

taxes for state, county and city purposes for the current year, and shall be collected in the same manner and with the same penalties, interest and costs, and when collected shall be paid over to the city treasurer and placed in the city park fund.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 20, 1917.

CHAPTER 394—H. F. No. 1071.

*An act to amend Section 5167, General Statutes of Minnesota, 1913, relative to noxious weeds and also to provide for a county weed inspector, and prescribing his duties.*

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

**Section 1. Annual and perennial sowthistle among weeds declared to be noxious.**—That section 5167, General Statutes of Minnesota, 1913, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

5167. Each of the plants mentioned in this section is hereby declared to be a noxious weed and a common nuisance. No person owning, occupying or controlling land shall permit:

1. Any wild mustard, wild oats, cocklebur, burdock, or tumble mustard to go to seed thereon.

2. Any Canada thistle, *annual and perennial sow thistle*, oxeye daisy, or quack grass to go to seed thereon, or for more than two successive years, to reproduce itself thereon by crowns, underground stems, or buds.

3. Any French weed to produce seeds thereon for more than four successive years.

4. Any Russian thistle to grow or remain thereon at all.

**Sec. 2. Appointment of county weed inspector and salary and duties, and selection of assistant county weed inspectors.**—Upon the petition of ten per cent of the voters of any county, the county board may appoint a suitable person to act as county weed inspector for a term of not less than four months in each calendar year; such person so appointed shall give bond to the county in a sum not to exceed one thousand dollars and shall receive as his compensation a salary of one hundred dollars per month and be paid his necessary traveling expenses. It shall be the duty of said county weed inspector to inspect the real estate in said county for the purpose of ascertaining the facts as to the presence of Canada thistle and annual and perennial sow thistle thereon and report the result of his inspection in that regard to the county board weekly, by filing a written report in duplicate with the county auditor of said county. The county auditor shall, within five days, notify the

chairman of the town board of each town, the mayor of any city, or the president of any village council in said county as to the portion of said report that may affect lands in their respective towns, cities and villages. The county auditor shall also forward the duplicate copy of said report to the dean of the agriculture college of the university of Minnesota within five days after the filing of the same with him. Said county weed inspector shall when he deems the necessity exists, make written complaint as provided for in section 5169, General Statutes of Minnesota, 1913. The receipt by a chairman of a town board, mayor of a city or president of a village council of notice from the county auditor as hereinbefore provided, shall operate the same as a written complaint under said section 5169, and require the performance by said chairman, mayor or president of the duties and acts by them to be performed under the provisions of chapter 37, General Statutes of Minnesota, 1913, insofar as Canada thistle and annual and perennial sow thistle are concerned.

The county board may hire and employ and pay such assistant county weed inspectors as it may deem necessary to assist and work under the direction of the county weed inspector. It shall be the duty of the dean of the agriculture college of the university of Minnesota, the superintendent of any state farm school or experimental station, county weed inspector or assistant county weed inspector to furnish and disseminate, as may be deemed necessary, proper information and instruction relative to the most feasible manner in which Canada thistle and annual and perennial sow thistle may be exterminated. In case the county weed inspector is only employed for a portion of a year, the time of his employment shall be during the time between May 1 and November 1 of any such year.

This act shall not in any way abridge the provisions found in sections 5167-5173, both inclusive, General Statutes of Minnesota, 1913, but shall be considered, insofar as that intent is manifest, additional powers, duties and obligations upon the officers and persons referred to.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 20, 1917.