

stances, government aid might well be extended to such other places in the North-west for the like purposes where the local circumstances requisite to ensure their success can be obtained.

#### QUARANTINE REGULATIONS.

Another matter by no means unimportant from a practical point of view has been under the consideration of the Committee. It is the onerous cattle quarantine regulations which are now in force. Nothing can be more important for the agricultural interests of Canada than that our herds should be able to maintain and increase the reputation now enjoyed by them in some parts of the Dominion as being equal to the best description of cattle in any part of the world. That this excellence is only to be preserved by the constant infusion of the blood of the highest class of thoroughbred stock is certain, yet such are the regulations that the cost of the importation of live stock, owing to their detention in quarantine, makes their importation at present prices well-nigh impossible. Surely animals imported from countries where no epidemic exists might be allowed through our ports on it, being shown that the animal itself was free from disease when shipped, and was in condition on arrival to pass a veterinary examination as to its condition of health. Such changes in the law and regulations as may be required to effect this end should, the Committee think, be made with the least possible delay, the government retaining in its hands ample power by Order in Council to re-enact the present or some other effective means to prevent the introduction of cattle, without the most complete security as to their freedom from latent disease from countries where any cattle epidemic exists.

#### ABATTOIRS.

A matter of no inconsiderable moment has been under consideration by the Committee, viz., the establishment of abattoirs in different parts of the Dominion. The benefits which would accrue from them would be the utilization of every part of the animal when slaughtered, some of which now goes to waste, the canning of meats, which in parts of the United States has become a great industry, and the encouragement this would give the farmers to increase their herds, and to abandon a practice, now too prevalent, of killing their young stock because found unprofitable to bring to maturity. The Committee has been impressed by the great value that such enterprises would be to the community, but, thinking it wiser in seeking government aid to err on the side of safety, has not felt warranted in doing more than drawing attention to the subject, in the hope that if the cold storage system should prove to be successful, means would not be wanting to aid what may be considered a sister undertaking.