

## Inspection of Cattle.

you will have the goodness to move Mr. Stanhope to cause it to be forwarded to the government of the dominion of Canada, and that that government may be asked whether the statement therein contained is correct, and, if so, that their lordships may be informed as early as convenient what precautions are being taken to guard against the introduction into the Dominion of pleuro-pneumonia, which is alleged to exist in some of the western states.

I am, etc.,

C. L. PEEL.

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The Canadian correspondent of the *Liverpool Journal of Commerce* says that Dr. McEachran, V.S., has returned to Winnipeg from the north-west, where he has been engaged inspecting cattle coming into the territories for ranch purposes.

The cattle were in all cases free from disease, but were not in as good condition generally as in former years owing to the scarcity of grass and water in the United States ranges from which they had come.

About 6,000 head were placed in the Wood Mountain Range and about the same number on the Cypress Hills. Large numbers were also driven to the Macleod district this season.

An experimental flock of 2,000 sheep were likewise placed on a range near Medicine Hat by Mr. W. C. Nicol, who is very sanguine as to his success.

Dr. McEachran expects a large influx of cattle next season, especially if the government see fit to remove the duty at present exacted.

The ranges in Montana and Wyoming are overstocked and a movement of the surplus is almost necessary.

*Mr. Stanhope to Lord Lansdowne.*

DOWNING STREET, 13th January, 1887.

MY LORD,—With reference to previous correspondence respecting the transit of United States cattle through Canada, I have the honour to transmit to you a copy of a further letter on the subject from the council office, and to request that the matter may receive the early attention of your lordship's government.

I have, etc.,

EDWARD STANHOPE.

*Council Office to Colonial Office, Agricultural Department.*

PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE, 44 PARLIAMENT STREET,  
WESTMINSTER, S.W., 10th January, 1887.

The Under Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office.

SIR,—In reference to previous correspondence on the subject of the transit of United States cattle through Canada en route to United States ports, and to the untrucking of cattle in Canada for the purpose of feeding and watering, and also to the importation of cattle from the western states of America into Canada after a certain period of quarantine, I am directed to request that you will call the attention of the Canadian government to the serious and important change in the present sanitary condition of stock in the United States as compared with that which was believed to exist at the time when the privy council sanctioned the importation and transit above referred to.

The recent outbreak of pleuro-pneumonia in Chicago, and the uncertainty as to the extent to which the disease may have spread in the western states, are circumstances which induce their lordships to urge upon the Canadian government the immediate importance of reconsidering the whole of the present regulations relating to the importation and transit of cattle from the United States on the strength of which animals from Canada are now admitted in the United Kingdom without being subject to slaughter or quarantine.