

TUBERCULOSIS IN CATTLE

IMPORTANT TO FARMERS.

The following letter is sent by the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa to persons desirous of having their cattle tested for Tuberculosis, and sets forth the conditions under which the Dominion Government undertake to apply the Tuberculin Test FREE OF CHARGE.

DOMINION OF CANADA.
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.
OTTAWA.....1908.

DEAR SIR,—
In response to your letter of the..... I beg to say that the following are the conditions upon which the Department applies the Tuberculin test to cattle:—
When a person makes application to the Department to have his cattle tested for the purpose of ascertaining whether any of them are affected with Tuberculosis, a Government Inspector is sent to test, and all expenses in connection with this are paid by the Department. The owner must accept all responsibility for the result of the test. The Government do not order the slaughter of diseased animals. No compensation will be given in cases where owners slaughter of their own free will. If any of the animals are found to be suffering from the disease, they will have to be isolated and the shed or stall in which they are kept will be quarantined. The owner will then be prohibited from selling any of them or their raw produce. Should he desire to have his own raw produce, he must be prepared to have it slaughtered and disposed of in a special way. He will have to consult the local authorities as to whether he will be allowed to sell them. The premises in which diseased animals have been kept must be cleaned and disinfected to the satisfaction of the Government Inspector, as recommended on page 11 of the Farmer's Bulletin on Tuberculosis, a copy of which I enclose you. The premises in which diseased cattle have been kept must also have to be disinfected and cleaned, as mentioned above, after the animals have been disposed of. When the Minister of Agriculture receives a certificate from the Inspector that the disinfection has been done to his satisfaction, the premises will be released from quarantine. No application will be considered unless the owner agrees to submit all his cattle to the test.
If an applicant refuses to have his cattle tested after having made formal application, he will be charged with and will have to pay whatever expenses may have been incurred by the Department in connection with the sending of a Veterinarian to make the tests.
Upon your signing and returning to us the attached form of request a Government Inspector will be sent to test your cattle.
Yours truly,
W. B. BOARTE,
Deputy Minister of Agriculture.

To the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture for Canada, Ottawa, Ontario.

DEAR SIR,—I hereby request that my entire herd of cattle, consisting of—
..... Bulls,
..... Cows,
..... Steers,
..... Heifers,
..... Calves,

be tested for Tuberculosis with Tuberculin, and I hereby agree to conform to the Government conditions as expressed in their letter of the....., which I acknowledge having received.

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Signed.....
Date.....
Address.....

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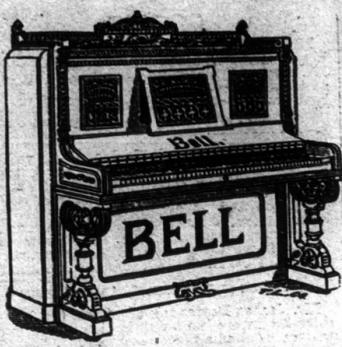
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