

of assimilating them to a great extent, in the work which they have been specially commissioned to perform. It is their intention to erect cattle quarantine stations at different Atlantic ports,—probably at New York, Boston, Baltimore and Philadelphia. Mr. Saunders, Secretary of the Commission, expressed the opinion, however, that American importers are not likely to be induced by the change to import cattle at those ports instead of Quebec, for they have now got used to the latter route and learned to like it. He paid a high tribute to the Grand Trunk Railway, saying that the railway is in great favor with cattle men, having done much to cultivate the traffic *via* Quebec, by giving fast through cattle trains to Chicago, and every other possible accommodation.

DESCRIPTION OF THE QUARANTINE STATION.

As already stated the present station covers some 50 acres of land all represented upon the plan. The Government own nearly 100 acres more surrounding the station, all of which may be utilized should it ever be found necessary. The sheds are so constructed that each is surrounded by two to three acres of land. Cattle arriving by one steamship are not allowed to mingle with cattle arriving by another vessel. The better to observe this precaution, a space of 10 to 14 feet is fenced off between the grounds occupied by different shipments, in order that there may be no possibility of contact. The sheds are of various sizes, as will be observed by the plan. They contain single rows of stalls, each stall being eight feet wide, allowing four feet for each of its two occupants. The sheds are about 16 feet wide, 16 feet high in front, and eight behind.

Everything is scrupulously clean both in the sheds and in the yards, where all droppings are immediately removed.

No charge is made to importers for quarantining their cattle. In some instances, when only a few head are im-