

(Private.)

MONTREAL, 23rd Nov., 1883.

JOHN LOWE, Esq.,
Ottawa, Ont.

MY DEAR SIR,—I have your message in regard to Dr. Wright. I wired him asking it he did not propose to wait until he received an answer to his letter. I did this on receiving a letter from him addressed to Mr. Hickson, that the matter of inspecting cattle after dark would be brought up in parliament next year if his demands were not acceded to. I enclose a copy of his reply to my message, which I should like you to read.

I am not anxious to do anything which will compromise the proper conduct of the business of the country, but, at the same time, I am quite sure my general manager will not feel willing to submit to dictation of this kind.

I have already told you that whatever the department consider this company should pay for Dr. Wright's services, we shall not demur to; but threats of this kind should not be tolerated, and I send this to you privately that you may deal with the matter as you deem best, and tell me quickly what position this company shall take.

I have already advised Dr. Wright that we cannot deal with him excepting through the department.

Yours faithfully,

W. WAINWRIGHT.

DETROIT, MICH., 24th November, 1883.

JOS. HICKSON, Esq.

DEAR SIR,—I know you will excuse me sending you the despatch to-night respecting Dr. Wright. I saw an article written by him (I have it in my possession now) that would raise alarm in Canada and prevent the transportation of United States stock through Canada. This would be a serious matter.

It appears that Dr. J. B. Wright at Windsor does not get as much salary as Dr. Westell at Sarnia or Dr. Matthews at Sandwich (Canada Southern Railway). They have, I think, \$150 a month. Wright has \$100, thinks that an attempt is being made to remove him, and that some of the Great Western Railway officials (either at London or Hamilton) do not, he thinks, treat him reasonably fair, and that while he may lose his position as veterinary inspector at Windsor for the government through the Great Western Railway officials, he may cause the Canadian railways to lose the through live stock business.

I thought you might send for him; hear his grievance; satisfy yourself as to his wrongs. I hear no more of "danger in transporting through stock"—and "injury to farming interests in Canada"—that is easily started but not so easily allayed.

I do not like the spirit of the man, but he should be seen to and you could do it. He does not know I have written.

Respectfully yours,

W. K. MUIR.

(Telegram.)

WINDSOR, 26th November, 1883.

J. HICKSON.

Your letter received this morning. Original manuscript of article referred to handed Mr. Spicer here yesterday and written statement of terms upon which I will settle, which if not accepted and the money paid by Friday, I will mail it for publication.

J. B. WRIGHT.