



FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE.

In view of outbreaks of Foot-and-Mouth Disease having occurred in England, the following description of the Disease is circulated for the information and guidance of farmers and others:—

A contagious and eruptive fever, due to an undiscovered infective agent.

All animals and human beings may suffer from this disease. Cattle, sheep, and pigs are especially liable.

In cattle, sheep, and pigs, the disease begins suddenly, and spreads with alarming rapidity. It is not a very fatal disease, but stock lose condition when attacked.

The temperature rises. The animal smacks its lips and saliva drips from the mouth. Sometimes lameness is the first symptom noticed. In cattle, vesicles (blebs) are found inside the upper lip and on the tongue. The surface under the vesicle is red. The vesicles also appear between the toes and on the teats of the cow. They seldom appear on the body except in the pig. The milk from affected cows conveys the disease to other animals and to human beings. It should be destroyed, or be thoroughly boiled before being used. The flesh of slaughtered animals is harmless and usually fit for food.

In accordance with the Proclamation of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, dated 5th March, 1912, immediate notification of any case of an animal suffering from or showing symptoms of Foot-and-Mouth Disease must be made to the nearest Police Station. A similar notification should be sent at once to the Government Office.

By Order,

B. E. SARGEANT,
Government Secretary.

Government Office,
Isle of Man,
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