

the next preceding paragraph including the services of additional veterinary surgeons should be defrayed from the respective appropriations at the disposal of the Minister of Agriculture for quarantine, and of the Minister of the Interior for immigration. The proportions in which the expenditures should be allotted to the respective Departments, it is impossible at the present time to indicate, but the Sub-Committee are satisfied that the Minister of Agriculture and the Minister of the Interior will have no difficulty in arriving at an equitable adjustment of this question.

The Sub-Committee report that a verbal arrangement was arrived at between Mr. A. M. Burgess, Deputy Minister of the Interior, and Mr. George Olds, the Traffic Manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway, in Montreal, on Saturday, 25th February ultimo, to the effect that the company will do whatever may be possible on their part to assist in carrying this scheme into successful operation, including the furnishing of the 125 acres proposed to be utilized at Gretna, and it was specifically agreed that settlers' cattle, brought in by way of Gretna, destined for points in Manitoba, the North-west Territories and British Columbia, which previously were booked direct to the point of destination, will be forwarded by the company from Gretna to Estevan, as the case may be (after the expiration of the ninety days' quarantine) at the same rate as if the carload had first gone direct to the point of destination. It was, however, understood between Mr. Burgess and Mr. Olds that in regard to any animals carried to the Quarantine Station at Estevan as settlers' effects which might be released before the completion of the Pasqua branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway and which might be destined for points west of Brandon, the Government would, by aid of the North-west Mounted Police, unless the owner of the cattle objected to undertake to drive the animals across the country by easy stages to the nearest station on the Canadian Pacific Railway, so as to save the very long extra haul which would be involved if the Railway Company were compelled to carry them eastward by the Souris branch to Kenmay and back again to Pasqua by the main line.

The Committee concurring in the above report recommend its adoption.

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