

The question was not of the admission of these animals into Canada to mix with Canadian animals, but of allowing them simply to pass through in bonded cars, remaining only a few hours in our territory.

11. That the inspector just looked through the door of the car, and, therefore, in daylight could at the best only see the feet of about half the cattle, and at night not at all.

The allegation under this head is in part answered by the preceding statements of this memorandum. I may further add that if Dr. Wright described his own practice in this statement, his inspection was very much more perfunctory than the department had reason to believe it to be, and is a further justification of the final action taken by the minister of agriculture in relation of the non-retention of his services.

14. That after the inspection at night was verbally ordered by Dr. Smith, acting for the government, he, Dr. Wright, wrote in October, 1883, to say that as animals could not be seen at night, it was utterly impossible to inspect them, and that he never received any reply to his letter.

16. That professor Smith, chief of the veterinary staff of the Dominion government for Ontario, said to him (Dr. Wright) in Toronto, that he, Professor Smith, could make the inspection and sit in his office in Toronto as well as he could by standing alongside of the car in Port Huron or Detroit. That the inspection as made is of no value whatever.

The two preceding allegations in so far as they relate to Professor Smith have been communicated to him, and he utterly denies that there is any truth in them. I have to add that they are at utter variance with any representations which Dr. Smith ever made to the department, and I, therefore, have no difficulty in coming to the conclusion of attaching credence to his statement in preference to that of Dr. Wright's; I attach Mr. Smith's letter containing his own statement on the subject. Other points of the remarks under these numbers, 14 and 16, have been answered in the preceding statements herein.

3. That Dr. Wright made objections, but afterwards acquiesced on an understanding that he should receive more pay.

4. That he was subsequently sent for by Mr. Smith, and informed that the minister of agriculture was much annoyed at the threatening position, which he, Dr. Wright, had taken.

5. That Mr. Smith told him he must make a written apology for having threatened to publish anything regarding the inspections, but that he, Dr. Wright, replied: "I told him I would not do so."

6. That Dr. Wright then read the proposed article, and got up to leave the office when Mr. Smith requested him to "hold on," and promised him that a little later the government would comply with his demands, on condition of giving a written retraction of the threat to publish anything, and that he would get extra pay the same as other inspectors.

7. That Mr. Smith then wrote out what he thought would be satisfactory to the government about withdrawing the threat to publish, etc., and that he (Dr. Wright) signed it.

The several allegations of Dr. Wright under the numbers of the *precis* above given have reference to his personal relations with the department, the Grand Trunk and Professor Andrew Smith, of Toronto, under whose direction Mr. Wright was placed by the late minister, Mr. Pope, in his capacity as chief quarantine inspector for the department in the province of Ontario. I think the best answer to the erroneous and untrue statements of Dr. Wright is by the actual correspondence in relation to them, appended to this report.

In the winter of 1883, Mr. Wainwright of the Grand Trunk Railway Company showed me a *liasse* of correspondence which he has probably yet in his possession, revealing one of the most outrageous attempts to levy blackmail which I ever saw. I told Mr. Wainwright that the whole correspondence was grossly irregular, and I told him his company should not have entertained a correspondence of that nature with an officer of the department. I also told him that he must not in future have any correspondence with Dr. Wright in relation to his (Dr. Wright's) duties, but refer all such matters to the department.