

pleuro-pneumonia—defied Scotland. It was a wider question than that. It affected the whole country, and the supply of food to the working men in their cities, and he could not help regretting having to say that the member for Forfarshire had not said one word, had not helped them, but had held his tongue; and had kept the whole of his proceedings in his carpet bag. (Great laughter and applause.)

THE ALLEGED PLEURO AT ARDGAITH.

WHOLESALE SLAUGHTER OF THE STOCK.

On Saturday forenoon the work of slaughtering the cattle on the farm of Ardgait, tenanted by Mr William Morgan, was commenced. The farm is situated about two miles east of Glenearse, and before action was taken by the Board of Agriculture no fewer than 110 cattle were housed on the steadings. The circumstances which have led to this

WHOLESALE SLAUGHTER

may be briefly summarised. Mr Morgan on the 6th October attended the sale of the Hurona and Monkseatons' cargoes at Dundee, and purchased seven bullocks. These were conveyed to Ardgait and housed in a byre at the west end of the steadings along with a number of Canadian purchased some time previously, and five Irish cattle. South of this, and separated by a stone wall, is another byre, where six home-bred cows were kept. Adjoining on the east is a cattle court which contained 22 Irish animals, and in another large byre were 20 Canadians and 20 Irish cattle. The remainder of the stock, numbering 31, was housed in another cattle court separated from the large byre by a stone wall. Access could be had to all the byres and cattle courts through doorways in the partition walls separating the one place from the other. Following on the decision of the Board of Agriculture to

KILL ALL THE CANADIANS.

landed by the steamers Monkseaton and Hurona, Inspector Davenport visited Ardgait, and made arrangements for having the seven animals which Mr Morgan purchased slaughtered. This was carried into effect on Sunday, 6th November, and the lungs of the animals were afterwards inspected by Mr Constable, veterinary surgeon, Inchture, and the local inspector for the district. It is stated that, with one exception, the lungs of all the animals were in a normal condition. In one case, however, the lungs had a hard and knotty appearance, and they were in consequence despatched to London. It has now been declared by the Board of Agriculture that the animal in question

HAD BEEN SUFFERING FROM PLEURO.

In consequence of this intimation was received that as the remainder of the stock, to the number of 103, had been in contact they would have to be slaughtered. On Saturday morning five butchers from Dundee arrived at the farm to overtake the work. The slaughtering was begun about ten o'clock in the forenoon in a straw barn, the Canadians being despatched first. The

GRUESOME WORK

was carried on without intermission until Sunday morning, and by that time between forty and fifty

animals had been killed and dressed. The carcasses were hung from the beams in the shed, and in every case the lungs were allowed to remain in the animals. The butchers who slaughtered the cattle remarked on their fine, healthy appearance, and asserted that there was no sign of disease in any of the carcasses. It is expected that the whole of the stock will be killed by to-night. Yesterday Inspector Gordon and Mr Constable, the local inspector, visited the farm and examined the carcasses, previous to their being despatched to the dead meat markets. With regard to the alleged case of pleuro, the grievance and cattleman on the farm state that all the animals appeared to have been in excellent condition, and ate their food well. Not one of them, in their opinion, showed any symptoms of illness.

MR STEWART LINDSAY'S OPINION.

Speaking on Friday night in the Good Templar Hall, Kirriemuir, as candidate for the Forfar County Council, Mr Stewart Lindsay spoke, among other subjects, on the pleuro scare. He was of opinion that the action of the Government was precipitate and ill-advised, and that the indiscriminate slaughter of cattle at the expense of the Exchequer was unnecessary. At the conclusion Mr Rough, Longbank, moved that Mr Lindsay was a fit and proper person to represent the Division in the County Council. Mr Edwards, Kinnordy, seconded, and the motion was agreed to. A large number of names were enrolled as members of Committee.

MORE BLUNDERING BY MR GARDNER.

The *Edinburgh Evening Dispatch* of Saturday again condemns the Board of Agriculture for the policy it has followed in prohibiting the free landing of Canadian cattle. Mr Herbert Gardner, in his new rôle of "Scottish Representative on the Board of Agriculture," has taken another opportunity of flouting Scottish sentiment and feeling in a most extraordinary way. A Sub-Commissioner on Labour had to be appointed for Scotland in room of Mr G. R. Gillespie, who died a few weeks ago. Seeing that Scotsmen have long led the van in agricultural progress, a prominent Scottish agriculturist, intimately acquainted with agricultural affairs in Scotland, should unquestionably have been appointed to the post, and nothing less than that would satisfy Scotsmen on the subject. But instead of this, this Scottish Representative on the Board of Agriculture has selected for the post a Mr R. H. Pringle, a cross-bred Irishman, who knows nothing whatever of Scottish affairs. This appointment may be a sop to the Irish Cerberus, but it is a gross insult to the agricultural intelligence of Scotland.

ENGLISH FARMERS DEMAND PROTECTION.

One of the largest and most representative gatherings of farmers that ever assembled in North Nottinghamshire took place at Retford on Saturday, when it was resolved that "our fiscal arrangements and system of free imports are detrimental to the agricultural interests of this country, and that an association of landowners, farmers, and labourers be formed to urge an alteration." Delegates were appointed to attend the conference in London next month.