

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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F. J. LINDBLOOM
FARMING, LIVE STOCK AND GRAIN
CLEBURNE, KANSAS

June 23 1926

Mr, J H Mercer

Topeka Kans

Dear Sir;-

Your letter of the 19th received and note what you say in regards to my steers shipped some time ago, will say this was a surprize to me to hear that so many was diseased I had been noticing two of them while in my feed lot did not look just right and was caughing now and then but I never thought this was the trouble, now I can tell just where these cattle came from I bought them last fall from two parties got eleven from one place and the bal from another I am postive the diseased was of the eleven these were bought from Axel Swanson and it can be posable the five infected were all his steers I told Mr Swanson of it and told him he better have his cows tested which will be done today by Mr, Dr, Baldwin of Blue Rapids I am also testing my cows which I have I dont raise my cattle I just keep a few milk cows and buy the feeding steers .

Will let you know of how my cows test out also of Mr, Swanson hope to not find anything amoung them.

Yours Truly,

F J Lindbloom

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June 19th, 1928.

Mr. F. J. Lindbloom,
Irving, Kansas.

Dear sir:

Just received a report from the inspector at Kansas City that you recently shipped 40 head of steers to the Kansas City market and 5 head were found to be diseased with tuberculosis.

Please write and give me a history of this bunch of steers; where they came from originally and any information you might have concerning same.

We are asking for this information in order that we might help you get rid of this trouble. Let me hear from you by return mail.

Very truly yours,

P

Commissioner.



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EJC. F. I. Form 11 C.
U. S. Department of Agriculture,
BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY

Report of Steers
(Species)

Affected with Tuberculosis
(Disease)

Received at Kans. City Stockyards
(Station)

Date June 8, 1926., 191

Number in shipment 40

Number diseased 5

Disposition of diseased carcasses:

Number passed for food 2 for lard

Number condemned 3

Age of animals 3 yrs.

Location of premises occupied prior to shipping:

Township

County Marshall

State Kansas

Feeder or owner F. J. Lindbloom

Address Irving, Kansas

Shipper same

Shipped from

over (over) Railroad.

W. R. Cooper
Inspector.

NOTE.—Further obtainable history may be written on the back of this slip. The object of this report is to locate the premises on which diseased animals have been kept and the name and address of the individual who owned or controlled them while on such premises, hence the necessity for accuracy and completeness.

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This lot of steers was sold
through National L.S.Com.Co. to
Armour & Co. and slaughtered by
them June 9, 1928.

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CITY COUNCIL:
DR. R. G. BALDWIN
E. G. COCKERILL
C. W. HENDERSON
E. F. NEVINS
W. W. WARREN

INCORPORATED 1872 POPULATION 1800

The City of Blue Rapids, Kansas

MAYOR
F. A. TRAIN

HERMAN WALKER, CITY CLERK
W. H. McCAHAN, TREASURER
SCHUMANN, HEALTH OFFICER
RODKEY, WATER COM.
OSCAR WUESTER, STREET COM.
MAHLON SMITH, POLICE JUDGE
GEO. FLOWERS, FORESTER

BLUE RAPIDS, KANSAS

June 29th 1926

Mr J H Mercer - Topeka Kan.

Dear Sir: Some time ago you wrote Mr J J Lindblom regarding some 5 heads of steers that proved to be tubercular. Mr Lindblom called me to investigate matter. he is a feeder and bought steers of Mr J J Lindblom some month before. I saw Mr Lindblom and found out he had raised steers and had sold some of steers some 2 years ago as they didn't seem to be doing well and he also lost one two years ago of lung trouble. These were mixed Herefords. a test on this present herd of cows did not reveal TB in herd. also Mr Lindblom milk cows were O.K.

So it seems they suspected trouble some two years ago & sold some then and these steers were calves of same. and no doubt contracted TB from these cows.

Yours Truly

R G Baldwin D. V. S.

P.S. Send some Health certificates

Sent 6/30/26

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J. H. MERCER
COMMISSIONER

State of Kansas

OFFICE OF
LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER
TOPEKA

June 30, 1926.

