

Inspection of Cattle.

our depot here, and frequently stock will arrive at one depot, and while Dr. Wright is there inspecting, stock arrives at the other depot, and in such cases the telephone is used, advising the doctor and arranging with him whether or not he can meet the stock at Windsor, and if so, one of the forms signed in blank is filled out, and the stock sent over the river to be inspected there; also, in cases where the doctor inspects the stock at King's yard at west side of the city, he telephones us the number, etc., of cars, stock, which he has inspected, and are coming into the yard to be sent east, and the blank certificates in question are used so that no delays may occur in getting the cars across the river.

You are aware of the impatience of cattle men when even a few minutes are lost in getting their stock sent forward, and if frequent delays of even a-half an hour were to occur, these men would be very apt to seek the route to Buffalo via the Lake Shore Railway. While the practice of having these blank certificates signed to meet such difficulties as I name may not meet the letter of the law, I am sure the spirit of the law is complied with, the stock being inspected at either of the places named above.

Yours respectfully,

JAS. McQUEEN, *Agent.*

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, 27th February, 1890.

J. B. WRIGHT, Esq., M.D.,
Detroit, Mich.

SIR,—I am directed by the minister of agriculture to state to you that, in his opinion, the proper performance of the duties of inspector of United States stock in transit from west to east, from one United States point to another, at the port of Detroit, requires the exclusive services of the officer in charge, and it is further the opinion of the minister that such officer should reside in Canada.

The minister understands that you have removed your residence from Canada to Detroit, that you have undertaken in Detroit the regular practice of the profession of medicine.

The minister has been placed in possession of blank forms of inspection certificates signed by you for the passage of United States cattle, in transit through Canada, in such a way that the officers of the railway companies could themselves fill up such forms, and on the strength of them obtain customs entry.

The minister has very carefully read the information which you have written Mr. Andrew Smith, V.S., in explanation of this practice, and without entering into a discussion of the particular allegations in such letter, I am directed to say to you, that he finds your explanation of the practice, which you admit, to be unsatisfactory.

Upon a consideration of the circumstances connected with this matter, the minister directs that I should request of you to resign the appointment of veterinary stock inspector, which you hold from the department in virtue of the departmental letter dated 27th April, 1880.

I have, etc..

H. B. SMALL,

Secretary of Department of Agriculture.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, 1st March, 1890.

W. WAINWRIGHT, Esq.,
Asst. Gen. Manager, G. T. R. Montreal, Que.

MY DEAR SIR,—I send to you as requested by your letter of the 30th ultimo, one dozen of the forms appointing your conductors in charge of trains carrying United States cattle in transit from west to east, from one United States port to another, quasi officers of this department. I also return you the copy of the form you enclosed, as requested. Kindly send to the department the names of those conductors to whom you address this form constituting a special appointment for the purpose stated.