

THE RAGWORT OR STINKING WILLIE A MENACE TO CATTLE

It Has Gained A Footing In Northumberland. Eradicate It Now.

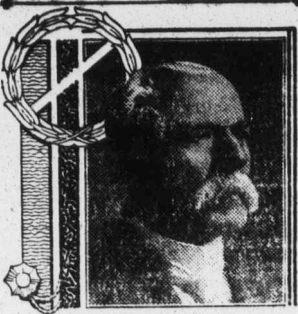
For many years the farmers of Pictou and Antigonish counties in Nova Scotia had been experiencing loss, by the death of not a few of their cattle. One farmer in Antigonish lost sixteen head in the course of a couple of years. The situation was serious. The veterinary Director General at Ottawa was communicated with and he sent a man into the affected districts to try to ascertain the cause. Not a few of the farmers were inclined to believe that eating the Ragwort or Stinking Willie, a weed that was first gaining a footing in the districts, was the cause of the trouble. It had been noticed that the cattle did not feed on the weed while in the green growing stage in the field, but that they ate it when cured in the hay. They also noticed that most of the trouble took place while the cattle were confined to and fed in the stables during the winter period. The officer whose duty it was to investigate returned to Ottawa without ascertaining the cause of the trouble and pooh-hooing the idea that the matter had been properly sible for the trouble.

The farmers were not satisfied until the matter had been properly investigated and so they kept right after the Veterinary Director General until they succeeded in getting him to send a real investigator in the person of Dr. Pethick, who now occupies the position of Dominion Veterinary Inspector at Charlottetown, P.E. Island. Dr. Pethick went at his work with characteristic skill and thoroughness. He leased the farm on which many cattle had died and by a series of experiments proved that the stables were not contaminated and that the disease, which by this time had become known as the Pictou Cattle Disease, a curious and fatal disease of the liver (Hepatica Cirrhosis) is not contagious. Cattle fed on imported hay remained well despite the fact that they were tied up alternately with animals that eventually sickened and died after being fed for sometime on local grown hay containing Ragwort.

Dr. Pethick positively cornered the culprit and confirmed the opinion held by farmers for some years. The Ragwort is a short-lived perennial that finds its way into grass lands, cultivated fields and through the woods and wild lands. As each plant produces a lot of seed which are like thistle down, and blow around in winter time, it multiplies very rapidly and extends its area far and wide. Eastern Nova Scotia is polluted with it. While on a trip to Chatham a week or two ago the writer noticed a considerable spread of this noxious weed along the railway right of way from Boiestown to Chatham. It also appears in scattered clumps outside the railway fences on many of the farms adjoining the track. From Newcastle to Chatham both sides of the tarvia road are fairly bewhiskered with the weed and it is also on the adjoining farms. It also appears along the road leading from Newcastle to Whitneyville and I have no doubt in other adjoining districts.

The railway track men have been notified at the request of the New Brunswick Department of Agriculture, by the trackmaster, to eradicate the weed along their respective sections by cutting or pulling. Concerted action is needed to stamp out this weed before it gains a further foothold and becomes a menace to New Brunswick cattle. Will the farmers on whose farms it now is, take a day or

Crimean Veteran Praises "Fruit-a-five"



MAJOR GEO. WALKER

Major George Walker, now a familiar figure in Chatham, Ontario, is one of the men who went through the terrible Indian Mutiny. As he says: "I am a veteran of the Crimean War and the Indian Mutiny, serving under Lord Roberts. Fierce hand-to-hand fighting and continual exposure hit me a great sufferer from Rheumatism, so much so that my legs swelled up, making it impossible for me to walk. My bones were so constricted that I was in terrible shape until I began to use 'Fruit-a-fives.' They relieved me both of the Rheumatism and the Constipation. Today, I enjoy perfect health—no more Rheumatism or Constipation." And in another letter, written December 1st, 1923 (George Walker writes): "Major Walker says: 'Fruit-a-five' kept me in the best of health and I shall never be without them." "Fruit-a-fives" are the famous Fruit Treatment—intense fruit juices combined with tonics—that is, an excellent kidney cure, 25¢ and 50¢—at all dealers or from Fruit-a-five, Limited, Ottawa, Ont.

Two off from other work and save the situation, not only for themselves but also for other parts of the province? Farmers who do not know the Stinking Willie Plant will possibly recognize it by the following description:—

"It is a large conspicuous, strong growing plant about two to three feet high. The flowers are in numerous heads in clusters, bright yellow in color and very showy. The root leaves are 6 to 8 inches long and quite jagged on the edges. The stem leaves issue directly from the stem without a projecting support and clasp the stem, all leaves dark green, deeply twice notched, the segments crowded and overlapping, crisped and waved. It is a short lived shallow rooted perennial and is not difficult to eradicate, all that is necessary being to cut it in time to prevent it from seeding for several succeeding years.

The Department of Agriculture will be pleased to send a representative to point out the menace of this plant to any group of farmers, in infested areas, that may ask for a meeting. In the meantime, if you know the plant and you have it on your farm, plan with your neighbors to make a raid on it. It can be eradicated now before it gains a more extensive foothold.

M. A. MACLEOD,
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N.B. Dept. of Agriculture

PUT ON YOUR MUZZLE

What a glorious pace this town would be if no one of us ever said an unkind word. No more scolding nagging or bearing false witness. Did you ever stop to think how many neighborhood quarrels have started from the hasty word? How many family differences have had their beginnings in scolding and nagging?

