

tion in Canada in 1876. The site was admirably chosen in the interior of the Government fort at South Quebec, and three sheds proved sufficient for all practical purposes until 1879, when others had to be erected without the fort, until now some fifty acres of land inside and outside the fortifications are occupied by the station, and the number of sheds has been increased to eighteen, affording accommodation to about 700 head of cattle at one time. For the first three or four years the quarantine was exceedingly inefficient, the Agricultural Department, despite the strong remonstrances of the veterinary authorities, limiting the duration of quarantine to eight days. This was changed in 1879 to ninety days.

On the establishment of the quarantine at South Quebec, Dr. McEachran, of Montreal, was named Dominion Inspector, and the late Mr. Waddell, of Quebec, local assistant. On the death of the latter gentleman, Dr. Couture, of this city, the present occupant of the position, was appointed his successor. No better choice could have been made, for the doctor is an enthusiast in this branch of his profession and unceasing in his attention to the quarantine.

The following statement will illustrate the rapid growth of the importation of live stock from Europe, *via* Quebec, from the establishment of the quarantine in 1876 up to the present time:—

	Cattle.	Sheep.	Pigs.	Total.
1876.....	109	305	17	431
1877.....	.....	124	38	162
1878.....	45	113	17	175
1879.....	114	369	6	489
1880.....	396	400	...	796
1881.....	701	1100	40	1841
1882.....	1209	1124	22	2355
1883.....	1867	603	41	2511