

There are a good many letters between Shaw and J.J.Toomey in the June-Oct.1914 general correspondence.

J.J.Hill sent Shaw to England in July, 1914 to buy registered cattle. Hill evidently intended to give pedigreed bulls to farmers along the Gt. Nor. Road, as he had done previously, to build up the quality of the herds.

Shaw encountered many set-backs. World War 1 had broken out and Shaw was just barely able to get the animals out of the country. On Sept. 8, 1914 after arriving in New York,

Shaw wired Hill that "foot and Mouth" [disease] "broke out in England two days after we left." Also some of the testing for tuberculosis was done hurriedly and later, some of the animals died. Then the animals were kept in quarantine near Quebec, Canada for a long time, and in some cases, it was nearly six months after leaving England that the cattle reached North Oaks. However, Hill lost very few of the cattle--from the correspondence it appears that one cow was burned to death en route, and one horse also died, and some calves. See General correspondence for 1914