

Livestock Sanitary Commissioner's Office, correspondence, 1924-1926

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This collection contains correspondence regarding indemnities for cattle killed by tuberculosis, concerns over the findings of veterinary inspection, discussion of an outbreak of rabies among Kansas dogs that affected cattle, complaints of veterinary treatments killing animals, and general discussion about livestock diseases. The correspondence is mostly between the Livestock Sanitary Commissioner and various livestock owners throughout Kansas.

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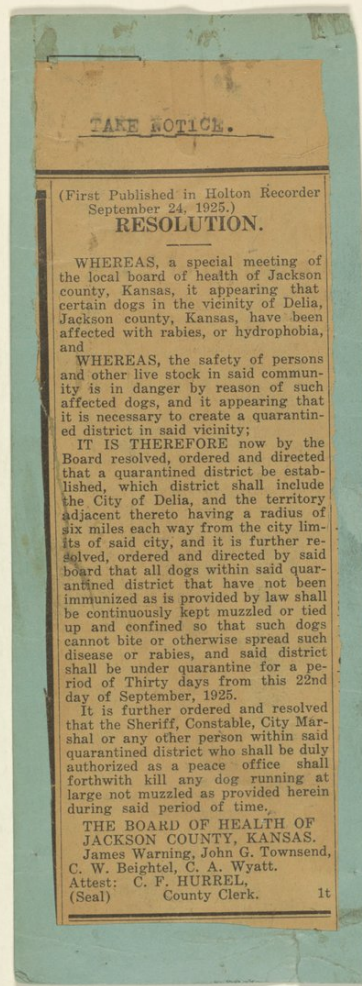
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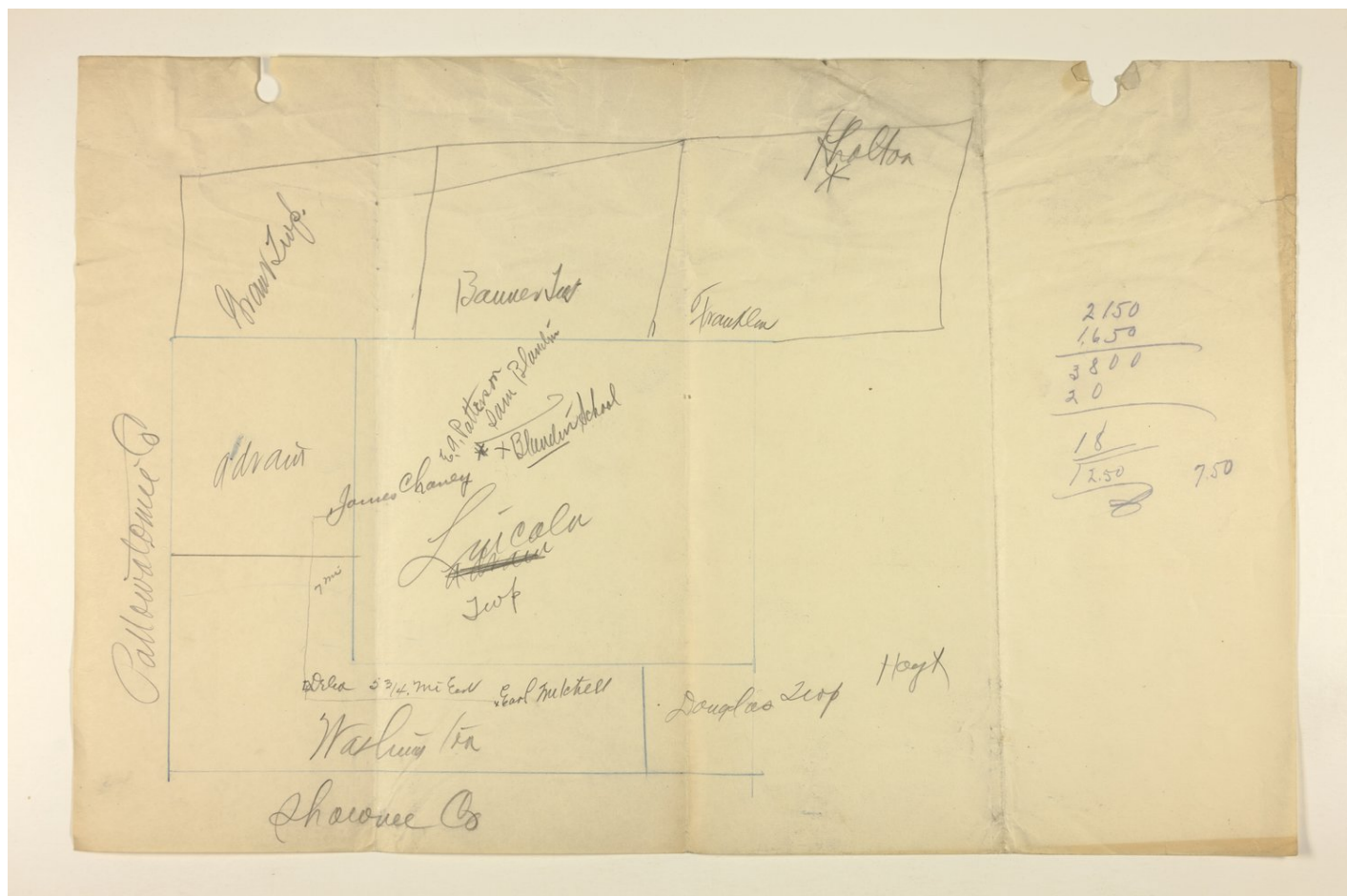
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March 9th, 1926.

