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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, 7th December, 1887.

W. WAINWRIGHT, Esq., G. T. R. Co., Montreal.

DEAR SIR,—As requested in the correspondence forwarded by you to the minister of agriculture relative to the inspection of cattle arriving during the night on the western frontier, I have to inform you that an order has been sent to Professor Andrew Smith, the chief veterinary inspector of this department, for Ontario, instructing him to direct all the veterinary inspectors at the ports of Windsor, Amherstburgh and Sarnia, not to make any detention of cattle at whatever hour arriving but on the contrary at once to inspect them, as was the case previous to the suspension of the practice by the departmental letter dated April, 1884.

Believe me, etc., yours truly,

J. LOWE,

Secretary of Department of Agriculture.

MONTREAL, 9th December, 1887.

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

MY DEAR SIR,—I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 7th inst., in regard to inspection of cattle at frontier points, and I am very much obliged for the action that has been taken in the matter.

Yours truly,

W. WAINWRIGHT,

Assistant Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, OTTAWA, 7th February, 1890.

W. WAINWRIGHT, Esq., Assistant Man., G.T.R. Co., Montreal.

DEAR MR. WAINWRIGHT,—I think it well to say to you that we have received an intimation from our veterinary officers that the regulations governing the free transport of cattle, in relation to the cleansing and disinfecting of return cars, are not enforced. It is alleged that cars are usually returned unclean and without disinfection, and further, that cars employed in carrying United States cattle are often to be found at way-stations in Ontario, although they are marked with a large "V."

There is reason at the present time for increased stringency rather than any relaxation. It may become necessary, in order to prevent Canada from being placed on the scheduled list in the United Kingdom, to prohibit altogether for a time, the importation of cattle into Canada. The department is, however, of the opinion that the transit traffic may be allowed if the regulations in relation to it are strictly enforced, but if they are not, and this privilege should be objected to by the imperial authorities, the railway companies would have themselves to blame if they lost the transit privilege.

Believe me, etc., yours truly,

J. LOWE,

Deputy Minister.

CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have inspected, under the authority of the Health of Animals order in council

in the yard of the Grand Trunk Railway Company at Windsor, and that I find them to be free from disease; the said animals being intended to be forwarded in transit