

Livestock Sanitary Commissioner's Office, correspondence, 1926-1929

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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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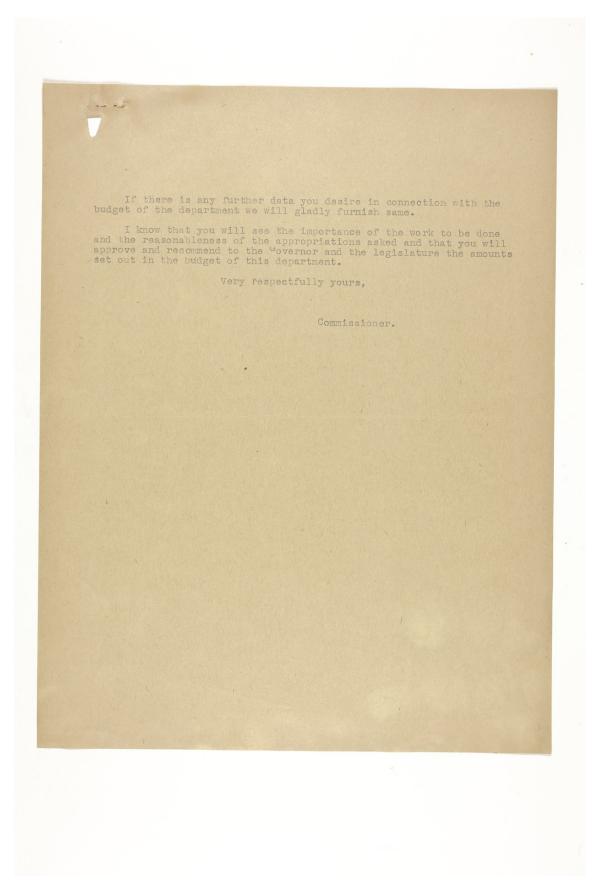
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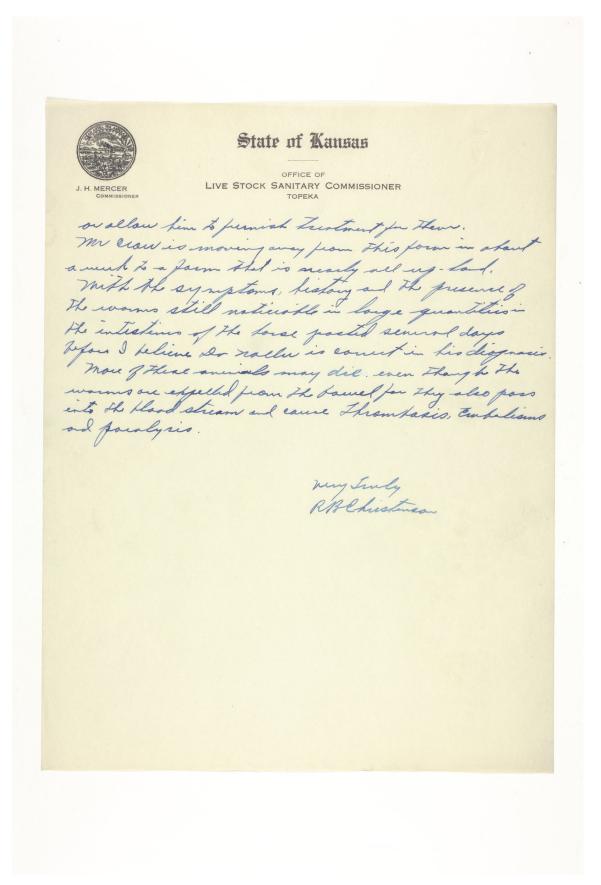






