

HON. MR. KAULBACH—I was not alluding to my hon. friend at all.

HON. MR. COCHRANE—Then to whom did you refer?

HON. MR. KAULBACH—I can assure the hon. gentleman that he is the last person in the House that I would think of. He is wrong in supposing that it was any benefit to me to arrive here before the last adjournment. What benefit could it be to me? Was it a pecuniary benefit to me to come here and remain idle through the holidays or return home? The hon. gentleman has so muddled the thing that he cannot make us understand what he is driving at. It was not in my interest to come here just on the eve of the adjournment and have to go back home again.

The Senate divided on the motion, which was rejected by the following vote:—

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THE CATTLE EXPORT TRADE.

ENQUIRY.

HON. MR. READ rose to—

Call the attention of the House and of the Government to the proposal to ship United States cattle from Canadian ports for Europe, without being subjected to the now existing quarantine regulations, and inquire whether or not it is the intention of the Government to carry out such proposal?

He said: I bring this matter before the Senate in consequence of a proposition that

has been made in some parts of this country to allow United States cattle to be exported from Canadian ports. I object to anything of the kind, on the ground that it will interfere with our cattle trade. I think I will be able to show that it would be exceedingly unwise to permit anything of the kind, and that it would be very detrimental to the interest of the farming community of Canada. As the House is no doubt aware, our Canadian cattle are not scheduled in England, while American cattle are. Cattle when scheduled must be slaughtered immediately on being landed; cattle that are not scheduled can be taken to the different markets of the United Kingdom, or fed, as may be desired. Consequently, our cattle are worth more per head than American cattle in the English market. Some time ago I made up my mind to meet Mr. Wiman at two or three meetings that he was holding in our part of the country, to get information from him and to give the people the information that I thought I possessed. Before doing so I put a series of questions to some gentlemen who are largely engaged in this cattle trade. The questions and replies were as follows:—

“Q.—Were you amongst the first shippers of cattle from America to England? A. We were.

“Q. Have you continued in that business ever since? A. We have.

“Q. What number of cattle have you shipped? A. About 250,000 head. (His clerks told me that he was wrong as to that, the shipments having been over 300,000).

“Q. What was the largest number you shipped in one year? A. Forty-five thousand head.

“Q. Have you shipped largely United States and Canadian cattle? A. We have.

“Q. What is the relative value of the Canadian and United States ox in England of the same weight and quality? A. The Canadian ox is worth from \$2 to \$4 a hundred more, or from \$10 to \$20 a head, or thereabouts.”

Not satisfied with that, I enquired of another exporter who is largely engaged in the trade, and particularly in the Canadian trade. He did not deal in American cattle so much, and he did not give the difference in value at such high figures as that. He knew to whom he was talking, and possibly he did not wish to tell too much. I asked him, then, as to the difference in the value between Canadian and United States sheep in England. He said that Canadian sheep were worth 1½ d. or 3 cents per pound more than United States sheep—equal to about \$2 a head difference in our favor. He said to me, in