Mr. Chas. M. Fletcher, Sheriff,
Holton, Kansas.

Dear sir:

We had a telephone call a few moments ago from a party near Delia who reported that there were three mad dogs there and wanted us to send someone this afternoon to make an investigation and quarantine Jackson county.

We are getting these reports from all sections of the state and it is impossible for us to take care of them all as soon as reported. Just as soon as we have a representative available we will send him down to make an investigation and establish a state quarantine if deemed advisable. In the mean time you might make an investigation and take what temporary steps seem advisable until we can get someone up there. When our representative arrives he will get in touch with you.

Very truly yours,

WGW:P

Commissioner.

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March 9th, 1926.

Mr. Lee Houck,
Delia, Kansas.

Dear sir:

Following up telephone conversation of a few moments ago with respect to three mad dogs in your locality, I wish to say that an investigation will be made as soon as possible. Our force is busy now in different sections of the state establishing state quarantines etc., and as soon as we have a representative available we will send him out to Delia..

We have so many calls from different parts of the state that it is impossible to get around to them all as soon as reported, therefore, as soon as possible we will send a representative to your county to confer with you and others with respect to establishing a state quarantine if deemed necessary.

Very truly yours,

WGW:P

Commissioner.

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April 12th, 1926.

Dr. H. B. Johnson,
Pomona, Kansas.

Dear sir:

I have your letter of recent date and note same.

Mr. Grant Smith of Ottawa, who had charge of the rabies quarantine in a township in Franklin county recently, just talked with me over the telephone and stated it had been reported to him there were quite a number of dogs killed in and around Pomona that were supposedly infected with rabies. Therefore, I think the best thing to do is have an investigation made and we will send someone this week to confer with you and others with respect to the advisability of placing a quarantine on your township if necessary.

Very truly yours,

JHM:P

Commissioner.

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October 31st, 1925.

Mr. M. L. Robinson,
County Agent,
McPherson, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Robinson:

Answering your letter of the 29th instant.

In arranging the plan of modified area work with the federal government early in the fall it was decided that we would not undertake the work in only 3 or 4 counties at a time. The work has been going on now for the last 6 weeks in Douglas, Atchison and Osage counties. We expect to start work in Pawnee county next Monday and it will take about two weeks to finish. It would appear from the plans we are trying to follow that we will not get to McPherson county this year. If I can arrange for the government to test the cattle in Rice and Cheyenne counties without but little, if any, state aid, we could commence the work in McPherson county earlier and let the local men do quite a lot of the work. As you know, we only have \$10,000 for this fiscal year and, of course, we have to guard it very carefully and can not exceed our quota of the work as we are compelled to depend upon the government doing their half.

I will advise you in plenty of time as to when we will likely start in McPherson county but you need not make any plans to begin the work during 1925.

Very truly yours,

JHM:P

Commissioner.



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STATE OF KANSAS

McPHERSON, KANSAS.

29 October 1925

J.H. Mercer
Livestock Sanitary Commissioner
Topeka, K a n s a s

Dear Mr. Mercer:

It is getting about time that the cattle will be taken off pasture. Most of the cattle have been brought in now but there are still a few on pasture. I would like to know if you intend to start testing in McPherson County this fall and what arrangements you expect to make.

