

BLACKLEG REGULATIONS.

The following is a summary of the regulations under the Stock Act for the control of blackleg:—

Infected areas are divided into two classes, according to the extent to which they are infected. These are designated by the letters "A" and "B" respectively (the boundaries in the Taranaki and Auckland Districts being duly declared by *Gazette* notice):—

(1.) "Young cattle" means cattle between the ages of fourteen days and eighteen months.

(2.) Removal of any young cattle from an infected area "A" or "B" is prohibited unless such removal is authorized and takes place in accordance with the regulations.

Vaccination of Cattle on certain Lands.

(3.) If the Inspector of Stock is satisfied that blackleg exists on any land wherever situated, or that any land is likely to become infected with blackleg, he may cause the owner to muster all his cattle for inspection and vaccination.

Removal of Young Cattle from an Infected Area "A."

(4.) Any owner desirous of removing from an infected area "A" any young cattle that have not already been vaccinated, or that have been vaccinated more than twenty-one days prior to the date of their proposed removal, must not less than fourteen days and not more than twenty-one days before such removal is intended apply to the Inspector of Stock for the district for a permit to remove the said cattle. Within a reasonable time after the receipt of such application the Inspector will vaccinate such cattle at a time and place as may be arranged. On the expiration of seven days after such vaccination the Inspector may, if satisfied, grant a permit for the removal of the said cattle.

(5.) Any owner desiring to remove from an infected area "A" any young cattle that have been vaccinated within twenty-one days next preceding the date of their proposed removal must apply to the Inspector of Stock for the district for permission to remove such cattle.

(6.) Notwithstanding the foregoing, young cattle may be sent for immediate slaughter to a public abattoir or meat-export slaughterhouse from an infected area "A," subject to the following conditions:—

Every owner must apply to and obtain from the Inspector of Stock for the district a permit to remove such cattle to a specified public abattoir or meat-export slaughterhouse.

No permit will be granted in respect to young cattle from a place on which a case of blackleg has occurred during the six months immediately preceding the date of their proposed removal.

Sale of Young Cattle within an Infected Area "A."

(7.) No young cattle shall be sold or offered for sale in a public saleyard without having first been vaccinated and branded at least seven days previously in the manner provided for in the regulations.

(a.) If it is desired to sell in a public saleyard any young cattle that have not been vaccinated, the owner shall make application within the prescribed period to the Inspector of Stock for the district for such vaccination and branding to be carried out.

(b.) If any young cattle that have not been vaccinated and branded in accordance with paragraph 7 above are found in any yard or on any land or other places where stock are offered for sale, they shall be deemed to be offered for sale in a public saleyard, and the owner of such young cattle shall be deemed to have committed a breach of these regulations, unless such cattle have been brought into such yard or upon such land by order of the Inspector for the purpose of being vaccinated.

Removal of Young Cattle from an Infected Area "B."

(8.) Owners desirous of removing young cattle from an infected area "B" must within the prescribed period first make application to and obtain from the Inspector of Stock for the district a permit to do so. Before granting such permit the Inspector of Stock may, if he considers it desirable or necessary, vaccinate such young cattle, also all other young cattle on the same farm. (It is anticipated that the action will only be necessary in a small proportion of cases.)