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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL

CARLISLE, PA. Feb. 7, 1916.

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The Honorable Mr. Sells, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Sells:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 5th instant enclosing therewith a copy of a letter from Dr. A. D. Melvin, Chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry, reporting on the test of the dairy herd of this school, and requesting me to take prompt steps to comply with the recommendations of the Bureau of Animal Industry and requesting me to advise you of my plans for replacing the animals destroyed.

I have to advise that I have just written Dr. Seigmund requesting him to advise me when it will be convenient for him to supervise the slaughtering of the cows effected with tuberculosis.

In regard to the replacing of the animals destroyed, I have to advise that I have sent out a number of advertisements and have placed an advertisement in Hoard's Dairyman, but no response has been received to date. It may be necessary to postpone the purchase of these cows as it is not known whether we will have sufficient funds available.

Very respectfully,

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Superintendent!

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FEB -5 1916

Dr. A. D. Melvin,

Chief, Bureau of Animal Industry,

Washington, B. C.

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My dear Doctor Melvin:

January 32, reporting on the condition of the dairy herd at Carlisle School as evidenced by the test recently applied by a representative of your bureau, and am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter of even date addressed to the Superintendent of that school in regard thereto. I greatly appreciate your cooperation in such matters and thank you for your prompt report in the present case.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Cato Sells

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Commissioner.

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FEB -5 1918

Mr. Oscar H. Lipps,

Supt., Carlisle School.

My dear Mr. Lipps:

I am in receipt of a letter from Dr. A. D. Melvin, Chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry, reporting on the retest of the dairy herd of your school, a copy of which is enclosed herewith for your information. From this report it appears that seven of the animals have reacted under the test and that two other animals are regarded as suspecious cases, and that they together with four other animals which are unsatisfactory for dairy purposes, should be disposed of. You should take prompt steps to comply with the recommendations of the Bureau of Animal Industry, and a copy of this letter may be filed with your account as authority for the action taken.

I would also like to have you advise me of your plans for replacing the animals destroyed, and what action you propose to take in the future to

improve and develop the dairy herd at your school.

Please give these matters your immediate attention and keep me fully informed as to any action you may take in regard thereto.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Cate Sells

Commissioner.

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Commissioner.

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Dr. A. D. Melvin.

Chief. Bureau of Animal Industry,

FEB -5 1916

Washington, B. C.

My dear Doctor Melvin:

I am in receipt of your letter dated January 22, reporting on the condition of the dairy herd at Carliele School as evidenced by the test recently applied by a representative of your bureau, and am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter of even date addressed to the Superintendent of that school in regard thereto. I greatly appreciate your cooperation in such matters and thank you for your prompt report in the present case.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY. WASHINGTON, D. C.

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January 22, 1916.

Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Washington. D. C.

Sir:

FILLS BY C. P. F.

ADDRESS REPLY TO "CHIEF OF BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY." AND REFER TO U-291.3

Referring to Bureau letter U-291.3 of September 11. 1915. and to recent telephone request from your office, you are advised that upon January 11 and 12 a retest with tuberculin was applied by Dr. F. I. Winant of this office to the herd of 43 cattle maintained at the Carlisle Indian School, Carlisle, Pennsylvania. The Bureau is pleased to note a reduction in the percentage of tuberculosis as shown by this retest over that of the test in October, 1914. Thirty-four cattle were apparently free from tuberculosis and two were regarded as suspicious. The reactors were identified by tags marked U.S.B.A.I. Reacted 6449, 6450, 6452, 6453, 6455, 6456 and 6457. Those which were regarded as suspicious were identified by tags marked U.S.B.A.I. R-6451 and 6454. It is recommended that prompt arrangements be made for the slaughter of these reactors and suspects under the supervision of this Bureau's inspector in charge, Dr. W. C. Seigmund, Care Swift & Company, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Notice of the shipment of these animals may be forwarded by the Superintendent of the Carlisle School direct to Dr. Seigmund, who has been instructed to arrange for a careful postmortem examination to be conducted under his supervision.

It is suggested that the following cattle, although they

did not react to the tuberculin test, be slaughtered on account

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of being considered as unprofitable milk producers;

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Grade Holstein cow, Strap No. 7: This cow recent calved and is giving only 14 pounds of milk. She has short defective teats and her previous history indicates that she has been unprofitable during earlier lactation periods.

Grade Jersey cow, Strap No. 8, has an unsound udder.

Grade Jersey cow, Strap No. 31: This cow is now producing 13 pounds of milk and is a nonbreeder. The maintenance of non-breeders in a milk producing herd is unprofitable.

Grade Holstein cow, Strap No. 40: Shows closed lesions of actinomycosis of the right lower jaw. This cow should be kept under close observation and upon any indication of suppuration should be slaughtered without delay.

An examination of the general physical condition of the cattle, methods of feeding, and sanitation shows a marked improvement over the conditions apparent at the time of the last visit of representatives of this Bureau to the Carlisle School, in accordance with which a dairy score of 84.5 out of a possible 100 was given.

The Bureau will be pleased to receive information concerning any action taken for the purchase of cattle to replenish this herd and will arrange to detail an inspector to apply the tuberculin test to such cattle.

Respectfully,

Chief of Bureau.