In regard to having some of the dairy men test. I find that on about every other farm there are cattle on pasture which would mean we would have to return to these farms, so I let that matter drop.

In talking with Dr. E.F. Kubin he states that he is ready any time and he would like to have as much of the testing as possible. I feel that we can handle the testing quite well with Dr. E.F. Kubin of McPherson, Dr. Rostetter of Canton and Dr. Peterson of Lindsborg.

Please let me know what arrangements you expect to make in McPherson County and if possible we would like to start testing just as soon as all the cattle are off pasture.

Very truly yours,

M. L. Robinson

County Agent

MLR:R

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December 15th, 1925.

Mr. Sam Christiansen,
Canton, Kansas.

Dear sir:

Answering your letter of the 10th instant.

Requirements for the testing of cattle in free area territory call for the testing of all dairy and breeding cattle. We do not require the testing of cattle used as beef animals. Of course if a farmer has a small herd and keeps his cattle altogether it is necessary to test all the herd. However, if he keeps his stocker and feeder cattle separated from his dairy and breeding cattle it is not necessary to test the stocker and feeder cattle.

Trusting this is the information desired and if there is any further information we can give you will be glad to hear from you.

Very truly yours,

JHM:P

Commissioner.

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Canton, Kans.
Dec. 10, 1925

Mr. J. H. Mercer,
Topeka, Kans.

Dear Sir:-

I am writing you in
regard to T. B. tested area.
Do you have to keep your
tested cows in a separate
lot and pasture?

Sometimes it is hard, part
of the time in the winter and
summer to keep them away
from your stock cattle.

Would those stock steers
have to be tested, if the cows
were with them.

Thanking you very much
I am Yours Truly
Sam Christiansen

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December 17th, 1925.

Mr. M. L. Robinson,
County Agent,
McPherson, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Robinson:

Answering your letter of the 14th instant.

As per our telephone conversation it appears to me the best thing to do is to say as little about the tuberculosis work in McPherson county as possible. There have been no cross petitions filed with this office excepting a protest sent in sometime ago signed by something like 18 or 19 citizens of the county.

I can not understand why there seems to be so much agitation over this matter in your county. We have not even indicated a time when we will start the work but expect to go on with the work in McPherson county in line with our program and take up the work when we have finished the testing in other counties filing their petitions ahead of McPherson county. I have indicated this to you and others in the county that expected to do this work as it would be rather peculiar for us to pass up McPherson county just because of the protest of a few people who are probably not familiar with what is going to be done. So it seems the best thing for you and others that have signed petitions for the test to do is not to enter into any argument or say anything about the work in any manner other than to say it is in the hands of the Live Stock Commissioner and to look to him. If the cross petitions you refer to come to this office we will give them due consideration.

Very truly yours,

JHM:P

Commissioner.



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STATE OF KANSAS

McPHERSON, KANSAS.

14 December 1925

J. H. Mercer
Livestock Sanitary Commissioner
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Mr. Mercer:

From reports I have been receiving from various sources some cattle speculators are causing some excitement concerning the area testing.

Information I have been able to gather shows they seem to have two petitions, one for those who have not signed and one for those who have signed. The surprising part of the situation seems to be that they are getting quite a number of signatures from men who I thought knew better. They claim that the area testing will cost each individual to have the cattle tested and state in the petition that the original petition was misrepresented to them.

I have been receiving several inquiries from men who circulated petitions last year from practically every section in the North end of the County. I would like to know what could be done in regard to this matter and if you would I would like to have you make some statement regarding the area testing that I could publish word by word in my Farm Bureau News or have published in the local papers under your signature. I know that you do not like to make statements through the paper because many times they are misquoted but under the circumstances I feel something should be done.

In talking with the County Commissioners they inform me that they have not received one complaint all year except from cattle speculators and I feel they are really the only men opposed to this testing. I expect to go out this morning and see one or two speculators and ask them in what way the original petition was misrepresented.

Please let me hear from you immediately,

Very truly yours,

M. L. Robinson
County Agent

MLR:R

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December 23rd, 1925.

Mr. Edwin Anderson,
Attorney-at-Law,
McPherson, Kansas.

Dear sir:

Answering your letter of the 19th instant.

