



The
Journal of Agriculture.

VOLUME VI,
No. 3.

WELLINGTON, N. Z.,
15TH MARCH, 1913.

PRICE,
SIXPENCE.

OX-EYE DAISY.

A. H. COCKAYNE.

OX-EYE daisy (*Chrysanthemum leucanthemum*) is widely distributed throughout New Zealand, and is often extremely prevalent in permanent pastures. Under certain conditions it appears, if left unchecked, to be able to obtain almost complete possession of the ground, and thus very seriously affect the carrying and money-earning capacity of the land. Like most weeds, however, its seriousness depends very largely on the purpose to which the land is devoted. In certain phases of agriculture it takes its place as one of our most pernicious weeds, while in other cases its presence may have but little economic importance.

The relative damage that weeds cause under different conditions is a most important matter for investigation, as on it depends to a very large extent the necessity for sustained efforts to avoid their introduction into certain types of land and for carrying out adequate control measures when once they have become established. Thus fat-hen in land that is