

"animals from infected herds." Referring to the probable origin of the disease in Illinois, Dr. Salmon states, "We have not been able to decide which of the animals brought it to the Virginia sale; but one that came from Mr. Dye, of Ohio, was sick with inflammation of the lungs, supposed at the time to have been the result of exposure. This is most likely the origin of the disease; and, if the suspicion proves correct, it makes the matter still more serious. Mr. Dye is the most extensive speculator in Jersey cows in the country, and has sent cattle into nearly every herd in the West. If his herd is infected the disease must have spread to nearly every State in the Union. I shall investigate this matter as soon as possible."

The Minister observes, on this very serious statement of Dr. Salmon, that it is with respect to the herd of Mr. Dye that Professor Smith, Inspector for the Canadian Department of Agriculture, states he has "good reasons for believing that Mr. Dye's herd were affected (with pleuro-pneumonia) several months ago." This fact establishes that the progress of the disease has been from the east to the west.

8. Again, as to the fact of the diagnosis of the disease, Dr. Salmon further states, "I will say positively that this disease is neither the result of scrofula nor exposure to inclement weather, or like causes. It is contagious pleuro-pneumonia; and I am just as certain of it as I am that such a disease exists."

9. The Minister of Agriculture has reason to believe, from the information which he has so far obtained, that there has been no actual outbreak of the disease in Montana, Colorado, or Wyoming. But in view of the fact of there being no means employed to prevent cattle from the infected States of the East, or from the infected State of Illinois in the West, from going into the Territories and State above named, he is of opinion that it would not be prudent to relax any present restriction as respects the importation of cattle into Canada from such Territories and State, or from any part of the United States. On the contrary, he is of opinion that it has become necessary to make still further restrictions with regard to admitting cattle which may be necessary for stock purposes, into the North-West Territory of the Dominion from contiguous parts of the United States and Territories which are as yet free from, while they are threatened with, the danger of contagious disease.

The Committee concur in the Report of the Minister of Agriculture, and they recommend that your Excellency be moved to transmit a copy of this Minute, if approved, to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in answer to his Despatch of the 11th August last, and that a copy be also transmitted to the High Commissioner in London.

All of which is respectfully submitted for your Excellency's approval.

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PLEURO-PNEUMONIA.

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OWING to the existence of diseases supposed to be contagious pleuro-pneumonia, in several herds of Jersey cattle in the State of Illinois, I hereby request the owners of all herds of Jersey cattle, in the United States, into which new animals have been introduced since 1st January, to stop the shipment of cattle until after 1st October. The disease seems to have been introduced by animals sold at Virginia, Cass County, Illinois, in February 1884, and these animals were widely distributed through the Western States. It is hoped, therefore, that persons owning cattle tracing to this sale, and all others having cattle affected with a disease of the lungs, will at once communicate with Dr. E. Salmon, chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry, care of the "Breeders' Gazette," Chicago, and clearly state the condition of their herds and the symptoms of the disease. The attention of owners of cattle and railroad companies is called to Section 7 of the Act to establish a Bureau of Animal Industry, which makes it a misdemeanour, punishable by a fine of not less than 100 ²⁰/₁₀₀ dollars, nor more than 5,000 dollars, or by imprisonment not more than one year, or both, for shipping cattle affected with any contagious infection or communicable disease known as pleuro-pneumonia, from one State or territory into another. The cordial co-operation of the State authorities of all positions interested in the welfare of our cattle industries is earnestly desired in order to avert this danger, which now menaces the herds of the country.

(signed) *Geo. B. Loring*,
Commissioner of Agriculture.