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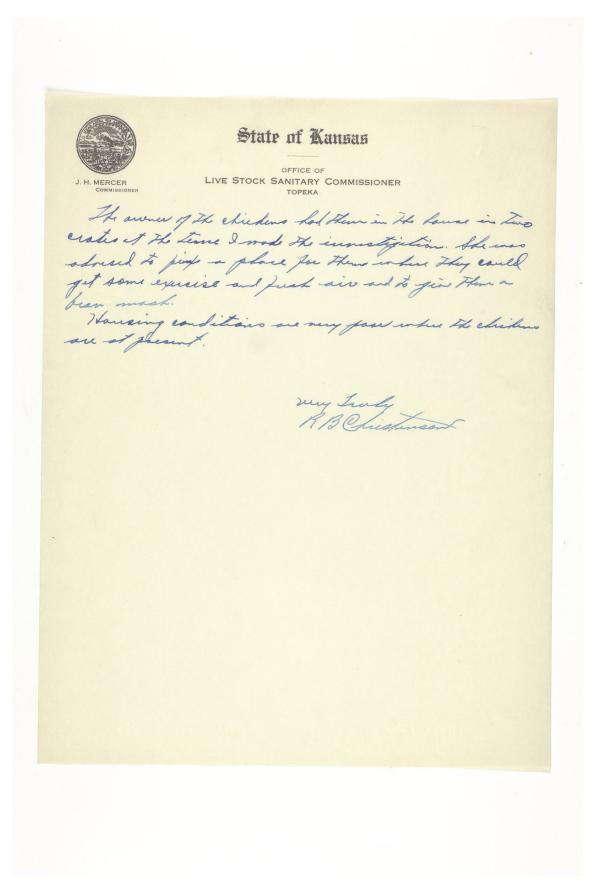




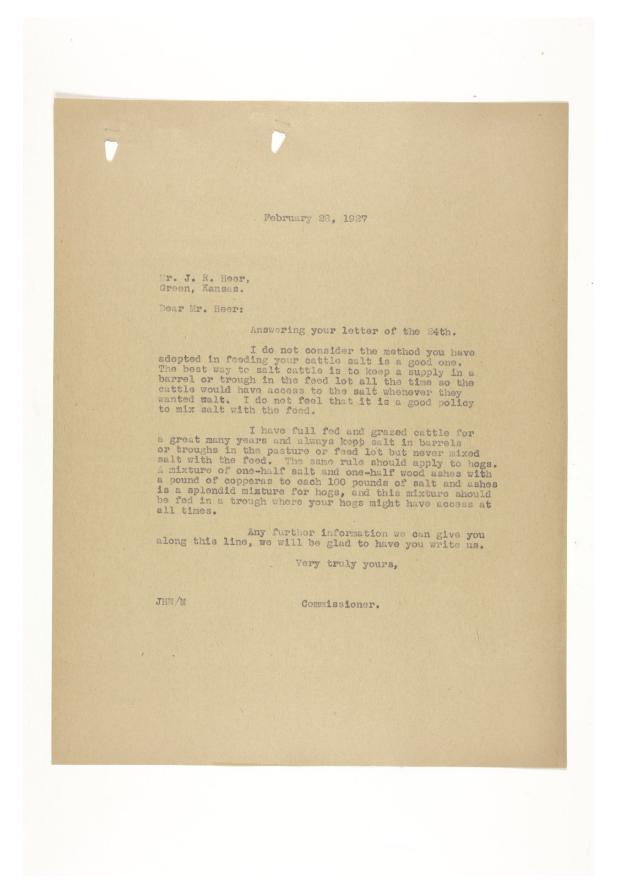


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February 28, 1927

Dr. B. C. Harrison, 315 E. Waterman, Wichita, Kansas.

Dear Doctor:

I have a letter from J. W. George at Nashville advising that his cattle are still infected with mange. I note that these cattle have been dipped once or twice but the records do not show that you have released them from quarantine. Therefore, I want you to arrange to go out to Nashville within the next week or ten days at the farthest and make a thorough investigation of these cattle, and also inspect other herds of cattle in the locality and wherever you find an infected herd require them to be dipped under your supervision.

A Mr. Kuehn of Nashville has written the office making some complaint against the way in which Mr. George handles his herd of cattle and is of the opinion that he may have a few infected cattle in his own herd. Therefore, make an inspection of the H.J. Kuehn herd of cattle.

I have written both Mr. George and Mr. Kuehn that you would call on them within the next week or ten days and that you would advise them about the time you would be there. Under the circumstances I would write them to have their arrangements made to dip the cattle while you were out there this time and then set a date ten dr twelve days ahead to redip all infected cattle. There has been mange around Nashville for some time and we wish to clean it up.

