

have taken steps to prevent the milk supply being shipped into the municipality, and have, so far, had no trouble. In fact, only one or two have ever raised the slightest objection to having a full inspection made of their premises." According to the report, 274 country dairies are inspected, and these dairies have 3,529 cows, which supply 5,619 imperial gallons of milk, about 40 per cent. of the city milk supply; the balance, 8,270 gallons, coming from urban dairies. We will not discuss the urban dairies here, taking it for granted that they are unobjectionable. In only 26 of the 274 country dairies were such unfavorable criticisms as "no ventilation," "dirty and cramped," "no drainage," "dirty," "too crowded," recorded against the premises. The general condition of the cattle is good. In twelve stables the cattle are characterized as "dirty," one case of actinomycosis is recorded; in one case the cattle are said to be "half starved," and in four stables to be "healthy but thin."

The water supply in 195 dairies was from wells; in 34 dairies from springs, and in the remaining 45 dairies from such varied sources as "creek," "river," "cistern," and "rain water in cemented tanks."

The greatest number of these dairies got their ice supplies from ponds; the next greatest number from the Humber River, a considerable number from the Credit River; a few from the Don River; a few from mill ponds, and very few from lake sources. The feed is of a varied nature. In one stable, where the cows were said to be "thin but healthy," they got shorts, chopped oats and hay, and gluten meal. In another stable, where they looked "healthy but thin," they got cut corn, chaff and clover hay, turnips and carrots. In a stable in which "they looked half-starved," they got hay, mill feed, and brewers' grains.

A general review of the above figures and remarks warrants the opinion, that the country dairies supplying milk to Toronto are with few exceptions, in good condition. Some of the ice supplies may not be above suspicion; but, if used for cooling purposes only, would not cause disease. As to the purity of the water supplies in these dairies, without chemical analysis or bacteriological examination in each case, no exact opinion could be given; but their condition should not be left open to doubt. There is no immediate or direct means of ascertaining the existence of contagious disease on any one of these dairy farms. If a contagious disease appears