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cently.
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"Are you sure?"

The young fellow thought a while.

"Better put it that I am keeping 20 cows," he at last admitted. "I am cows," he at last admitted. "I am not at all sure that all of the 20 cows are helping to keep me," I then dropped a few suggestions about re-cord taking and moved along. I find that the big trouble with dairy herds to-day is that there are

more cows being kept by the farmers than there are cows keeping the farmers. We need less guessing.

Tuberculosis in Dairy Cattle

J. D. Holtby, Middlesex Co., Ont. J. D. Hottoy, atudatesez Uo., Unt.
"Winnipeg, March 5.—Address"ing a meeting in Winnipeg, Dr.
Ravenel, of Toronto, who is de"livering a series of lectures under
"the auspices of the Dominion
"government, asserted that 25 per
"cent of tuberculosis in children "was traceable to cattle.

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"The lecturer advocated an an"nual test of all cattle, those found
"to be tubercular to be alaughter"tod. The price to be paid the
"owner would be fixed by a board
"appointed by the government.
"He suggested that the indemnity
be from one-third to one-half the
"value of the animal."
This is only one item of many that

"value of the animal."
This is only one item of many that are being printed in our Canadian newspapers nowadays on the subject of tuberculosis in its relationship to dairy cattle. I think we farmers should do something immediately to defend ourselves. We do not, as a ruic, take much notice of the trouble.

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I believe we should come on these
men for damages who are going
through our eities lecturing after the
style of the above, or make them
prove their statements. It seems to
me that these men have a stand in
with the government, and have to be
saying something in order to hold
their nesition. position

Why don't these men get after the city water commissioners as being responsible for the spread of this dis case? If farmers were to even water case? If farmers were to even water their cows with water from some of our Great Lakes and then ship the milk from these cows to our critics they would be fined. When diseases break out the first thing the govern-ment thinks about is to endeavor to make out that the germs can be traced back to the farmers' produce. I think we farmers should stand to-mether on such subjects and defend I think we farmers should stand to-gother on such subjects and defend ourselves. Even the men whom the government appoint to inspect our cattle are bound to find some cattle in a herd affected with tuberculosis, in order to make out that they are doing some work.

doing some work I am a small breeder of cattle and have seen this kind of work done. I balieve that the sooner we farmers take action in this matter the better it will be for ourselves. If laws should be passed allowing farmers to should be passed allowing farmers to appoint a committee of valuators to value such stock and the government forced to pay the full value of any animal condemned, and if such ani-mal be slaughtered and proved not to have the disease, the government that has allowed men to go out test-ing should be sined heavily.

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