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I received three (Drug) Powders and my written instructions in regard to these and three solutions were as follows.

" Examine the samples marked a, b, c, both qualitatively and quantitatively. Give 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 —

I have asked Dr. Logan if the examination was for Food 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



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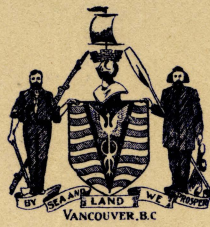
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examined in. D. J. Yague replied that the examination was for Drugs only, that no foods were included in the list of articles before him. I then agreed under protest to continue with the examination, meanwhile we proceeded to the laboratory, and discovered 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 20th 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



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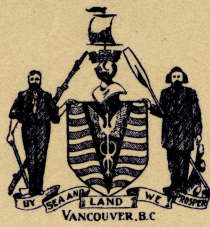
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received from the Hon. Wm. Gumplesman, acknowledging the letter, and stating that the request would be granted, and asking the city to determine the different articles of food in which they wished me examined, and in which letter he also states that the Department would recommend my appointment as Food Examiner under Section 10 for such articles of food as I may qualify for.

On April 13th/1911 a letter was forwarded to the Hon W. Gumplesman by City Clerk M^{rs} Queen 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 -



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Analysis of.

Tea, Coffee, Cocoa, Butter, Bread, Milk (whole)
Cream (Whole) Icecream, Maple Syrup - Pebbles,

Detection of Poisonous Substances and preservatives

in Canned Peas

" Beans

" Spinach

Agricultural Fertilizers

Water

" Alcohol Beverages.

On April 19th 1911 a letter was received by City
Clerk M^r Queen, from the Hon. W^m "Gumplesman",
acknowledging his letter of April 13th - Embroing



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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 that some consideration is due me in this matter, having presented myself on two different occasions for this examination, to wit, with an experience as a chemist of over eleven years, and my qualifications, as follows —

Provincial Government, Certified 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



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I ate chry chemist to different works, etc in Canada and United States.

my early training as a chemist is embodied in the application before the chry analyst in Ottawa.

It has, Sir, that having proved beyond doubt my willingness to undergo the examination, and considering my experience and 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

City Analyst