

X. Summary

The life and work of the slaughterhouse manager and "Landestierarzt" of Bremen Dr. Christian ELSÄSSER under special consideration of the "Medizinalordnung" and the slaughterhouse of Bremen

This dissertation describes the life and work of the slaughterhouse manager Dr. med. vet. Christian ELSÄSSER.

The first part encloses the detailed biography, while in the second part his performances in the field of slaughterhouse science, state policy as well as his investigations of local intestine anthrax with pigs are represented.

Christian ELSÄSSER was born in 1871 in Hemmingen. He studied veterinary medicine in Stuttgart, and then became practical veterinarian in Murrhardt, assistant in the slaughterhouse of Stuttgart, assistant in the Hygienic Institute of the Veterinary College in Berlin and finally scientific assistant at the Royal Medizinalkollegium in Stuttgart. 1903 he was appointed by the senate of Bremen as leading veterinary of their foreign meat inspection office, 1905 he was part time deputy first veterinarian at the slaughterhouse and in 1909 he became manager of the slaughterhouse and cattle court.

Under ELSÄSSER'S administration emerged the reconstruction and extension of the pig- and cattle-slaughterhouse and especially the equipment system of the pig-slaughterhouse that was developed by him.

The examination results from ELSÄSSER and his assistant led to a change of the meat-inspection regulation law. On the basis of this work, Christian ELSÄSSER was granted promotion as Dr. med. vet. by the Veterinary College in Berlin.

Also by his taking over of the veterinarian police surveillance in the slaughter- and cattle hall, the food monitoring executed in the laboratories and through his function as an advisor of the authorities of Bremen, he created a standardised integrated service under his administration.

The success in his battle for the independence of veterinary work is shown in his appointment as " Bremer Landestierarzt " which made him head of the department of veterinary medicine and member of the presidential department of health service.

After the assumption of power by the NSDAP in 1933, Christian ELSÄSSER was dismissed as slaughterhouse manager and three month later as "Landestierarzt", however, in 1939 he took over the management of the slaughterhouse in Posen. Christian ELSÄSSER died in 1954 in Enzweihingen where he had lived after his flight from Posen in the house of his nephew.