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The

Minister of Militia,

Parliament Buildings,

Ottawa.

Sir:-

I take the liberty of placing before you certain correspondence which will explain itself. Ever since the outbreak of War in 1914 I have tried to enlist in different Local Regiments, but on each occasion have been asked to wait, would you kindly inform me whether or not under the circumstances the City has first claim upon my services. I am anxious to proceed Overseas in any capacity, preferably the Infantry, but will gladly submit to any ruling you may give.

As you will notice my position is that of Analyst for this City. I have giving my spare time since the end of 1914, in experimental work in connection with Gases, etc, in use in the War, under the Chemical Society of England, in Analyses of Machine Gun sections, etc, under the Canadian Government, have examined and inspected all Foods, Etc, passing through Vancouver for the Overseas Forces, under the Navy & Army Canteen Board of London, Eng. and have done all the Analyses and examinations for the local Corps including, the Army Service, the Military Intelligence, the Regiments while stationed here, etc, all of





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which I have done without any charge whatever, I have given my own time in this matter and have used the City apparatus for the examinations, a privilege which the City Council granted me on my agreeing to wait.

Should you decide that I must remain here, I beg to suggest that you install a small Laboratory in Vancouver, and I will undertake to train returned men who have seen service Overseas in the following subjects, Chemistry Organic & Inorganic, Chemistry Analytical, Assaying and Mineralogy. The classes to be conducted in the evenings, and other spare time that I may have. and I agree to instruct the men absolutely free of charge, and will endeavour to place the men into positions as they become proficient, I wish to feel that if I must remain behind, that I am doing something to help, my qualifications to undertake this class may be had from the Chemical Society of England, and Professor MacFarlane New Zealand University. I was born on the second of May, 1884, Married with two children.

I trust that you may decide that my proper place is Overseas in which case I will ask that you wire me, in order that I may join my friends in a local Regiment before they leave.

Thanking you for an early reply,

I remain

Yours very truly,

*John T. Underhill*  
City Analyst.