

## QUARANTINE MATTERS.

The Quarantine Committee instructed the Secretary, in April last, while he was in Ottawa, to interview the Minister of Agriculture in regard to quarantine matters, when he reported as follows:—

"I had an interview with the Hon. Sidney Fisher, Minister of Agriculture; W. B. Searth, Deputy Minister of Agriculture; Dr. Montizambert, General Superintendent of Quarantines; Hon. Mr. Sifton, and his deputy, Hon. James A. Smart, on the subject of quarantine protection to Manitoba and the Territories. The Hon. Mr. Fisher informed me that they were doing everything possible to make the quarantine station and equipment at Halifax in every way up to date, and that when the improvements now under way were completed, that an expenditure of \$40,000 would have been made since this Board took up the matter with him last year. I represented to the Minister, and also to Mr. Sifton, that there was a strong feeling in the West that some form of check quarantine should be established to deal with foreign immigrants arriving in Manitoba, to be distributed from here. While the Minister of Agriculture adheres to the policy which was adopted by the late Government, that the quarantine authorities duties begin and end at seaport towns (and in exceptional cases, along inland international boundary lines) that he was most anxious to assist, so far as the law would allow him, in protecting the people of the West, and would do all in his power to that end. The Hon. Mr. Sifton will endeavor to place some disinfecting apparatus at Selkirk, where it may be utilized, if occasion should require, to disinfect the persons and baggage of immigrants afflicted with contagious diseases that might, from any cause, have escaped