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REPORT

OF THE

# ATTORNEY-GENERAL

FOR THE TWO YEARS ENDING

NOVEMBER 30, 1914.

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AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER—AUTHORIZED  
TO DIRECT WORK OF LIVE STOCK SANITARY  
COMMISSIONER.

14th May 1913.

*Hon. J. A. Roberts, Commissioner of Agriculture, Augusta,  
Maine.*

DEAR SIR:—Yours of the 14th, inst., inquiring as to the construction of Chapter 195 of the Public Laws of 1911, and particularly as to the authority of the Commissioner of Agriculture to in any way direct the work of the Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner, was duly received.

And in reply will say that it seems to me apparent from the act that it was intended to place the Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner under your department and make you the head of that branch of the department as you are the head of other branches which are under your direction. The words "shall work in conjunction with and under the general direction of" must have some meaning and undoubtedly were intended to give you general oversight over his work and with authority to give general direction as to the manner in which he should perform his duties.

The words "work in conjunction with" evidently contemplate conferences with you and a general understanding and agreement as to how his work shall be done such as would be expected to exist between the head of a department and one of his subordinates.

Of course, his duties are prescribed by law and it would probably be a general oversight that you would have, such as might be necessary to see that his work was done in conformance with the requirements of the statutes and to the end that the purposes of the statutes might be accomplished.

Very sincerely,

SCOTT WILSON,

*Attorney General.*