

boundary of three thousand miles, it is not possible for Canada to effectually adopt the policy which has been found so successful in the motherland.

The fact that all the outbreaks in Ontario have occurred in the Niagara peninsula and the adjacent counties, would indicate that the infection, so far as this province is concerned, has been introduced from the State of New York, while in the west, it must have been brought in by the dogs of some of our new American settlers.

Two points I would especially like to impress upon the people of Canada:

The first is that a suspected dog should not be killed if it is at all possible to avoid it, but should be driven into a loose box or similar inclosure and detained, pending the arrival of the veterinary inspector of this department who will be promptly sent to investigate as soon as notification is received.

The second point is that there are kept in Canada, as in many other countries, far too many useless mongrels, which are not only a constant and ready means of conveying the infection of rabies, as well as many other diseases both to man and animals, but constitute besides, a standing and very real menace to one of our most lucrative agricultural industries, namely the breeding and raising of sheep.

There is little to be said against the well bred dog or even the dog of p'ebeian origin, provided he is properly broken, handled and kept under control, but the practice of allowing dogs to run at large indiscriminately and unattended, especially at night, cannot be too strongly condemned.

Those tender hearted persons who have so much sympathy for dogs might, with advantage, bestow some consideration on the people and the other animals bitten by dogs, rabid or simply vicious, and on the cruelly worried sheep and lambs of the long suffering farmer.

The painless destruction by the lethal chamber or by chloroform, of sixty per cent of our canine population, would in my opinion, be a most humane measure and one of the greatest possible benefit to the country, its people and its dogs.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

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Stock Commissioner.*

To the Honourable,
The Minister of Agriculture,
Ottawa, Ont.

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