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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above named, and in a few days letters of instruction will be forwarded to the inspectors in charge at these stations. They will be directed to get in touch with you and with members of the committee to the end that arrangements may be made to bring the proposed procedure to the attention of all the interested agencies on the markets and enlist their cooperation.

I shall be very glad to hear from you further regarding this matter, and any suggestions that you may have to offer will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

J. R. Mohler

Chief of Bureau.

Incl. - 36263

October 18, 1928.

Mr. E. C. Hendrix,
Norton, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 16th instant addressed to the State Dairy Commissioner has been referred to us for answer.

For your information wish to say the only testing the state does free of charge is under what is known as the Accredited Herd Plan or the modified free area plan. It would be impossible for you to have your cattle tested under the modified free area plan because in order for us to do modified free area testing it is necessary for eighty-five per cent of the cattle owners in accounty to sign a petition asking this department to make a test of all the dairy and breeding cattle in the county. Cattle owners in Norton County have not petitioned for the testing and therefore the state could not test your cattle under this plan.

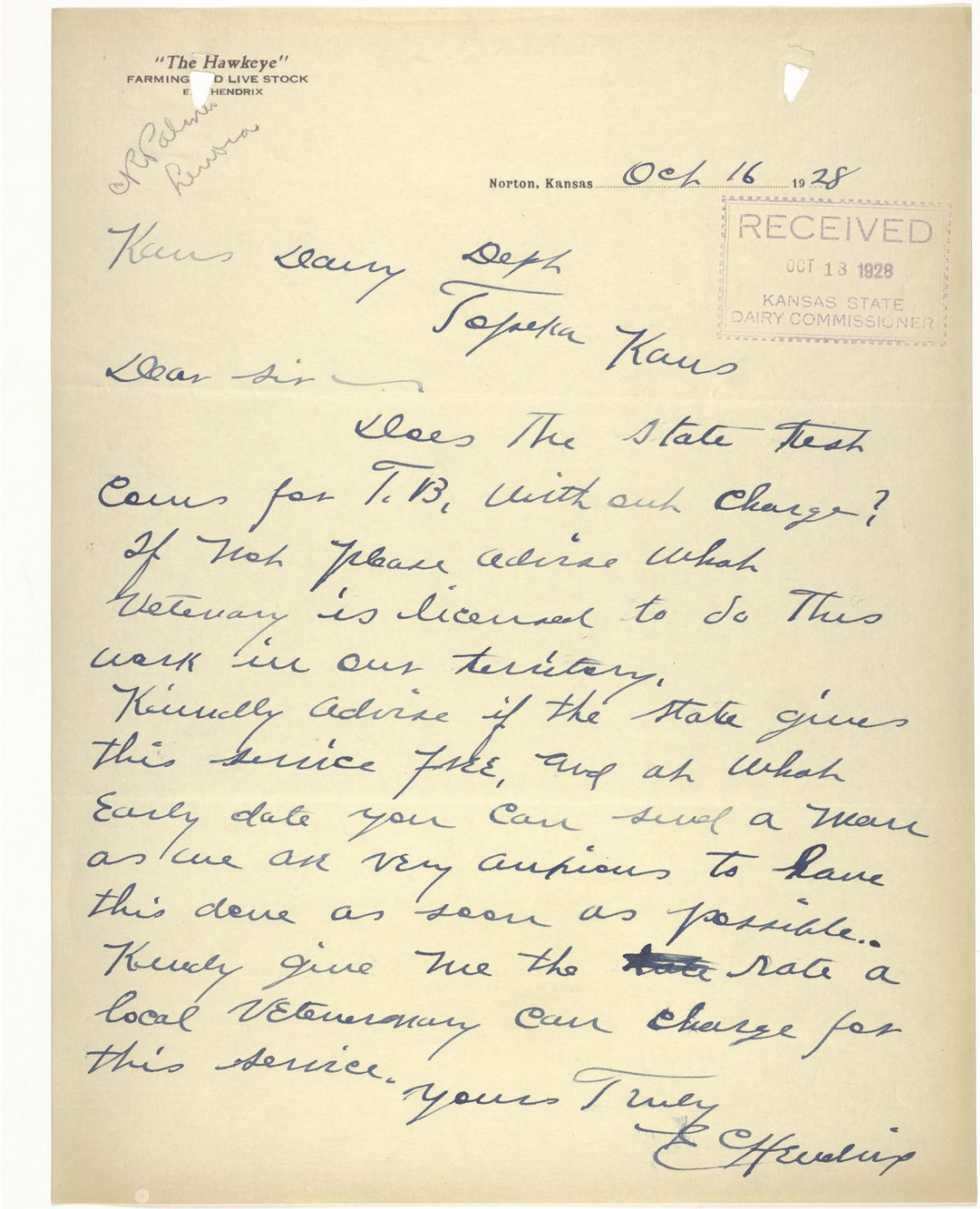
In case you wish to place your herd under state and federal supervision we could test same under what is known as the Accredited Herd Plan. If you wish to do this, sign and return to us the enclosed Accredited Herd Contract and we will make arrangements to have your herd tested by either a state or federal veterinarian. Under the Accredited Herd Plan owners always receive one free test and if it is at all possible free tests are made by the state and federal government until a herd is fully accredited. After herds are fully accredited it is necessary for the owner to stand the expense of having his herd tested annually.

If you do not care to place your herd under state and federal supervision you can no doubt make arrangements with Dr. E. R. Palmer at Lenora, Kansas, to test your cattle. There is no fixed charge for testing done by local veterinarians but you could find out from Dr. Palmer what his charges would be for doing your testing and if you think his charge is unfair you can let us know and we will advise you regarding same.

Very truly yours,

A Commissioner.

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"The Hawkeye"
FARMING AND LIVE STOCK
E. HENDRIX

Norton, Kansas Oct 16 1928

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OCT 18 1928
KANSAS STATE
DAIRY COMMISSIONER

Kans Dairy Dept
Topeka Kans

Dear Sir

Does the State Test
Cows for T. B. with out Charge?
If not please advise what
Veterinary is licensed to do this
work in our territory.
Kindly advise if the State gives
this service free, and at what
Early date you can send a man
as we are very anxious to have
this done as soon as possible.
Kindly give me the ~~rate~~ Rate a
local Veterinary can charge for
this service. Yours Truly
E C Hendrix

Nov. 1, 1928

Mr. Robert W. Hemphill,
Norton, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I have yours of the 30th with enclosures and thank you very much for same. I am enclosing you a copy of a letter written to Mr. Hager and Mr. Walker. Should you hear of Dr. Trompeter testing cattle for tuberculosis again please advise us and we will file complaint against him. I am in hopes however that he will not violate our order further. I am returning the charts in question in line with your request. If you have no need of them I would like to have you return them for our records here.

Thanking you, I am

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

JHM/M

Nov. 1, 1928

Mr. E. A. Walker,
Norton, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

The city attorney of Norton, Mr. Robert W. Hemphill, has sent me a tuberculin test record of your cow made by one Dr. H. E. Trompeter.

You are advised that this test record has no significance whatever. It is incorrect and plainly shows that Dr. Trompeter knows nothing whatever about testing cattle for tuberculosis and if you paid him for such service he should return same to you.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

JHM/M

Nov. 1, 1928

Mr. Willard Hager,
Norton, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

The city attorney of Norton, Mr. Robert W. Hemphill, has sent me a tuberculin test record of your two head of cattle made by one Dr. H. E. Trompeter.

