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That the matter of Control of bakeries & Bakeshops be referred to  
a special Committee to be appointed by the Mayor.

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Vancouver, B. C.,

November 15th, 1929.

His Worship the Mayor and Members  
of the City Council,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Gentlemen:-

RE BREAD.

We, the Special Committee appointed to enquire into the enforcement of the regulations governing the sale of bread in the City, beg to report that we held a meeting on Wednesday, the 13th instant, and enquired very thoroughly into the various phases of the bread situation. There were present:- Ald. R. N. Fraser, Angus MacInnis and W. C. Atherton, and the Medical Health Officer and the City Analyst.

The M. H. O. presented correspondence extending over a period of many years, with the Dominion and the Provincial Governments regarding the desirability of establishing a standard weight for a loaf of bread, but neither of these authorities has taken any action and in view of this it would appear to be within the powers of the City to make such a regulation, if thought desirable. If such a standard were adopted it would do away with the necessity for the labelling of the bread.

The M. H. O. further informed the Committee that while the Health Department is responsible for the sanitation of bake-shops and the quality of the bread, the question of short-weight of bread, while of great importance to the consumer, does not rightly belong to that Department.

From the evidence presented by Mr. Vance, the City Analyst, it would appear that considerable attention has been paid to the sanitation of the bakeshops and the quality of the bread, but owing to the inadequacy of the staff of the Food Division, it has been impossible to carry out the provisions of the By-law in their entirety.

By devoting the time of one of the Food Inspectors almost entirely to the bakeshops during the past several months, to the neglect of his other regular work, it has been possible to bring them into conformity with the by-law and the situation is now that practically all the bakeshops are labelling the bread, or will be within a few days on receipt of the labels, and a recent check of the weight of loaves throughout the trade showed that very few were selling short-weight bread and that the shortage in every case was fractional.

There 116 bakeshops in the City with an output of approximately 210,000 loaves daily, of which 35,000 are wrapped.



The question of the wrapping of bread was also discussed, but as this involves an economic condition it was felt that it should be left to the bakers to supply wrapped bread to meet the public demand.

Your Committee therefore begs to make the following recommendations:-

1. That the City pass a By-law to establish the weight of a loaf at 16 ozs. or multiple thereof.
2. That an additional Inspector be added to the staff of the Food Division and that an allowance for a car be made for one of the Inspectors.
3. That the Bread By-law No. 1264 be revised.
4. That a Fair Weight Officer be appointed under the License Department to check up on the weight of food and other commodities offered for sale, as provided in By-law No. 1421.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

R. N. Fraser,

Alderman.

Angus MacInnis,

Alderman.

W. C. Atherton,

Alderman.

F. T. Underhill,

Medical Health Officer.

Adopted by Council Nov. 18, 1929.

Moved by Ald. Fraser.

Seconded by Ald. MacInnis.