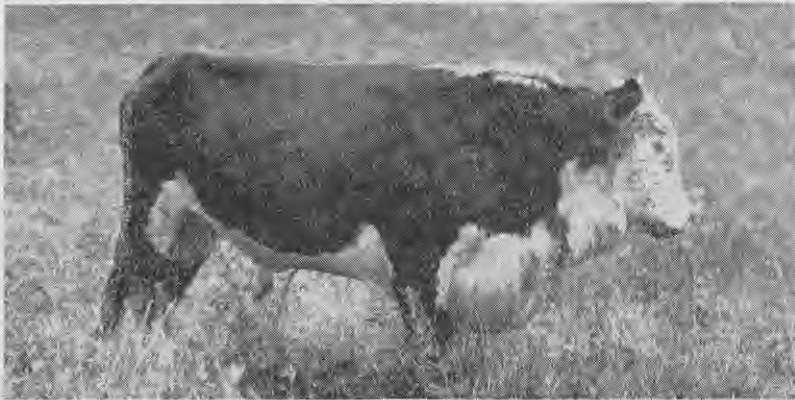


Actinobacillosis in a Bull



ALTHOUGH actinomycosis and actinobacillosis are frequently seen in New Zealand as lumpy jaw and wooden tongue, the case to be described is of interest because of its unusual size and location.

The subject was a five-year-old Hereford bull. The owner first no-

ticed a swelling in the throat in October, 1940. This became progressively larger, and spread down the neck to the brisket. When I inspected the animal in March, 1941, there was a large, firm swelling reaching from the angle of the jaws to the front of the brisket. The animal had fallen away

considerably in condition, and it was decided to destroy it.

Post-mortem examination revealed a large, roughly cylindrical growth some 2 ft. long, and ranging in diameter from 6 to 9 inches, and in the opinion of the writer would weigh about half a hundredweight.

Examination of the growth showed it to be a case of actinobacillosis.

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