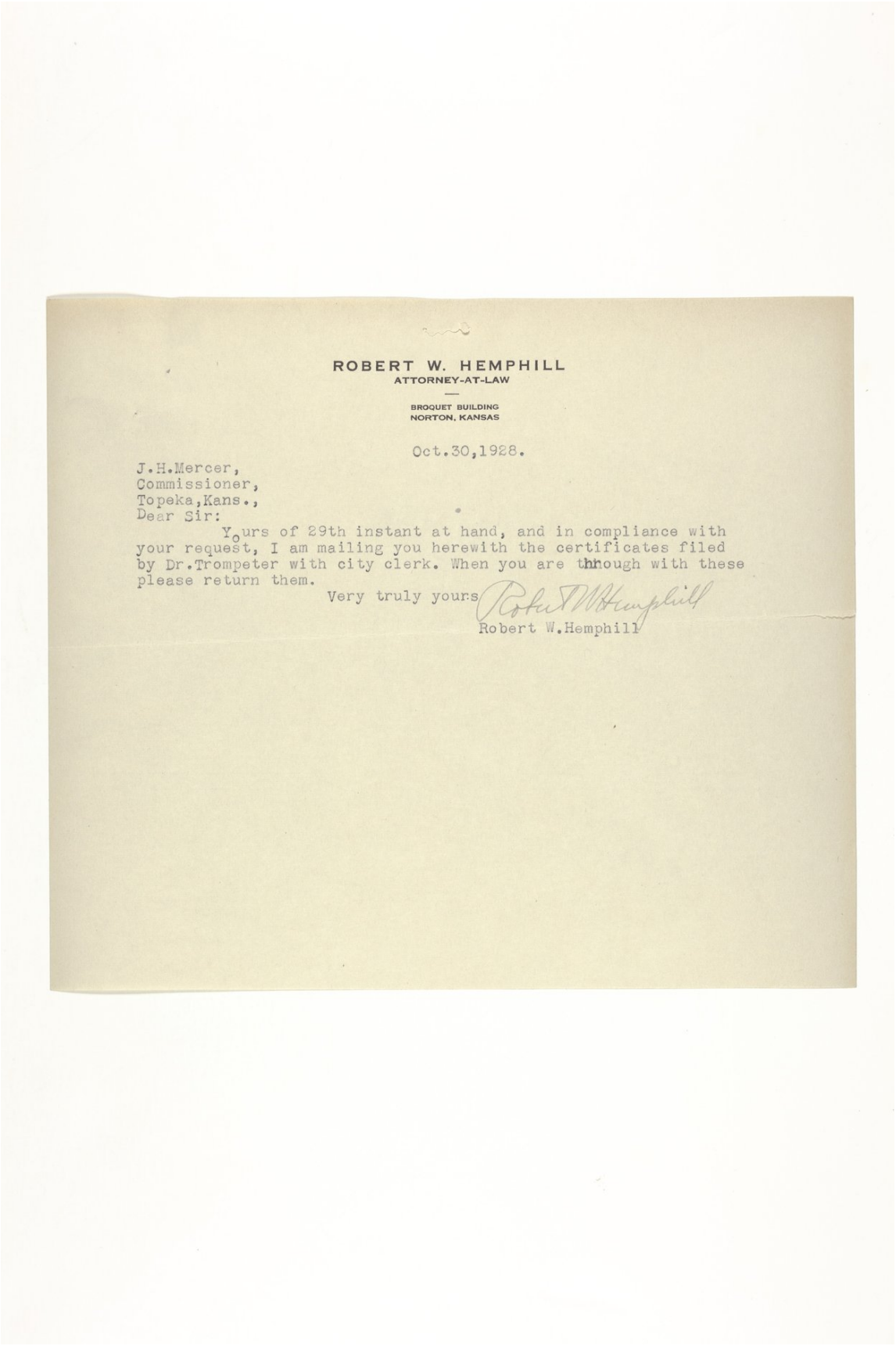
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Commissioner.

JHM/M

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ROBERT W. HEMPHILL
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

BROQUET BUILDING
NORTON, KANSAS

Oct.30,1928.

J.H.Mercer,
Commissioner,
Topeka,Kans.,
Dear Sir:

Yours of 29th instant at hand, and in compliance with your request, I am mailing you herewith the certificates filed by Dr.Trompeter with city clerk. When you are through with these please return them.

Very truly yours
Robert W.Hemphill
Robert W.Hemphill

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Oct. 29, 1928

Dr. H. E. Trompeter,
Norton, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

It has been called to my attention that you have been testing cattle for tuberculosis belonging to E. A. Walker and Willard Hager of Norton, and when brought to your attention by the city authorities of Norton that you advised them that you had been given authority by the live stock commissioner of Kansas to test cattle for tuberculosis during the past year.

There are no records in this office supporting any such a statement from you. On December 29, 1927, we advised you that we did not feel that you could test cattle for tuberculosis in compliance with the requirements and to make no further tests. Also to send all official records in connection therewith that you might have to this department. If you had any records at the time you failed to return them in line with directions.

By testing cattle for tuberculosis you have violated the rule and order of this department and of course stand subject to its penalties. We do not wish to be harsh with you but it must be destinctly understood that you are to do no more testing and if you continue to disregard the orders of this department complaint will be filed against you. Let me hear from you as regards this matter and also if you have any official charts of the live stock sanitary department, return same to this department at once.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

JHM/M

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Oct. 29, 1928

Mr. Robert W. Hemphill,
Norton, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Answering yours of the 25th instant.

The records in this office do not disclose that Dr. Trompeter has been given any authority to test cattle for tuberculosis during the past year. Under date of December 29, 1927, I wrote him and advised him that he could not test cattle and if he had any official records of this department to return them to this office. I wish you would try and secure the test records he filed with your city clerk and send same to this department. I am enclosing you copy of the letter to Dr. Trompeter that explains itself. I dislike to bring about anything disagreeable but unless Dr. Trompeter stops violating the law of this department we will be compelled to file complaint against him.

Thanking you for calling this to my attention,
I am

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

JHM/M

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ROBERT W. HEMPHILL
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

BROQUET BUILDING
NORTON, KANSAS

Oct. 25,1928.

J.H.Mercer,
Topeka, Kansas,
Dear Sir:

In re testing cattle for tuberculosis by Dr.Trompeter.

On the 29th of last December, you wrote me to the effect that Dr. Trompeter, vetrinarian of this city had no authority to test cattle for tuberculosis, and that you had advised him to refund money he had received for making test. Two milk dealers in this city have within past day or two, turned in tests made by Dr. Trompeter, to the city clerk, in an attempt by them to come within the terms of our city ordinance requiring the testing of dairy cattle. One is E.A.Walker for whom Tropeter tested one cow and one is Willard Hager, for whom Trompeter tested two cows. I told the city clerk today that we could not accept these tests in view of your letter above referred to. I intended to report the matter to you anyway. Since then,however, but this same day, she called me to tell me that Trompeter was in the office claiming that he now had authority from you to make these tests. In view of your remarks in said letter, I doubt the correctness of this statement on his part, but would be pleased to hear from you in regard to this matter.

Very truly yours

Robert W. Hemphill
City Attorney,Norton,
Kansas

Dec. 29, 1927

Mr. Robert W. Hemphill,
Norton, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 27th instant.

As stated to you in a former letter, Dr. Trompeter wrote me that he had tested twelve head of cattle for tuberculosis to meet the requirements of the city ordinance of Norton and asked that I send him a dozen charts on which to make out his report. Since he stated that he had already tested the cattle, I sent him the charts in line with our letter of November 8th, which you state you read.

Dr. Trompeter has failed to send us any charts but we received a letter from him describing how he tested cattle for tuberculosis. I am sorry to say according to his letter, he knows nothing about testing cattle and I have written him today to do no more testing. Therefore, it is suggested that you do not accept any test record made by Dr. Trompeter. Dr. Trompeter did not have any authority to test cattle for tuberculosis and I would not approve the test that he did make even though he sends the charts.

Dr. Trompeter may be a good citizen but his letter indicates to me that he knows nothing about the veterinary profession whatever. If he made any charge for the testing of the cattle in question, he should refund same to the cattle owners and I have advised him accordingly. I am sorry that I am compelled to make this decision. However, it is the only right thing to do.

