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Tuberculosis in Dairy Cows.

Nineteen per cent of all the dairy cows from which milk and other dairy products were furnished this city prior to July 1 were afflicted with tuberculosis, is the startling fact disclosed in the tests of the various dairy herds in this part of the state which are being conducted by the Portland Board of Health.

Two veterinarians are conducting these tests, and a total of 210 dairy herds have been inspected, in which there were 4698 head of cattle. Of this number 897 were found to be afflicted with tuberculosis, of which 780 were condemned and tagged, and the remaining 117 were classed as suspects. Those which have been condemned and tagged will have to be killed. In most instances only a few head in each herd were found to be infected, but in several cases nearly the entire herd was found to have the disease and was condemned. In cases where the majority of the cows in a herd are found to be infected, the dairy farm has been placed under quarantine and no milk or dairy products are permitted to the market. In two or three instances the owners of the herds have gone entirely out of business.

The veterinarians did not find conditions really as bad as they existed several months ago, for the reason that many dairymen had made private tests of their animals and those which were found to be infected were sold and butchered, and the meat placed in the market for consumption. In such instances the inspectors encountered much opposition from the dairymen in making their inspections.

With a few weeks it is believed that nearly every dairy which supplies milk to Portland will have been inspected, and the milk furnished Portland consumers will be as free from tuberculosis germs as that of any city in the United States. Doctors Mack and Silverwood, who

are making the tests, have also found extremely unsanitary conditions existing in many dairies, and the dairymen are being instructed to clean up their premises or their milk will be barred from the local market. In most instances the instructions are being readily followed and better condition are resulting. There are a few, however, who are refusing to comply with the law, and they will be the ones to suffer for their negligency, as City Health Officer Wheeler has announced that all must obey the pure milk ordinance.

In one or two dairies on Sauvie's Island, nearly every cow in the herds was found afflicted with tuberculosis. B. P. Reynolds had 108 cows condemned out of herd of 415, and he immediately disposed of his cattle and went out of business. Two or three dairies have been placed under quarantine in this, Columbia Slough and Hillsdale communities.—Evening Telegram.

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