

up. I do not report this to you officially, as my informant, for personal reasons, did not desire me to use his name, but merely for the purpose of calling your attention to the allegation.

Believe me, etc., yours truly,

JOHN LOWE,
Secretary of Department of Agriculture.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, 23rd April, 1884.

Prof. ANDREW SMITH,
Chief Inspector, Toronto, Ont.

SIR,—I have an instruction from the minister of agriculture to inform you that in view of the reports which have been received from the western states relating to the presence of foot and mouth disease it is considered advisable to suspend the night inspection.

Will you have the goodness, therefore, to give the necessary orders to the inspectors at Windsor, Amherstburg and Sarnia.

It would be further advisable that you should call the attention of the inspectors to the fact that the greatest strictness in inspection is necessary.

I have, etc.,

J. LOWE,
Secretary of Department of Agriculture.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, OTTAWA, 23rd April, 1884.

Jos. HICKSON, Esq.,
Manager G.T.R. Co., Montreal.

MY DEAR SIR,—In view of the fact of the existence of foot and mouth disease in the western states, it has been considered necessary to give orders not to continue the inspection at night of stock.

In the absence of taking the more extreme step of cancelling the regulations which permit the transit, it will occur to you that it is necessary for us to cause a strict carrying out of the rules of inspection.

The step that is now found necessary to take will, probably, prove less inconvenient than it would have been during the shorter days of winter.

If, therefore, you could give such directions as would ensure the arrival of the trains within the hours of daylight, it would be an advantage.

Believe me, &c.,

Yours truly,

JOHN LOWE,
Secretary of Department of Agriculture.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, OTTAWA, 6th September, 1884.

Jos. HICKSON, Esq., Montreal.

DEAR MR. HICKSON,—You will receive with this an official letter asking an intensifying of care under the regulations agreed upon for the transit of neat cattle from west to east by your railway.

The undoubted existence of pleuro-pneumonia now in Illinois, has imported a new fact into our relations with the imperial privy council. It is desired not to injure this traffic any more than possible, but I am sure that a very strict observance of the regulations agreed upon will be the single condition of the continuance of the traffic, if, indeed, the imperial privy council will now agree to this.

Believe me, &c.,

Yours truly,

J. LOWE,
Secretary of Department of Agriculture.