Very truly yours,

JHM/M

Commissioner.

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ROBERT W. HEMPHILL
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
Broquet Building
NORTON, KANSAS

Dec. 27,1927.

J. H. Mercer,
State Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner,
Topeka, Kansas,
Dear Sir:

Yours of 15th instant received by me and most of dairymen in the city were informed of the~~ir~~ contents. Today, however, Dr. Trompeter and Mr. Dopps, a dairyman, for whom Trompeter had made tests called at my office, and I informed them of the contents of your letter, in fact reading it to them. They purported to claim, and your letter would be perhaps subject to that interpretation, that your department intended to accept the tests made by Dr. Trompeter and for which you sent him charts. Dr. Trompeter also claimed that he had sent in the charts after filling them out as directed by you. It is possible that you have heard from him since writing to me.

It is not the city's wish to be arbitrary in the enforcement of our ordinance, and I am therefore writing you again in regard to the tests made by Trompeter prior to hearing from you. Dr. Trompeter advises that he made eleven tests, that seven of them were for Mr. Dopps, that he has made no tests since hearing from you, and that these eleven tests are the ones for which he wanted charts when writing you, and that he erroneously reported twelve tests. It makes no difference to me which way you rule on this matter, I just want a ruling, either advising that we accept these tests made, or that we do not accept them, so that there will be no room for a contention that you did or did not intend to O. K. the tests made and for which you sent charts. Thanking you for your former report, and also for your attention to this matter, I am,

Very truly yours
Robert W. Hemphill

Dec. 29, 1927

Dr. H. E. Trompeter,
Norton, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Answering your letter of the 26th instant.

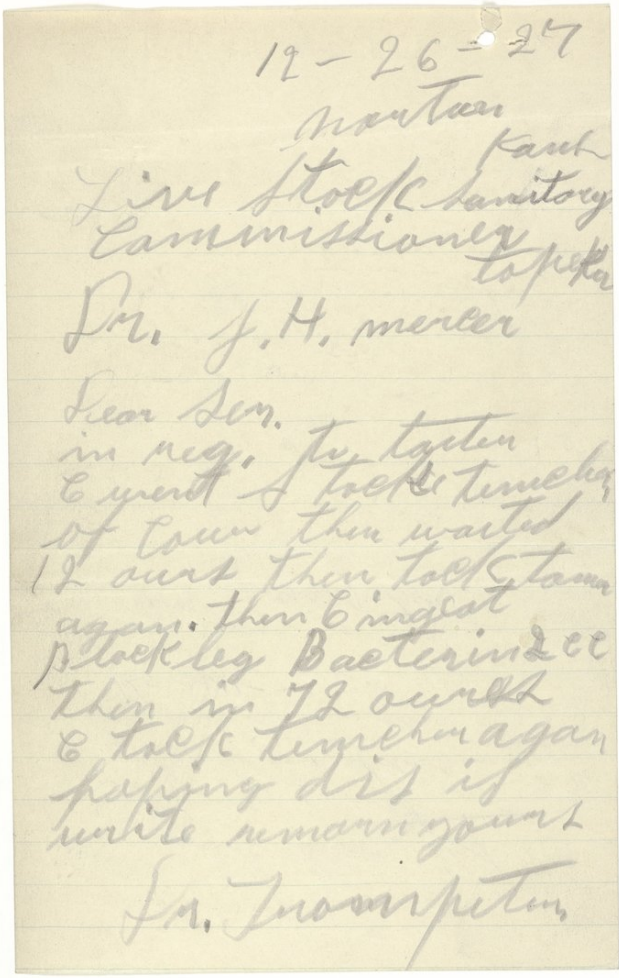
The manner in which you describe your method of testing cattle for tuberculosis is not in accordance with the requirements. Therefore, do not make any more tests. I directed you to make up the charts on the cattle you had already tested and send to this office, which you have failed to do. If you have any blank charts that I sent you, return them to this office.

I never heard of anyone injecting cattle with Black Leg bacterin for tuberculosis before so you evidently do not know how to do this work. If you made a charge for this service you should refund whatever was paid to the owners of the cattle, as from your letter your test is of no consequence whatever. I am sorry to have to make this decision but, of course, you would not want your people to pay you for a veterinary service that was of no benefit to them.

Very truly yours,

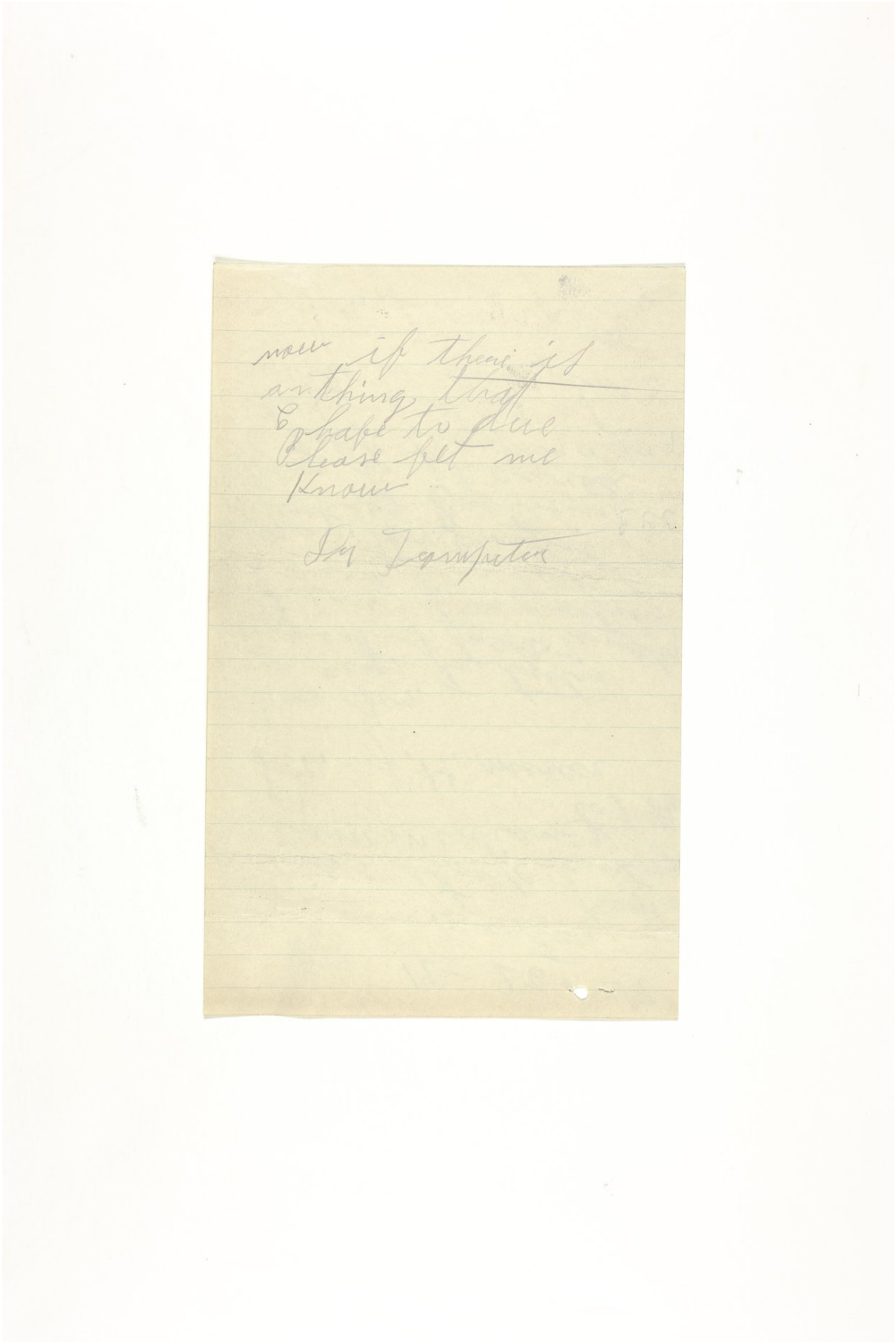
JHM/M

Commissioner.