I am at a loss to understand the cause of the apparent disturbed minds of some people in McPherson county with respect to the modified free area tuberculosis test. As I stated to you when you were in the office that it seems to me that the people of McPherson county opposed to this test should rest easy at least until the work is started or about to be started, but for some reason or other such a condition does not prevail in the minds of at least some in McPherson county.

I would be very glad to meet with the committee you mention but really do not feel that a committee should go to the expense of coming to Topeka with respect to this matter at this time and I am going to offer the suggestion that you advise your proposed committee that sometime after the 1st of the year before any work is started or date fixed for the work in McPherson county that I will make a trip to McPherson county and meet with your committee or any number of your people you might wish. Of course I think it would be best for me to meet with a small committee or representative men opposed to the test rather than to have a large meeting.

The work will not begin in McPherson county either in January or February and it may be we will not get to McPherson county during this fiscal year. You might talk this over with the members of the proposed committee in question and then advise me as to what they have to say. I certainly think the least said about this matter the better because to my mind the farmers and stockmen opposed to the test in McPherson county are unduly disturbed and I am quite sure I can explain the matter satisfactorily to them when I meet with them.

Very truly yours,

JHM:P

Commissioner.

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Edwin Anderson
Attorney at Law
McPherson, Kansas

Dec. 19th, '25.

Hon. J.H. Mercer,
Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

The live stock men of this county who are still protesting against the proposed tuberculin test had a meeting last night and decided to send a committee to Topeka to talk the matter over with you, if you would be kind enough to go over the matter with them. It might be that you will be able to convince them that they are standing in their own light. In any event, such a meeting might help in clarifying the situation.

The committee would like to meet with you on the morning of December 28th, if such a time would be agreeable and convenient for you. If it is not, they can probably meet with you at any time near that date that would suit you better. I would very much appreciate if you would advise me if such a meeting would meet with your favor, and if so, if said date would be convenient for you.

Yours respectfully,

EA:MCB

Edwin Anderson

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December 23rd, 1925.

Mr. M. L. Robinson,
County Agent,
McPherson, Kansas.

Dear sir:

I have yours of the 19th instant and note same.

I thought I explained to you over the telephone the other day that I felt the least said in connection with the agitation in connection with the tuberculosis free area work in McPherson county the better. I am at a loss to understand the cause of the agitation prevailing in the county against this work, especially so since the work has not begun and no date fixed for same.

Someone sent me a marked copy of the McPherson Weekly Republican and I note two articles on the front page that are misleading. I suggest that you get the paper and read the articles in question. It would appear from these articles that you had given out this information, especially one of the articles. I never have given you any information as to when we would start the work in McPherson county as I do not know just when we will be ready to start, furthermore, the articles referred to are misleading from the fact that every head of cattle in McPherson county will be tested. Just such a statement as that is what causes the agitation that is on in your county. Therefore, I do not want you to use my name in any published articles hereafter in connection with this work in any manner. If I have anything to give to the newspapers I will give it out myself and I may write an article to the paper in a few days and ask them to print same with the hope that it may clarify conditions in your county.

As stated to you over the telephone a few days ago I think the thing to do is to say as little about this matter as

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possible and especially in argument with those who are
opposing the proposed work.

Very truly yours,

JHM:P

Commissioner.



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MCPHERSON, KANSAS.

December 19, 1925.

Mr. J. H. Mercer
State Livestock Sanitary Commissioner
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Mercer;

Yesterday three men representing the opposition of the areatesting came to me with a protest petition and asked me to sign. They stated that they had a mojority of the cattle owners signature on the petition and as ked me to join them as I was working for their interest. I stbod pat and said I would not sign a protest petition if they had a million signers.

I have a letter which I am enclosing from one of the men who circulated the petitions last year and I as sure his letter states quite wall how the opposition gecured the signatures which they have. In what I gathered from their argument they took one of the Sanitary Commissioners report an d from that they assumed that I had misrepresented the original petitions. Not once did they admit but what the testing of the dairy cows or milk cows was o.k.

I left them stating that they should present their case to you, in fact when they would ask me questions I as much as possible told them that twas your business not ~~the~~ mine.

Yours truly,

M. L. Robinson
County Agent.

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December 24th, 1925.

Mr. Chas. Tector,
Canton, Kansas.

