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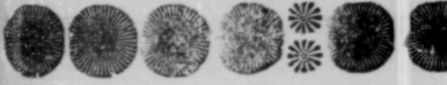
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THE DOMINION CATTLE BREEDERS ASSOCIATION—DISCUSSION ON TUBERCULOSIS AND TUBERCULIN.

DEAR SIR,—I send an extract from the report of Dominion Cattle Breeders Association 1899. You will notice they take a stand in direct opposition to Minister Fisher, who is only an amateur farmer and stockman, more conceited than practical. Note the statement of Dr. Patten, who is an M. D. of as good repute in his locality, St. George, Ontario, as any medical man in his parish in Prince Edward Island.  
Georgetown Jan. 31st, 1900.

Yours truly,  
FRED. E. BOVVER.

Richard Gibson (Cattle breeding has been, and is one of the industries in which Canadians have excelled; and one of the main sources of wealth to our farmers. No country in this world has such a good name as a cattle breeding country, always excepting the mother land, the fountain head for the improved breeds of live stock. We have not now one-tenth part of the first class animals needed to supply the demand in our great Northwest and the United States. If we do not make every effort to hold our position we will be beaten by some of the Central States which are now importing for themselves, and which a few years ago, bought from Canadian importers and breeders. Our shipping cattle are not so good as they were twenty years ago. No ten agencies combined have had so much effect in bringing about this deterioration as the application of the tuberculin test. We may well profit from the experience of the medical profession in this matter. They have quit using tuberculin in the human family, having decided long ago that it hurried the end in many cases and made the subject an easy prey to consumption, whereas under favorable circumstances the disease would have lain dormant or died out. The most eminent specialists agree that in very few cases can tuberculin be used without danger. If this is true in human beings it must also be true with regard to cattle. Herds tested have given proof of this by animals with rugged constitutions suddenly taking ill and dying. Other herds have been tested the third time before any reaction took place, when a majority showed great reaction. We believe that the injection of tuberculin is more likely to create disease than to stamp it out. We believe the test is misleading, inasmuch as it condemns cattle practically sound and clears others very much diseased. We know that it hampers our trade in this country, and that it must stop us from importing from England and Scotland, which would be an incalculable injury to the great industry we represent.

Mr. Gibson intended at first to allow this to stand as part of his resolution, when quite a heated discussion took place.

MR. HOBSON: I wish to say that before anybody votes on that resolution it should be very carefully considered. There are many statements made here which have abundant room for criticism. I think it very risky indeed to vote for that motion.

MR. GIBSON: I am very sorry, Mr. Hobson, that the medical profession has not adopted the tuberculin; and as regards cattle in your own town, Hon. John Dryden told me where cattle responded, some had found small tubercles in the glands of the neck visible with the naked eye, and in one cow that was rotten there was no response.

MR. HOBSON: I think it would be a very serious thing if we go on and endorse all the statements in that resolution. I have made a special study of this, and I tested one of the largest herds in Canada myself, and I know the facts are not in accordance with that resolution.

Mr. Robert Miller said he thought there were only one or two definite clauses in the resolution, and the other part was only a matter of opinion. I think it is a most serious thing if that embargo is not removed, as I feel for the people of this country. My father came here over sixty years ago and brought Shorthorns with him then. He has lived with Shorthorns. I have been brought up in the same line, and I know nothing else; and if this embargo is not taken away we must remove our grounds of operation to the United States. I was born a British subject. I was born and brought up not far from here. This is not altogether a matter of sentiment, but I cannot help but feel it is too bad if one man should have autocratic power, and just through his opinion, not always carefully and wisely given, we should have to go out of the country, and perhaps

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go out, to a certain extent, with disgrace.

Mr. Arthur Johnston said that there was not one morsel of doubt that this embargo was ringing the death knell to the importation of cattle to this country, and it was due to a great extent to the autocratic power of one gentleman.

Dr. Patten: If I had a herd and knew it to be perfectly sound I would not for thirty thousand dollars allow the tuberculin test to be made.

Mr. Hobson said if Mr. Gibson would deal with the upper part of the resolution he would vote for it, but to go into questions of detail would be unwise.

It was moved by Richard Gibson, seconded by James Russell, that we, the Dominion Cattle Breeders' Association, in annual meeting assembled, do hereby desire to impress upon the Dominion Government the desirability of allowing thoroughbred cattle to be imported without being subjected to the tuberculin test, and that the same order shall apply to cattle being imported from the United States, as soon as the United States authorities shall pass a similar order as regards Canada. (Carried unanimously.)

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