12-26-27
Manhattan Kans
Live Stock Sanitary
Commissioner
Topeka
Hon. J. H. mercer
Dear Sir.
in reg. to taken
Cyanide Stock tank
of town then waited
12 hours then took tank
again. then 6 ringer
Blackleg Bacterin &c
then in 72 hours
took temp again
keeping dis is
write remain yours
J. A. Thompson

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now if there is
anything that
I can do
please let me
know

Dr Jamison

Nov. 8, 1927

Dr. H. E. Trompeter,
Norton, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Answering yours of the 5th instant.

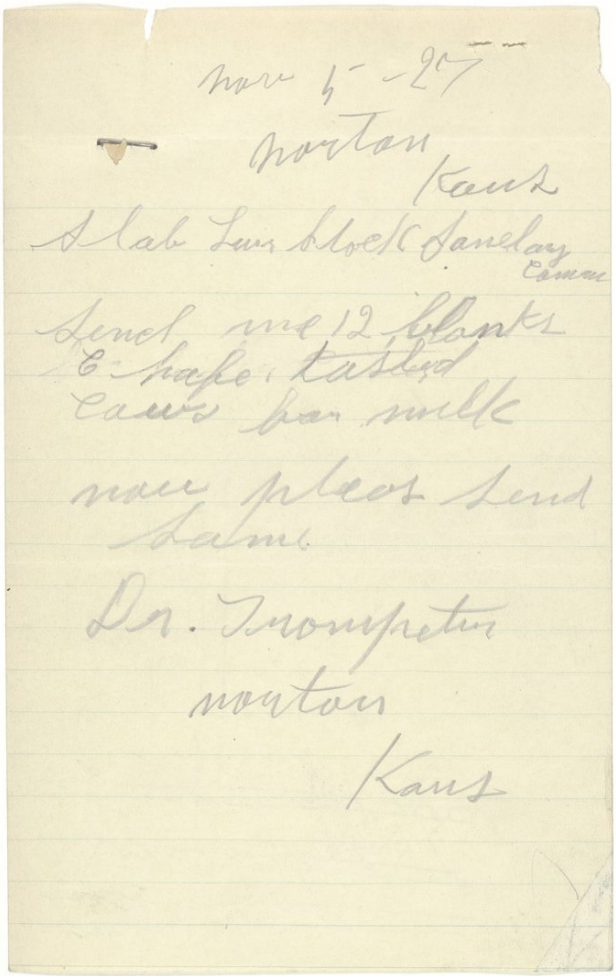
I am sending you a dozen health charts in line with your request. Make up the test record on these charts and then write me and give me an outline of your method of testing cattle.

I am asking for this information for the reason that it has developed that it is quite a technical piece of work to tuberculin test cattle correctly. Hence, the need of your fully understanding how to do this work. Our records do not show that we have given you authority to test cattle for tuberculosis and unless you understand fully how to make a test we would not want you to do any testing.

Very truly yours,

JHM/M Commissioner.

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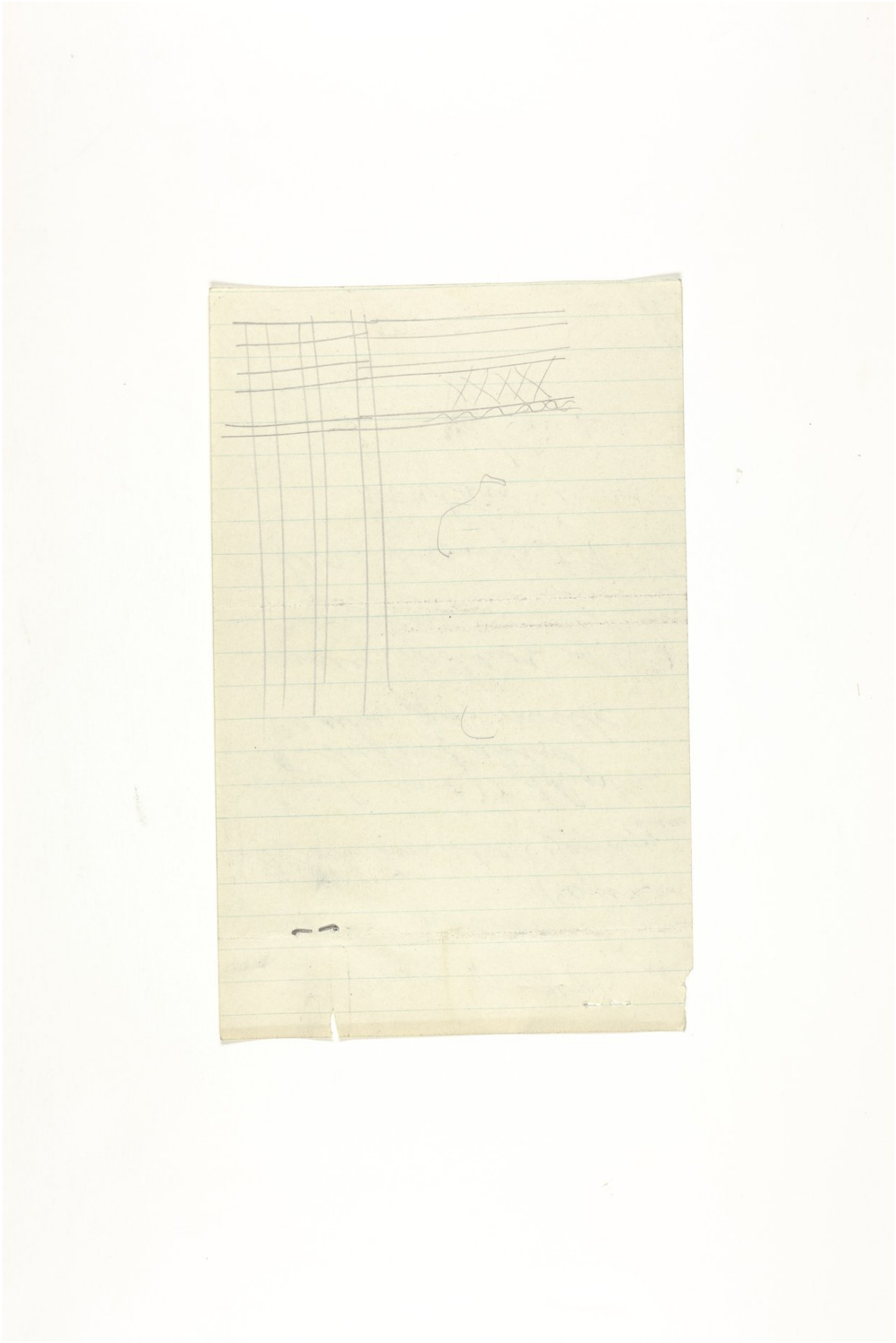
Norton
Kans

Dear Sir Livestock Sanitary Commr

Send me 12 blanks
C shape tested
cows for milk
nine pleas send
same

Dr. Thompson
norton
Kans

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Norwich Kansas November 6th 1928

Mr. J. H. Mercer,
Live Stock Commissioner,.
Topeka Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter Nov 5th relative three cars cattle for Enterprise Kansas October 13th .

We loaded two cars cattle ATSF51441 and 58978 October 12th for John Cottrell destination Irving Kansas via ATSF to Enterprise and thence Union Pac Ry.

Also loaded one car cattle ATSF 50779 October 12th for James Horalek also destination Irving Kansas via ATSF to Enterprise thence Union Pac.

These are eveidently the cattle you are tracing as shipped by National Producers Feeder Pool and received by them from Kinkaid Brothers, other thirty cars went Kas City and points east and were held up Kas City account scabby.

