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Comm: General.

Commissary Departments.

You probably know that Fruits and Vegetables grown in this Province and in California have to be constantly sprayed to kill bugs of all descriptions, and although some sprays are not injurious to human beings there are others used that are very dangerous.

Every care should be taken by chefs and cooks preparing foods to see that vegetables and fruits are thoroughly washed before serving, raw or cooked.

There was a case recently where a number of guests got ptomaine poisoning and several of them were seriously ill. At the present time it is believed that this poisoning was caused from salad in which there was asparagus that had been sprayed with arsenate of lead in the field before it was cut.

I am merely passing this information on to you so that you may use your own judgment in warning those under your jurisdiction who have to prepare food.

PURCHASING AGENT.

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