County Treasurer,
Cherokee County,
Columbus, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

We are inclosing herewith ~~account sales with~~ check attached in the amount
of \$40.50, sent to this office by the

Hull & Dillon Packing Co.

covering net proceeds from the sale of 3 cows--No. 29939-31
originally belonging to: J. Orr Chubb, Route 3, Baxter, Kansas.

These animals were recently condemned on account of being infected with
the contagious disease tuberculosis, and disposal has been made in accordance
with the law governing matters of this kind.

Kindly acknowledge with your official receipt for our files.

Yours very truly,

11-1095

Commissioner.

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J. H. MERCER
COMMISSIONER

State of Kansas

OFFICE OF
LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER
TOPEKA

July 6, 1926.

Mr. L. E. Helton,
Thayer, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

We are enclosing herewith order drawn on the Board of County Commissioners of Wilson County for \$122.50, same being one-half the appraised value of your four horses recently condemned on account of being infected with the contagious disease, ~~tuberculosis~~ Swamp Fever.

You will go before a notary public and qualify to this order and then present same, together with the attached copy of appraisal, to your Board of County Commissioners, and they will issue you warrant on your County Treasurer covering same.

Yours very truly,

Commissioner.

11-2765

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J. H. MERCER
COMMISSIONER

State of Kansas

OFFICE OF
LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER
TOPEKA

July 7, 1926.

C. A. Cowan & Son,
Athol, Kansas.

Dear Sirs:

We are inclosing herewith order drawn on the Board of County Commissioners of Smith County for \$ 67.15.

We are also inclosing account sales with check attached in the amount of \$ 168.54, sent to this office by Poole-Dempsey-Rutherford, same being net proceeds from the sale of your three cows, tag No. 3543-3350-25 which were recently condemned on account of being infected with the contagious disease tuberculosis.

You will go before a notary public and qualify to this order and then present same, together with the attached copy of appraisalment, to your Board of County Commissioners and they will issue you warrant on your County Treasurer covering same.

The inclosed order for \$ 67.15, check in the amount of \$ 168.54, together with check which will be sent you by the Federal Government, cover payment for your reactors as provided in section 47-615, Revised Statutes of 1923. This plan for paying indemnity has been agreed upon between the State and Federal Government and applies to all indemnities paid on cattle which are condemned as being tuberculous under co-operative state and federal accredited herd tests.

Very truly yours,

11-2128

Commissioner.

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July 7th, 1926.

Mr. D. L. Dempsey,
c/o Poole-Dempsey-Rutherford
Live Stock Commission Company,
640-642-644 Live Stock Exchange,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mr. Dempsey:

I have yours of the 3rd instant and thank you very much
for same.

I am very much in accord with your views as to the charge
of \$2.50 per car applying to cars handling tubercular
cattle. The Bureau of Animal Industry, Department of
Agriculture has issued a rule requiring the cleaning and
disinfecting of cars in which scabbie or T. B. cattle
are shipped and the railroads, of course, have finally
succeeded in establishing a charge of \$2.50. It used to
be \$1.25. That is more than it costs. I have contended
with the Bureau of Animal Industry and also the railroads
that the charge is unreasonable and should be entirely
eliminated but because of its federal connection we have
been unable to get any adjustment made. I might add
that we will continue to work on this and maybe some day
we will get it corrected.

Thanking you again.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

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BRYANT POOLE
D. L. (JACK) DEMPSEY
JAS. RUTHERFORD

BONDED FOR YOUR PROTECTION

Poole-Dempsey-Rutherford

LIVE STOCK COMMISSION COMPANY

ROOMS 640-642-644 LIVE STOCK EXCHANGE

SUCCESSORS TO
POOLE-McCORMICK
PHONE 1509 MAIN

CATTLE DEPARTMENT
BRYANT POOLE
JAS. RUTHERFORD
E. R. ADAMS
JNO. NORDEEN

HOG DEPARTMENT
W. V. TUCK

SHEEP DEPARTMENT
HINIE KLECKER

OFFICE
D. L. DEMPSEY
HELEN COLE
YARDMEN
F. A. MAHONEY
B. C. SHUFELDT
J. M. BELT

RESIDENCE PHONES
BRYANT POOLE, ELMRIDGE 1485 W.
D. L. DEMPSEY, ATWATER 5596 J.
JAS. RUTHERFORD, HILAND 1368
JNO. NORDEEN, HARRISON 6675

KANSAS CITY, July 3, 1926.

