

Inspection of Cattle.

(The enclosed letter mentioned above.)

DETROIT, 17th August, 1888.

C. STIFF, Esq.,
Supt. G. W. Division, G. T. R., Hamilton.

SIR,—Some of your employees have forged my name to stock certificates. I have them in my possession.

Yours truly,

J. B. WRIGHT,
Inspector for Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, OTTAWA, 17th April, 1890.

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MY DEAR SIR,—Adverting to a conversation I had recently with you in the department on the subject of the regulations for the transit of cattle by your trains, from west to east, I think it well to say to you that information continues to reach the department to the effect that the regulations which were established are not by any means being carried out, and this is in the face of the fact of the increasing stringency of the imperial regulations and the distrust with which the transit arrangement has always been regarded.

If you cause an examination to be made at Lyn, you will find that that station is not by any means kept up to the agreement. On the contrary, the second outer fence, which was built under stipulation to take a *cordon* of vacant ground around the inner board fence of the resting station for cattle is entirely dilapidated and in many places broken down, the object of this essential provision being thus entirely defeated.

It was a part of the regulations to which you agreed that the manure and offal made within the enclosure should be removed and burned or otherwise destroyed on the spot. The department is informed that such manure is now used for fertilizing the neighbouring fields and it appears to be a fact that anthrax is specially and particularly prevalent in the locality.

I send to you, herewith, a printed copy of the regulations established by order in council, to which your railway particularly and specifically agreed.

The department was furnished a little while ago with a printed newspaper report, from Toronto, of the York county council, in which a resolution was passed in the following terms:—

“That, in the opinion of this council, it would be very injurious to the farmers of Canada for the Dominion government to allow American cattle to pass over our Canadian line for exportation to the old country; and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Dominion government.”

The mover of the resolution is said to have said in support of it, that “American cattle are being sent to the old country in the same cars and ships that Canadian cattle are sent in, it being a well-known fact that there are many contagious diseases existing among American cattle.” There may have been inaccuracy in this statement, but it appeared to have been received by the council as correct, and the resolution was passed by a large majority. A publication of statements of this kind is certainly not free from danger, for one reason: because such statements are always, without exception, re-copied in the English newspapers, and tend to create prejudice.

I may say to you further, that an application was recently made to the government to have the transit privilege extended to an importation to slaughter in bond, at some point in the province of Quebec. The application involved precisely the same principle as the present transit arrangement. It could be theoretically defended as being free from danger to Canadian cattle, and regulations could be framed which would make such protection certain, but there is danger in respect to all such regu-