

Veterinary Surgeon, Expenses Attending Scientific Convention. Livestock Sanitary Board, Allowing Expenses of Veterinary Surgeon.

The expense of the veterinary surgeon in attending a meeting held by the department of agriculture to investigate remedies for preventing the spread of contagious diseases among animals is a proper expense to be paid out of the expense account of the livestock sanitary board.

Helena, Montana, September 30, 1908.

Hon. M. E. Knowles,
State Veterinarian,
Helena, Montana.

Dear Sir:—

Your letter of the 28th inst. received, enclosing a letter from the bureau of animal industry of the department of agriculture of the United States, in which letter you are advised that the said bureau is conducting experimental work at its experiment station near Ames, Iowa, regarding the production of a potent serum or vaccine for hog cholera. The livestock sanitary boards of the western states and others are invited to be present at said meeting in order that they may become familiar with the means of production of this serum, and generally

understand the use and benefits thereof in the prevention of contagious diseases, etc. You state in your letter that the livestock sanitary board of this state wish to send you to this meeting as their representative, providing the expense of such trip can be paid out of the livestock sanitary board fund. Subdivision 3 of Section 1888 of the Revised Codes provides that the livestock sanitary board has power and authority "to determine and employ the most efficient and practical means to prevent, suppress, control and eradicate dangerous, contagious, etc., diseases among livestock," within, or coming into, or going out of, the state. It seems that under the above law the board would have authority to send a representative to such meeting for the purpose of securing information and data which would better enable them to carry out the provisions of such law, and that therefore the expense necessarily incurred in sending a representative to such meeting would be a proper charge to be paid out of the money appropriated for the expense of such board by the provisions of Section 1897 of the Revised Codes. You are therefore advised that the livestock sanitary board has authority to pay your expenses out of such fund.

Very truly yours,

ALBERT J. GALEN,

Attorney General.