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Re Complaint about
Odors by Mr. Shelding
Principal Macedonia School

May 29th 1905

Mr. H. B. Vance
City Analyst

Sir: On interviewing Mr. Shelding To-day
I was informed that odors complained
about were particularly obnoxious
last Friday May 25th about 9 A.M.
and again yesterday and To-day around
the same time off and on until about
10.30 A.M.

Complaint was made to Health
Dept. City Hall on Friday and Ins'p.
Woolie saw Mr. Shelding that day and
yesterday Mr. Murray & a man named
Gordon, whom I presume is Mr. Burroughs
the clerk in the General Office, also saw
Mr. Shelding.

According to Mr. Shelding all
appeared sympathetic but offered
no apparent solution to the problem of
elimination of these odors

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Mr. Skelding again phoned De Munnay
to-day and was referred to this
Office.

Evidently if the efforts of the aforesaid
mentioned ~~are~~ without result then this
Division is given the difficulty to
adjust and rectify.

I made an extensive study of
these odors last summer and came
to the following conclusions.

1. That these odors emanate from four
separate sources, viz. Paint factory,
foreshore, Burns Ltd and Western
Chemical Co. and their density is
increased in the order named.
2. Wind direction is mainly responsible
for the prevalence of these odors also
the humidity of the atmosphere

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3. Each odor has its own peculiarities and are difficult to distinguish.
4. I believe the odors arising from Western Chemical Co. caused by the processing of fish livers is the cause of most of the complaints.

Burns Ltd. undertook last year to eliminate odors from their plant and while a change for the better has taken place, the total elimination of odors from this plant has not been accomplished and in my opinion cannot be done until extensive alterations of structure are made (see my previous report).

Western Chemical Co. manufacture various chemical products including types of vitamin oil obtained from fish livers.

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This process at times emits particularly obnoxious odors which remain suspended in the air for quite a considerable length of time and under favorable conditions can be carried noticeably over a large area.

This office has no record of permission being granted to this firm to carry on this type of obnoxious trade and I would ask that they be notified by writing that owing to the numerous complaints received they immediately take such steps as will eliminate these obnoxious odors arising from ~~the~~ their establishment.

I might add that to the best of my information Burns Ltd have never received approval of their fish meal department of the abattoir

R.P. Devine