

## CONTAGIOUS DISEASES OF CATTLE

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### NECESSITY OF A RIGID QUARANTINE.

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Is there an absolute necessity to keep in quarantine all imported cattle, sheep and pigs?

In the affirmative, what should be the length of time of quarantine?

These are the two questions that I will try to answer as briefly as possible.

All the European countries have been more or less infected with contagious and infectious diseases of cattle which have destroyed thousands and thousands of head of live stock. *Rinderpest*, contagious Pleuro-Pneumonia and foot-and-mouth disease have been the most destructive plagues. After tremendous efforts and considerable losses, the diseases have been stamped out, except however Pleuro-Pneumonia, which has continued to prevail in all countries where it has been introduced. But now and then foot-and-mouth disease breaks out again in certain territories and prevails there in an enzootic form for a longer or shorter period.

The diseases whose introduction into this country we are trying to prevent are:

For cattle—*Rinderpest*.

Contagious Pleuro-Pneumonia.

Foot-and-mouth disease.

For sheep—Foot-and-mouth disease.

Foot-rot.

Scab.

For swine—Hog-cholera.