J. H. Mercer, Commissioner,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Mercer:

Yours of the 2nd inst., referring to the three reactor cattle consigned to us by C. A. Cowan, Athol, Kans., received.

Mr. Cowan loaded two of the cows in one car and one in another car, making it necessary to collect cleaning and disinfecting on the two cars. One of the cars contained both cattle and hogs, which is responsible for the variation in the freight charges.

I have been intending to write your Office for sometime in regards this cleaning and disinfecting charge or proposition. To me it looks futile inasmuch as the stock that are confined in the same car with those reactors have been exposed as much as any other stock that would be reloaded into the cars that contained the reactors, and said stock is permitted or absolved from all liabilities as far as being exposed are concerned and permitted to be handled as 100% clean. To make my point more clear---the reactors are unloaded into the same chute, often times yarded within the same sales pens, weighed over the same scales, as the other cattle without any regulations as to cleaning and disinfecting, in fact a number of the cattle that are associated with the reactors are stock cattle and returned to the country, some of them handled by the trades or speculators and sorted and mixed dozens of times with other stock. I am not of the opinion that there is much, if any, danger due to the exposition of the clean cattle with the reactors inasmuch as I understand there is a very small percent of the reactors condemned. Therefore this \$2.50 cleaning and disinfecting charge seems perfidious and a gross injustice to the shippers.

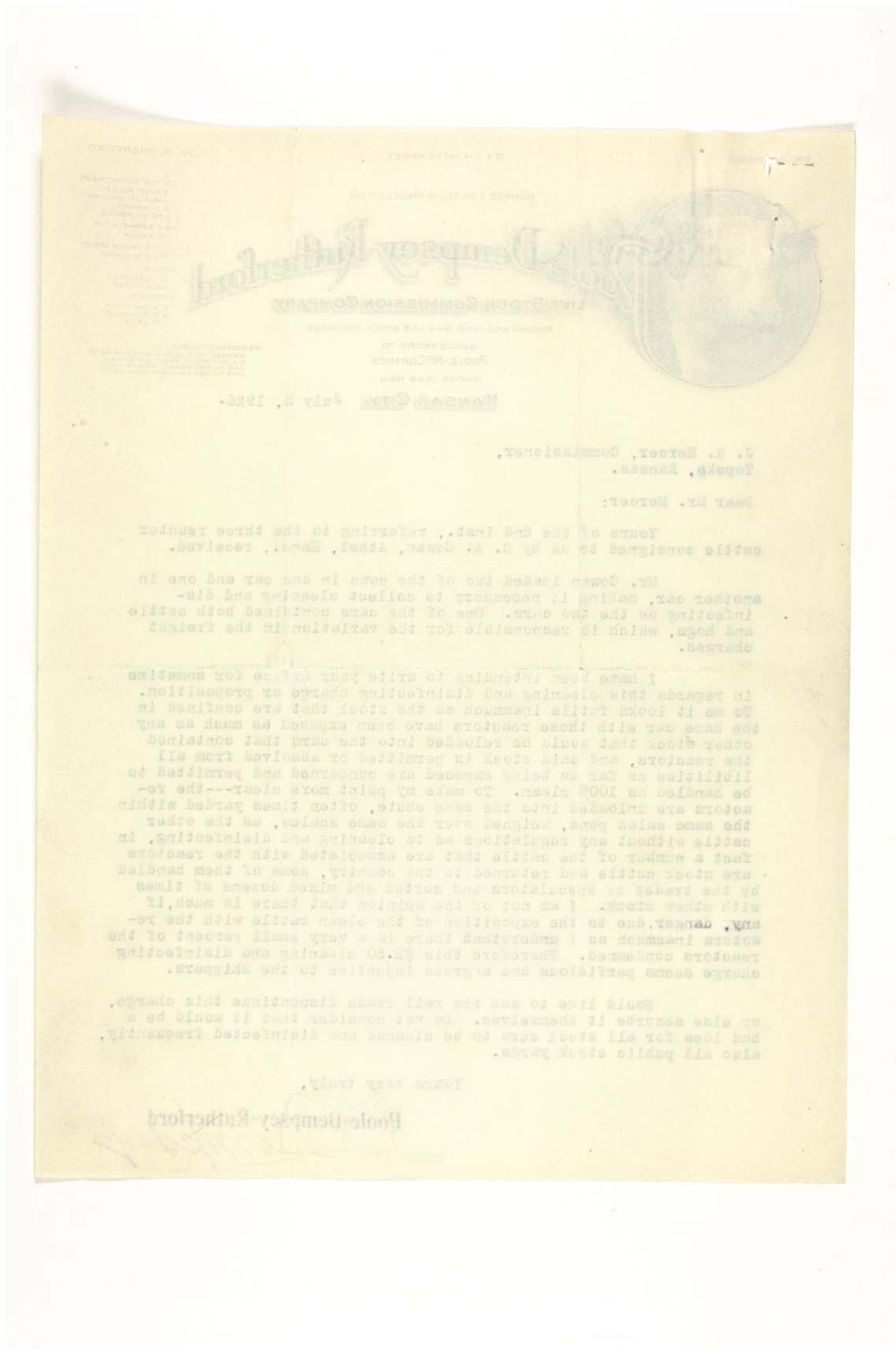
Would like to see the rail roads discontinue this charge, or else absorb it themselves. Do not consider that it would be a bad idea for all stock cars to be cleaned and disinfected frequently, also all public stock yards.