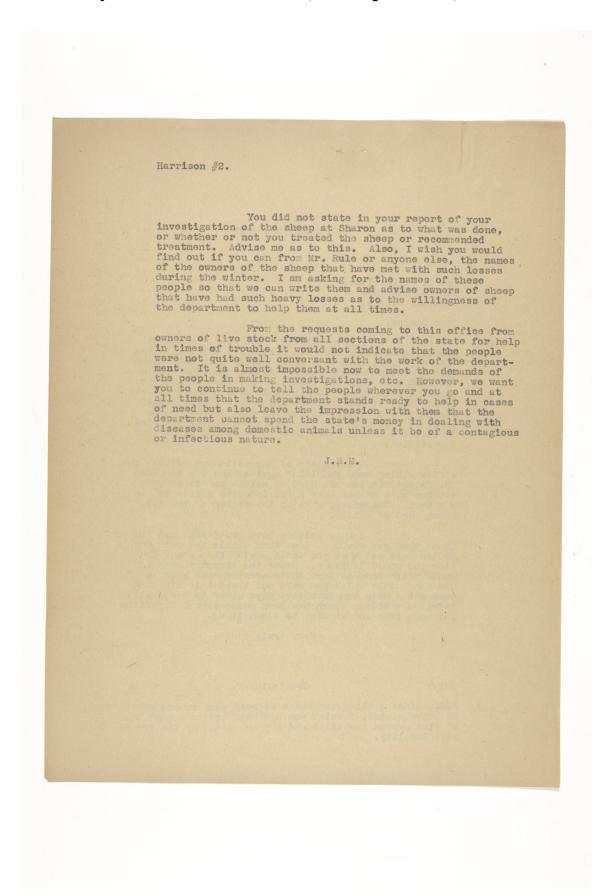
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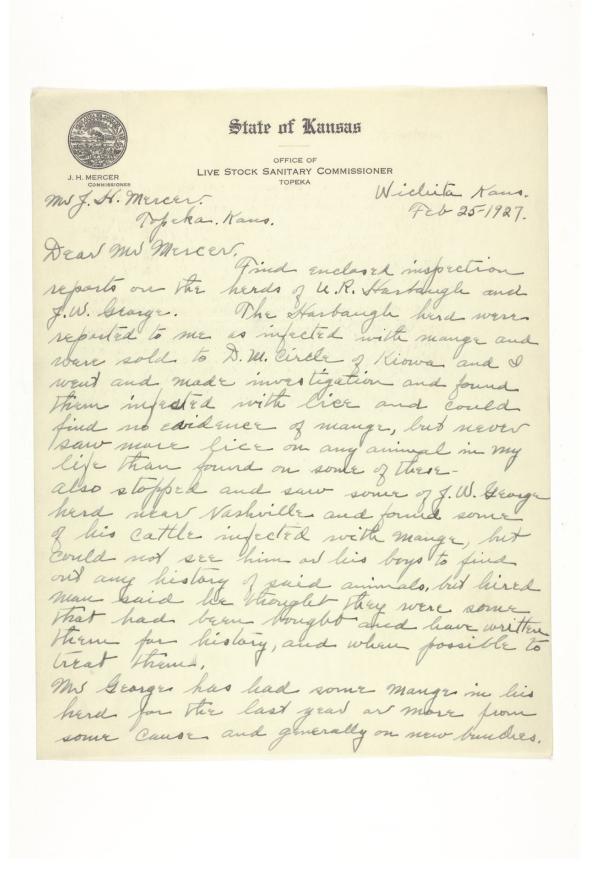
Commissioner.

P.S. Since writing the above we read your report of the 25th. As above stated, I think you had best devote a good deal of time around Nashville and try and clean up the trouble in that locality.

