



the testimony of a qualified veterinarian." Similar laws are already in force in several States, and should be in all.

It is well known that the disease is very infectious and easily communicable to men. A case is mentioned by a contemporary of two deaths from this insidious complaint. The son of Mr. Conway, of Conway Farm, Whiteside County, Illinois, died in March last, after the most horrible sufferings; and the father was next attacked, and died a month afterwards. The State Board of Health ordered that the diseased animals should be killed, the premises thoroughly disinfected, and that any persons found afflicted with the malady should be isolated under supervision of a medical attendant. In view of the uselessness of all sorts of treatment, our contemporary declares with some force the suppression of the disease, as well as farcy, should be provided for in every State of the Union by the prompt slaughter of all infected animals as soon as the presence of the disease has been determined by a competent veterinarian. The number of horses in the United States in 1879 was 10,357,488. This certainly represents an interest important enough to be entitled to all the protection that can be accorded by legislation. The attention of the Hon. Minister of Agriculture and our Government authorities should be directed to this important subject.