Yours truly,

RD Huffington

RDH/M

Agent
ATSF

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Nov. 5, 1928

Santa Fe Railroad Agent,
Norwich, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

On or about the 13th of October the National Producers Feeder Pool, of Chicago, Illinois, received something like 30 cars of feeding cattle from Kincaid Bros. The records show that these cattle were loaded through the cattle loading pens at Norwich. All but three cars of the cattle in question were destined to points beyond Kansas City. The cattle unloaded at Kansas City for feed and rest were found to be infected with mange and held for dipping.

The record furnished this department by the federal government at Kansas City states that one load of cattle was shipped in AT&SF car No.50779. This shipment went to James Horleak, Enterprise, Kansas. Two cars AT&SF Nos. 51441 and 49978 were consigned to John Cottrell, Enterprise, Kansas.

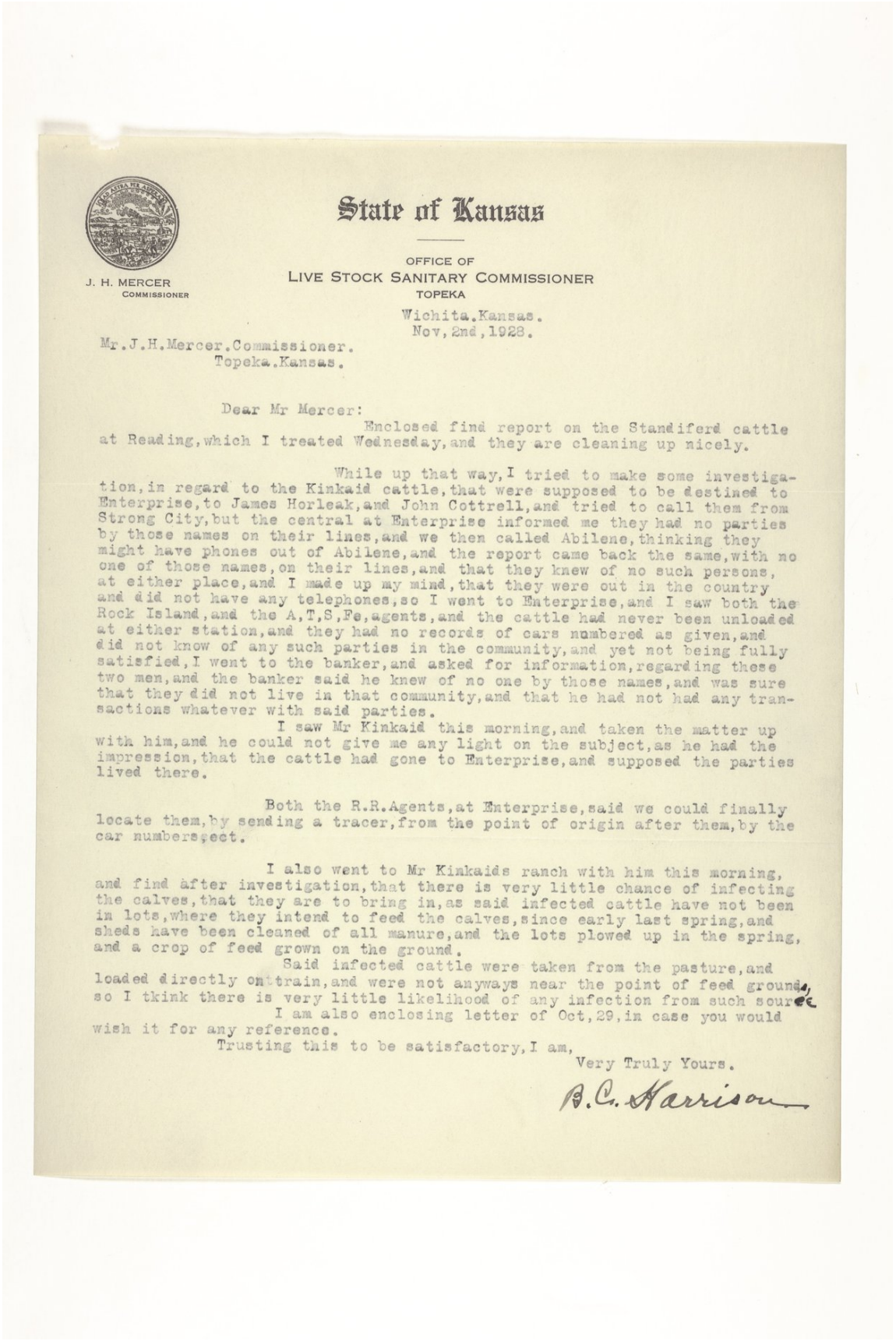
A representative of this office has made investigation with respect to the shipments destination Enterprise and was unable to locate the cattle in question. He reports that the ST&SF agent at Enterprise and also the R.I. agent at that place advised him that no such consignments had been unloaded at Enterprise. Will you please trace the destination of the three cars of cattle in question and advise us as to where they were unloaded. We are asking for this information for the reason that under the law it is necessary for this department to have an inspection of the cattle made and treat them for mange if they should be found to be infected. Thanking you in advance for an early reply with this information, I am

Very truly yours,

JHM/M

Commissioner.

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State of Kansas

OFFICE OF
LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER
TOPEKA

J. H. MERCER
COMMISSIONER

Wichita, Kansas.
Nov, 2nd, 1928.

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

Dear Mr Mercer:

Enclosed find report on the Standiferd cattle at Reading, which I treated Wednesday, and they are cleaning up nicely.

While up that way, I tried to make some investigation, in regard to the Kinkaid cattle, that were supposed to be destined to Enterprise, to James Horleak, and John Cottrell, and tried to call them from Strong City, but the central at Enterprise informed me they had no parties by those names on their lines, and we then called Abilene, thinking they might have phones out of Abilene, and the report came back the same, with no one of those names, on their lines, and that they knew of no such persons, at either place, and I made up my mind, that they were out in the country and did not have any telephones, so I went to Enterprise, and I saw both the Rock Island, and the A, T, S, Fe, agents, and the cattle had never been unloaded at either station, and they had no records of cars numbered as given, and did not know of any such parties in the community, and yet not being fully satisfied, I went to the banker, and asked for information, regarding these two men, and the banker said he knew of no one by those names, and was sure that they did not live in that community, and that he had not had any transactions whatever with said parties.

I saw Mr Kinkaid this morning, and taken the matter up with him, and he could not give me any light on the subject, as he had the impression, that the cattle had gone to Enterprise, and supposed the parties lived there.

Both the R.R. Agents, at Enterprise, said we could finally locate them, by sending a tracer, from the point of origin after them, by the car numbers, ect.

I also went to Mr Kinkaids ranch with him this morning, and find after investigation, that there is very little chance of infecting the calves, that they are to bring in, as said infected cattle have not been in lots, where they intend to feed the calves, since early last spring, and sheds have been cleaned of all manure, and the lots plowed up in the spring, and a crop of feed grown on the ground.

Said infected cattle were taken from the pasture, and loaded directly on train, and were not anyways near the point of feed ground, so I tkink there is very little likelihood of any infection from such source.