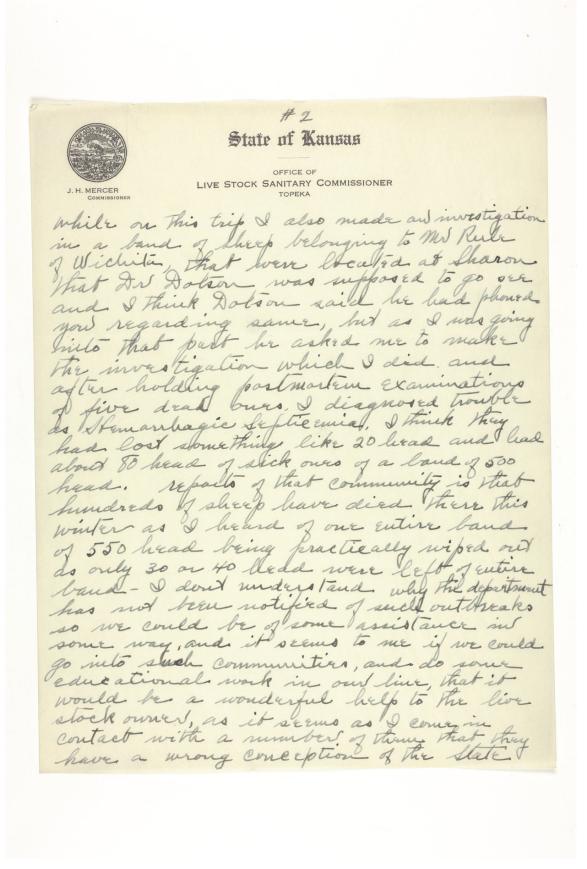




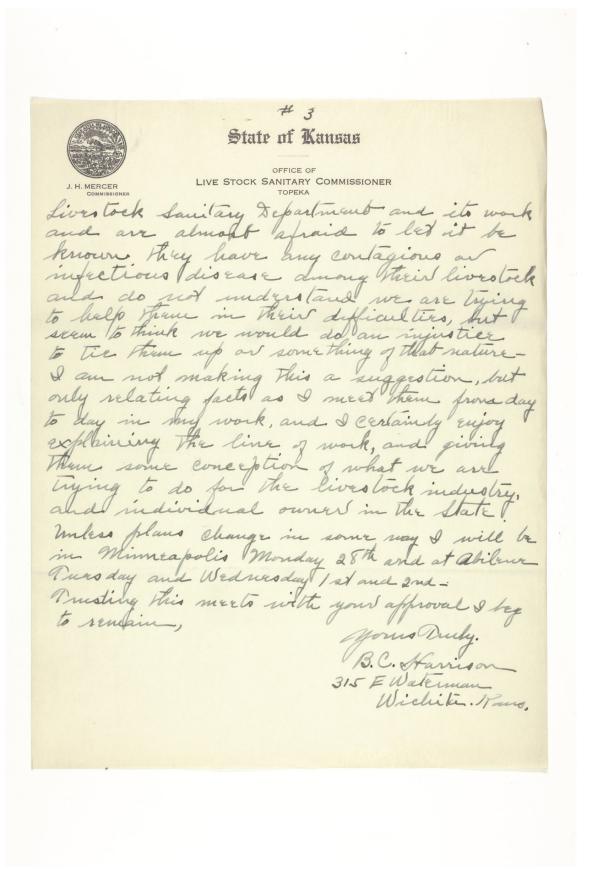














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February 23, 1927

Dr. R. B. Grimes, 2301 North 10th St., Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Doctor:

I had expected to be in Kansas City the latter part of last week but because of so many things to do did not get to make the trip. I wanted to talk with you about your coming campaign for mayor. I suppose that you will want to get active in the campaign and devote your entire time to same not later than the first of the month. It will be all right for you to do this as there is not a great deal of work at the yards now, nor won't be for some time. Should you not think it necessary to stop the work and look after the campaign, I can give you a couple of weeks work out in Johnson county. We want to put on about two weeks experimental work in Johnson county in the testing of the cattle in a township west of Olathe and also do some other inspection work on the farms of the same township. I am leaving tonight for Wichita and will not return to the office before Saturday morning. In the meantime you can write me.

While in Chicago last week I had a talk with "Colonel House." Also, with Captain Wentworth with respect to your campaign and the part the packers intended to take in same. I am to see Tim Ingwerson at Wichita this week and feel in hopes that we may be able to get them to help you in your campaign, or at least be able to keep them from financing anyone else. I will advise you later as to this.

I might add that in my judgment it would be best for you to keep absolutely silent about any reference to my name in any way in connection with your campaign, so that when you want to raise the question about Topeka interference on the part of other folks in Kansas City election matters they cannot come back at you or your friends by any reference to my interest in your campaign. I think you should have someone use the columns of your paper in lambasting this outside political interference with your city affairs, and I would not he sitate to use names.

morning. Write me so I will receive your letter by Saturday

Very truly yours,

JHM/M

Commissioner.



