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Noxious Weeds.

We again give a few paragraphs about Noxious Weeds, including some of their characteristics, when they mature and how to destroy them.

COUCH-GRASS, TWITCH-GRASS, QUACK-GRASS, QUITCH-GRASS, OR QUICK-GRASS. ALSO WHEAT-GRASS.

Couch-grass is a creeping perennial which grows from 1 to 3 feet high. It has a jointed rootstock which penetrates deeply into the ground and possesses great vitality.

The seeds are about 1/8 in. long, and rather slender. An average plant producing 400 seeds.

Time of flowering, June-July. Time of seeding, July-August.

Dispersal—the rootstocks are carried around by implements, and the seeds are occasionally found in seed-grain.

Whatever value couch-grass may have for pasture, its habits of taking and keeping possession of the soil renders it extremely objectionable. It flourishes best in loamy or humus soils, from which it is especially difficult to eradicate.

Eradication.—To destroy this grass the cultivation should be such as to prevent it appearing above the surface. Hoed crops of various kinds, shallow cultivation, or a bare fallow in which buckwheat may be sown and plowed under, will be found useful. A well manured and carefully cultivated rape crop is especially effective as a means of destroying this grass.

The treatment outlined for Canada Thistle may be followed in combating this weed.

DOCK, CURLED DOCK, SOUR DOCK, OR YELLOW DOCK.

A deep-rooted perennial weed introduced from Europe.

It occurs around buildings, in neglected lanes, along waysides, and in pastures. The stem is quite slender, and the leaves are from six to twelve inches long, with wavy margins; hence the common name, "curled dock." The flowers are in racemes, green in color.

The seed is winged, and is carried considerable distances by the wind. They are light brown in color, triangular with sharp edges and tapering point. It is a very common impurity in clover and other seeds used on the farm.

An average plant produces about 17,000 seeds. Time for flowering and seeding, July-August.

Eradication.—In most cases this weed can be kept in check by the frequent introduction of well cared for hoed crops into the rotation. The shorter the rotation, the better. The later sown hoed crops, especially rape, are more effective than those sown earlier in the season. Before the hoed crop is sown, this weed may be kept from breathing above ground by going frequently over the field with a broad-sharped cultivator, which will cut the plants an inch or two

below the surface; but as the roots are tough and strong, it may sometimes be necessary to use the gang plow or even the single plow. About the 1st of July, the land may be sown with rape in drills, say 26 inches apart, and kept clean, or nearly so, by the horse-hoe and more or less hand hoeing. The rape can be pastured off in the usual way during the fall; and occasionally it may be necessary to put another hoed crop on the same ground the following spring say a crop of corn; but much depends upon the timeliness, regularity and thoroughness with which the hoeing is done.

SORREL OR SHEEP-SORREL.

A perennial with running rootstocks. The stem is slender and erect, with branches. The leaves are spear-shaped and quite characteristic. The flowers occur in racemes and are green in color. The foliage has a pronounced acid taste.

The seed is 1-16 in. long, triangular, smooth and shining when naked, but dull brown when invested by its covering. An average plant produces about 10,000 seeds.

Time of flowering, June-September. Time of seeding, July-October.

Propagation—by its running rootstocks, and as an impurity in clover seed, especially Alsike.

Eradication.—Sorrel is usually an indication of a poor, sandy, or gravelly soil. It prefers acid soils, hence liming and manuring are effective remedies, when the land is well tilled.

The remedies given for the dock are applicable to Sorrel, only it requires more frequent use of the broad-sharped cultivator, which should be used so as to cut the roots just below the surface of the soil, without bringing up any of the creeping rootstocks.

LAMB'S QUARTERS OR GOOSEFOOT.

An annual weed widely distributed in cultivated land. It grows to a height of from 2 to 6 feet. The stem is grooved and much branched. The leaves are whitish green below and dark green above. The flowers are un conspicuous and greenish in color.

The seed is black and shining, lens-shaped, and round, about 1-16 in. in diameter.

Time of flowering, June-October. Time of seeding, August-October.

Distribution—by seeds, especially as an impurity in clover and grass seeds.

Eradication.—Late cultivation is especially necessary in combating this weed, as it flowers and seeds till very late in the season. The land should be gang-plowed shallow and harrowed immediately after harvest and cultivated at intervals until late in the fall, when it may be plowed or ribbed up for a hoed crop the following spring. Subsequently treatment the same as for foxtail.

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Charged With Perjury.

The public would scarcely give credence to the rumor a couple of weeks ago when it was reported that John Clark, Jr., of Bentinck, was about to enter an information against Mr. Wm. Calder, of Durham, charging him with perjury. On Monday afternoon last, however, the case received its preliminary hearing in the Town Hall before Mayor Laidlaw and Squire Edge, of Edge Hill.

According to our usual custom we have no comments to make while the case is under investigation, but we shall simply endeavor to give some of the circumstances, which led up to the present difficulty.

