

In the Appendices will be found the report of Prof. McEachran, on the working of the Cattle Quarantines and Stock Inspections during the past year. After a lengthy correspondence with the Imperial Authorities, and by means of negotiations with the United States, it was decided, that while the prohibition against the introduction of American cattle and swine was of paramount necessity, both as regards the health of Canadian stock and for securing the continuance of exemption from the slaughtering clause of the "Imperial Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act," there was a possibility of allowing the transit of animals in bond from one American port to another through Canadian territory.

As regulations were necessary for carrying out these precautions, and considering this in connection with the general subject of stock quarantine and inspection, the Order in Council of the 21st May, 1879, was repealed and a new Order in Council was passed on the 23rd April last.

The latter being a consolidation of the previous Regulations and Orders, with a still further Order in Council, passed 3rd May last, respecting the importation of swine for the purpose of packing, is now in effect.

It is divided into four chapters, and provides for the prohibition of cattle and swine from the United States into the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; for cattle quarantine in the ports of Halifax, St. John and Quebec, of all cattle coming from Europe, such quarantine to extend over a period of ninety days; it provides for the transit of animals in bond under strict regulations of inspection and segregation, and goes fully into the details of the precautionary measures to be exacted from shippers and forwarders, and for setting aside railway cars exclusively for that transit. The period of detention in quarantine of ninety days, for cattle imported from Europe, has been adopted in order to satisfy the United States Government, and it was in consequence of the adoption of that measure that the Washington Authorities repealed the Regulations adopted by them, prohibiting the importation of Canadian cattle into the United States.

It is a subject of congratulation that amongst the numerous cattle detained at the Stock Quarantine at Point Levis for the ninety days period, no contagious disease manifested itself; the deaths having only amounted during the whole season to two cows, four calves and one sheep; all from ordinary causes.

There have been this year, in the Point Levis Quarantine grounds, at times over two hundred head of the finest cattle, and it may be said that probably never were there on this continent such a number of prize cattle gathered together on the same spot. The details of the operations of that Quarantine, under the immediate care of Mr. Couture, V.S., will be found in the general report of Professor McEachran, herewith annexed.