Yours very truly,

Poole-Dempsey-Rutherford

[Handwritten signature]

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July 2nd, 1926.

Poole-Dempsey-Rutherford,
Live Stock Commission Company,
640-642-644 Live Stock Exchange,
Kansas City, Mo.

Gentlemen:

On June 23rd you sold account C. A. Cowan, Athol, Kansas, 3 head of reactor cattle to Swift & Company, sending account sales with check attached covering net proceeds to this office. According to our records these 3 animals were all in one shipment and by referring to your records you will note there is a difference in the freight item and also you will note that you have charged for the cleaning and disinfecting of two cars.

Will be pleased to have you refer to the records and see whether there is any error and advise us accordingly before we close our records in the case.

Thanking you in advance for an early reply.

Very truly yours,

JHM:P

Commissioner.

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ATHOL FARMER'S SHIPPING ASSOCIATION

C. A. COWAN, Manager

ATHOL, KANSAS June 12 1926

J. H. Myer, Live Stock Commissioner
Topeka Kans.

Dear Sir: In reply to your letter regarding three reactors in our herd will say that we desire to have them appraised and shipped to market.

On account of the difficulty in keeping them isolated would appreciate it if you man could get out right away as it has been nearly 2 weeks since Mr Decker tested them out.

Respectfully,
C. A. Cowan

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June 9, 1926.

C. A. Cowan & Son,
Athol, Kansas.

Dear Sirs:

We are in receipt of a tuberculin test record covering your herd of cattle, sent in by Dr. W. A. Decker, which shows that three cows reacted to the test.

Our records show that your cattle are being handled under the accredited herd plan but in view of the fact that the three reactors are registered cows we are wondering whether you will wish to have them appraised and disposed of at once or whether you will prefer to hold them in quarantine for a time for breeding purposes.

In order that we may know what steps to take we will appreciate it if you will advise what your wishes in this matter are.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

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July 7th, 1926.

Dr. J. H. Cheney,
Great Bend, Kansas.

Dear doctor:

Answering yours of the 2nd instant.

Ordinary lumpy jaw is not classed as a contagious or infectious disease. Therefore I do not think anyone would have any right to prevent the man you refer to from using the milk. It seems rather strange, however, that he would do so. If the lumpy jaw was bad enough to produce a run down physical condition of the animal and you were convinced that the milk would be unhealthy your county health officer could stop them using the milk.

I would suggest that you talk to this man and get him to send the animal to market and dispose of it for immediate slaughter and take what she will bring, or if you prefer give me his name and address and I will write him and tell him what to do.

Very truly yours,

JHM:P

Commissioner.



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J. H. CHENEY
VETERINARIAN
GREAT BEND, KANSAS

7-2-1926

Mr J. H. Mercer
Topeka Kans.

