

absurd farce, and that Prof. Smith, of Toronto, recently (February, 1890) admitted to me, in a conversation I had with him in the Russell House, Detroit, about these regulations and systems of inspection, that they were of no value, as an animal infected with contagious disease could not be detected.

J. HAWKINS, V.S.

Subscribed and sworn to before me,
this 25th day of March, 1890.

HOMER A. FLINT,

Notary Public, Wayne Co., Mich.

State of Michigan, }
County of Wayne. } S.S.

I do hereby solemnly swear that the foregoing instrument is a true copy of the original.

NELLIE M. HANBY,

Notary Public, Wayne Co., Mich.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, 4th September, 1891.

Prof. ANDREW SMITH,

40 Temperance Street, Toronto.

DEAR MR. SMITH,—I have received your letter of the 3rd instant, in reference to a report which Dr. Wright, as you have ascertained from a *Globe* reporter, sent to the press. I think the answer you gave to the reporter was judicious, and that it would not be in the public interest that the paper of Dr. Wright should be published. Still, it has no terrors for the department, and will not stand the touch of criticism. It is a tissue of misrepresentation. I will in a few days send you a copy and also a memorandum in reply. In the meantime I would feel obliged if you would inform me if anything appears in the press about it, and send me copies of anything.

Your letter reminds me that I owe you an apology for having omitted to inform you that Dr. Wright is not now in the service of the department. What happened was that he was told that if he desired to continue in the employ of the department, he would have to take up his residence at Windsor, and form part of the inspecting staff, for which he would be paid a salary of \$1,200 per annum. He has not accepted this and hence the letter which he has sent to the press. I will have a copy of all the papers made in relation to these changes so as fully to inform you. The action was taken three or four days ago, but we have been so intensely busy in the department that I have not had time yet to communicate with you.

Believe me, etc.,

J. LOWE,

Deputy Minister.

MEMORANDUM.

I have to make the following remarks in relation to the allegations by Dr. J. B. Wright, of Detroit, in a communication addressed to the minister of agriculture, dated the 2nd September, 1891.

These allegations are numerous and are all mixed up with his remarks on them. I have, therefore, for convenience and shortening my statements in reply made a *precis* of them, numbered in the order in which they appear. I shall make my reply in the order of sequence of subjects, while retaining the numbers in order of the allegations.

Those numbered from one to eight inclusive, are in the form of a general letter intended for the newspapers; those numbered from nine to seventeen inclusive, are sworn statements.

The following order to the subject of night inspection:—

1. That the instructions to inspectors from the department of agriculture in 1880, were, that the inspection should be only made during the hours of daylight.

9. That an order in council was passed on April 23rd, 1880, to permit the transit of United States cattle through Canada, on conditions that on arrival on the frontier