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PERSONAL

W. J. Mylett, Esq.,
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Dear Sir:

With reference to the cases of illness reported by a number of people to have occurred after partaking of luncheon in the Hotel Vancouver on May 8th, 1939, I wish to state that samples of the Hollandaise sauce showed heavy growth of haemolytic staphylococcus. A similar condition was also found in the parsley sauce.

Inspectors Enman and George of this Division discussed the matter with yourself, and also with the Chief Steward and the Chef in an effort to avoid a recurrence of this condition.

It may be mentioned that I have been requested to undertake inspection and analyses of certain foodstuffs in connection with the visit of Their Majesties to this City, and it occurred to me that your Company may require similar assistance, and with this thought in mind I am placing at your disposal the services of the staff of trained and qualified food inspectors and technicians of the Laboratory and Food Division for the purpose of inspection and analyses of foodstuffs which may be used by Their Majesties.

There is no charge whatever for this service, and I would like you to feel at liberty to make use of the services of this Division at any time you may have occasion to do so.

W. J. Mylett, Esq.,

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Would you kindly let me know if you will require the services of this Division in connection with the visit of Their Majesties, in order that arrangements may be made accordingly?

Yours very truly,

John F. C. B. Vance
City, Provincial & Dominion Analyst
Chief Food & Dairy Inspector.

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