

fastened up to the satisfaction of the Inspector, and shall not without his sanction be touched or handled except by their attendants."

Mr. RITCHIE said that ships' dogs were a great source of trouble, and he would like to see them prohibited. No foreign animal which it was not intended to land ought to be allowed to enter a port. They had a number of ports in the colony where dogs might be landed, and it was impossible to keep an Inspector always there. All ships' stock should be quarantined during the stay of the vessel.

Mr. McCLEAN said that by allowing stock to remain on board they were really sanctioning private quarantine such as that permitted by Victoria.

Mr. GORDON sympathized with Mr. Ritchie. "It was a different matter for those colonies which had only one port. His colony had two thousand miles of coast.

Mr. McCLEAN moved, as an amendment, "That all stock intended for ship's use, and dogs arriving by any foreign vessel, shall within forty-eight hours of their arrival in port be either removed to quarantine or killed under the supervision of an Inspector. The carcasses of any cattle, sheep, or pigs so killed may, by instructions of an Inspector, and under his supervision, be sold and delivered ashore."

Mr. TABART seconded the amendment. The system of private quarantine was a farce. He knew of one case in Victoria where a member of the Legislature had brought out a dog. He at first tied the dog up, but shortly afterwards allowed it to run loose.

Mr. GORDON moved, as a further amendment, "That the following words be added to the motion, 'That dogs arriving by sea or land from any Australasian Colony where private quarantine is permitted be subject to inspection, and charged an inspection fee of 2s. 6d. in the colony into which they are intended to be introduced.'"

Mr. BRUCE seconded. They wished to stop the practice of private quarantine, and he fancied that if they were to impose a fee the public would very soon make Victoria alter her regulations. It might be a little vexatious to go the length proposed in Mr. McClean's amendment.

Mr. Gordon's amendment negatived.

Mr. McClean's amendment put and agreed to. Original clause struck out.

"(13.) That foreign animals intended to be landed in the colonies be examined by a veterinary surgeon and an Inspector of Stock, who shall report to the Chief Inspector of Stock whether or not such or any other animals on board such vessels are infected."—Agreed to.

"(14.) That if foreign animals (except camels) are infected they be destroyed, or disposed of as the Minister directs."—Agreed to.

"(15.) That camels found on arrival to be infected with scab shall be dressed as the Chief Inspector directs."—Agreed to.

"(16.) That if foreign animals are not prohibited, and are reported free from infection, and if the Chief Inspector be satisfied that they are not infected, they may, after being washed and disinfected when necessary, as he shall direct, be landed for quarantine on sufficient bond and guarantee."—Agreed to.

"(17.) That all foreign animals be conveyed by water, at the owners' risk and expense, to quarantine, and remain for the terms respectively prescribed for the different kinds of animals, at their owners' risk and expense, and that they be washed, dipped, or disinfected, as the Chief Inspector of Stock shall direct."—Agreed to.

"(18.) That the quarantine for the several animals shall date from day of landing, and shall be as follows:—

"(a) For horses, fourteen days;

"(b) For cattle (including buffalo), sixty days;

"(c) For sheep, ninety days;

"(d) For camels, ninety days;

"(e) For goats, deer, antelopes, llamas, and any other ruminants, sixty days;

"(f) For dogs, six months."

Amendment proposed: "That paragraphs (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f) be struck out, and the following be inserted in lieu thereof:—

"(b) For cattle, sheep, pigs, goats, deer, antelopes, llamas, and any other ruminants, sixty days;

"(c) For camels, ninety days;

"(d) For dogs, six months."

Amendment agreed to.

"(19.) That all foreign sheep landed in the colonies forthwith receive two or more dressings with tobacco and sulphur, or with lime and sulphur."—Agreed to.

"(20.) That, on the expiry of the term of quarantine prescribed for foreign animals, they be examined by a qualified veterinary surgeon and an Inspector of Stock, and released on the order of the Chief Inspector."—Agreed to.

Proposed: "12. That dogs on board a vessel in any Australasian port not intended to be placed in quarantine be kept securely confined and fastened, to the satisfaction of the Inspector, and the owner shall give a bond that the dogs shall be so kept; but the Inspector, if he deem it necessary, may place them in quarantine."—Negatived. Clause struck out.

Proposed: "13. That dogs be quarantined in the Government quarantine-grounds only."—Agreed to.

Proposed: "14. That foreign stock be not transhipped without the permission in writing of an Inspector, and that no foreign stock be put on board any Australasian vessel unless they have undergone quarantine and otherwise complied with the regulations referring to foreign stock."

Amendment proposed: "That the words 'foreign stock be not,' in the first line, be struck out, and the words 'no foreign stock nor skins be' inserted in lieu thereof."—Agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.