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ANTHRAX INFECTED HERD WILL BE MOVED TO ALA MOANA STATION TODAY

Board of Agriculture and Forestry Decides To Act On Advice of Doctor Norgaard and Despite Protests of Owner Through Attorney, That His Cattle Should Be Destroyed To Remove All Menace

On motion of Commissioner H. M. von Holt, seconded by Commissioner A. L. C. Atkinson, the board of agriculture and forestry yesterday ordered Dr. Victor A. Norgaard, territorial veterinarian, to remove the cattle of the T. F. Farm dairy from the present quarantined area in Manoa to the territorial animal quarantine station in Ala Moana Road. The Farm cattle will be kept at the new place until the further orders of the board.

The board reached this decision after a discussion of two hours and a half, many other plans discussed meanwhile being set aside as not feasible.

At the Ala Moana quarantine station there are now two hundred and ten head belonging to individuals and companies throughout the Islands. These animals have been imported from the mainland and are now at the station undergoing the statutory quarantine period of detention. Alongside the two hundred and ten animals, some of which are known to have developed anthrax, there will now be placed eighty cows and approximately twenty other animals, mostly horses, from a dairy where, within the past several weeks, there have been thirty-one deaths from anthrax.

Courts May Be Invoked

How the owners of the imported animals will take the order of the board to remove the cattle of the quarantined animals from anthrax ground alongside their property is not known. Shortly after the board decided on the step it took yesterday there were rumors that the whole matter might be thrown into the courts through injunction or writ of mandamus.

The Farm animals are to be removed immediately and work along this line probably will begin this morning. The Farm dairy premises in Manoa have been condemned practically by the territorial board of health as insanitary and unfit for use, and the land on the ground may be used for any purpose whatever.

In addition to the commissioners there were present at the board meeting yesterday Doctor Norgaard, who was accompanied by Victor A. Norgaard, territorial veterinarian; Walter G. Smith, acting attorney-general; Kirk B. Porter, secretary and acting president of the territorial board of health, T. F. Farm and his attorney, Wade Warren Thayer.

Veterinarian Sure of Ground

Doctor Norgaard opposed the possibility of totally exterminating the Farm herd on the proposition that such a step might stop the spread of anthrax in Honolulu. Doctor Norgaard opposed such a step and claimed that the extermination of cattle treated with the serum would be a needless waste and loss of property.

"Anthrax has lost its hold," the veterinarian said; "there is no danger from anthrax in Honolulu. If the Farm dairy animals are moved to Ala Moana there will be absolutely no danger, and it is useless to try to make out that there is now any danger to the public health."

"Your experience with anthrax dates back how many years, Doctor Norgaard?" Mr. Thayer remarked. "How do you know, Doctor Norgaard, that the community stands in no danger from anthrax?"

"I don't care to argue the point," replied the veterinarian; "at least not with you. I repeat that if the Farm cattle moved from the infected section, I am willing, if the board will allow me, to take Mr. Farm's animals to the government quarantine station. If not there, then uphill away from the infected district."

World Stake Reputation

"I am willing to give my certificate that the cattle treated with the serum are immune from further inroads of anthrax."

"And after you have the animals at the quarantine station, what are you going to do with them?" asked Farm's attorney.

"That I don't know," replied Doctor Norgaard. "But of one thing I am sure, and that is that they will not be allowed to be returned to the infected or condemned area."

"Do you mean to say, Doctor Norgaard, that when the cattle are turned out of the quarantine station where you propose to keep them for three or four days, or whatever time it may be, the animals will be returned to Mr. Farm?" Attorney General Smith asked Acting Attorney General Smith.

"That will be very nice, indeed, gentlemen," Thayer remarked. "Let me assure you that if Farm was to hang five hundred dollars in gold to the horns of each head of his cattle, the chances are that you would not be able to find no one to purchase them; he could not find a buyer for the animals."

Mr. Thayer asked Commissioner von Holt if he, for one, would buy the animals, and Mr. von Holt answered that he would not, not even after the cattle had been declared immune from anthrax.

Horns of the Dilemma

"That is just the proposition, gentlemen," Mr. Thayer retorted. "You force us from our home, put us in quarantine, turn us loose and then refuse to allow us to return to the place you got us from in the first place."

Acting Attorney-General Smith said he would advise the board that the keep of the cattle at the quarantine station would have to be borne by the government. If the board should decide to do so, Smith would advise the board of health to allow the return of the cattle to the old place, Doctor Norgaard said he would not.

There was considerable filing on the question generally. Doctor Norgaard said it was of importance to say when the infected area could be occupied again.

There was asked by the veterinarian if he had any proposition to make to the board and was answered that there was absolutely none to be made. "I can only advise the board as the members of the board and stand ready to do so hereafter. His about who entirely in the hands of the board."

"I can advise the board that after the cattle are freed from quarantine they will be Mr. Farm's property to do with as he will," Mr. Smith said.

Getting Out From Under

This brought Mr. Thayer again to his feet.

"That's a nice way to get out from under," he said, with some heat. "Where are we going to take them?" Commissioner of Finances chipped in, taking the sole of presumably.

"I don't know, and I don't care, the other members of the board agree with me, will go the limit to help Mr. Farm out of his difficulty," he said. "The animals have a value and it will be our duty even to see that the owner does not suffer."

At this point Doctor Norgaard said that Island people are subject to fits of hysteria at times of seeming stress, just as had been the case in Umea gone by. He was still of the opinion and would so advise the board, he said, to allow him to remove the cattle to the government quarantine station. It was suggested that Chairman Rice might cable to the authorities in Washington asking what to do in the matter. Mr. Rice, referring to the matter of the cattle disease, said in months Honolulu people would forget that they ever had anthrax in their midst.

No One Risks His Land

Farm and his attorney stated that they had made many attempts to rent or lease land where to keep the cattle, were they permitted by the authorities to move from the infected area, but that no one would risk his land or part of their property for any such purpose. Even attempts to purchase land outright had been frustrated through the excessively high prices asked for property.

Some one suggested that the cattle be taken to the Farm property situated in the head of Waahila, on the heights between Manoa and Palolo Valleys, where the animals might be kept under observation for four or five days and then moved to the quarantine station. Mr. von Holt could not see what would be gained by such a move.

The land of Waahila, containing about 180 acres, was very stony, waterless and required to be fenced, Forester Judd explained. There, the land denied on to a Japanese piggery in the low lands, where there was a live stream of water. This would be a very dangerous business for the community owing to the possible risk of further infection from anthrax.

Farm's Distillation

"You told me, Doctor Norgaard," said Mr. Farm, "that my cattle would be immune for six months, and inside of three weeks after that one cow died. I lost my money on the cow, and I want to show the box. My case is in the hands of you gentlemen."

"It will take months to fit out a new dairy plant for my cattle, making it

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