

## Inspection of Cattle.

take place without danger, and it was on this ground, and on Prof. Smith's opinion, that the original restriction made by the department was relaxed.

There is the further point that the consent of the imperial authorities to this transit arrangement was given with great reluctance, and I do not think that it is yet regarded with any favour.

I thought it better just to inform you thus generally of the facts lying on the surface of this question, in addition to informing you of the measures taken by this department. There is only one further point. It should never be lost sight of that Dr. Wright and all the other inspectors are appointees of the department and not of the Grand Trunk, the arrangement to pay salaries being between the Grand Trunk Railway Company and the department. And this condition arose from the special nature of the service and the fact of the department having taken no vote to pay it. But it follows as a consequence, that you are not in a position to enter into treaty with Dr. Wright or any others of the inspectors as regards the rate of pay, or in fact any of the questions which arise in this Wright correspondence. In all matters of this kind, I don't think that you should enter into controversy with our officers, but simply refer them to this department. It was therefore that I asked you in my telegram of this day's date to inform Dr. Wright that he would receive his answer through Professor Smith, his official superior in Ontario.

Believe me, etc., yours truly,

J. LOWE,

*Secretary of Department of Agriculture.*

(Telegram.)

HAMILTON, 24th December, 1883.

W. WAINWRIGHT.

Has anything been done about Dr. Wright? He has just notified live stock agent at Detroit that he does not intend to pass any more stock after dark, which will injure our business.

C. STIFF.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, OTTAWA, 27th December, 1883.

Prof. ANDREW SMITH,

40 & 42 Temperance Street, Toronto.

MY DEAR SIR,—Mr. Wainwright sends to the department a telegram from Mr. Stiff to the effect that Dr. Wright has given notice that he will not inspect or pass any more live stock after dark. I have shown this to the minister, and he finds that this is not a position in which the department can be placed. As our employee, Dr. Wright has no business to give any messages of this kind to Mr. Stiff. His only communication on matters of this kind is with the department, either direct or through you. The latter would be very much better.

The minister further finds that it would be very much better that you should notify Dr. Wright that he must be removed as we cannot go on in this way. Please advise me of your action on this letter.

Believe me, etc., yours truly,

J. LOWE,

*Secretary of Department of Agriculture.*

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, 28th December, 1883.

Prof. ANDREW SMITH,

Veterinary College, Toronto.

DEAR MR. SMITH,—I have received this afternoon your letter of the 26th instant, marked "private," covering a copy of Dr. Wright's letter to you dated on the 2nd. I have not yet had an opportunity of showing Mr. Pope this correspondence, and he