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Vancouver, B. C.,

June 1st, 1912.

Dr. Underhill,

Medical Health Officer,

Vancouver, B. C.

Having been asked to write the following in
Sir: - ~~the following~~ *to*

In accordance with a letter received from Dr. Fagan
I proceeded to Victoria on January the 11th of this year for the
purpose of examination as Dominion Analyst, under Section 10 of the
Adulteration Act. Arriving there Dr. Fagan informed me that the
building containing the chemical laboratory had recently been
moved, *and that the building was closed & that it was not advisable to proceed with the examination until such time as it was in proper working order, and at his request the examination was postponed.*

In the latter part of May I received instructions from
yourself to again report to Dr. Fagan in Victoria on May 29th,
1912, for the purpose of examination under Section 10 of the
Adulteration Act.

Reporting to Dr. Fagan on the date mentioned, I received
three (Drug) Powders and my written instructions in regard to those
and three Solutions were as follows :-

"Examine the samples marked a, b, c, both qualitatively and
quantitatively, giving the quantity of each substance present."
Determine the nature of the drugs present in the samples marked
1, 2, 3, describe their properties, give the dose for an adult
of each, and in what case would they be likely to be prescribed.
Are samples of correct official strength and purity?"

*to be given report to the Government Building Victoria B.C.
for the purpose of examination*

I then asked Dr. Fagan if the examination was for foods or drugs, explaining that the City of Vancouver, had, upon request of the Minister of Inland Revenue, forwarded to him, a list of foods that the City wished me to be examined in. Dr. Fagan replied that the examination was for drugs only, that no foods were included in the list of articles before him. I then agreed under protest, to continue with the examination. Meanwhile we proceeded to the laboratory and discovered that in order to continue with the examination it would be necessary for me to return to Vancouver and obtain certain pieces of apparatus from our own laboratory. I therefore returned to Vancouver on the 30th inst.

I beg to call your attention to the following facts :-
On Feb. 20, 1911, a letter was forwarded from the Mayor's office to the Minister of Inland Revenue, requesting that I be appointed under Section 10 of the Adulteration Act. On March 8th of that year a reply was received from the Hon. Wm. Templeman, acknowledging the letter, and stating that the request would be granted, and asking the City to determine the different articles of food in which they wished me examined, and in which letter he also states that the Department would recommend my appointment as Food Examiner under Section 10 for such articles of food as I may qualify for.

On April 13, 1911, a letter was forwarded to the Hon. W. Templeman by City Clerk McQueen giving a list of the articles of Food which the Council desired that I be examined in. The list is as follows :-

Detection of Preservatives and Dyes as used upon all the commoner foods, such as :-

Fresh meat - fresh fish - smoked fish - sausage.

Analysis of :-

Tea, Coffee, Cocoa, Butter, Bread, Milk (whole), Cream (whole), Ice Cream, Maple Syrup, Pickles.

Detection of Poisonous Substances and Preservatives in :-

Canned Peas,

" Beans,

" Spinach,

Agricultural Fertilizers,

Water,

Alcoholic Beverages.

On April 19, 1911, a letter was received by City Clerk McQueen, from the Hon. W. Templeman, acknowledging his letter of April 13th, embodying the list of foods that the City had recommended, and stating that a copy of this letter had been forwarded to the Chief Analyst with a request that he arrange for the desired examination at the earliest possible date.

In conclusion I would state that I believe some consideration is due to me in this matter, having presented myself on two different occasions for this examination, together, with an experience as a Chemist of over eleven years, and my qualifications, as follows :-
Provincial Government Certificated Assayer and Analytical Chemist,
Fellow Chemical Society (England),
Member American Chemical Society,
Member Canadian Mining Institute,

Analyst for the City of Vancouver, for six years,
Late Chief Chemist to different works, etc., in Canada and the United States.

My early training as a Chemist is embodied in the application before the Chief Analyst in Ottawa.

I think, Sir, that having proved beyond doubt my willingness to undergo this examination, and considering my experience and

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qualifications as a Chemist, that the necessary power should be granted me, without the formality of an examination in such foods as the City have requested.

However, I am quite prepared to take the necessary examination.

Yours truly,

(Signed) John F. C. B. Vance, F. C. S., etc.,

City Analyst.