

Inspection of Cattle.

in bond, in sealed cars, numbered as per accompanying transit report, through Canada by the Grand Trunk Railway Company.

J. B. WRIGHT, M.D., V.S.,

Inspector of the Dept. of Agriculture.

Dated at Windsor,

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(Specimen of blank certificate signed by Dr. J. B. Wright.)

VETERINARY COLLEGE, TORONTO, ONT., 17th February, 1890.

To the HON. JOHN CARLING, Minister of Agriculture, Ottawa.

SIR,—According to your request, on Friday and Saturday of last week, I visited Point Edward and Detroit, in regard to Mr. J. B. Wright, veterinary inspector for the western division of the Grand Trunk Railway, who inspects at two places, viz., the Wabash and the Detroit and Milwaukee railroads, the points of inspection being distant from each other about one and one-half miles. At the offices of the Detroit and Milwaukee road, I got several blank forms signed by Mr. Wright, who made no secret of it, and stated that it was done to facilitate traffic, and whilst admitting that it was wrong to sign any blank forms, he affirms that the inspection was performed. His explanation is, that whilst inspecting at the Wabash yard, there were also cars at the Detroit and Milwaukee road; the forms were filled in; the cattle sent over to Windsor, and he went direct from the Wabash yard to Windsor and made his inspection there.

I called upon Mr. McQueen, the agent of the Detroit and Milwaukee road, and asked him how he came to allow blank forms to be signed. I requested Mr. McQueen to give me a written explanation, which he has promised to do, and so soon as I receive it I will forward to you.

As to the removal of animals from the cars, and inspecting in that manner, it would almost put a stop to traffic, and as Mr. Lowe is aware, some years ago, it was decided to inspect cattle in the cars, and so far this method has been successful.

I have requested Dr. Wright to send me what explanation he has to make. I have written Mr. Lowe, inclosing a letter of 31st December, 1883.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

ANDREW SMITH.

TORONTO, 17th February, 1890.

J. LOWE, Esq., Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

DEAR SIR,—I inclose a letter which Dr. Wright signed, December 31st, 1883. In dealing with the present trouble, it is possibly better for the Hon. Mr. Carling not to bring up the trouble of 1883, as it was disposed of in the time of the late Hon. Mr. Pope. You had better retain the inclosed paper.

When I was in Detroit I mentioned to Dr. Wright that the signing of blank forms was a very serious matter. He affirmed, however, that he can give a satisfactory explanation. I think it would be desirable to have all the inspectors immediately under the control of the department, as regards payment of salary, and I will be able in a few days to send a statement of the number of cattle and swine passing through and inspected during the last six months, ending December 31st.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

ANDREW SMITH.

TORONTO, 31st December, 1883.

To Dr. SMITH, Toronto.

SIR,—I beg to apologize for what I have said and written in respect to inspection of stock at Windsor and Detroit, and the course I have taken in regard to the Grand Trunk Railway Company, and I hereby withdraw unconditionally anything