Dear sir:

Our mutual friend Lacey Simpson was in the office and advised me you had talked to him with respect to the proposed tuberculosis area work in McPherson county. He stated that you thought it was going to be a great handicap to you in handling feeding cattle. I am inclined to think that quite a number of feeders in McPherson county are unduly alarmed about the proposed tuberculosis area work.

This work has been going on in 10 or 12 counties in the state and the work completed in 8 and no one has been injured in any way and I assure you there will be nothing exacted of anyone that can not be easily complied with. I have just written Mr. Anderson, a lawyer of McPherson, that I would meet with a committee of livestock men in McPherson about the 1st of the year and if you should happen to be a member of the committee and feel so disposed I would like to see you at that time.

In this connection, the tuberculosis work will not start in McPherson county for several months yet at least and it seems to me that the best policy is for everyone in McPherson county to not concern themselves about this matter as there is nothing going to be done that is not in compliance with law and of course everyone wants to obey the law of the state.

Mr. Simpson will likely see you the first time he is home and talk with you further concerning this matter.

Very truly yours,

JHM:P

Commissioner.



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MCPHERSON, KANSAS.

29 December 1925

J.H. Mercer
Livestock Sanitary Commissioner
Topeka, K a n s a s

Dear Sir:

In answer to your letter of December 23rd regarding articles published in the McPherson Weekly Republican.

At the time that I called you over long distance there were a few men in my office friendly toward the area testing who wanted information regarding same. I informed them of a few of the things you told me that day but ask them not to say anything about them.

A short time after that I discovered these articles in the newspaper and that I was quoted as stating same, I immediately informed the reporter that they were entirely against my will but it seemed to do little good for the articles had already been printed. The only part of the McPherson Weekly Republican that I have any jurisdiction over is the Farm Bureau News and I can assure you that no such statements have ever been made in the Farm Bureau News.

Very truly yours,

M. L. Robinson
County Agent

MLR:R

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December 29th, 1925.

Mr. Henry A. Walker,
Route 5,
McPherson, Kansas.

Dear sir:

Answering your letter of the 22nd instant.

I am sending you, under separate cover, copy of the last biennial report of this department, in line with your request.

In connection with the cost of testing cattle under the free area plan, veterinary inspectors of the state and federal government makes the test at state and government expense. There is no charge to the owner.

In this connection, there seems to be quite a little misunderstanding or undue agitation among some of the farmers of McPherson county with respect to this matter. I promise the farmers and livestock producers of McPherson county there will be nothing imposed on them by this department that is not in line with the law of the state and in the best interest of the public health and of the livestock of the state.

Very truly yours,

JHM:P

Commissioner.



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Phone No. 4020

1 1-2 Miles South, 5 1-4 Miles West

HENRY A. WALKER

FARMER

Rural Route No. 5

McPherson, Kansas,

Dec. 12 1925

Mr. J. H. Mercer Livestock Sanitary Commissioner
Topeka Kans.

Dear Sir:

Last spring there were petitions circulated in this county for testing cattle for tuberculosis with the idea of making this an accredited free tuberculosis area. On these petitions it was stated the testing would be done free of charge to cattle owners. Would you please let us know from the expense of this testing is to be handled? (Would like to receive latest report of the Livestock Sanitary Commission and any other information I can get in regard to free area testing.)

Yours Truly
Henry A. Walker.

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December 29th, 1925.

Mr. E. T. Anderson, President,
The Reserve State Bank,
Salina, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Anderson:

I have yours of the 26th instant and note carefully same.

There is no occasion for any of the farmers and livestock producers of McPherson to be alarmed over anything being done that would be to their disadvantage or not to the interest of the livestock industry of the county. Due consideration has been given to everyone that has raised questions with respect to the proposed tuberculin test of the cattle in the county and as a further consideration to those opposing the move I have agreed to make a personal trip to the county sometime during next month and listen to those having objections to the department's going ahead with the testing of the cattle in the county in line with the petitions signed by at least 85% of the farmers and stockmen of the county on file in this office. I am quite sure if the livestock men of McPherson county were acquainted with the activities of this department which are and have been supported by the Kansas Live Stock Association they would not feel alarmed over any injustice being imposed upon them.

I thank you for your letter and assure you I am always glad to have suggestions from anyone in connection with the work of the department.

