

He now tells us that he wants the same salary as Mr. Westell at Point Edward, that is, \$150 per month. I sent the request to the Grand Trunk but they reply that Dr. Wright should not ask for this increase of salary. They say that his services are only 2 or 3 hours a day, and that considering the amount of work he does, over-hours and holidays included, he is amply paid. They say, moreover, that he is not attentive to his duties, and that claims for damages on the company have arisen from Dr. Wright's having failed to make an inspection on the arrival of the trains; and they say further, that Dr. Wright is practising his profession in the city of Detroit. They still further ask whether in all these circumstances there might not be reason to ask for another appointment.

The decision of the minister is that, in the circumstances they allege, there is no reason why they should not ask for another appointment if the allegations they make are established.

The minister, moreover, thinks that I had better inform you of the circumstances, and, as this has been made by the Grand Trunk Railway Company, it would be probably better that you should make an enquiry into it.

Yours truly,

J. LOWE,

Secretary of Department of Agriculture.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, OTTAWA, 23rd January, 1883.

J. B. WRIGHT, Esq., M.D & V.S., Detroit, Michigan, U.S.A.

DEAR SIR,—I have received your letter (not dated) covering your account for \$150, also stating that the account you sent for last month had not yet been certified.

The facts are—the account you sent last month being larger than the amount agreed to be paid by the department, we corresponded with the Grand Trunk Railway Company on the subject sending to them a copy of your letter in order that they might see the terms of your application.

A letter was received from Mr. Wainwright, the assistant general manager of that company, to-day, stating that at the time of your appointment the Great Western officials agreed to pay \$1,200 a year, \$200 of which for extra services, and this amount has been certified by the department. Mr. Wainwright states that the company declines to pay you the amount you ask, viz., \$150 a month, alleging that \$66.67 is out of proportion for the extra services you are called upon to perform, and particularly as the average time occupied in the day inspection is not more than three hours a day.

Mr. Wainwright further states that you are following your profession in Detroit in addition to your duties as cattle inspector, and that it has happened that a good deal of delay to stock has been caused from your not being in attendance.

On one occasion a claim for damages resulted by, what the superintendent of the Great Western Division of the Grand Trunk Railway considers, the unsatisfactory manner in which your duties as inspector had been fulfilled.

I return to you, in the circumstances, your account for January, certified for the amount usually received by you (viz., \$83.33 for salary as cattle inspector and \$16.67 for Sunday and extra services as per arrangement with the Grand Trunk Railway Company, making in all \$100 per month) which is all the minister will sanction.

Yours truly,

J. LOWE,

Secretary of Department of Agriculture.

WINDSOR, 26th January, 1883.

Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, Ont.

SIR,—I sent in my account to the department of agriculture for my salary as inspector of United States cattle at port of Windsor, for one hundred and fifty dollars inclusive of the charge for extra service, for the present month, and also for Decem-