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KANSAS STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE MANHATTAN, KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF PATHOLOGY February 25, 1927

Dr. W. R. Barnard Belleville, Kansas

Dear Doctor:

The dog head you sent us for examination has been examined. We were unable to demonstrate the presence of Negri-bodies in the brain cells, therefore, we are forced to make a diagnosis of negative for Negri-bodies.

This does not necessarily mean that the animal did not have rabies, for if the animal was killed in the early have rables, for if the animal was killed in the early stages of the disease Negri-bodies might not have had sufficient time to develop and be present uniformly in the brain tissue. Then too, it would be an impossibility for one to examine the entire brain under the microscope. On the other hand had the animal died naturally of the disease, we then could make a diagnosis of negative for rables. We, therefore, urge you to use your judgment on this report and to assume the responsibility.

The safest way to diagnose rabies is to securely pen up the animal and keep it under observation by one skilled in diagnosing this and allied diseases of animals. The as we said before a positive or negative diagnosis can be

Trusting to be of further service to you in the future, I

Yours very truly,

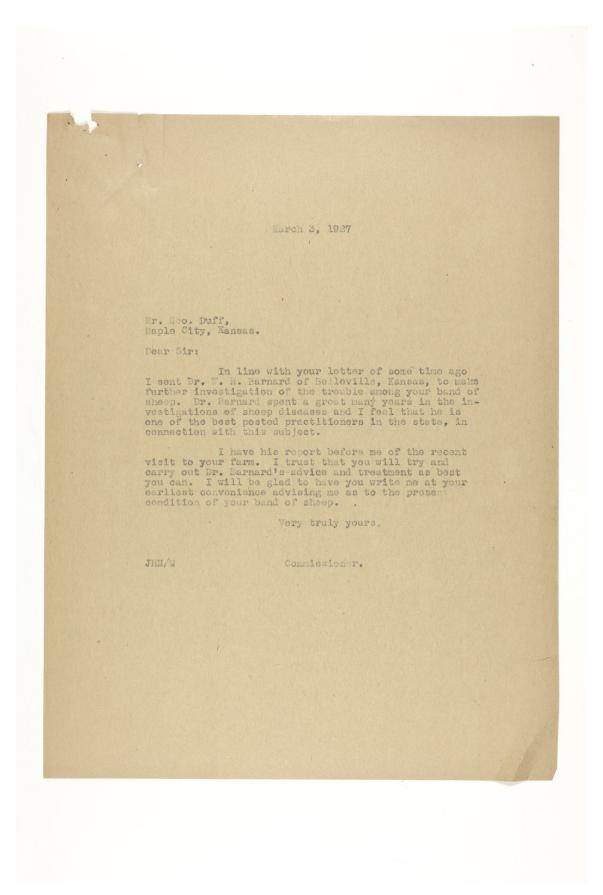
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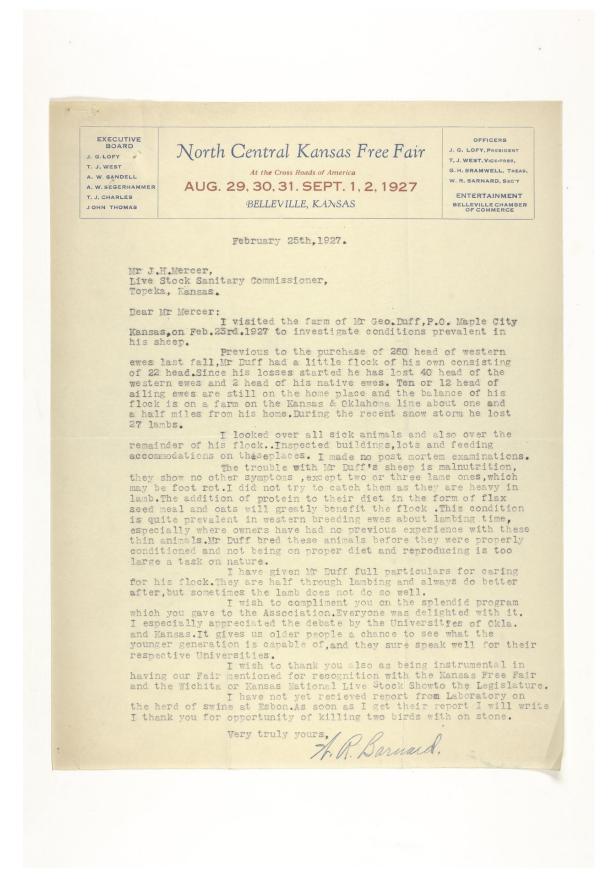
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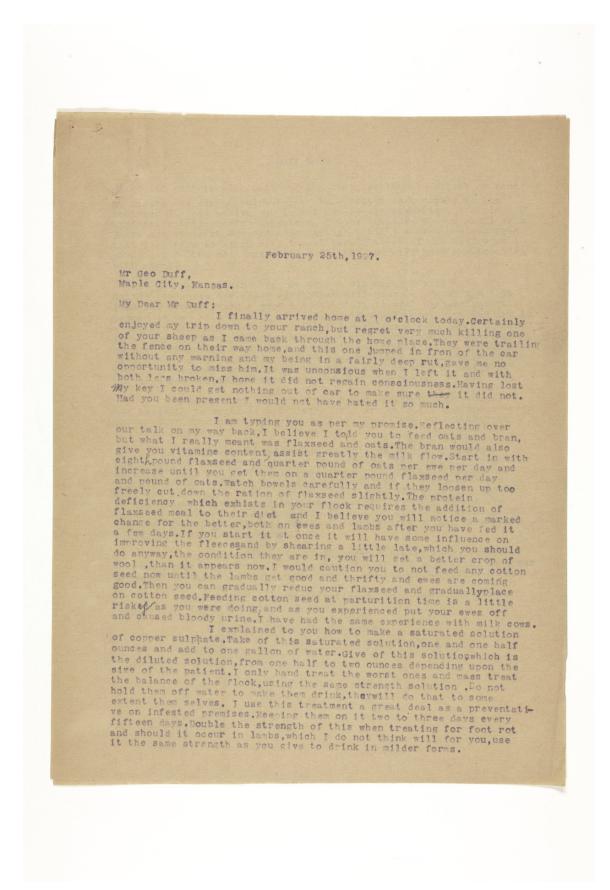














