

TORONTO, 25th September, 1891.

J. LOWE, Esq.,

Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Ottawa, Ont.

MY DEAR SIR,—Yours of the 21st, enclosing Dr. Wright's statements, just received on my return from Montreal. The statements, I believe, are the same as sent to the *Globe*, but the reporter did not show them to me. I never made any such statements as Wright alludes to. If he had not retracted his threats he would have been dismissed. You have also my report of February, 1890, when I visited in Detroit at the request of the department.

The statements have not been published in the *Globe*, as I mentioned to you in my former letter that it would be well to enquire as to the character of the writer before publishing any statements.

I am, my dear sir,

Your obedient servant,

ANDREW SMITH.

SOUTH COLCHESTER, 19th October, 1891.

Hon. Minister of Agriculture.

SIR,—I have read the article written by Dr. J. B. Wright in regard to the inspection of American cattle coming into Canada, and personally looked into the matter, and I find what he says about the subject to be true. As a farmer I am satisfied that it is impossible to make any inspection of cattle and hogs. A short time ago, I, as well as my neighbours, lost a great deal by our hogs dying from cholera, which was no doubt brought into the country by American hogs. I think it is an outrage on the farmers to allow the railways to carry hogs and cattle through the country.

I would like to hear from you on the subject.

Yours truly,

A. B. BRUSH.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, 28th October, 1891.

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SIR,—I have to acknowledge your letter of the 19th instant, referring to an article which you state has been written by Dr. J. B. Wright in regard to the inspection of American cattle coming into Canada. I should feel obliged if you would send to the department a copy of the communication to which you refer, or point out where it may be obtained, in order to enable me to see the precise statements made.

Your letter makes mention of American cattle coming into Canada. They are not allowed simply to come in; only to pass through in transit, in bond, in specially closed cars, which are not allowed to be used for the carrying of Canadian cattle, and which are, in all cases, disinfected before entering Canada again. It is not thought possible that contagious disease can be introduced in this way.

It is the same with regard to hogs. They are only allowed to pass through in transit, in the same way as cattle, and under the same regulations, or to come in for slaughter, when they are only allowed to touch Canadian soil within the enclosures of packing houses, from which they never go out alive.

The department will be glad to obtain from you any particulars in the matter to which you refer, its anxiety being very great to afford all possible protection to Canadian farmers.

I have, etc.,

J. LOWE,

Deputy Minister.