

Mr. BLAIN. I understand that, according to the regulations here, before cattle are put on board cars, the cars must be disinfected. I would like to ask the minister whether cars into which American cattle are placed for the purpose of being carried into Canada in bond to our seaports are disinfected, and whether the American regulations are sufficient to protect our cattle from the diseases that may be brought into Canada in this way?

Mr. FISHER. Yes, I am informed that the United States authorities inspect the cattle before they start for Canada in bond for export to Europe.

Mr. BLAIN. My hon. friend has quite misunderstood my question. According to the regulations in Canada, there must be an inspection of the cars and they must be disinfected before the cattle are allowed to go on board. It is very important to know if similar precautions are taken by our neighbours in sending cattle into Canada in bond to be exported to the old country. My information is that they are not inspected.

Mr. FISHER. I am informed that there is an order in the United States to the effect that cars coming across the boundary line must be inspected and disinfected before they come over.

Mr. BLAIN. My point is whether the cars on which cattle are loaded on the United States side of the line are inspected and disinfected as they have to be in Canada.

Mr. FISHER. The regulations in the United States provide that railway cars used in the transport of animals subject to these regulations must be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected before such animals are placed therein, and that all litter from previous shipments must be removed, and the cars whitewashed with lime and carbolic acid. Canadian animals will not be allowed into the United States and animals from the United States will not be taken into Canada if this is not done.

Quarantine—salaries and contingencies of organized districts and public health in other districts—further amount required, \$25,000.

Mr. BLAIN. What is the explanation of this?

Mr. FISHER. This is in regard to human quarantine, and it is to cover the amount which is required for the rest of this year. A good deal of this expenditure is at Grosse Isle. We had to keep the quarantine station at Grosse Isle open longer than usual in consequence of having had disease there very late in the season. After the ships cease running, we usually close the station, but a few people are left in

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the hospital or in quarantine and we have to keep the station open. We have also to make some expenditures with regard to the establishment of a quarantine station at Prince Rupert, B.C. We have had to spend \$10,000 for a launch and the equipment for her and the requirements for the proper housing and keeping of her at the station. Then there were a number of small items at Grosse Isle. We had to get new ovens for the bakery and we were obliged, in consequence of a case of cholera there, to pay professors Adami and Vallee for bacteriological investigations. We have also installed telephone communication between different parts of the station.

Mr. BLAIN. How much did the launch cost?

Mr. FISHER. The launch, her accessories and delivery at Prince Rupert, cost about \$10,000.

Mr. BLAIN. Where was she purchased?

Mr. FISHER. At Victoria, and she had to be sent up to Prince Rupert.

Mr. TAYLOR (Leeds). Did Mr. Kelly supply it?

Mr. FISHER. I do not remember from whom we purchased the launch, but it was not from Mr. Kelly.

Mr. TALBOT. May I ask the minister if any representations have been made to his department as to the buildings at Grosse Isle in case of sickness or disease holding up passengers on the late boats in the fall of the year? I was told that while they were suitable enough during the summer they were not habitable in the fall.

Mr. FISHER. The statement of my hon. friend is partially true. We have been rather unfortunate for a couple of years back to have persons detained in quarantine late in the season at Grosse Isle, and while we endeavoured to keep the buildings as warm as possible, I found it necessary to ask the Minister of Public Works to provide an estimate for the erection of new buildings.

Mr. BLAIN. Was there a special vote taken for this launch?

Mr. FISHER. It was paid for out of our regular vote for the maintenance of the quarantine station. We appointed a doctor at Prince Rupert and to enable him to get to the ships we had to provide him with a launch. That is one of the reasons why the regular vote is short for other services.

Mr. BLAIN. Did the minister explain last year when the vote was taken that part of it was for this launch?