weeds Act enforcement depends largely on the class of men selected for the position of municipal weeds inspectors. Some of the best inspectors are retired farmers, past middle age, blessed with tact and good common sense, who were a success on their own farms and who understand the farm problems of the municipality. The best results are obtained when the reeve and councillors take a personal interest in the inspector and his work and have him attend all their meetings for consultation. The treatment of the council towards their inspector will be reflected in the support he gets from the other farmers.

**Weed
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Requires
Supervision**

We find that the work of the weed inspectors requires constant supervision. In this province, the members of the Weeds Commission act as supervisors. This commission consists of three members, one of whom acts as chairman. The commissioners collectively decide upon all matters of policy, but divide the province for the purpose of oversight. Each member of the commission visits each municipality in his district at least once during the summer, and frequently a number of visits are necessary for certain municipalities. While on these tours, the commissioner is always accompanied in each successive municipality visited, by the local municipal weed inspector. This personal visitation of each municipality gives the commissioners an opportunity of getting first-hand information regarding the weed problems in the district, keeps them in close touch with the farming interests of the province, and enables them to assist and advise the municipal inspectors.

In spite of many drawbacks, there is in some parts of this province a noticeable decrease in the number of noxious weeds found on the better class of farms, but many of the poorly managed farms are still in bad shape, and it will take many years of energetic work to make any noticeable difference in such farms.