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RE DOMINION ANALYST.

Mr. McQueen,
City Clerk,
Vancouver, B. C.

Ottawa,
March 17, 1913.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith a copy of report made by the Chief Analyst to the Minister regarding the case of Mr. Vance, which speaks for itself.

I am,

Yours truly,
(Sgd.) H. H. Stevens.

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Ottawa,
March 10, 1913.

Hon. W. B. Nantel,
Minister of Inland Revenue.

Dear Mr. Nantel,-

I beg to acknowledge yours of the 7th instant enclosing a letter from Mr. H. H. Stevens, M. P., concerning the case of Mr. Vance, Vancouver, together with a copy of your reply to Mr. Stevens. It is impossible that we provide examination papers, etc., for Mr. Vance until he makes application for such examination and fixes a time when he can present himself.

I have repeatedly sent the necessary forms of application to Mr. Vance, but he has not yet returned these properly filled out. I am sending him further copies to-day with the necessary instructions and I shall be glad to arrange for his examination whenever he makes a formal application.

Yours very truly,
(Sgd.) A. McGill,
Chief Analyst.

Office of the Minister,
Ottawa.

March 7, 1913.

H. H. Stevens, M. P.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir,-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 5th instant requesting that the necessary papers and instructions in connection with Dominion Analyst examinations be forwarded Mr. John F.C.B. Vance, Vancouver, and stating that there seems to be some unknown reason why action in this respect has not been taken on the part of our officials.

In reply I may say that I feel that we have done everything possible in connection with this case to further the wishes of the City of Vancouver for the reason that Mr. Vance has three

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times been given an opportunity to try the examination referred to. On the first occasion he was ill, on the second, he wished the examination postponed and on the third, he refused to try the examination offered him.

You will note by my letter to you, dated the 7th January last, that Mr. Vance may have his examination at any time, and I have, therefore, referred your letter to Dr. McGill, Chief Analyst, with the request that he forward the necessary papers, etc., in compliance with your wishes.

Yours very truly,
(Sgd.) W. B. Nantel.

Mr. McQueen,
City Clerk,
Vancouver, B. C.

Ottawa, March 5, 1913.

Dear Sir:-

I have your letter re Dominion Analyst, asking to whom Mr. Vance should apply for his papers. I have not the Act before me, but I presume Mr. Vance will know the proper procedure. I would recommend that you write direct to the Minister here, the Honourable Mr. Nantel, Minister of Inland Revenue. I will again bring the matter to his attention, although, as I advised you in my former letter, he stated that the matter was all adjusted.

I am,

Yours truly,
(Sgd.) H. H. Stevens

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Ottawa, Feb. 3rd, 1913.

W. McQueen, Esq.,
City Clerk,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 28th ult., to hand re Dominion Analyst.
I was assured some weeks ago by the Minister that this matter had been adjusted and that Mr. Vance can take his examinations any time he chooses to do so.
I hope there may be no further delay regarding the same.

Yours very truly,
(Sgd.) H. H. Stevens,

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Vancouver, B. C.,
January 5th, 1913.

Wm. McQueen, Esq.,
City Clerk,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

Desire to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo re the appointment of a Dominion Analyst. I beg to state that I have taken this matter up with the Department and am doing everything in my power to adjust the difficulty. However, owing to extreme pressure of business, I have not been able to give it the time I would desire, but expect to give you something further in the near future.

Yours truly,
(Sgd.) H. H. Stevens.

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Vancouver, B. C.,
November 1, 1912.

Mr. W. McQueen,
City Clerk,
City.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of the 25th ult. re Dominion Analyst to hand. I quite agree with you that the question seems to have been unnecessarily delayed but at the same time I do not think that the remarks of the Committee regarding myself as published in the press are justified and it might be well before offering adverse criticism to ascertain where the blame actually belongs.

According to correspondence on your files, this matter had been taken up before I took office last year and little or nothing had been done. Immediately, however, after my election a year ago, I took the matter up and in a comparatively short time received from the Hon. the Minister of Inland Revenue, authority for the examination of Mr. Vance.

The proper officer in this Province to conduct an examination was Dr. Fagan of Victoria, on whom Mr. Vance was notified to attend almost a year ago. It transpired, however, that some difference arose between Mr. Vance and Dr. Fagan. It being claimed by Mr. Vance that the examination papers tendered him by Dr. Fagan were not in accordance with the request of the City or the requirements of the Pure Foods Act, and also, that insufficient apparatus was supplied for a proper analysis. This is a technical question which has nothing to do with me personally as Member for this District but knowing Mr. Vance, as I do, I am inclined to think that his attitude is correct and, consequently, I have already taken action to secure, if possible, a local board of examiners.

I might also point out that shortly after the dispute between Mr. Vance and Dr. Fagan occurred, the latter left on a six months tour of Europe so I have been informed.

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I received on the 31st ult. a telegram from the Chief Analyst, Ottawa, stating that the matter was receiving immediate attention.

I wish to assure your Committee of my most hearty co-operation.

Yours truly,

(Sgd.) H. H. Stevens.

Vancouver, B. C.,
Sept. 30th, 1912.

W. McQueen, Esq.,
City Clerk,
City.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 17th inst. to hand re appointment of Dominion Analyst. I had this matter up in Ottawa about two weeks ago and enclose you copy of a letter received in connection with the same.

Yours truly,

(Sgd.) H. H. Stevens.

(Enc.)

Ottawa, Sept. 19, 1912.

H. H. Stevens, Esq. M.P.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

When in Ottawa you left with me certain papers in connection with the appointment of Mr. J. F. C. Vance as Dominion Analyst. You were to return to the Department but I understand that you came to the City and failed to call - consequently I am sending the papers and in connection therewith beg to say that the Chief Analyst returned to Ottawa only within the last two days, has had an interview with the Honourable the Minister and he is to take action in connection with the examination. The Department trusts that ere long some definite action will be taken.

I am retaining copies of the papers returned.

Yours truly,

(Sgd.) Wm. Hinsworth,
Acting Deputy Minister.