

shafts and gratings at the corners of the streets, and, as previously intimated, the greater number of those are almost entirely destitute of all sanitary regulations. There are many other evils to which allusion might be made as necessarily connected with such a condition of affairs. The meat, if kept even for a short time after being killed, in the atmosphere of the slaughter-house, is impregnated with the foul odors, and soon becomes tainted and unfit for food.

Again, it is utterly impossible for our two Meat Inspectors to see and examine a tenth part of the meat killed in the city, or the large quantities introduced to the markets by the farmers from the surrounding districts of country.

The Inspectors have shown themselves very efficient in the discharge of their difficult duties since their appointment to that office about a year ago, having seized and confiscated about 14,000 pounds of meat during the twelve months ending the first of August—a great part of which was from animals slaughtered in various stages and conditions of disease. Several small abscesses, filled with fetid purulent matter, were shown to me in the carcase of one animal seized by Mr. Montmarquet. Some of this meat was from beasts that had died—to use the expressive language of Mr. Moore—"before they were killed." Yet, notwithstanding the activity and faithfulness of the Inspectors, I am assured by them that there are large quantities of meat sold which is utterly unfit for human food.

Hence one of the strong arguments in favor of public abattoirs is that, before slaughtering, all animals should pass the inspection of the properly qualified officer, and that no meats should—under a penalty—be offered for sale in the city without the stamp of the Inspector.

It was very correctly stated by one of the butchers at the meeting called by the Mayor, and held a few weeks ago in the Council Chamber, for the purpose of discussing the whole question intelligently with the butchers, that the buildings should occupy a large space, and that for all the purposes of an abattoir at least one hundred acres of ground would be needed. Of course the manufacture of sausages, melting of fat, cleansing of skins, utilizing of blood, and other kindred interests, would be all carried on at the abattoir.