

now the sheds are completed and admirably adapted for both summer and winter use, affording the best possible accommodation for nearly 700 head of cattle.

I beg to report also that two of the largest and best fields which, spring and fall, were useless from the lodgement of water, have been drained, and will afford us increased accommodation for the large numbers which I am informed will be imported and undergo quarantine here next summer.

I beg also to report that on the 30th of August last, I accompanied the United States Treasury Cattle Commission, consisting of Mr. J. H. Sanders, Chicago; Professor James Law, Ithica, N. Y., and Dr. Thayer, Newton, Mass., to the quarantine, they having been commissioned by the United States Government to visit and enquire into our system, with a view to adopt a similar system at American ports; and I am glad to be able to report that, though not perfect, yet none of them had ever visited one more so, and expressed themselves highly pleased with what they saw, and returned to organize quarantines at Portland, Boston, New York and Baltimore, on nearly similar principles.

I am happy to be able to report that on a recent visit to Chicago, where I met most of the Western importers, the very highest compliments were paid to the Canadian quarantines, and nearly all of them expressed a hope that no restrictions would be placed on our quarantines that would prevent them importing by the St. Lawrence route, on Canadian steamers, which are so admirably adapted for safety and comfort of stock at sea, and through a country where no disease existed, and where the cost of quarantine was less than what it has hitherto cost at United States ports, averaging from \$10 to \$15 per head, and where they were properly looked after. They also spoke in the highest terms of the facilities afforded by the Grand Trunk Railway for shipping West.