

INTRODUCTION.

In 1889 it was reported that there were no noxious weeds in the Fiji Islands, but since that time many foreign weeds have become established, and are causing serious trouble.

It is estimated that the cost of clearing land of weeds in the usual way is between £3 - £5. 10. an acre; the higher figure being due to the fact that frequently cutting is not sufficient, and the whole plant has to be uprooted. Land of low value per acre, and there are large areas of such land in the tropics, cannot bear such a cost, and so some cheaper but effective method of weed eradication has to be sought.