

Editorial Notes.

[By the Editor or gathered from Exchanges.]

The Plebeian "News" in its last issue has the following article on the farmer's pest, wild mustard. The remarks are equally applicable throughout a large section of the country and we therefore reproduce them. Our attention has been called to the prevalence of wild mustard in various parts of the township. There is a very early weed or wild growth so dangerous to grain as mustard and whenever it is found every effort should be put forth to kill it and prevent its spreading. In driving through different quarters of the township we have seen entire fields thick with mustard, and it is a noteworthy fact that many farms which last year were scarcely disfigured by a single stalk are now beridden by the mustard. Unless decided steps are taken this season to stay its inroads, wild mustard will prove a worse enemy to many farmers next year than would a serious drought. Farmers who toil and labor to prevent and kill mustard often find their farms nearly ruined through the indifference and neglect of some neighbor who allows the pest to flourish. While no farmer cares to cut down a growing crop and lose it, yet it is possible that doing so to kill mustard, would prove the wisest economy in the long run. According to the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1887, any person who knowingly sells or offers to sell any grass, clover or other seed, or any seed grain among which there is wild mustard shall for every such offence, upon conviction be liable to a fine of not less than \$5 nor more than \$20. This law wherever possible should be enforced, and thus prevent the spread of wild mustard. But if mustard is allowed to grow at all, it will spread without any assistance from disreputable dealers, and strong efforts should be made to conquer its ruinous progress. It is too bad that a township like Pickering, so wealthy and so well farmed, should have fields of yellow mustard in every direction, attracting the eye of travellers and creating in their minds worse impressions of our thrift. Wild mustard militates seriously against the value of property as well as the growth and sale of grain, and we hope to see a concerted effort put forth to eradicate it from our soil.

According to all accounts the new "Lebel rifle" is a wondrous weapon and is destined to do terrible things in the hands of French soldiers. The members of the academy of medicine, wishing to diagnose the physical consequences of wounds inflicted by the bullets of the gun, recently had experiments made on twenty corpses, probably those of paupers whom nobody owned, or those of ill-fated waifs picked up at the morgue. The bodies were placed at the ordinary firing distances, from 200 yards up to a mile or so. The bullets whizzed through the bones and pierced them without fracturing them, as done by the bullets of the "Gras rifle." The wounds, if they may be called so, which were inflicted were small in their punctures and consequently very dangerous and difficult to heal. Injuries inflicted at short distances were so considerable that, in the opinion of the surgeons, they would be almost incurable. At the longest range—2,000 metres—a poplar tree was hit, but the bullet did not go through the tree. At 1,200 metres, the tree was pierced through and through. The discharges of the rifle are unaccompanied by smoke and the reports are comparatively feeble.

It is stated that the Minister of Justice has expressed the intention of examining the judgement of the Chief Justice upon the Ayer case with a view of considering the advisability of an appeal to the Privy Council. Even if by the strict letter of the law such an appeal should be justifiable, such a course on the part of the Government would be in equity and policy a wrong one. If the Supreme Court exists for any good purpose, it is to lessen the cost of litigation by discouraging appeals to the Privy Council. Where points of constitutional law are involved, an appeal to the Privy Council, carrying the whole matter beyond the sphere of Canadian politics, is a most desirable thing, but in the Ayer case, the point at issue is whether or not the course of a governmental department as against a citizen was right or wrong. The decision of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada is not likely to have been unjust to the Government and on such a question should be final, and the Government which maintains the Court should be the last to appeal against its verdict.—[Witness.]

VILLAGE of BEAVERTON.



NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that a By-law was passed by the Corporation of the Village of Beaverton on the 25th day of May, A. D., 1888, providing for the issue of debentures to the amount of \$2,500 to provide the necessary funds for discharging the liability of the Corporation of Beaverton for certain railway debentures of the Township of Thorah maturing July 1st, 1888, and that such By-law was registered in the registry office of the County of Ontario on the 5th day of June, A. D., 1888. Any motion to quash or set aside the same or any part thereof must be made within three months from the date of registration and cannot be made thereafter. Dated this 19th day of June, 1888.

GEO. SMITH, jr., Village Clerk.

Township of Thorah.



NOTICE.

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