

COUNTY ESCAPES QUARANTINE LOSS

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While there are conflicting reports in Superior as to whether the state has been included in the quarantine resulting from the epidemic of the hoof and mouth disease in the stockyards at Chicago, Dr. F. E. Burnham, city veterinarian and a deputy of the state veterinary department, says that in any case Douglas county and this section of the state has had a narrow escape from losing several thousand dollars through the epidemic.

The movement of cattle in this part of Wisconsin has just closed, he says, and a quarantine for a short period at this time of the year can affect only isolated cases in which individual farmers are getting good dairy cows from the vicinity of Chicago and states that are now suffering from the quarantine. Even such shipments as these have been completed in almost every instance here, he says.

Reports have reached here from Milwaukee and other cities down the state that a quarantine had been established against the shipment of cattle in or out of Wisconsin, but Dr. Burnham says he is confident these reports are unfounded as he has received no word from the state veterinary department. He believes if any such action is taken in this state he will be notified immediately by wire.

"Douglas and the other counties of northwestern Wisconsin are essentially dairy counties, but every fall there are shipments of beef stock to the big market centers and shipments of feeders to be taken by farmers in the corn belt for fattening," the veterinarian said yesterday. "There are also shipments of dairy cattle from the older states into this section every year.

"This fall saw its quota of shipments in both directions. These have just ended and if the quarantine had come a few weeks earlier, even if Wisconsin had escaped, it would have meant losses of large sums to our farmers. As it is, I believe this county at least will escape without damage."

B. Milavitz, a dealer who buys cattle from nearby farmers and sells meat in the city, said last night that so far as his business is concerned, Douglas county has so far escaped all effects of the quarantine. Prices of both live cattle and beef are the same as before the quarantine went into effect, he says, but he fears that the local market may be affected if the quarantine is continued.

Reports that all the Wisconsin prize cattle now being exhibited at the National Live Stock show; worth more than \$3,000,000, had been ordered killed, have been denied.