

## Inspection of Cattle.

(Private.)

TORONTO, 23rd January, 1883.

J. LOWE, Esq., Sec. Dept. of Agriculture, Ottawa.

DEAR SIR,—Yours *re* Dr. Wright duly received.

Last spring, Mr. Burton, then superintendent of the Great Western Railway, called upon me in regard to inspection of cattle at Windsor, and where he thought there was unnecessary delay. I went to Windsor and Detroit, and found that there was a little trouble between some of the railway officials and Dr. Wright, both perhaps standing a little too much on their dignity. I recommended some alterations which were carried out, and Mr. Burton afterwards expressed to me that the inspection was satisfactory, and performed with facility. Since then I have not heard of any complaints.

Dr. Wright is also an M.D., and I believe is practicing a little in Detroit; and possibly under this consideration the salary he gets is sufficient. However, he has to inspect at two different points widely separated, it requires a considerable portion of his time, and during last winter I believe he was occasionally put to extra trouble, which might have been easily avoided by a little forethought on the part of some of the officials directly in charge. Dr. Wright is an intelligent man, and I have always found him active and obliging.

I will communicate immediately with the superintendent of the Great Western division of the Grand Trunk Railway. Without there was something very wrong, I think it would be a pity to dismiss such an officer as Dr. Wright.

Yours truly,

ANDREW SMITH.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, 23rd January, 1883.

W. WAINWRIGHT, Esq.,

G. T. R. Co., Montreal, P.Q.

DEAR SIR,—I received your letter of the 19th instant, on the subject of Dr. Wright's salary.

We do not ask you to pay him anything over the \$1,200, agreed for any extra services. We only consented to certify for certain extra services in the circumstances I stated to Mr. Hickson. If Dr. Wright's services are not satisfactory or if there is inefficiency in the inspection there can be no objection in your asking another appointment on the facts being shown.

The only point that we wish you to determine is to adjust with the inspectors any payments you desire to make to them for extra services.

Yours truly,

JOHN LOWE,

Secretary of Department of Agriculture.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, 23rd January, 1883.

Prof. A. SMITH,

40 & 42 Temperance Street, Toronto.

DEAR SIR,—Dr. Wright, of Detroit, applied to us for an increase of salary, for extra services and services on Sunday, saying that you had sanctioned such application.

This salary, I should explain to you, is paid by the Grand Trunk Railway Company on our certificate, he being our employee, and appointed upon the understanding however that the salary is to be paid by the railway company.

At the time of the appointment \$1,000 per annum was fixed for the salary and this went on until Dr. Wright was asked to do some work out of the hours for which the railway company agreed to pay him \$200 a year extra and we certified his accounts.