Dear Mr Mercer: A man in
this town has a cow which he
is milking for his family use.
This cow is badly affected with
lumpy jaw. Does such a case
come under jurisdiction of your
department? Yours truly
J H Cheney

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July 13th, 1926.

Mr. F. C. Woodbury,
Sabetha, Kansas.

Dear sir:

Enclosed find the three affidavits signed as per
your request.

Very truly yours,

P

Commissioner.

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F. C. WOODBURY

THE WOODBURY FARM

—Big Type Durocs—

H. S. WOODBURY

HIGH CLASS
BREEDING STOCK
OF ALL
AGES AND SEX
FOR SALE



GOLDEN SENSATION

*World's Junior
Champion Boar in 1923*

*World's Champion
Senior Yearling in 1924*

J. G. KING, Manager

PHONES: Residence 251
Hog Ranch 37Fa

SABETHA, KANSAS
July 12th., 1926

To The State Live Stock Commissioner
Topeka, Kansas

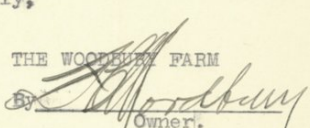
Dear Sir:

Inasmuch as we are shipping some gilts to South America, we have been directed to secure an affidavit from Dr. Hal Brownlee, Local Representative, and I am sending these three affidavits to you for you to sign, and date where it says approved, and return to me.

Shall be pleased to receive these back, by return mail. Please sign all three of them.

Yours very truly,

THE WOODBURY FARM


Owner.

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July 14th, 1926.

Mr. J. E. Millemon,
Rolla, Kansas.

Dear sir:

We have Dr. Frick's report of his recent investigation of the trouble among your cattle. He advises he is of the opinion that the trouble is caused by some irritant weed in your pastures and that the trouble is not a disease of any contagious or infectious nature and that he prescribed a remedy. Therefore, the only thing for you to do is to try and carry out his advice and instructions the best you can.

Trusting you will have no further trouble.

Very truly yours,

JHM:P

Commissioner.

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July 14th, 1926.

Dr. R. R. Dykstra, Dean
Division of Veterinary Medicine,
State Agricultural College,
Manhattan, Kansas.

Dear doctor:

I have your report of Dr. Frick's investigation of
J. E. Millemon's cattle at Rolla, Kansas, and thank you
very much for same.

It will be all right for Dr. Frick to charge his
transportation by automobile making it the same as it
would cost by railroad and all he will need to do in
setting up the item on his voucher simply say use of
own automobile same as railroad and we will O. K. same.

Thanking you again.

Very truly yours,

JHM:P

Commissioner.



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KANSAS STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE
MANHATTAN, KANSAS

DIVISION OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

July 12, 1926.

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

Dear Mr. Mercer:

In compliance with your letter of a few days ago Dr. E.J. Frick of our staff drove in his own car to Rolla, Kansas, to make an investigation of the condition existing on the farm of Mr. Millemon. Doctor Frick is out of town at the present time and asked me to write this report for him.

Doctor Frick states that the farm of Mr. Millemon was in bad shape, as it was covered with sage brush, cactus, and many other weeds. It seems that when Mr. Millemon's cattle were turned out on this land they soon developed inflamed skin areas in the region of the pasterns and the muzzle in particular. This condition was then aggravated by the use of water, either as a wash or by the fact that the cattle wallowed in it. Two years ago there was some of this trouble, and all the cattle recovered. The cattle observed by Doctor Frick were recovering. One affected animal died, not as a result of the disease, however, but as a result of difficult calving. It may be said, therefore, that Mr. Millemon has lost no animals from this disease. Doctor Frick could not definitely determine the cause of it, but he is satisfied in his own mind that it is due to some irritant weed with which the animals come in contact while in the pasture. This is also Mr. Millemon's belief. Doctor Frick states that there was no evidence of contagiousness in the malady. Doctor Frick recommended that whenever Mr. Millemon noticed the first symptoms of this ailment, the animals be kept up for a few days and that they be treated with a remedy for which Doctor Frick left a prescription.