The origin of the affair dates back

to, on or about, the first September, 1898, when Mr. Clark according to his evidence, purchased a windmill of the Good, Sheepley & Muir Co., of Brantford, through Mr. Calder, the local agent here. The windmill, Clark claims, was not to be shipped until "on or about" the fifteenth of September, 1898.

A day or so after the purchase Clark lost a horse and requested Mr. Calder to cancel the order which he (Mr. Calder) claimed he had not the power to do, but would write the Company, and have them do so if they would. This was about the 5th of September and the mill, it appears, was shipped on the sixth, as shown afterwards to Mr. Clark in a letter from the Company to Mr. Calder. Mr. Clark refused to accept the mill, was sued for the amount and tried in Brantford.

Clark alleges that Mr. Calder in giving his evidence at Brantford swore that he had neither telegraphed or telephoned the Company in regard to the shipment of the mill, and on the strength of the telegram subsequently produced and contradictory of the aforesaid evidence the action was entered.

Clark's evidence here on Monday, confirmed by that of Mr. Macfarlane, the agent of the telegraph Company, go to show that a telegram was sent, but as no evidence for the defence was put in, and the case adjourned to be transferred to Brantford no definite conclusion can be arrived at so far.

To-day, Thursday, Mr. Calder goes to Brantford where the conclusion of the preliminary investigation will be proceeded with in a day or so. County Attorney McKay, of Owen Sound, acted as solicitor for the Crown while Mr. Calder was represented by Mr. Kingston, of Mount Forest.

MR. CALDER'S STORY.

On Tuesday afternoon we interviewed Mr. Calder to ascertain some particulars regarding the matter and to learn something touching upon the nature of the defence. He told us, and he was quite free in speaking up on the subject, that he was never asked in court about the telegram. He says the question was:—"Did you call up or phone the Company in regard to the shipment of the mill?" and his answer was that he did not.

The question as to the telegram he says was never mentioned. Moreover he volunteered the information that the deal with Mr. Clark was made the same as with any other man, and that when asked to cancel the order he did so by letter as stated by Clark. But on coming over town he saw Mr. Clark talking with a rival agent and feeling suspicious that the cancelling of the order was only to enable him to place it with his rival he telegraphed the Company to ship the mill at once.

By the foregoing we give the preliminary evidence on the side of the complainant and the explanation of Mr. Calder as to his line of conduct. We leave the matter here and await developments.

LATONA.

Miss Charlotte Smith left for the Queen City last week after a short visit with her parents.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. McClement is very low at present, but as he is under the care of Dr. Smith we hope to see him fully recovered ere long.

Seeding is in full blast here at present, and the Whoa! Gee! Back up there!, which invariably accompanies the operation, can be heard on all sides.

Mr. Archie McDonald has rejoined the ship timber gang with whom he labored all winter. The work seems to agree with him.

One day last week we met a young lady wending her way homewards with about two dozen boxes of matches. This, of course, roused our curiosity and on enquiring the cause of the large purchase, we were informed that matches were sure to go up on account of the destruction of the Eddy Factory at Hull.

We are informed that a grand concert, in aid of school improvements, will be held in the school-house, here, before long. We have not heard the particulars yet, but at any rate a rare treat is being prepared. Watch for next issue.

Mr. James Skene left last week on a business trip to Sydney.

Mr. Hugh Riddell has rented his farm and moved to Dornoch. The new tenants have taken possession.

Mrs. Murdoch left last week for the vicinity of Traverston, where we understand she will reside. Mr. J. T. Past has moved on to her farm.

We are informed that Mr. Donald McKechnie, 2nd concession, has purchased Mr. Cameron's Glenelg Fifty.

Miss Mary Ball has left for Glenroaden where she will likely remain for some time.

Dominie Grant has just informed us that the school concert will be held on the 18th inst., so the girls had better get their pies ready.

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VARNEY.

Miss Ethel Fee is very sick of late but hope to hear of her speedy recovery.

Mrs. Walter Dunn has been on the sick list and at time of writing is not any better.

A young man arrived at Wm. Marshall's a week ago last Sunday just in time to help him with his seeding. Mother and son are doing well.

Mrs. J. Carson was the guest of Mrs. J. Eden one day last week.

Mrs. R. Eden was visiting her parents one day last week.

Adam Little is rushed so hard with work in the West that he has sent for Thomas Derby to help him. Tom left last Monday.

The Messrs. McCalmon, of Dornoch, were visiting at the parental home last week.

There was a wedding took place in this vicinity last Wednesday when Mr. James Petty and Miss May Gadd were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. We did not hear the particulars, but will get them later. We wish them a happy and prosperous life.

There was a gang of gyp-ies struck our burgh last week and made one trade in horses then left.

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VANDELEUR.

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Inspector Campbell visited the school last week, and found everything all O. K.

Mr. Damon, of Walter's Falls, who represents the Central Insurance Co. of Walkerton, paid this part a visit last week.

Arbour Day was duly observed by the teachers, trustees and pupils of the school, and the grounds are now in apple pie order.

The members of the Ladies Aid Society are making arrangements for a garden party on the 24th.

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