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Vancouver, B. C.,

1912.

H. H. Stevens, Esq., M. P.,
House of Parliament,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir:-

Re Appointment of Mr. J. C. Vance as Dominion
Analyst for Vancouver, B. C.

I have the honour to address you on the very vexed question of the powers governing the sale of milk and the protection required by the City :- namely, the appointment of a Dominion Analyst for the City of Vancouver.

Perhaps it would be some assistance to you if I make a very brief resume of the subject.

Res. V. Garvin Case, 1908

(This case is fully explained in my letter dated
May 14th)

1. In consequence of the verdict handed down in this case it became imperative that a Dominion Analyst should be appointed before cases could be successfully taken before the Courts.
2. So acute did this question become that the City recognized our helpless position and the Mayor wrote the Minister of Inland Revenue, the Hon. Wm. Templeman, on Feb. 20th, 1911.
3. In reply the Minister promised (See March 8th, 1911) to arrange for the necessary qualifying examination for Mr. Vance in such articles of food as desired by the City.
4. A list of such articles was submitted to the Hon. Wm. Templeman by the City Clerk under date of April 13th, 1911.
5. This letter was acknowledged by the Minister on April 19th, 1911, his letter stating the request had been forwarded to the Chief Analyst to arrange for early examination.
6. In Jan. 1912, Mr. Vance was requested to attend the Provincial Health Office at Victoria, to undergo an examination by Dr. Fagan.
7. No examination was held as on arrival at Victoria it was found the Laboratory had recently been moved and the apparatus were not ready and the examination was postponed at Dr. Fagan's request.
8. On May 29th, 1912, Mr. Vance again reported to Dr. Fagan.

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9. The examination consisted only of drugs and was not at all in accordance with our request to Hon. Wm. Templeman, in that no articles of food were brought forward for examination.

10. In consequence of this state of affairs and the lack of protection, I wrote you on June 4th, requesting that you would assist in obtaining for Mr. J. Vance the appointment of Dominion Analyst for the purpose of analysing milk and other food stuffs as given on list.

11. Mr. J. Vance holds exceptional qualifications, (see his letter dated June 1st), is in every way qualified to carry out these duties, and furthermore has been doing so for the City for the past 6 years. His appointment would mean a great deal to the City inasmuch that the fullest protection to the General Public could then be given, and if necessary prosecutions could be made.

I don't think I can say anything further than to submit for your earnest consideration the enclosed copies of all the correspondence in this matter, and pray that you will give it your unremitting attention.

Trusting I shall soon hear of the successful termination of this question by the appointment of Mr. John Vance as Dominion Analyst for the City of Vancouver, and with many thanks for your worthy assistance, I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) F. T. Underhill,

Medical Health Officer.