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Blackleaf "40" is also used and the best results are obtain by some by mixing the copper sulphate and tobacco, but as a novice in the business D would advise you to not do any experimenting .I would not administer this worming threatment I have outlined to you until your lambs are at least 5mo old and not then until I opened one and seen that they were infested with them.I hardly think if you keep your sheep out on the open unexposed soil that you will have any trouble with worms.

May I advise you not to get discouraged with this one little mishap in the sheep game. Sheep will make you money and this loss may prove to you a good investment. It is much better that it happen to you with a small flock. It could easily have happened and to a worst extent had you had more. That looks like a real sheep country to me and of course I do not know what your lend holdings are, but a couple of thousand sheep in there would pay you well with a little experience. Do not fall for pattent dops for your sheep, and remember that the least medicine you or the sheep take is always best. I do not like replacing feed with medicine but vice versa.

Now Mr Duff, anytime I may be of assistance to you, do not hesitate to write me and I will help you out with any information you wish. If I am unable to give it I will tell you or get it from reliable source

I wish you could have been with the at the Live Stock Ass'n meeting in Wichita, which I stopped ofer for vesterday. I am sure you would have felt well paid for your attendance. If you are not already a member of this organization I would suggest to you that you send to Mr Mercer and ask for a copy of one of the issues of The Kansas Stockman and then become a member. The price of the paper is well worth the membership. It was through this organization that you have been able to recieve the assistance of the Live Stock Sanitary Commissioners force.

I sincerely home that your troubles will soon cease, that you have good weather for your lambs and that you will write me after a reasonable time and tell me how you are getting along with them.