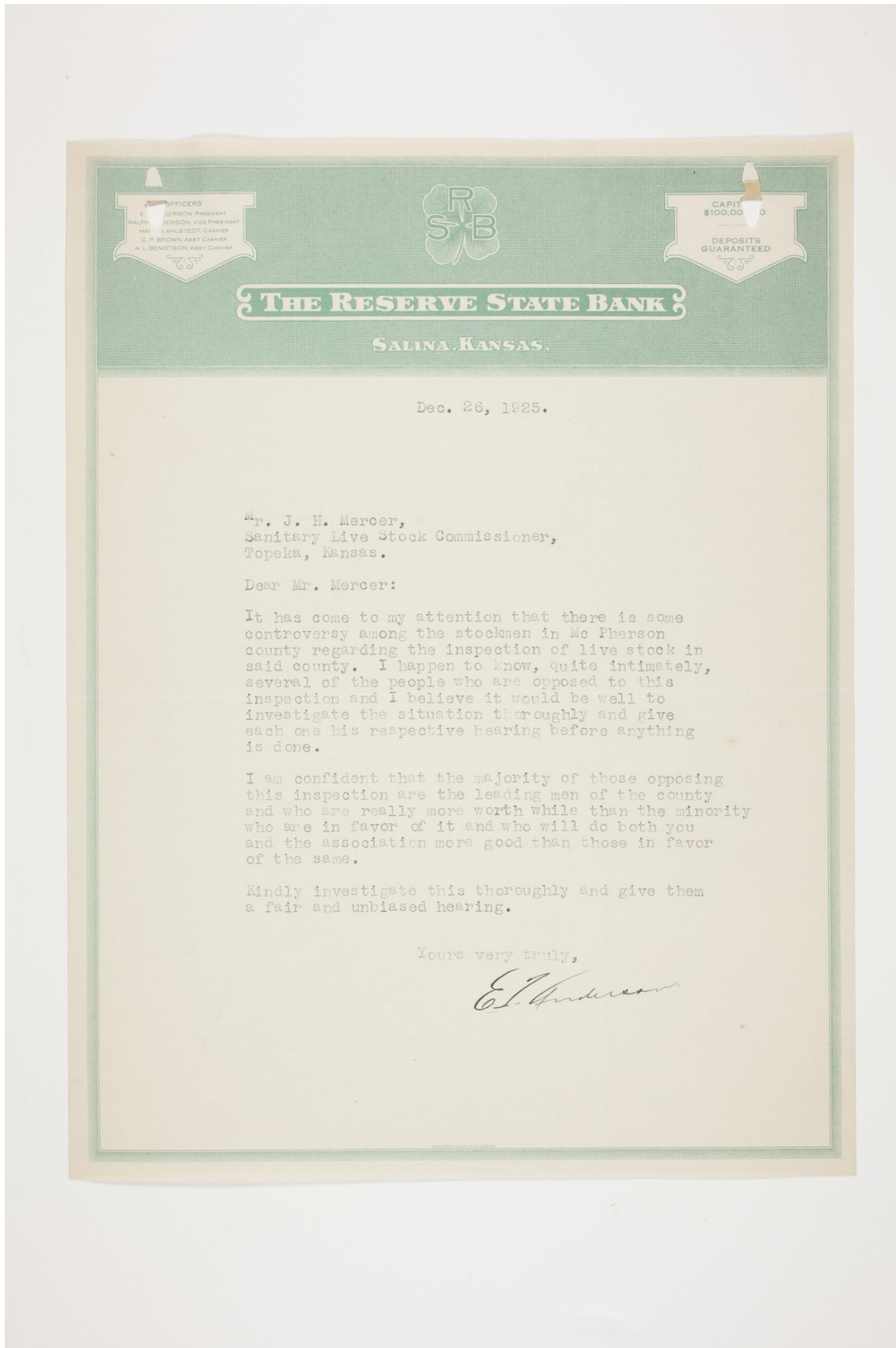
With my compliments of the season, I am,

Very truly yours,

JHM:P

Commissioner.

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December 23rd, 1925.

Mr. Carl A. Johnson,
Route 2, Box 49,
Inman, Kansas.

Dear sir:

I have your letter of the 17th instant and note carefully same.

To me it is very unfortunate that a disturbed condition has arisen in McPherson county with respect to the proposed modified free area tuberculosis work. I have advised the county agent and others in McPherson county, in my judgment the least said about this matter the better. There have been no counter petitions come to me with respect to this work, however, I have heard of petitions being circulated of the kind you mention. I am quite sure there was no misrepresentation made in connection with the circulating of the petitions for the modified free area tuberculosis work.

