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## Rabic Outbreak in Kent

Reports received by the Dominion and Provincial authorities in charge of the joint campaign against the rabic disease indicate that Kent County has become a centre of the trouble. In addition to the cases forwarded to Dr. J. G. Rutherford, the Federal Veterinary Director-general, Dr. J. A. Amyot recently received at the Provincial laboratory three heads which showed positive cases of the disease in

its most advanced and virulent stages. A dog's head was received from Blenheim and Steers' heads from Thamesville and Ridgestown.

The case of one of the steers is occasioning special attention. The animal was bitten by an afflicted dog immediately after the canine had torn the flesh from a boy's leg. The dead steer promptly to Toronto and, and the Provincial Pasteur treatment, and has apparently escaped the terrible consequences of the bite. The steer, however, developed pronounced symptoms, and ran amuck till it fell dead.

Another case was reported from Kent County, wherein a rabic dog is alleged to have run wild for 14 miles, and bitten a large number of unprotected live stock.

spect and ask questions about the nature of the soil. Every indication was that the soil was equally as good in character as can be found in the best sections of old Ontario. Cochrane was said to be about 140 miles from Hudson Bay, as the crow flies. While travelling along the Transcontinental to the Mattagami River, some 35 miles, the country was perfectly level in character, not a hill of any importance being seen, and well wooded, mostly with spruce and young poplars, while stones were so scarce as to indicate that their lack may be felt later, when the country is developed, in the building of roads, etc.

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On the return trip stops were made at Madheson, Monteth, where the experimental farm is located, and at Englehart. At Monteth the experimental farm comprises some 640 acres, on 102 of which the trees have been cut, and of which 16 have been stumped and are under cultivation. Two acres that a month ago had been unstumped were found to be under crop. Nine employees are at work on the farm, and are under the control of Mr. J. Whittier, formerly of Ingoult. Mr. Whittier reached the farm early in April, and does not like to pronounce on the character of the soil until he has taken a crop off of it. So far, however, he is favorably impressed with it. He drew attention to a field of fall wheat that was in excellent condition and growing well. He stated that this wheat had come through experiences which would have killed a similar crop in old Ontario. Clover which had been frozen once or twice apparently had not been injured, and was doing well.

Throughout the trip the weather was warm and pleasant. Part of the time President Creelman of the Guelph College, who formed one of the party, representing the Minister of Agriculture, found it more comfortable to shed his coat, and others followed his example. When it is remembered that Cochrane is 480 miles north of Toronto and about the same distance from the city of Quebec is east of Toronto, and that the government engineers estimate that there are some 14,000,000 acres of open land in New Ontario, and that only about 12,000,000 acres of land are being farmed in older Ontario, some conception of the vastness of the region may be gained.

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