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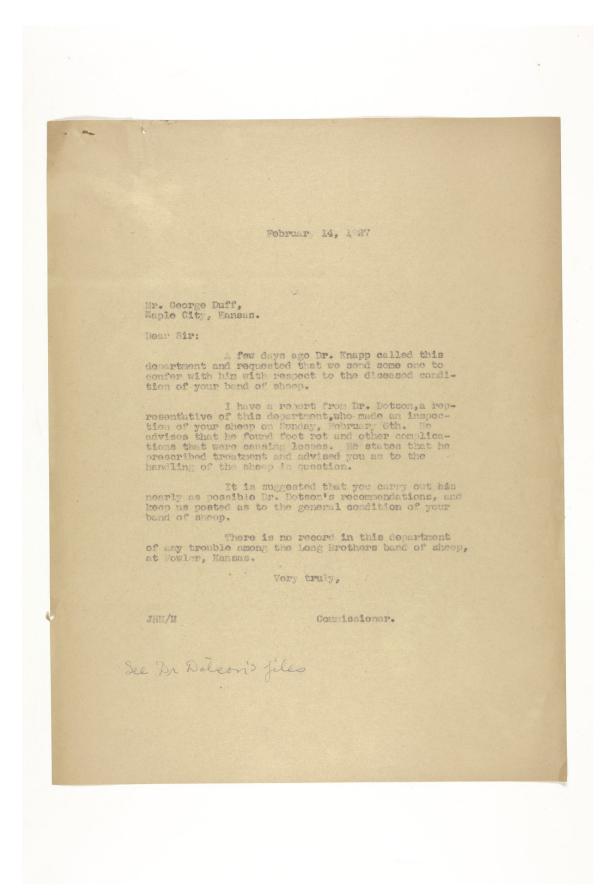


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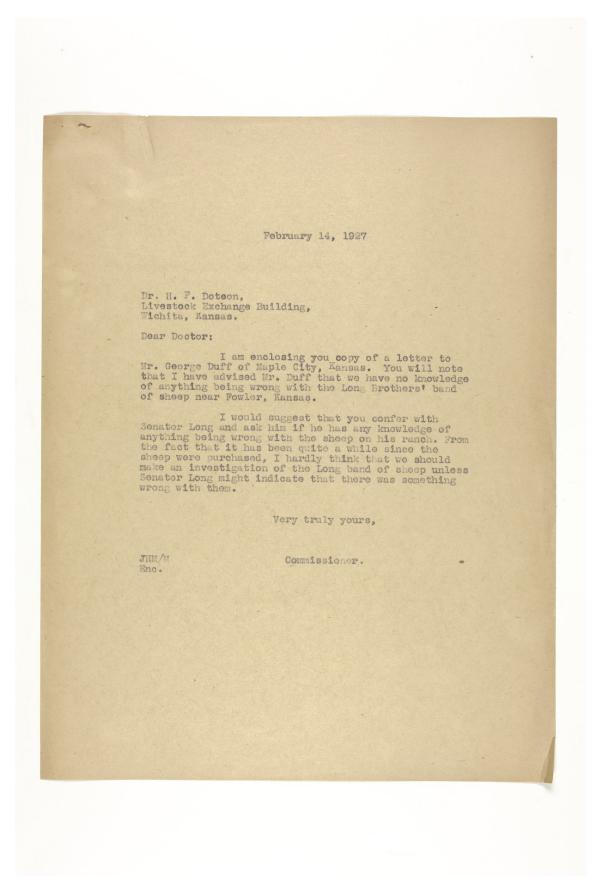


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OFFICE OF
LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER
TOPEKA

Livestock Exchange Building, Wichita, Kansas, February 9, 1927.

Mr. J. H. Mercer, Commissioner, State House, Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

As per your instructions, I went to Arkansas, City, Sunday, and together with Dr. Knapp went to the ranch of Mr. George Duff, Maple City, Kansas, to investigate a diseased condition in sheep.

There were about 300 head of sheep in the drove, most of them aged ewes that were just ready to lamb. He had lost 5 or 6 sheep, and described the symptoms as lameness followed by weakness, sheep get down and unable to stand up, they remain for a few days followed by death, appetite being maintained until the last.

We spent considerable time among these sheep studying the situation, and held post-mortem on one animal, and it was our conclusion that his difficulty was due to a variety of conditions and causes. 8 or 10 sheep that were lame when examined were found to be suffering from foot rot. Most of these sheep were in good flesh, however many of them were very aged, and showed lack of strength. The recent stormy weather accompanied by sleet and ice renders it favorable for these old sheep that were heavy with lamb to slip and get down from lack of strength, and combined with the foot rot, would cause death. We found some evidence of gid and no doubt some of these sheep will die from this cause.

Mr. Duff was advised to wade these sheep through a trough containing disinfecting solution to control the foot rot, was advised to weak the mouth and lips of the sheep involved with lesions of the mouth with a saturated solution of blue vitral. It being convenient for him to separate the affected sheep from the well, he was advised to do this that the affected and weak sheep might receive better care and a more nourishing diet.



