

QUARANTINE ON SETTLERS' CATTLE.

The Committee on the Settlement of Vacant Lands brought to the attention of the Council the hardship entailed on immigrants who brought their farm cattle with them from the United States, by a quarantine of ninety days at the International Boundary Line and the heavy expense connected therewith. After consultation with the most extensive Manitoba exporters of cattle, who assured the Board that the export trade would not be adversely affected thereby, the following petition was prepared under direction of the Council and forwarded to Ottawa.

To the Honorable

T. Mayne Daly, M. P.,

Minister of the Interior, Ottawa, Ont.

Whereas there now exists in connection with the importation of cattle and other live stock from the United States into Canada certain quarantine provisions, which in a general sense are no doubt productive of much good in the way of acting as a protection against the introduction and spread of disease from that country among stock in Canada, nevertheless your petitioners cannot refrain from expressing their conviction, that some of the provisions of this quarantine are at present insurmountable barriers to a tide of immigration, which would otherwise sweep, during the present season, across the international boundary into Manitoba and the Territories westward.

Your petitioners desire to call attention to the quarantine provision, which compels the cattle of the settler to be quarantined at the boundary for ninety days. Such a provision is simply a prohibitory one, to many of the settlers who are at present ready to leave Minnesota and Dakota and other States, and settle in Canadian territory, bringing their stock with them, and affects detrimentally the valuable effort, which has been put