I am sending you, under separate cover, a copy of the last biennial report of this department and call your special attention to page 47. I might add that the only cost to the tax payers of a county is one-third of the difference between the appraisement of condemned cattle less the salvage. For instance in Leavenworth county there were 220 reactors, indemnity paid by the county \$5,110.27. Of course this was out of the general tax fund of the county. All other expenses of the work were paid by the state and federal government, such as veterinary inspectors, representatives appraising the cattle and any sanitary clean up work that follows.

I do not know just how soon we will be able to start the work in McPherson county. Not for two or three months at least and it might be such a thing we will not be able to start the work during this fiscal year. I will more than likely make a trip to McPherson county to meet with a few

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of the objectors to this work and feel confident that I can convince them they have taken the wrong position. However, I believe, as above stated, the least said to all interested the better.

If there is any further information we can give you with respect to this matter will be glad to have you write us.

Very truly yours,

JHM:P

Commissioner.

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CARL A. JOHNSON
INMAN, KANSAS

Mr. J. H. Mearns,
Topeka, Kans.

Dec 17, 1925.

Dear Sir:

Am writing you regarding a petition that is being circulated in McPherson County, saying that the signers want their names off of the petition signed for tuberculosis testing. They claim on account of misrepresentation of facts is the reason for wanting names off. I circulated a petition in a nearby school district and can say there was nothing misrepresented. They are stampeding the farmers because they are claiming the taxes will be too high and testing cost too much. Now could you give some figures?

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CARL A. JOHNSON

INMAN, KANSAS

I want to know what it has cost
to test cattle in different counties in
Kansas - Per head cost.

How is the cost pro rated - on the
property owner, or according to the number
of head of each owner.

What part of the money does the county
pay in testing a county?

Would like this information so I
know what I am talking about when
I answer those that are opposed to
testing.

I remain

Respectfully

Carl Johnson

Inman, Kans.

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CARL A. JOHNSON
INMAN, KANSAS

Dec, 17, 1925.

Mr Robinson,
McPherson, Kans.

Dear Sir:

There is a petition being circulated saying that facts were misrepresented in the first tuberculosis petition and therefore want their names off. They are circulating some bunk so they are stampeding the farmers into signing this one. Such as it has cost one county \$8000 -- same county \$98000 -- it is going to raise taxes -- A veterinary can test cheaper ~~that~~ than the county. Now when I circulated the first petition there was no misrepresentation. Just that I would write and let you know.
Respectfully, Carl Johnson



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McPherson

May 3, 1927

Mr. L. M. Robinson,
Co. Agent,
McPherson, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

We have just about completed the spring county area work and, of course, will do but little more during the summer grazing season. The legislature increased our appropriation for the next biennium.

McPherson county is first on the list of counties petitioning for the work. Therefore, the free area work will start in your county early in the fall. We will take this matter up with you again about the 1st of September and arrange a date to start this work.

Very truly yours,

JHM/M

Commissioner.

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Topeka, Kan., Oct. 1, 1925.

Dr. I. W. Hadley,
348 State Ave.,
Kansas City, Kans.

Dear Dr. Hadley:

Referring to your letter of recent date with respect to a position at the Kansas City stockyards, I was under the impression that I had explained to you the situation with respect to this department's work at the Kansas City yards.

Under the law the livestock commissioner is authorized to appoint an inspector and place him at any public market in Kansas, and require the owners of the stockyards to pay the salary of the inspector to the amount not to exceed \$100. Up until 1915 that had been the policy of the department. In 1915 when I took up the work in this department the second time, there was a change made at Kansas City. I came back to the department under an agreement with the Kansas Live Stock Association that they were to pay me a certain salary and that they would establish a better service at both Kansas City and Wichita, etc. and that the sanitary work at both markets should be under the supervision of this department; and because of certain special features of the work, certain fees should be charged by inspectors appointed by the livestock commissioner, and approved by the board of directors of the Kansas Live Stock Association, and that they should receive certain fixed salaries, and all monies collected should be handed in a fund under the supervision of the Kansas Live Stock Association, and the men in charge at both yards should be placed under bond for the safe keeping of any accumulated funds.

This policy has been continued for the past ten years, and there has never been but one or two changes in the personnel of the appointees stationed at Kansas City and Wichita.