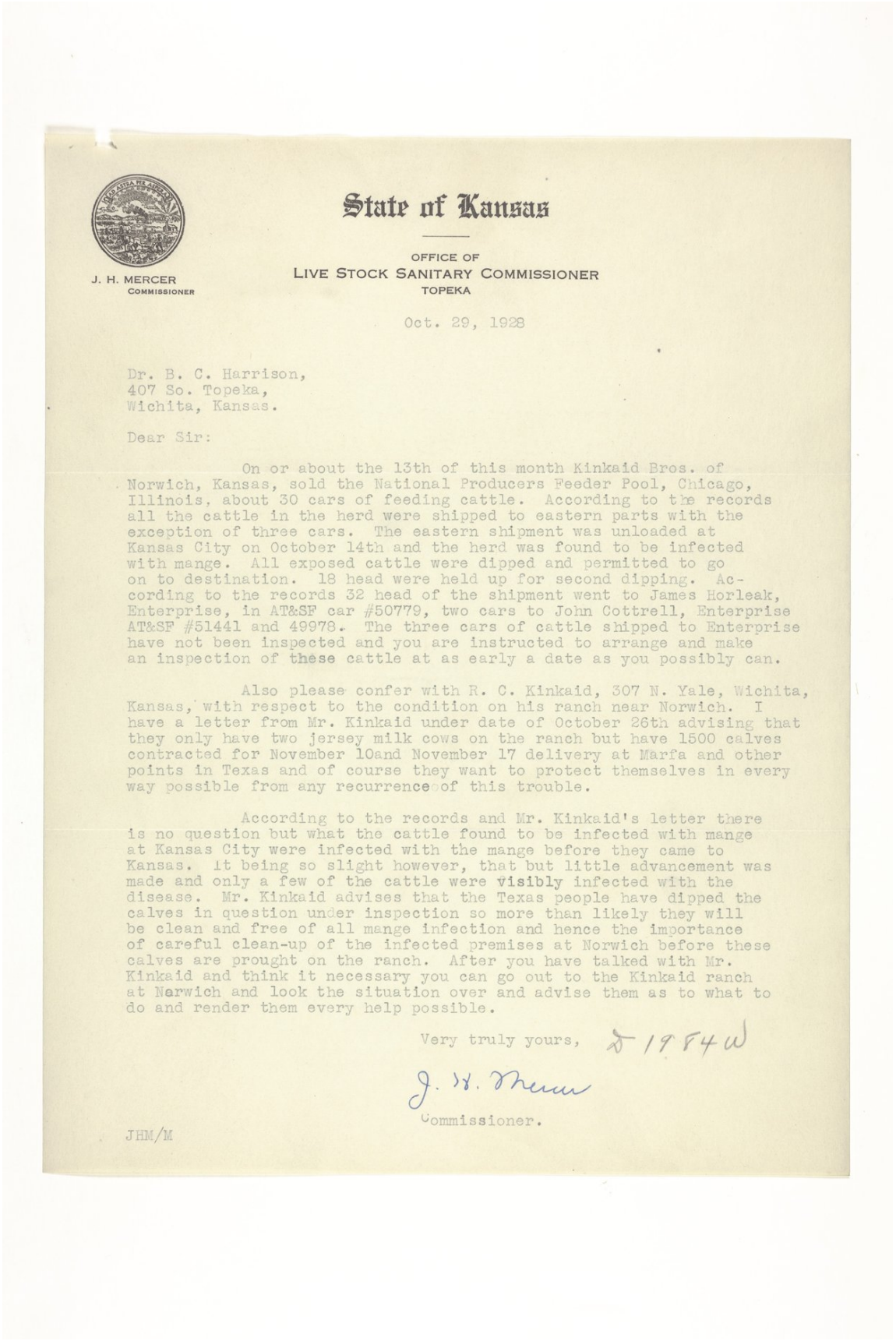
I am also enclosing letter of Oct, 29, in case you would wish it for any reference.

Trusting this to be satisfactory, I am,

Very Truly Yours.

B. C. Harrison

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State of Kansas

J. H. MERCER
COMMISSIONER

OFFICE OF
LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER
TOPEKA

Oct. 29, 1928

Dr. B. C. Harrison,
407 So. Topeka,
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

On or about the 13th of this month Kinkaid Bros. of Norwich, Kansas, sold the National Producers Feeder Pool, Chicago, Illinois, about 30 cars of feeding cattle. According to the records all the cattle in the herd were shipped to eastern parts with the exception of three cars. The eastern shipment was unloaded at Kansas City on October 14th and the herd was found to be infected with mange. All exposed cattle were dipped and permitted to go on to destination. 18 head were held up for second dipping. According to the records 32 head of the shipment went to James Horleak, Enterprise, in AT&SF car #50779, two cars to John Cottrell, Enterprise AT&SF #51441 and 49978. The three cars of cattle shipped to Enterprise have not been inspected and you are instructed to arrange and make an inspection of these cattle at as early a date as you possibly can.

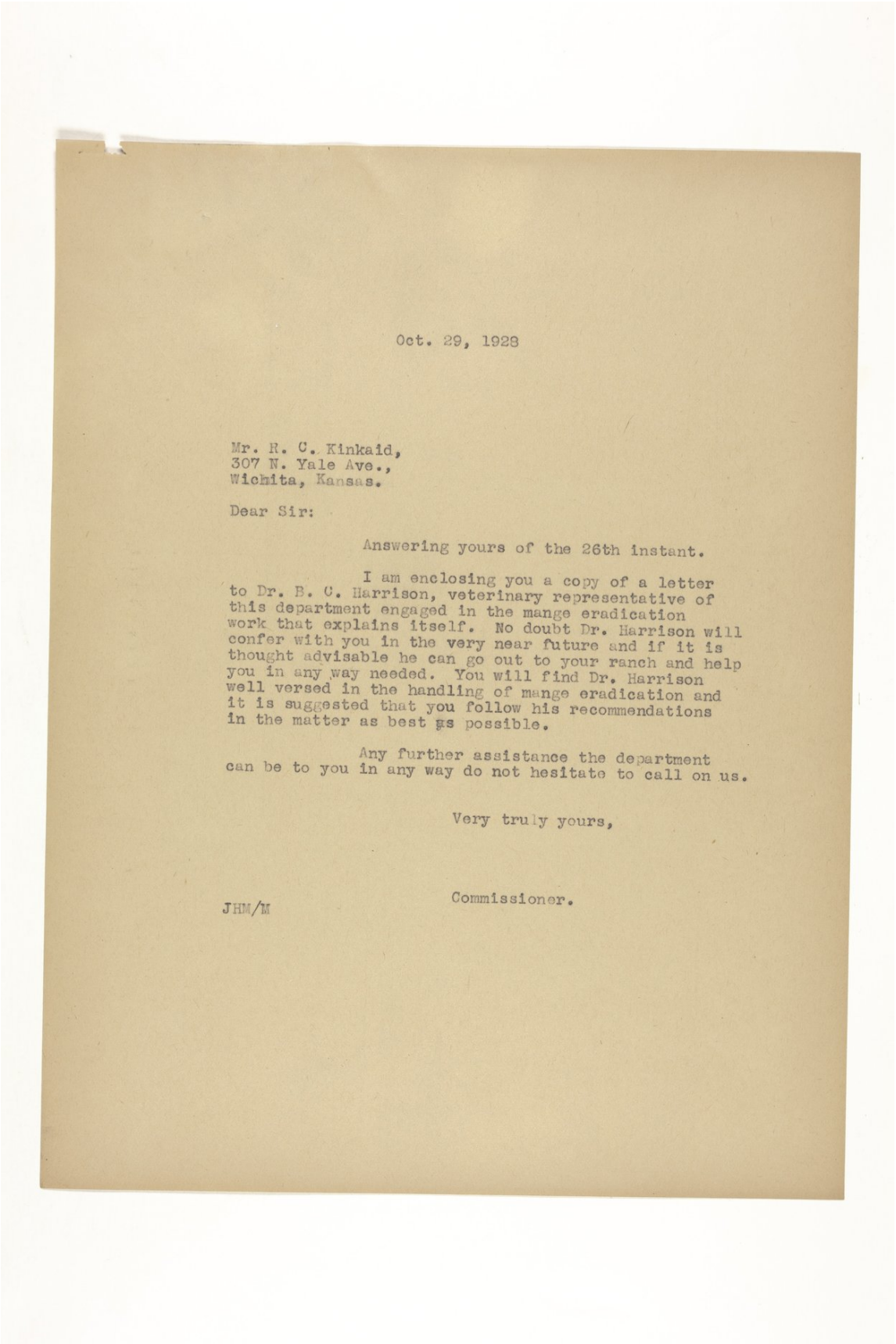
Also please confer with R. C. Kinkaid, 307 N. Yale, Wichita, Kansas, with respect to the condition on his ranch near Norwich. I have a letter from Mr. Kinkaid under date of October 26th advising that they only have two jersey milk cows on the ranch but have 1500 calves contracted for November 10and November 17 delivery at Marfa and other points in Texas and of course they want to protect themselves in every way possible from any recurrence of this trouble.