As soon as Doctor Frick returns, which will probably not be until after the first of August, as he has gone on his vacation, he will send in his expense account. In this connection I may say that Doctor Frick asked me whether it would be all right if his expense account corresponded with what it would have cost to make the trip if he had made it by railroad. The round trip fare from Manhattan to Rolla is \$27.08, and to this item would have to be added two nights on the sleeper and meals. Of course, having made the trip in his own car so as to make better time, Doctor Frick will have no receipts for railroad travel.

Very truly yours,

R. R. Dykstra,
Dean of Division.

RRD:PEP

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KANSAS STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE
MANHATTAN, KANSAS
DIVISION OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

July 2, 1926.

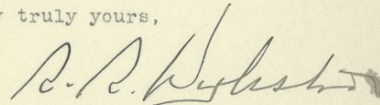
Hon. J. H. Mercer,
State Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Mercer:

I have your letter of July 1 in regard to the trouble on the farm of Mr. J. E. Millemon at Rolla, Kansas, and Dr. E. J. Frick of our staff will make an investigation of the trouble and report to you as soon as consistent with good results.

Trusting this is satisfactory, I remain

Very truly yours,



R. R. Dykstra,
Dean of Division.

RRD:PEP

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July 1st, 1926.

Dr. R. R. Dykstra, Dean
Division of Veterinary Medicine,
State Agricultural College,
Manhattan, Kansas.

Dear doctor:

I have had quite a little correspondence with Mr. J. E. Millemon of Rolla, Kansas, with respect to trouble he is having in his cow herd. I had Dr. P. I. Kershner make an investigation of the trouble and he evidently did not recommend any treatment that was beneficial as Mr. Millemon writes that his cattle are apparently no better. Therefore, I would like to have someone from the College make an investigation of this trouble and report results. I would suggest that they be prepared to secure some laboratory specimens. The trouble complained of seems to affect the udder, nose and ears.

Thanking you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

JHM:P

Commissioner.

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July 1st, 1926.

Mr. J. E. Millemon,
Rolla, Kansas.

Dear sir:

Following up communication from this office of some time ago I have asked Dr. R. R. Dykstra of the Veterinary Department of the Agricultural College, Manhattan, to make an investigation of the trouble with your cows and secure specimens for a laboratory analysis. They no doubt will call at your place sometime within the next few days.

Very truly yours,

JHM:P

Commissioner.



I
Polla Stano,
June 8 - 1926

Mrs J. H. Mercer
Dear Sir

Just Recd
your letter and
regard to the cows
we're just letting
them run in the
pasture with the rest
of the cows and
graze the rest the
the same as the
rest of them do. I
don't know any
thing else in the
world to do for
them. When Mrs
Kershner was

II

here he never advised
me to give them any
thing what ever.
He said he never
seen any thing in his
life like it and he
wouldnt know what
to do for them.
One time he said
he thot that Soda
Salt might be a good
thing to give them if
you could give it
right when they were
takeing it
But he never said
what amount or

anything about what
would be a dose for
a cow. So I wouldn't
know how in the world
to fix up a dose for a
cow if I was wanting
to. That little cow
has white stocking legs
& as far up as the
white runs on her legs
its peeling off and
has been very sore &
her ears are peeling
off and so sore
that the ends of her
ears are just breaking
off

IV

The old big cow that
just been fresh a little
while. The only place
that it seemed to affect
her was her udder.
+ I was compelled
to turn her dry as her
teats was so sore
they still are sore
She has large bag
+ it is almost as
hard as a rock.

yours Truly
J E Millemore
Rolla Mo.

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June 4th, 1928.

Mr. J. E. Millemon,
Rolla, Kansas.

Dear sir:

I have yours of the 28th ultimo and note what you say about the present condition of your cows.

You did not tell me, however, how you are treating the infected cows. I wish you would do this and also advise me as to whether or not Dr. Kershner told you what treatment to use. It seems to me that by proper treatment your cows ought to be cured in a short time.

Let me hear from you.

Very truly yours,

JHM:P

Commissioner.

Rolla Kansas
May 28-26

Mrs. J. H. Mercer,
Dear Sir,

Just Recd.
your letter of the 26th
The one cow that
seemed was the worst
She is very puny &
poor yet but is
slowly recovering. It
don't seem to hurt
her to eat like it did.
Her nose is still sore
yet but nothing like
it was & the old
hide is about all
peeled off around
her eyes & the