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The Order in Council of the 20th day of April, 1876, is still maintained pursuant to the proviso of the Act of last Session, by which Order cattle, sheep and swine from Europe are prohibited from entering the Provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Quebec, except through the ports of Halifax, St. John, and Quebec, where cattle quarantines are maintained.

Having been made aware of the existence of contagious disease among cattle in the United States, measures were adopted to enquire into the extent and location thereof, in order to be in readiness for action, if required. Whilst taking cognizance of the state of affairs both in Canada and the neighbouring territory, the determination was that prohibitory measures interfering with the cattle trade of this continent should only be resorted to when the danger to our own stock and to our commerce with the United Kingdom was imminent. The investigation proved: first, that the cattle of Canada and of the portion of the United States adjoining our own soil were free from contagious disease; and secondly, that such disease was prevalent in other parts of the United States.

On the 6th February last certain cargoes of American cattle were found to be labouring under contagious disease on their arrival in Liverpool. On being informed that in consequence thereof the United States of America were scheduled, a measure which would have been extended to Canada in case no prohibitory steps were at once taken, an Order in Council was passed prohibiting the importation or introduction into the Provinces of Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, of cattle from the United States of America. But as such action was taken only in self defence and with great reluctance, this Order in Council was made to last for a period of three months only.

However, as matters did not improve, the said prohibition was extended at the expiration of the first Order till the 4th day of October last, when it was perceived that no change of circumstances was to be expected for some time at least, and on that date a prohibitory Order in Council was passed in the same terms and for the same extent of territory, but without limitation of time, *i.e.*, to last as long as not repealed or superseded.

In the meantime, on the 21st day of May, 1879, an Order in Council, passed in virtue of the recent Act, was made to regulate the movement of animals through Canadian Territory, their conveyance to and shipping from Canadian ports, by which an inspection was provided, in order to guarantee immunity from disease for the live stock of the country and to prevent diseased shipments being made to foreign ports.

On the 27th November last another Order-in-Council was passed to further protect the stock of the country and the Canadian stock markets, from the danger of contagious disease being introduced into Canada. Taking into consideration the