

Dr. BARTON: Oh, I see what you are getting at—the existence of disease in areas that are free.

Hon. Mr. SINCLAIR: Tuberculosis.

Dr. BARTON: Oh, the post-mortem examinations confirm the tests.

Hon. Mr. SINCLAIR: It is not the accuracy of the test. Are many reactors showing up?

Dr. BARTON: Do you mean the cattle that are in the areas?

Hon. Mr. SINCLAIR: The cattle that were brought into the West for feed.

Dr. BARTON: I could not answer that.

Hon. Mr. SINCLAIR: Is there much risk of infection in doing that?

Dr. BARTON: No, I would say the risk is very small. The percentage of reactors among the western feeder cattle is very, very small, almost negligible.

Hon. Mr. RILEY: We pay a quarter of one per cent insurance on every beef animal we sell up there off those ranges.

Dr. BARTON: There are other things besides tuberculosis.

Hon. Mr. RILEY: It covers other things, but originally it was put on to cover tuberculosis, but we never had any there.

Hon. Mr. BURNS: The cattle are out in the air and do not get any disease as they do in the East.

The CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Dr. Barton.

The Committee adjourned at the call of the Chair.

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THE SENATE,

WEDNESDAY, March 21, 1934.

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry resumed to-day at 10.30 a.m.

Hon. Mr. Donnelly in the Chair.

The CHAIRMAN: We are fortunate in having with us this morning Mr. Robinson of Melbourne. I understand he is interested largely in dairying.

Mr. Robinson, proceed in whatever way you think best.

Mr. F. E. M. ROBINSON: Perhaps, Mr. Chairman, I had better tell the Committee what I do for a living.

The CHAIRMAN: You can first make a statement in regard to dairying.

Mr. ROBINSON: I was born in the Middle West of the United States of Canadian parents and educated at Montreal schools and at Trinity College, Cambridge, in England.

I have been dairy farming in the Eastern townships for twenty years. From 1929 to 1932 I was President of the National Dairy Council.

I own and operate three dairy farms near Upper Melbourne. I keep from 120 to 130 head of pure bred dairy cattle and ship my milk to Montreal. That keeps me busy.

*By Hon. Mr. Pope:*

Q. Do you ship milk or cream?—A. Milk.

Q. Why don't you ship cream?—A. I used to, but at the present time milk is better suited to the situation of my particular farms. It might not be