

Inspection of Cattle.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, 10th May, 1882.

C. STIFF, Esq., G. W. R. Co., Hamilton.

MY DEAR SIR,—In reference to that subject of allowing the inspection of cattle after dark I write to you one line confidentially to say that Prof. A Smith, whom we have appointed our general superintendent for Ontario, thinks that in the present circumstances this may be safely done. Prof. Smith has therefore been written to request that the necessary steps may be taken to allow such inspection to take place.

Yours truly,

J. LOWE,
Secretary of Department of Agriculture.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, OTTAWA, 10th May, 1882.

Prof. A. SMITH,

Veterinary Inspector for the province of Ontario, Toronto.

DEAR SIR,—All the inspectors, viz., Messrs. Westell, Wright and Matthews have been informed that you have been appointed veterinary inspector for the whole province of Ontario, and, further, that they are to receive any instructions from you.

I submitted your letter of the 5th inst. for the consideration of the minister and he concurs in your view.

It is better, therefore, at once to take necessary steps to let the Great Western Railway Company have their cattle inspected at night in the same way as at Point Edward so long as you consider this safe. Of course you will give the necessary directions to ensure safety.

Believe me, etc., yours truly,

J. LOWE,
Secretary of Department of Agriculture.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, 8th January, 1883.

J. HICKSON, Esq.,

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

MY DEAR SIR,—The enclosed is a copy of a letter on the subject of the salary of Mr. J. B. Wright, veterinary inspector at Point Edward, which I think it better to refer to you, as it involves some particular and rather complex considerations in relation to the transit of United States cattle through Canada from west to east.

It is better that I should in the first place explain that Mr. Wright sent an account to me to be certified for a larger amount than that agreed to be paid. I declined to do this, and wrote to him for an explanation. He answered in the terms of the copy which I enclose.

The agreement, as you are aware, was that the department of agriculture should appoint and be responsible for the sufficiency of these inspectors for the duties assigned to them. But you and Mr. Broughton, of the Great Western, agreed with the minister of agriculture that you would pay the salaries of these officers if the department appointed them, in order to have put into immediate effect reluctantly granted permission by the imperial authorities to sanction the transit referred to.

It happened that under the working of this arrangement some of your officers agreed with and induced Mr. Westell, V. S., the inspector at Point Edward, to work