According to the records and Mr. Kinkaid's letter there is no question but what the cattle found to be infected with mange at Kansas City were infected with the mange before they came to Kansas. It being so slight however, that but little advancement was made and only a few of the cattle were visibly infected with the disease. Mr. Kinkaid advises that the Texas people have dipped the calves in question under inspection so more than likely they will be clean and free of all mange infection and hence the importance of careful clean-up of the infected premises at Norwich before these calves are prought on the ranch. After you have talked with Mr. Kinkaid and think it necessary you can go out to the Kinkaid ranch at Norwich and look the situation over and advise them as to what to do and render them every help possible.

Very truly yours, D 1954W

J. H. Mercer
Commissioner.

JHM/M



Oct. 29, 1928

Mr. R. C. Kinkaid,
307 N. Yale Ave.,
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Answering yours of the 26th instant.

I am enclosing you a copy of a letter to Dr. B. C. Harrison, veterinary representative of this department engaged in the mange eradication work that explains itself. No doubt Dr. Harrison will confer with you in the very near future and if it is thought advisable he can go out to your ranch and help you in any way needed. You will find Dr. Harrison well versed in the handling of mange eradication and it is suggested that you follow his recommendations in the matter as best gs possible.

Any further assistance the department can be to you in any way do not hesitate to call on us.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

JHM/M

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Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

JHM/M

R. C. KINKAID
307 N. YALE AVE.
WICHITA, KANSAS

Oct. 26, 1928.

Mr J. H. Mercer
Topeka Kans.

Dear Sir:-

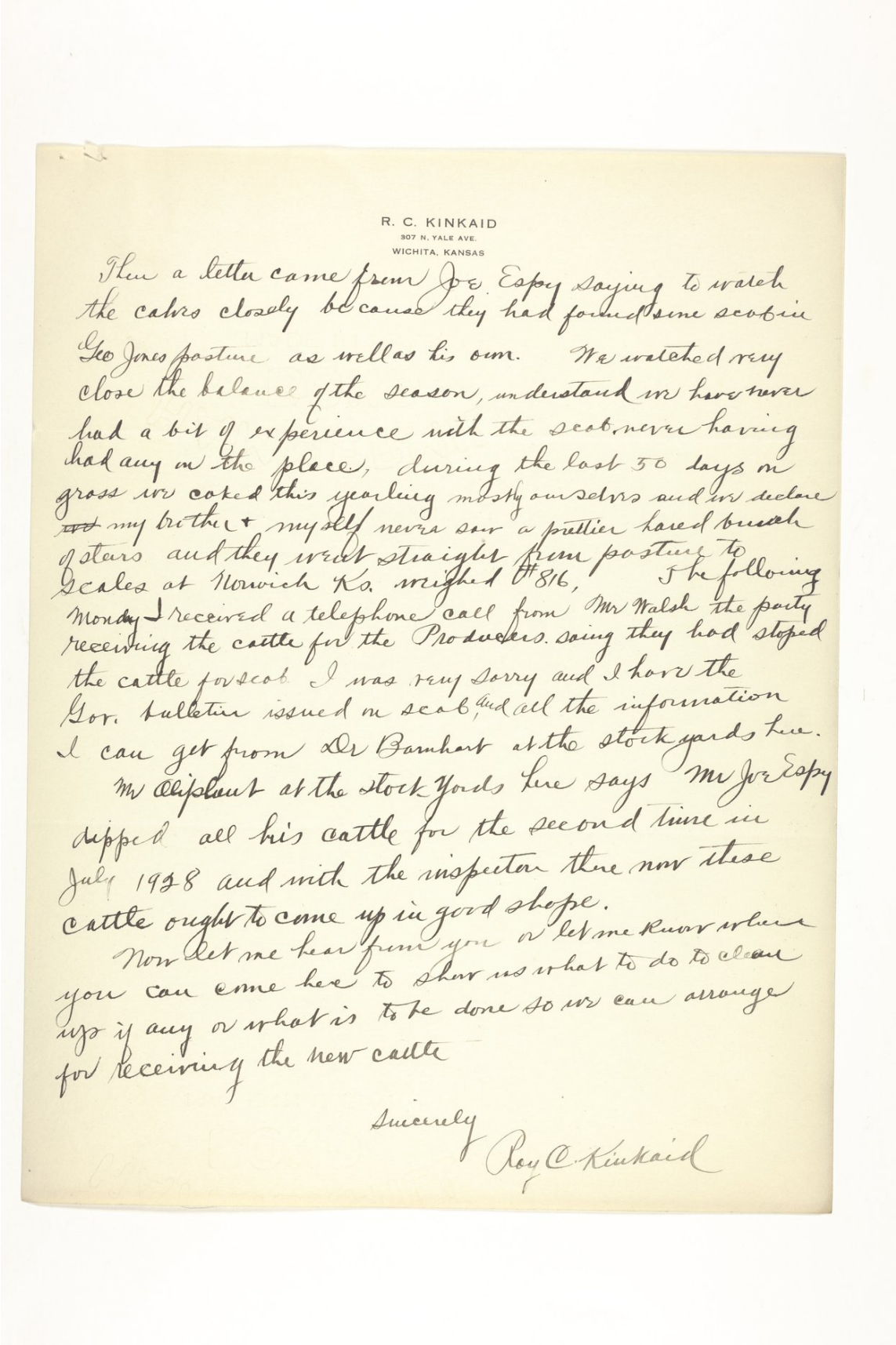
I just returned to day from Kansas City where I went to look at the eighteen head of cattle to get the brands and I find your letter of Oct. 19, 1928.

Now no one is any more sorry this happened than we are and we are only too glad to cooperate in any way to fix this up right, because we will have another bunch of yearlings next season.

At present we have only two Jersey milk cows on the ranch but we have 1500 calves contracted for Nov. 10 and Nov. 17, 1928. delivery at Marfa, Ryan, & Valentine, Texas. from. L.C. Britt, W.T. Jones, Frank Jones. and Joe Espy. I also understand this year they have a federal inspector.

The steers just sold we received from Nov. 10 to Nov. 15, 1927, at Marfa, & Ryan Texas. from Frank Jones, Geo Jones, Joe Espy. after these calves had landed at our ranch and had 3 wks rest we put them thru a chute and put hot creosote dip & sulphur on their faces & backs with a good stiff brush, now we have done this for the last several years because we have no rat, we have been doing this to sort of clean up the cattle and guard in a way if their was any danger never dreaming that there was a bit of danger here. Then some three or four weeks after this was done cattle looking fine and doing well 1080 head in 5 feed lots. (These calves weighed 448 pay weight shrunk) these calves stayed in feed lots until going out on the place to grass about apl. 23.

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R. C. KINKAID
307 N. YALE AVE.
WICHITA, KANSAS

Thru a letter came from Jos. Espy saying to watch the calves closely because they had found some scabs in Geo Jones pasture as well as his own. We watched very close the balance of the season, understand we have never had a bit of experience with the scab never having had any on the place, during the last 30 days we grass we coked this yearling mostly ourselves and we declare ~~we~~ my brother + myself never saw a prettier bunch of steers and they went straight from pasture to Scales at Norwich Ks. weighed 816, The following Monday I received a telephone call from Mr Walsh the party receiving the cattle for the Producers saying they had stoped the cattle for scab I was very sorry and I have the Gov. bulletin issued on scab, and all the information I can get from Dr Barnhart at the stock yards here.

