

*(Telegram.)*

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, 24th August, 1885.

L. J. SEARGEANT.

Matter was referred to Prof. A. Smith with instructions to afford your company all facilities he considered safe.

J. LOWE.

*Secretary of Department of Agriculture.**(Confidential.)*

TORONTO, 28th August, 1885.

JOHN LOWE, Esq., Ottawa, Ont.

DEAR SIR,—I went to Detroit on Monday and saw the inspectors and also Mr. Spicer, Grand Trunk Railway. Dr. Wright is inclined to be troublesome as there has always been a feeling between him and the Grand Trunk officials.

There is a disease among hogs in some parts of the county of Essex and Mr. Grenside, V.S., of the agricultural college at Guelph, was up there and made some examinations on the part of the Ontario government. He informs me that he met with swine fever in the townships of Anderdon, Malden and Colchester, and it is said to have existed for some little time, and one supposed cause is that it originated from the carcasses of hogs that had floated down the Detroit river. The cause is, however, by no means clear, and possibly the disease may not be very serious.

If it should be necessary either to quarantine or stamp out affected cases, whether will the action come under the province of the Dominion or of the local government?

I telegraphed you this a.m. that inspection may go on as formerly until further notice. New stock-yards are being built on the outskirts of Detroit city, and will soon be ready, where hogs can be unloaded if considered necessary. I can easily understand the great inconvenience and loss to railways when unnecessary delays take place in transportation of stock, and I am endeavouring to look to all interests, and at the same time to do what is safe for our own stock.

I am, dear sir, etc.,

ANDREW SMITH.

*(Telegram.)*

MONTREAL, 3rd September, 1885.

JOHN LOWE, Esq.

Understood from your message that Dr. Wright had received proper instructions. We had serious detention during last night. Is this to continue? If so it will simply ruin the business through Canada.

W. WAINWRIGHT.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, 4th September, 1885.

Prof. SMITH, Toronto.

Wainwright, Grand Trunk Railway Company, telegraphs, Dr. Wright again caused serious detention last night to extent of ruining this traffic in Canada if continued. Minister thinks you should give prompt order.

J. LOWE,

*Secretary of Department of Agriculture.*