

TO THE HONORABLE SECRETARY OF STATE  
OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

In the Matter of the Removal of  
Henry Shields from the position  
of State Dairy Barn Inspector.

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR REMOVAL.

I, James Sorenson, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Dairy and Food Commissioner of the State of Minnesota, by virtue of the authority conferred on me by law do hereby state that I have this day removed Henry Shields of West St. Paul, Minnesota, from the position of state dairy barn inspector, and do hereby make and file my reasons for such removal as is provided in Section 3635, General Statutes 1913.

Said Henry Shields has been removed by me for neglect of duty, incompetency, insubordination and immorality. Said Henry Shields on numerous occasions filed written reports with the Dairy and Food Commissioner representing that he had made an inspection of the dairy indicated in his report, whereas in fact no such inspection had been made by him, and said Henry Shields at various times solicited and obtained alleged loans of money from the owners of dairies located within the district assigned to him for inspection, and has failed to repay the lender the amount of said alleged loans. As specific instances I cite the following:

1. Said Henry Shields represented in a written report to the Dairy and Food Commissioner that he inspected the John Rufenacht dairy located in North St. Paul, Minnesota, on July 11, 1917, and that the final score of said dairy at that time

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was 79 points, whereas in fact said Shields did not inspect said dairy on that date and has made no inspection thereof since May 13, 1914.

2. Said Henry Shields represented in a written report to the Dairy and Food Commissioner that he inspected the Stuber Bros. Dairy located at Gladstone, Minnesota, on August 16, 1917 and on March 25, 1918, and that the final score of said dairy at the inspection of August 16, 1917 was 80.5 points and at the inspection of March 25, 1918 was 76 points, whereas in fact said Shields did not inspect said dairy on either of said dates and has made no inspection thereof since January 8, 1917.

3. Said Henry Shields represented in a written report to the Dairy and Food Commissioner that he inspected the J. A. Bell Dairy located in Gladstone, Minnesota, on July 10, 1917, and that the final score of said dairy at said time was 69 points, whereas in fact said Shields did not inspect said dairy on that date and has made no inspection thereof in the past four years.

4. Said Henry Shields represented in a written report to the Dairy and Food Commissioner that he inspected the Nelson Bros. Dairy located in North St. Paul, Minnesota, on May 29, 1917 and on September 18, 1917, and that the final score of said dairy on May 29, 1917 was 78.5 points and on September 18, 1917, was 76 points, whereas in fact said Shields did not inspect said dairy on either of said dates and has made no inspection thereof since June 13, 1916.

5. Said Henry Shields in July, 1916, solicited and received from Nelson Bros., the owners of a dairy located at North St. Paul, Minnesota, which dairy it was the duty of said

Henry Shields to inspect, the sum of \$50.

6. Said Henry Shields solicited and received on January 8, 1917, from Stuber Bros., the owners of a dairy at Gladstone, Minnesota, which dairy it was the duty of said Shields to inspect, the sum of \$10.00.

Signed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 1918

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James Johnson  
Commissioner, Dairy and Food  
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