

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, 13th April, 1882.

J. B. WRIGHT, Esq., Veterinary Inspector, Windsor, Ont.

SIR,—I am to inform you that Prof. Andrew Smith, V. S., of Toronto, has been appointed by order in council veterinary inspector of the Dominion government for the province of Ontario.

You will therefore receive from him from time to time, any suggestions or instructions respecting the entry and inspection of cattle from the United States in transit through the Dominion.

I have, &amp;c.,

J. LOWE,  
*Secretary of Department of Agriculture.*

N.B.—All letters marked "P" are personal and informal letters, and are not taken from official correspondence.

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2nd May, 1882.

Prof. A. SMITH, V. S., Ont. Vet. College, Toronto.

DEAR SIR,—I enclose to you, herewith, confidentially, a letter of Mr. J. C. Paterson, M.P., together with enclosure of a letter from Mr. Kingsmill to him which you will please read confidentially and afterwards return to me as soon as convenient. It is desired to get a confidential report from you on the request, and the point to ascertain is whether the night inspection requested could, with safety, be performed. I may tell you further that such night inspection is made by Westell at Sarnia; as Westell told me with his own lips—he did, and that he found it satisfactory, especially in the present state of things. No action has yet been taken either to stop Westell or to give instructions at Windsor to do the same thing.

It is the strong desire of the minister not to take any step which would prove to be a hindrance to trade but he does not desire to run the risk of any unnecessary danger.

Would you let me hear from you as soon as convenient and

Believe me yours truly,

J. LOWE,  
*Secretary of Department of Agriculture.*

TORONTO, 5th May, 1882.

J. LOWE, Esq., Sec., Dept. of Agriculture, Ottawa.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to yours of the second just received, I have to state that night inspection at Point Edward appears to work well. The company have the yards fitted with large lamps, and inspection can be safely and easily made. I think the same might be done at Windsor and Amherstburg if arrangements were made similar to those at Point Edward.

It would not be advisable to appoint anyone as assistant inspector except a regularly qualified veterinary surgeon. If an assistant is really necessary a qualified man can be got to act.

Mr. Burton of the Great Western Railway called the other day in regard to inspection at Windsor thinking that Mr. Wright occasionally caused a little unnecessary delay. I promised to attend to the matter and will go to Windsor and may possibly stimulate Mr. Wright if there is unnecessary delay. I believe shippers complain when cattle are detained over a whole night.

If Mr. Wright and Mr. Matthews are not already notified of my appointment as general inspector, it would be well for you to notify them immediately.

There are over 30 head of cattle in quarantine now. I have given instructions to Mr. Westell to enclose a couple of paddocks at quarantine buildings. The whole grounds should be fenced in immediately.

I am, dear sir, yours truly,

ANDREW SMITH.