

THE TUBERCULIN TEST.

On Imported Cattle Should be Cancelled is the Opinion of Hon. John Dryden who Visited The Maritime Stock Exchanges' Association Held in Charlottetown Last Fall.

In writing to the Farmers advocate the Hon. John Dryden says:

In answer to your request for a statement of my views on the question of the desirability or other-wise of the continuance of the tuberculin test on imported cattle, I have to say that my opinions are so decided and clear to my own mind that I have no objection to give them to you for publication over my own signature, if it is thought desirable.

It is my opinion that a mistake was made when, by order of the Department of Agriculture, this test was first instituted many years ago. Whoever was responsible for its conception no doubt had before his mind the possibility, by the employment of the test and the butcher's knife supplemented by a grant from the Government of several thousand dollars, of ridding the country entirely of bovine tuberculosis. This being accomplished, the testing of cattle coming into the country would, in his opinion, prevent its introduction.

Since that time no attempt has been made to entirely destroy the diseased cattle at present existing in the country, and I assume none ever can be made. Such a scheme would provoke a rebellion among those whose interests would be affected, and, in addition, it would be undertaking an impossibility.

This being the case, the application of the test to imported cattle is of no real service. There is no more reason why animals purchased in countries outside of our own territory should be tested than those that are purchased within our own borders. No man can satisfactorily tell me why I am permitted to buy an animal, say in Manitoba, without notice or hindrance, and yet am not allowed to buy a single animal in Scotland without the interference of governmental authority, as I am as likely to buy disease in one country as the other.

It is now admitted and is perfectly clear that the test as ordinarily applied is not authentic. Even the best authorities in Europe will not say that it is always reliable. It may frequently prevent the purchase and reception of a very valuable animal which would undoubtedly live to an old age without the possibility of communicating the disease to any other member of the herd, while at the same time it permits an animal to pass unnoticed which may be diseased in such organs as would make it possible for the disease to be communicated.

It is also admitted by those who had some experience with the disease, that test is no criterion whatever of the seriousness of the disease or otherwise, even if any indicated.

Another objection to the test is that, in the purchase and sale of animals, it is necessary to apply it under all kinds of circumstances—when the animals are unfitted to receive the test, and at such times as no experienced and skillful veterinary surgeon would desire to apply it. It can be of service only when employed properly by a competent man, and when the cattle are tested at appropriate seasons. Much harm is reported from various quarters to pregnant cows and also to young bulls. A valuable yearling bull sold by me last summer was impotent for some four months after, but is now all right. At the same time a yearling heifer was sold in calf, and a short time after aborted.

Under all the circumstances, therefore, my mind is clear that the test, as applied, affords no real protection whatever, and is a considerable source of embarrassment and annoyance to those who are seeking to build up the cattle interests of this country.

None of us can quite understand why those who are investing large sums of money in superior cattle should be thus hindered and tormented, while those who deal in comparatively worthless or inferior animals are not molested in any particular.

I have no hesitation in saying that it is the duty of the Dominion Government to at once cancel the regulation requiring this test on imported animals. The Canadian Government was the first to institute it, and for years after the arrangement had been made with the United States Government for the imposition of the same test on cattle coming into the country the regulation was not enforced against cattle from Great Britain as was the case in Canada. As our Government was the first to institute it and to request a conference with the United States authorities leading to a similar regulation in that country I am strongly of the opinion that they ought to be the first to acknowledge the utter futility of the test as at present being applied in both countries. If such a course were taken I have no doubt that it would serve as a strong incentive towards a similar course being adopted in the United States.

Recent issues of English periodicals show that the same state of feeling and objection to the test exists in that country as elsewhere.

JOHN DRYDEN.



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