

stock cars that I wish to draw the attention of the Grand Trunk Railway authorities to, which are as follows:—

No.	Initials.	No.	Initials.
1983	National Despatch Line	3000	M. and O.
1945	do	28034	G.T.R., D.D.
1962	do	895	C., G.T.R.
885	C. G. T.	2413	G.T.R., D.D.
7481	G. T. R.	2525	G.T.R.
6155	do	762	C., G.T.R.
523	D. Grand H. and M.	2574	G.T.R., D.D.
		28012	G.T.R., D.D.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

I have the honour to be, sir, your obedient servant,

L. SLATER,  
*Inspector, St. Thomas.*

MONTREAL, 10th January, 1887.

JOHN LOWE, Esq., Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

DEAR SIR,—With further reference to your letter of the 16th December, I beg to say that I have made full inquiry into the subject of your communication, and I learn that there have hitherto been grounds for complaint in respect of the cleaning of cattle cars returning east, but our people say that this was owing principally to the severity of the weather, it being almost impossible to clean these cars thoroughly at a low degree of temperature. This was the case with the train of empty cars referred to by the guardian of the department at St. Thomas.

I have now, however, issued such instructions as will, I am sure, do away with further cause for complaint on the part of the department of agriculture.

I am, dear sir, yours truly,

JOS. HICKSON,  
*General Manager.*

*Mr. Stanhope to Lord Lansdowne.*

DOWNING STREET, 9th December, 1886.

Governor General,

The Most Honourable The MARQUIS OF LANSDOWNE, G.C.M.G., &c., &c., &c.

MY LORD,—I have the honour to transmit to your lordship herewith a copy of a letter from the council office inclosing an extract from *The Mark Lane Express*, of the 29th ultimo, respecting the importation into the North-west Territories of cattle from the United States.

I have to request that you will communicate these papers to your government, and request them to supply the information desired by the lords of the council, as to the precautions taken in Canada to guard against the introduction into the Dominion of pleuro-pneumonia, which is alleged to exist in some of the western states.

I have, etc.,

EDWARD STANHOPE.

*Council Office to Colonial Office, Agricultural Department.*

PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE, 44 PARLIAMENT STREET,  
WESTMINSTER, S.W., 4th December, 1886.

The Under Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office.

SIR,—I am directed by the lords of the council to transmit the accompanying extract from *The Mark Lane Express*, of the 29th November last, and to request that