

that appeared longer infected than the others, and these at worst could not have, in my opinion, been infected more than three weeks at the outside. There was no spot bigger than a two-shilling piece, no wool stripped, and no hard scab."

At Court.—"When they were at Richmond I declared them infected. Forty were slightly infected, and six or seven had spots of about the size of half-a-crown. The scab-germ would generally develop in nine or ten days. From the 19th to 22nd the scab was spreading very rapidly, but they were then dipped. It would not have been so noticeable on the 17th.

BENJ. P. BAYLY, Superintendent Inspector.

Mr. B. P. BAYLY to Mr. H. A. LEVESTAM, M.H.R., Nelson.

(Memorandum.)

Wellington, 9th July, 1884.

WITH reference to your request of 26th June ultimo, that Inspector Price be asked to express the opinion he formed as to the age of the scab on Archer's sheep when he examined them in company with Inspector Blundell and myself, *after they had been dipped*, I have the honour to inform you that Inspector Price has, in reply, enclosed an extract of the case from the *Nelson Evening Mail* of 10th April last, showing the evidence he gave in Court, but which is, as I anticipated, really no answer to the question asked, nor can I compel him to answer otherwise.

BENJ. P. BAYLY, Superintendent Inspector.

Mr. E. G. PRICE to Mr. B. P. BAYLY, Superintendent Inspector, Wellington.

(Memorandum.)

Nelson, 3rd July, 1884.

WITH reference to your letter, dated 28th June, *re* late P. Archer's scab case, regarding age of scab I enclose my evidence that I gave in Court respecting it.

E. G. PRICE.

Mr. H. A. LEVESTAM, M.H.R., to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

SIR,—

Wellington, 19th June, 1884.

I have the honour to inform you that I have received a letter from a correspondent in Nelson, from which I quote the following passage, having reference to the late scab case: "I have a witness, Mr. John Mills, from Pelorus Sound, who will prove that he picked scabby sheep from his own father-in-law's (Harvey's) flock there. They were then undoubtedly scabby." If it is possible to ascertain the correctness or otherwise of the above statement I shall be glad.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

H. A. LEVESTAM.

Mr. B. P. BAYLY to Sheep Inspector BLUNDELL, Blenheim.

(Memorandum.)

27th June, 1884.

WITH reference to the extract quoted by Mr. Levestam in his letter of 19th instant (copy of letter attached) *in re* the late Archer scab case, ascertain if this occurred prior to or subsequent to the date Archer bought and drove away the mob of sheep from Harvey's. Make full inquiry, and report result.

BENJAMIN P. BAYLY, Superintendent Inspector.

Mr. A. K. BLUNDELL to Mr. John MILLS, Ferndale, Kenepuru.

(Memorandum.)

Blenheim, 3rd July, 1884.

I AM informed that you stated in Nelson that you had picked scabby sheep out of Mr. Harvey's flock. Will you kindly let me know by the return mail when this was; whether before or after Archer removed his sheep from there; and, if you can do so, kindly give me the date. By furnish-
ing the above information you will greatly oblige,

A. K. BLUNDELL.

Mr. J. MILLS to Sheep Inspector BLUNDELL.

SIR,—

5th July, 1884.

In answer to yours of 3rd July I am sorry to appear disobliging, but it appears that some one has been making themselves very busy in my affairs, and, under the circumstances, the only course left to me is to refer you to your informant for the information you require.

I have, &c.,

JOHN MILLS.

Mr. F. J. KERR to Sheep Inspector BLUNDELL.

DEAR SIR,—

Mararoa, Clova Bay, Torea Post Office, 8th July, 1884.

In reply to yours of the 3rd ultimo, *re* John Mills, I do not think he has been over to Harvey's since Archer was there. Mrs. Mills has been over several times, but I think if he had been over I should have seen him or heard something about him.

I have, &c.,

F. J. KERR.

Mr. A. K. BLUNDELL to Mr. B. P. BAYLY, Superintendent Inspector, Wellington.

(Memorandum.)

Blenheim, 11th July, 1884.

ON receipt of your memorandum of the 27th ultimo I wrote to Mr. John Mills, and enclose herewith a copy of my memorandum and his reply to the same. Mr. Mills does not deny having made the statements, and I believe that he did make them, but at the time was in a state of intoxication, as I am informed that he was in that state the whole of the time he was in Nelson. I know, and can prove, that he did not see any scabby sheep at Harvey's prior to Archer removing his mob, and do not believe that he has been there since, but am now making inquiries on that point.

A. K. BLUNDELL.