

after threshing. In severe cases, summerfallow should be ordered the following year. Fall cultivation is advisable as it makes possible a maximum amount of germination in the early spring, and if followed by spring cultivation goes far towards cleaning a field. Where badly infested fields adjoin a road allowance or a boundary line, it might be advisable to have a strip a rod wide seeded to grass. Hand-pulling is almost impossible with the wild oat; there will be instances where it could be done to advantage in dealing with mustard. (See, also, Nos. 7, 9, 25, 26, 54.)

OTHER WEEDS.

52. Tansy mustard, wormseed and shepherd's purse are listed as noxious weeds, not so much because their presence in one field is a menace to the field across the road, but rather because the seeds are so often found as an impurity in grass seed and clover seed. It was for this reason that night-flowering catchfly was placed upon the list as noxious. It is one of the most common impurities in alsike clover seed. When finding the other weeds in the growing crops, if only a few, they should be hand-pulled as this may save trouble later. If too numerous to permit of hand-pulling, perhaps a strip a rod or two wide wherever the field touches the road or another man's land should be pulled. This will prevent the road becoming infested with weeds. In some cases where a very dirty field adjoins the road, it would be advisable to have a strip a rod wide seeded to grass, under the authority of section 6. The ordering of the burning of straw and screenings, or the fencing of the straw is the next step. The severity with which one must deal with these cases is dependent upon the prevalence of the weed in the district, and upon public opinion. The cleaner the district the more severe should the inspector be. (See, also, No. 9.)

The authority to compel summerfallowing and seeding down must be exercised with care. Fall and spring cultivation can be ordered at the time under section 7, and this is advisable in fields badly infested with annual weeds that are also strong-winter annuals.

WEEDS OTHER THAN NOXIOUS.

53. There are a few weeds that do a great deal of harm, yet, because they are not upon the list as noxious weeds, little attention is given to them, such as lamb's quarters, pig weed, Russian pig weed, curled dock, sunflower, etc. When finding these weeds it should be your business to give whatever assistance you can regarding methods of treatment. (See, also, No. 9.)

SUMMERFALLOWING.

54. There is sufficient authority in The Noxious Weeds Act to enable an inspector to do anything that is reasonable, but this authority must not be abused. The authority to compel summerfallow was placed in the Act, not with the idea that inspectors would order every other field to be so treated, but that inspectors might have