

Dr. George Hilton of the Health of Animals Branch informs us that his department a year ago "arranged to have a special inspection made of the viscera of hog carcasses with a view to obtaining information concerning the districts in which parasites infesting these animals were prevalent, but this work has been discontinued as it was accompanied by many difficulties."

The committee on parasitic diseases of the United States Live Stock Sanitary Association reported to the Association in 1927 that "at the present time the precise or even the approximate distribution of parasites of live stock in the United States is not at all well known", and presented a resolution calling for such a survey. Further, Dr. M.C. Hall, Zoologist to the Bureau of Animal Industry, who has charge of the investigations on parasites in the U.S. Department of Agriculture states that "at the present time we can safely say that we do not know how many kinds of parasites are present in any given kind of live stock in the United States, but we feel reasonably sure that there are parasites present of which we are yet unaware". This is the condition in the United States where much work has been accomplished. It is far worse in Canada.

At the present time we do not possess the data which would enable us to make even an approximate estimate of the extent of losses due to parasitic infestation, but estimates made by veterinarians and by live stock men engaged in education, production and slaughtering are useful as an index of the economic importance of the problem.

Thus for instance Dr. Alfred Savage, one of our leading veterinarians writes to us: "I have yet to autopsy a country horse without finding literally handfuls of bots and numerous sclerotomes. In