Inspection of Cattle.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, 6th September, 1884.

Jos. Hickson, Esq., General Manager, G.T. R., Montreal.

SIR,—I am to inform you that authentic information has reached this department to the effect that the disease of pleuro-pneumonia prevails in the state of Illinois. This serious fact has, of course, an important bearing upon the arrangements respecting the transit of neat cattle by your railroad system from western to eastern points in the United States.

As a present and immediate step, it is desired that the regulations which were agreed upon in April, 1880, should be with the greatest strictness carried out, and special instructions given to all those of your conductors who are also named officers of this department for the purpose of acting as guardians, to intensify as much as possible their observance of the duties under the printed regulations referred to.

Perhaps you will have the goodness to furnish to the department a list of the

names of those of your conductors who are placed in charge of cattle trains.

I have, &c.,

J. LOWE,

Secretary of Department of Agriculture.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, 8th September, 1884.

J. B. WRIGHT, Windsor.

SIR,—I have to inform you that authentic information has reached the department respecting the fact of the existence of the disease of pleuro-pneumonia in the state of Illinois.

It is, therefore, desired that the inspection of cattle at the points where you are stationed should be made extremely rigorous, so as to prevent, if possible, the entrance of this disease even in transit through Canada.

I have, etc.

J. LOWE,

Secretary of Department of Agriculture.

(Telegram.)

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, 21st August, 1885.

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

Will refer question in your telegram to Prof. Andrew Smith with instructions to order least possible detention.

J. LOWE,

Secretary of Department of Agriculture.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, 21st August, 1885.

J. Hiokson Esq., Gen. Manager, G. T. R. Co., Montreal, Que.

SIR,—I have to inform you that Mr. Westell, V. S., inspector at Point Edward, of cattle in transit through Canada from west to east by your trains, who was suspended for inattention to duty, will be reinstated on the 1st proximo.

The duties of Mr. Cumming, V.S., acting inspector, will therefore cease on

that date.

I have, etc.,

J. LOWE,

Secretary of Department of Agriculture.