

Inspection of Cattle.

I will now prepare my report at once, as immediate action will be necessary on the part of the Canadian government, not only for the east but more especially the west, as numbers of the yearlings are being shipped from Iowa into Montana.

Yours sincerely,

D. McEACHRAN.

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(Confidential.)

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, OTTAWA, 12th April, 1884.

Prof. ANDREW SMITH,
Toronto.

MY DEAR SIR,—Mr. McEachran is back, and he informs me that it is undoubtedly true that foot and mouth disease prevails in Kansas, Missouri, Iowa and Illinois, in an aggravated form. He has reason for not wishing this fact to be made public immediately, he having an understanding with some of the authorities of the United States to let them make their own announcement. But I think it better at once to inform you in order that you may take such action as you think best with respect to the inspection. McEachran thinks the night inspection should be stopped at once. Mr. Pope also held this view, when he went away, on the reports that reached him in the newspapers of the existence of foot and mouth disease in the west. You will, of course, take such immediate steps as is necessary for safety. Write me your views.

Yours truly,

J. LOWE,

Secretary of Department of Agriculture.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, OTTAWA, 12th April, 1884.

D. McEACHRAN, Esq.,
Montreal.

DEAR McEACHRAN,—I was indeed sorry to read your letter of yesterday *re* foot and mouth disease. I considered it important to communicate the fact to Mr. Hickson in view of his large interest, and to A. Smith, of Toronto, with a caution as to the inspection. But the both confidentially, as you requested.

We must not fool with this matter, and I shall wait with interest for your report.

Yours truly,

J. LOWE,

Secretary of Department of Agriculture.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, 23rd April, 1884.

Professor ANDREW SMITH,
Chief Inspector, Toronto.

DEAR MR. SMITH,—You will receive with this an official letter containing a departmental order not to allow the night inspection of cattle. And this, of course, will remain until you are further advised, or until the existence of foot and mouth disease in the western states is absolutely cleared.

There is also a paragraph in the official letter referring to the strictness of the inspection, and this is put in in view of the information which reached the department during the session, to the effect that Dr. Wright was performing his duties in a perfunctory manner, and actually in some cases giving signed blanks to be filled