

experience of to-day has indeed been dearly bought. Still it is highly satisfactory to learn that the losses are merely trifling.

	CATTLE.	LOST.		SHEEP.	LOST.	
		No.	P. C.		No.	P. C.
The Dominion S.S. Line carried in						
1882	6,057	41	0·67	20,241	522	2·57
Do., 1883	7,963	54	0·70	21,553	989	4·60

	CATTLE.	SHEEP.
Montreal exported in 1876	2,830	2,686
“ “ 1883	50,365	102,835

It was not until the third season that the Liverpool authorities became alive to the importance of this trade. When they did so, with commendable promptitude they erected those handsome and commodious lairages, pens, slaughter-houses, &c. which now expedite the trade and allow of a ship-load of animals being slaughtered within 24 hours of debarkation.

In addition to all the vexations, losses, &c., incurred in the earlier days from the want of sufficient knowledge of the requirements of the trade, as well as having the opposition of the British farmer and cattle dealers to overcome, the provisions of the Contagious Diseases (animals) Acts had to be complied with. The depredations caused in Britain during the past 20 years by numerous diseases are unfortunately only too well known; in spite of the most stringent measures, the Government has failed to entirely stamp out these diseases, and valuable herds and animals are still daily lost by their ravages.

Recent statistics shew that there are in the United Kingdom 32,237,958 sheep and lambs, the loss due to diseases brought on by the recent wet seasons is estimated at 2,889,000, or nine per cent. The Canadian farmer may complain about the severity of the winter, but he has nothing to fear compared to his British brother.*

To guard against any spread of these diseases strict quarantine laws have been established applicable to all foreign countries, which necessitated the cattle being slaughtered within 24 hours of debarkation, and at the port of arrival. It must be a subject of much congratulation and pride to us all, that the Dominion of Canada is the only country which has never come under the clauses of the Act, or been

* Dyke—loc. cit.