

is about to leave for the country. But I have no difficulty in saying to you that I am sure the letter of Dr. Wright is not satisfactory; and in fact it is not even a simple withdrawal of the threats to which it refers, but is based upon an alleged condition precedent, which I do not understand to exist at all; and therefore it is practically nothing, or worse than nothing. I am quite sure that this letter will produce a bad effect on the mind of the minister, and further, that as regards the increased compensation to which he refers for the past, not only will that not be given, but he will not be able to get any agreement of such increase for the future.

I think, in view of all these circumstances, that the breach is too wide to be healed, and that there is nothing left to do but to act on an intimation which I wrote to you in a letter yesterday. I don't think that with Dr. Wright's views it would be in any way possible for him to continue to act as veterinary inspector of this department. No government nor in fact any service, can have relations of that kind with one of their officers.

If this correspondence had been direct with Dr. Wright, I am quite sure it would have been very much more concise. It is, however, decided to defer to your views in as far as that is possible.

Believe me, etc.,

Yours truly,

J. LOWE,

*Secretary of Department of Agriculture.*

DETROIT, 2nd December, 1883.

Dr. SMITH, Toronto.

SIR,—The Grand Trunk Railway authorities having intimated in their letter to me of the 23rd ultimo their desire to deal with government officers as connected with the company in respect to past and future services in a way that would be considered by an impartial referee a right and proper manner, I therefore withdraw the threats contained in my letters and despatches to publish an exposure of their business under government supervision, and their past dealings with government officers doing duty for the company.

Yours truly,

J. B. WRIGHT.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,

OTTAWA, 28th December, 1883.

Prof. ANDREW SMITH,

Veterinary College, Toronto.

DEAR MR. SMITH,—Since writing to you the letter of this day's date, I have read to Mr. Pope the correspondence, and I told him what I had written to you. He says he quite concurs in this, and that there is only now this simple issue if you desire to retain Dr. Wright's services, namely, to ask him simply and unconditionally to withdraw all that he has written and simply go on and mind his business. And if that cannot be done, that you had better act on the authorization given to you already, and get somebody else in his place, telling him his services are no longer required.

If this action is taken it will be necessary for you to communicate with the member for the county, Mr. J. C. Patterson, Windsor, as to the selection of another man. Mr. Patterson should have the nomination, and you the decision as to the competency of the nominee. For the rest, in as far as Dr. Wright's threats are concerned, I would not take any notice of them whatever. Let him do simply as he likes.

Believe me, &c.,

Yours truly,

J. LOWE,

*Secretary of Department of Agriculture.*