Mr Shipman at the Stock Yards here says Mr Jos Espy dipped all his cattle for the second time in July 1928 and with the inspector there now these cattle ought to come up in good shape.

Now let me hear from you or let me know where you can come here to show us what to do to clean up if any or what is to be done so we can arrange for receiving the new cattle

Sincerely
Roy C. Kinkaid

Field Inspector Notified

CSM

F. I. Form 48 B.

U. S. Department of Agriculture,
BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY.

Report of Cattle Inspected for { Scabies. ~~Texas Fever~~ Ticks

Where inspected: Kansas City Stock Yards

Date: October 15, 1928. 19

Mite demonstrated.

No. INFECTED: 919 in shipment

Condition: slight on 12 out of 300 head that had been put thru chutes.

No. EXPOSED:

No. FREE:

Inspection made by C. L. Hamblen

For feeding (?) breeding (?) slaughter (?)

How many cars cleaned and disinfected? 28

Owner: National Producers Feeder Pool

Owner's address:

Station loaded at: Norwich, Kansas.

Date and hour loaded: 5 PM 10/13/28.

Railroad shipped over: AT&SF

Car Nos. and initials: 59894 and 27 others.

Consignee: Various.

Address: "

Destination: Various in Ohio, Ill., Mo.& Mich.

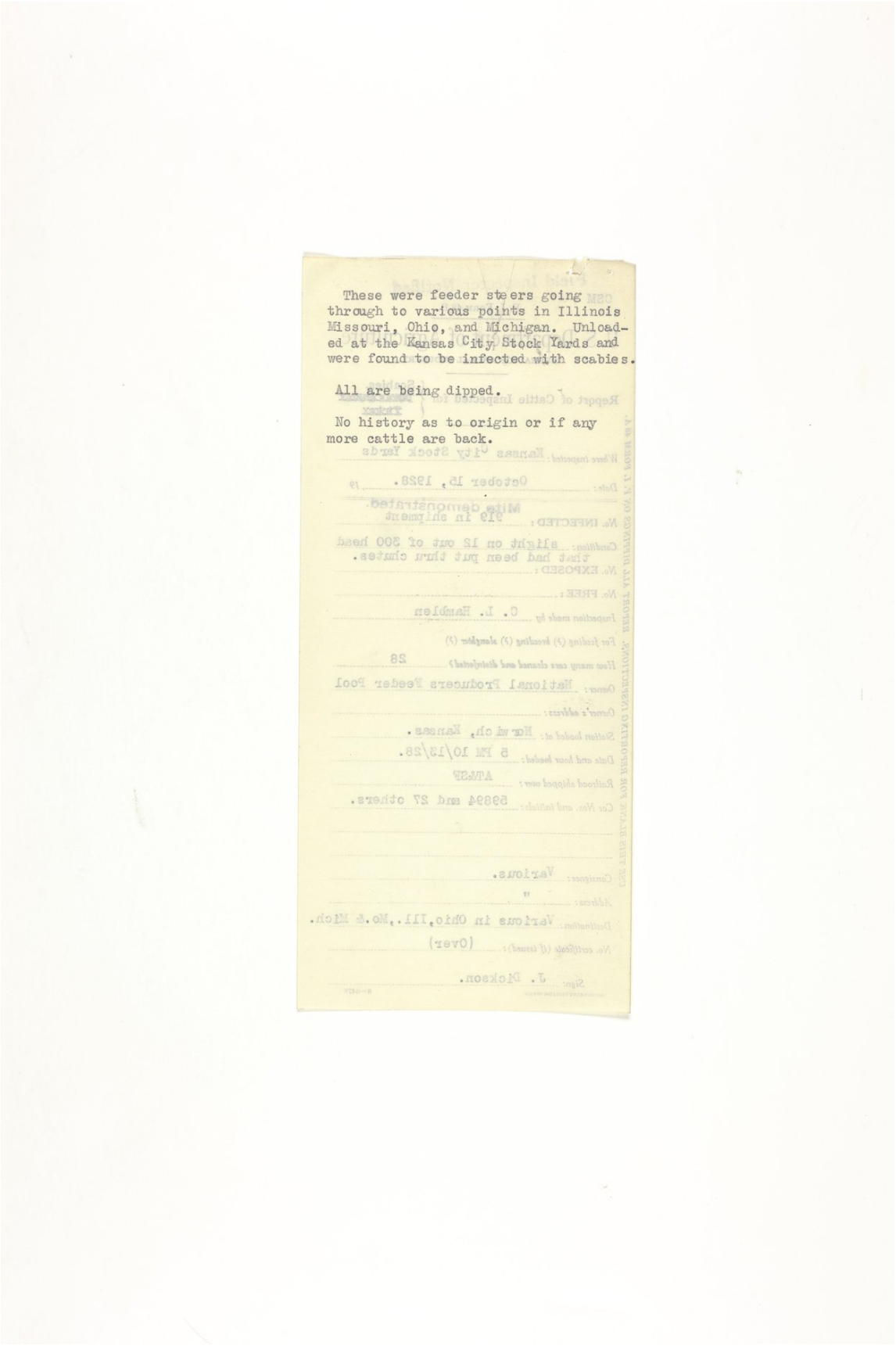
No. certificate (if issued): (Over)

Sign: J. Dickson.

USE THIS BLANK FOR REPORTING INSPECTIONS. REPORT ALL DIPPINGS ON F. I. FORM 48 A.

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These were feeder steers going through to various points in Illinois Missouri, Ohio, and Michigan. Unloaded at the Kansas City Stock Yards and were found to be infected with scabies.

All are being dipped.

No history as to origin or if any more cattle are back.

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J. H. MERCER
COMMISSIONER

State of Kansas

OFFICE OF
LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER
TOPEKA

Kansas City, Mo.
Oct, 19th, 1928.

J. H. Mercer,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Mercer:

Referring to your letter of yesterday, regarding the shipment of cattle indicated by the slip which I am returing to you. The information gathered from the Government office, also Mr. Angle of the Producers Commission Association, these yards, is that the National Producers Feeders Pool, 608 Dearborn St, Chicago, Ill., purchased the entire shipment from Kincaid Bros., of Norwich, Kansas.

W- Sincerely yours,

Don C Williams

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Oct. 19, 1928

Kincaid Bros.,
Norwich, Kansas.

Gentlemen:

I have a report from the government inspector at Kansas City advising that a shipment of 920 cattle shipped from Norwich, Kansas, on October 13th consigned by the National Producers Feeder Pool were unloaded at Kansas City for feed and rest on October 14th and were found to be infected with scabies.

The report further states that this entire shipment of cattle was purchased from your firm. On close inspection 18 head were found to be visibly infected with mange and are being held at Kansas City for a second dipping and the remainder of the shipment was dipped as exposed cattle and permitted to move on to their several destinations.

This is a very unfortunate happening, especially so since these cattle were purchased by a concern that is selling them in small lots to feeders in three or four different states. These happenings hurt the live stock industry and especially the stocker and feeder branch of the industry. Please advise as to the history of the cattle. Furnish us all the information you might have in connection therewith and also advise if you have other cattle on the ranch at this time where these cattle are located. We are asking for this information for the reason it will be necessary for the department to make an investigation with a view of assisting in every way possible to clean up any mange infection that might prevail on your ranch.

I note that 64 head of the cattle in question were shipped from Norwich to John Cottrell, Enterprise, Kansas. Also 32 head to James Horleak, Enterprise, Kansas. We are advising Mr. Cottrell and Mr. Horleak that their cattle were to be held as mange exposed cattle until an inspection is made by a representative of this department. Please let me hear from you at your very earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

JHM/M