

Inspection of Cattle.

altogether satisfactorily done, and I have been at work for some time to see what remedy could be applied to meet your wishes.

Some time ago it was suggested that the government agent, with the approval of the department of agriculture, should take the cleaning of these cars into his own hands, and I think our superintendent and the superintendent of the Michigan Central have now arrived at a fair solution of the difficulty.

The proposition now is, therefore, to have these cars cleaned on the Canadian side, so that as soon as they are unloaded they can be immediately returned to Fort Erie, and, after being cleansed, be sent west. It is proposed that this work should be taken out of our hands, and that we should pay the government agent so much per car for the service. In order to do this a suitable location at Fort Erie is necessary, upon which a track will have to be built, capable of holding about 50 cars, which will cost, say, some \$2,500. Our superintendent tells me that both he and the superintendent of the Michigan Central understand from your representative that the department will not offer any objection to the scheme, and I shall be glad to hear from you.

I enclose you a letter from the superintendent of the Michigan Central Railway, showing you that they are in accord with this arrangement, but if you think it desirable, he would go to Ottawa, along with the representative of this company, in order to place the matter before you.

Kindly return me the enclosed letter with your reply, after you have looked into the question.

Yours truly,

W. WAINWRIGHT,
Asst. Gen. Manager.

MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILWAY COMPANY,

St. THOMAS, Ont., 14th March, 1891.

CHAS. STIFF, Esq.,
Superintendent G.T.R., Hamilton.

DEAR SIR,—Referring to our meeting with Mr. John Smith, at Fort Erie, last Thursday.

Will you please write to the minister of agriculture, or at least make application to the minister of agriculture at Ottawa, asking permission to have our cattle or stock cars cleaned at Fort Erie through the hands of Mr. Jno. Smith. If he grants this permission, we have a track, as you are aware of, and one for your company could be very easily put in as there is no grading to do, which would leave 50 feet between the two tracks to throw all the manure. You might say to the minister of agriculture that this company would be glad to have their cars cleaned at Fort Erie. This location is near the river front, and I cannot see where any harm could come through it.

Very truly,

J. B. MORFORD,
Div. Supt.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, 22nd April, 1891.

W. WAINWRIGHT, Esq.,
Assistant Gen. Manager, G. T. R., Montreal.

MY DEAR SIR,—I duly received your letter of the 13th instant, with enclosure from Mr. Morford of the Michigan Central, on the subject of cleansing cattle cars. The matter is one of much importance, and I am glad to see the interest which this letter manifests. There is, however, some question in relation to the particular proposals, in view of the terms of the order in council which now forms a part of the consolidated and revised orders in council of Canada, published in volume form. The terms of that order actually prohibit the crossing of the frontier by cars which have carried United States stock before disinfection. I am, however, very far from