

butchers and an examination made by some competent person appointed for the purpose. We should then be able to buy meat knowing it to be not of an objectionable or injurious character.

Dr. HUTCHINSON, London: We, in London, have had some experience in this matter. We have been fighting for the abattoir for three or four years, and now we have a by-law prepared to cover the cost of the building. We believe that the abattoir will be self-sustaining, if we can get it established. There is some opposition on the part of the butchers and the farmers, some of whom bring meat to market from places as much as thirty miles distant. It is almost impossible to detect some kinds of bad meat after it is placed on the market. We have had some parties brought up and fined, and I must say we have, of late, not seized nearly so much meat as before. To pay the expenses of the abattoir, a small fee will be charged for the slaughter of each beast, and none will be allowed to be slaughtered until after examination by the veterinarian.

Dr. BRYCE: As we have the Chairman of the Ottawa Board, who, we know, has been endeavoring to settle the question of the tuberculin test, he may be able to tell us something of interest with regard to the abattoir question.

Mr. WALLACE: It made me smile to hear the gentleman from Kingston say that finances were low. In this city we are troubled in the same way. We have no public abattoir here, but an effort is being made to establish one, and I hope it will be successful. I think it is a very necessary thing for such a place as Ottawa. I trust to see an abattoir established not later than next year.

Ald. GARROW: We feel the need of an abattoir here, and only the consideration of finance has prevented its establishment.

Dr. WARDLAW: The gentleman who have spoken have all been interested in the cities; but the rural and village population must also be considered. We have villages all round Galt, and meat is brought into Galt from five counties. Unless the abattoirs are to be general the effect of them will be to secure the best meat for the cities leaving the bad meat for the people in the country.