

The theory that vaccination protects against attack from smallpox is shown to be false, but were it otherwise obviously it should apply to *all classes* of passengers or to *none*. But why apply it at all if the ship can show a *clean bill of health* as regards smallpox? When smallpox develops on any ship *en route* to Canada, that ship should be detained outside port until it can rectify its bill of health; this would be *rational* quarantine, whereas the practice at present adopted constitutes a ludicrous violation of personal liberty, causing, not unfrequently, great suffering as well as loss of time and money to those who cannot afford such loss.

As neither vaccination, nor a previous attack of smallpox, will protect from a subsequent attack, the chief reason assigned for forcing vaccination upon immigrants is cancelled. To force, at great risk of life, upon an unwilling subject, that which does not "*protect*," under pretence of its being a "*protection*" against smallpox, is *prima facie* absurd.

It is to be hoped that the Dominion Government will look into this matter, and remedy what at present, no doubt, prevents many *desirable* people from coming to this fair and fertile land.

#### *Vaccinated Veal as Human Food.*

It appears that 600 calves were slaughtered and sold as human food at Smithfield, Eng., in 1905-6, after being vaccinated and used at the National Vaccine Establishment.

In the House of Commons the following questions and answers were exchanged on the subject:—

"Mr. Lupton: Is any of the veal bought by the Dinner Committee of this House?"

"Mr. John Burns: It is not at all improbable. If it were I should not object to eating it.

"On April 8th Mr. Lupton asked the hon. member for Mid-Derbyshire, as chairman of the Kitchen Committee, if he buys vaccinated veal for the House of Commons; and, if not, would he endeavor to purchase some if the price was moderate? (Laughter.)

"Sir J. Jacoby (Derbyshire, Mid): No vaccinated veal is supplied to the House of Commons. I am informed that vaccinated veal is very dark in color, and, on being cooked, turns quite black. (Laughter.) I must decline to comply with the hon. member's request. (Laughter and cheers.)"—*Vaccination Inquirer*, May, 1907.

Comment is unnecessary.