A group of so-called friends will be together and suddenly someone drops a word of criticism about an absent one. In a few minutes they're like a pack of dogs, snapping and snarling. Their muzzles are off and they all take a snap at the under dog. He is criticized as a tightwad, when perhaps no one knows the financial burden he is bearing. It is so easy to say unkind things about the one who is not present to defend himself. Then a talebearer carries the criticism, a coolness that grows into an estrangement follows and another friend is lost. Put on your muzzle and keep the unruly member between your teeth. In that way you will avoid being misquoted and misunderstood and you will keep your friends.

OPPOSITION CONVENTION IN KENT COUNTY AUG. 27

An Opposition convention has been called in Kent County for Wednesday afternoon August 27th at 2 p.m. at Rexton for the purpose of nominating three candidates to contest the county in the next provincial election. Opponents of the present government in each school district in the county are requested to meet and select two delegates and two substitutes. The convention is called by Mr. John Morton, President of the Conservative executive and Mr. Telesphore Arsenault, Secretary. It is expected that the convention will be a large one and that three strong men will be chosen to run in the interest of the Opposition.

Young Man At Forty

Come, gather 'round, you men of forty. If you're a year or two over you can attend too. Consider the case of Stenos, the Finn—who at forty years of age has just romped home with the championship of that classic, 26 mile run, the marathon.

He met the best in the world, the fleetest of foot and the soundest in wind, fifty of them gathered from the points of the compass. When it was all over he raced back to the finishing point, a mile ahead of the next man, and for good measure tore around the track to show that he was far from the point of exhaustion. He went up hill and down hill, along dusty roads, over the cobblestones of villages, seldom altering his pace, and never in trouble.

And he is forty years of age, a woodmaker by trade.

Just one question, Mr. Man of forty—how far can you run? Some time you may participate in a 50 yards at a picnic, and you puff, and blow, and perspire, and then content yourself by telling the folks how you won a pair of curl links once for winning a race at a school picnic.

If you live in the city remember the day before yesterday when you ran half a block to catch a street car. You bumped along and every person laughed at you. A small boy said "Go it, old man you'll catch it if it stops." And your legs were stiff for two days after.

But Stenos is forty and so are you. He can go it for 26 miles faster than any man in the world.

His pulse starting was 77; at quitting it was 110. Mr. Forty what would your pulse do if you stooped over ten times and touched your toes—or can you do it at all?

Isn't it a fact that a lot of you are a little on the pudgy side, especially you who live in town and cities? You'd've a great deal you sit a great deal you seem to take it for granted that you have passed the stage of exercise.

Remember Stenos. He was forty. You ought to be proud of him for he has stuck a feather in the cap of your class, and has shown that a man at forty can beat the world.

WORSE THAN MURDER

The most callous case on record comes from Montreal, where Armand Gregoire, a 6 year old lad, was struck down and killed by a heavy touring car.

The car stopped, and it might have been supposed that the occupants were getting out to rush the child to a doctor.

Not at all. They simply pushed the mangled body from under the car, left it on the side of the street and sped on and away from detection.

If there is a degree of crime worse than murder, that man entered into it and took full possession,

EARLY FALL PLOUGHING OR AFTER HARVEST CULTIVATION

Early fall ploughing or as it is sometimes called, after harvest cultivation, is not widely practised in the Maritime Provinces. This method of handling sod land was introduced into the Eastern Provinces by the Division of Illustration Stations. It has certain well defined advantages over late fall ploughing that should enlist the attention of careful farmers. It is an admirable way of preparing old sod or pasture land for hoed crop or for reseeding.

The procedure, in the case of old sod or pasture land, is as follows: Immediately after haying, say the first of July, plough the land shallow and flat. Then roll it to compact the ground and disk lightly. From this time on until fall, harrow periodically to control weed growth. The last thing in the fall plough again. Plough the same way but deeper and with the furrow set up rather than flat as in the first ploughing.

Land treated this way may be used for a hoed crop the following year and if it is, a nice, mellow and clean seed bed will be available. Further, the rotted sod will serve as plant food. If it is desired, the field may be sown to grain and seeded down. In any case, if the preparatory work has been done carefully, weeds will have received a check from which they cannot recover, more particularly couch grass which, with the exception of mustard is the hardest to control in the East.

The chief objection registered in opposition to after harvest cultivation is the amount of labor involved in the preliminary preparation. This undoubtedly is true, and while the initial labor cost mounts high, yet the succeeding year it is correspondingly low and better crops are produced. After harvest cultivation is practised on all of the Dominion Illustration Stations and merits the attention of more farmers. This treatment is especially applicable to old sod land or pasture fields.

RATIFICATION OF HALIBUT TREATY

The formal ratification of the halibut treaty bearing the signature of King George, has been received from London by Hon. Ernest LaPointe, Minister of Justice. Mr. LaPointe signed the treaty at Washington on behalf of Canada.

A handsome binding in dark blue and gold encloses the papers which will be exchanged for the formal ratification of the United States, the exchange will be made through the British Ambassador at Washington, unless it should be decided to send a representative of the Dominion Government to Washington for the purpose.

IN VIEW FOR INSPECTOR GENERAL OF BANKING

Grant S. McIntyre of Toronto, Supt. of Agencies of the Bank of Nova Scotia is in view for the post of Inspector General of Banking, it is understood by the Evening Citizen A salary of \$25,000 a year, has been authorized by Parliament.

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