

sible, first—To what extent I find the disease prevailing in this Province. I speak after a careful inspection of a great number of cattle in different parts of the Province, and after having used the tuberculin test on about 120 suspected cases, of which 68 were found to be affected with tuberculosis, the greater part of which have been destroyed, and post-mortem examination made on the great majority (which helps to prove the great value of tuberculin as an agent for detecting the disease in its earlier stages while quite impossible to detect it by physical examination), and after a careful summing up, I believe I am quite safe in saying there is not more than 3 per cent. of our cattle affected, but there is no doubt we will find the great majority of those among our dairy cattle. We find there are many people who go to extremes on almost every subject, this among others. Some will tell you there is little or no danger, that the disease is no worse than it was twenty years ago, and that the tuberculin test is all nonsense, while others will paint in the darkest colors the great dangers the people are exposed to by using milk or meat from tuberculous animals and loudly call for the destruction of every animal affected, however slightly. I believe those are the two extremes. That there is danger from the use of tuberculous animals cannot be successfully denied, as many smaller animals and calves have been infected by its use in carefully made tests, yet we find that in 80 per cent. of diseased animals the milk is not infected, that is none of the bacilli or germs can be found in it. We might say that is the majority of cases where the disease had been found in the milk, tuberculous nodules have been found in the udder, or the disease had so far advanced that it was disseminated through the system.

Second.—Measures to prevent the spread of the disease :—(a) By testing every thoroughbred animal coming into the Province. This I consider very necessary, as cattle breeders in other parts are getting to understand enough about the disease to want to get rid of any animal shewing the least symptoms of it, and as it is so prevalent in other places we cannot be too careful in admitting cattle into this Province. (b) By testing with tuberculin all thoroughbred cattle sold in this Province for breeding pur-