

As suspicion of disease they make examinations, and if they find disease the cattle are condemned to await slaughter, under their supervision. In cases where they have reason to suspect the cattle have been exposed, while they are not certain of disease, they issue a process by which the stock is put in "arrest"—that is, prevented from mixing with other cattle.

The whole number which have been put under arrest, together with those killed, up to Saturday night, is about *eight hundred head*.

The value, as by appraisal of those actually killed up to Saturday night, is \$3,780.

The following table exhibits the names of the persons whose cattle have been condemned, showing also the original number of their herds, the number which the Commissioners brought for preliminary examination, the number which have been killed. It is taken from the books of the Commissioners:

	No. Herd.	Bought.	Died.	Killed.
O. P. Huntington.....	22	3	8	11
Alden B. Woods.....	27	1	5	21
A. A. Needham.....	37	2	7	28
A. Olmstead.....	21	2	7	12
L. Stoddard.....	62	1	13	10
	169	9	40	82

Incidents, Rumors, etc.

It is hardly possible to convey an impression of the feeling which exists in North Brookfield and vicinity. The western part of Worcester county is as much affected by such a calamity as any section of the State could be. The beautiful town of North Brookfield has thus far suffered the most, but unless the scourge is arrested other towns will suffer equally. It is the chief subject of conversation among all classes of people. As one result of the disease, no milk, butter, cheese, veal or beef is taken from the Brookfield stations, unless after the most rigid investigation into its antecedents. It will be a long time before the reputation of the region will be recovered.

One man named Meade is of the opinion that it was communicated to his cattle by means of his clothes. He says he was at Stoddard's, and among his cattle, and after he went home his calves came around him, smelt of his frock, and were soon attacked. It is said, however, that his cattle and some of Stoddard's were at same time together. There was a report that the distemper had appeared in Ware, having been conveyed in some hay sold from a barn in North Brookfield, in which were infected cattle. The Commissioners, determined to take every precaution, will probably prohibit the sale of hay from infected barns. At the close of the examinations on Saturday, the Commissioners requested the people from the adjoining towns to change their clothes before going into their barns.

Is the meat poisonous?

This is the question in which all consumers of beef, milk and butter are interested. Up to a certain stage of the disease the meat is not injurious, though the Commissioners have prohibited, entirely its sale. In European countries the sale of the beef of animals suffering with this disease is legalized. There is no virus introduced into the system, and the meat is only injured from the blood not being purified by the operation of perfect lungs.

Description and symptoms of the disease.

The locality of the disease, as its name denotes, (pleuro-pneumonia) is in the lining membrane of the thoracic cavity, and in the thoracic viscera. It is pro-