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had given the opening address before the Montreal Veterinary College and though

it was unpublished, he is quoted as having spoken as follows:

"The opening lecture of this College was delivered on October 1st, by Professor Wm. Osler, M.D., M.R.C.P.L., before a large and appreciative audience of students, medical men, and veterinary surgeons. The subject chosen was "Comparative Pathology," and being one to which the lecturer had given special attention, more particularly during the past summer - he having been engaged, with Dr. Burdon Sanderson and Dr. Klein, at the Brown Institute in London, specially on this and kindred subjects - a more than ordinary exposition of the present position of this study was expected, and the audience were not disappointed. The Doctor, after defining the

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subject, Pathology, as being the physiology and microscopic anatomy of disease, went on to explain the theories and results of recent investigations of contagium vivum; the discovery of Bacteria in the blood of diseases of the Anthrax variety; the recent discovery of these organisms in the blood in the so-called Hog Cholera, or, as it was more properly named, "Contagious Pneumo-enteritis" by Dr. Klein. The Doctor next referred to the unjust "Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act of 1878," recently passed in England, to come into force on the 1st of January next, by which our cattle trade was to be seriously interfered with, if not ruined. All American cattle, including Canadian, were to be slaughtered at the port of entry. In Canada we have no contagious diseases, and it is manifestly unfair to include our cattle. In the Western States, it is true, they have the Splenic Fever (Texas Fever) and Pneumo-enteritis in pigs. Our Government should lose no time in placing the matter in proper veterinary hands; all outgoing stock should be inspected by qualified inspectors. He referred to the advantages already derived from the quarantine at Point Levis. An animal affected with Hog Cholera arrived, and was detained by Mr. McEachran, the inspector, and thus prevented from spreading a virulent and contagious disease among our stock. The Government should do everything to render the quarantine more efficient. The lecturer concluded his lecture by explaining to the students the nature of their studies; urging them to entertain a high appreciation of scientific study, to be regular in their attendance, to adopt a systematic disposition of their time, and to take advantage of the opportunities afforded them while students here."