

Dr. Wright is now asking that the work be done, and says that if it is not done the government may stop the night inspection and compel night stock to wait until daylight.

I had a talk with the doctor to find out where the shoe was pinching, and find that he feels sore over not being paid for the night work. I need not go into the history of the case, which is all known to you. I found out that he would be satisfied if he got one-half as much for the night work as is paid by the Michigan Central to Dr. Matthews. He would be satisfied if \$25 per month were paid him for the night service, and that he would not then press the electric light question, which otherwise will be enforced.

I find it will cost \$30 to put three lights up, and \$25 per month each to maintain them, which is three times as much as the doctor asks.

We cannot well get along in a fight with him, and I would recommend that his salary be increased to \$125 per month.

Yours truly,

R. W. REYNOLDS.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, 15th October, 1883.

Prof. ANDREW SMITH,

40-42 Temperance street, Toronto, Ont.

SIR,—I am to enclose you herewith a copy of a letter of the 11th inst., from Mr. J. B. Wright, cattle inspector, Windsor, asking that lights be provided at night for cattle inspection purposes. I am to request that you will report to this department your views on the subject, and state if you deem it advisable that his request be carried out.

I have, etc.,

H. B. SMALL,

*For Secretary of Dept. Agriculture.*

WINDSOR, 11th. October, 1883.

To the Hon. Minister of Agriculture, Ottawa.

SIR,—When Professor Smith was here last spring, he pointed out to the Grand Trunk Railway authorities the necessity of having proper lights provided for the inspection of stock at night. I have frequently spoken to the proper authorities to have his directions carried out in regard to the lights, but they intimate that they do not intend to put up the lights, as he directed.

Under the circumstances I thought it my duty to say that unless the electric lights are provided, it will be impossible for me to satisfactorily carry out the regulations for the inspection of United States cattle intended for transport through Canada.

I remain, sir, your obedient servant,

J. B. WRIGHT.

WINDSOR, 14th November, 1883.

To the Hon. Minister of Agriculture, Ottawa.

SIR,—I respectfully beg leave to again call your attention to the necessity of directing that proper lights be provided for the inspection of United States cattle intended for transit through Canada. It is utterly impossible to make so satisfactory inspection as to insure the interest against the danger the regulations are intended to protect. At best inspection by artificial lights would afford but a minimum safety, and whether under the circumstances the night inspection should be continued.

I remain, yours most respectfully,

J. B. WRIGHT,

*Inspector for Department.*