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HEALTH

September 19, 1933

The Chairman and Members  
of the Special Committee  
re Laboratory.  
City Hall,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Gentlemen:-

RE; City Laboratory

As instructed by the Committee appointed  
by Council to consider the above question, I make report  
as follows:-

1. Mr. Vance is very firmly of the opinion that the Laboratory work of the Police should be under the Health Department and not a separate entity, particularly considering the work in narcotics. He request that he be retained under the Health Department and not placed directly under the Police Department. This would hold still further if a Metropolitan Board is formed.
2. Staff Mr. Vance states that another member of the staff is not required if better provision is made for its present members. In this connection attention is called to the following:
3. The recent establishment of the Bureau of Science has called for a greater percentage of the time and costs of the laboratory so that the Health Department is carrying 15% of the costs, that should be borne by the Police Department. If these costs are taken on by the Police Department with no alteration in the Health Department appropriations, Mr. Vance claims that the work which is now crippled could be taken care of by a consideration of the members of the staff as given below, if these costs could be assumed by the Police Department.

A. Mr. Vance

Mr. Vance is of the opinion that if his present



staff is restored to full time the work of the laboratory can go on unimpaired, and a critical situation met for the balance of the year.

B. Strachan

He is a fully qualified British and American Analyst and Chemist and fully qualified to assist Mr. Vance in all Health and Police Department work. His salary is inadequate.

C. E. Rhodes

An adequate assistant. He should be put on full time at \$75.00 per month, as a charge against the Police Department.

D. E. Law to carry on as before.

E. A. B. Cockle

Junior Clerk, is on half time for the Health Department work. Mr. Vance claims it is essential that he be restored to full time, on account of the extra police work and consequent need for typing records etc. This extra should be borne by the Police Department.

F. Meat and Food Inspection

Inspector Hudson was laid off in the spring. Inspector Meek will be superannuated in October. This work is now suffering very much. When Meek goes it will be accentuated. One of the other trained Inspectors has another offer which he is tempted to accept. Mr. Vance claims that by a restoration of the four days a month each to the staff, the difficulties will be sufficiently obviated to prevent further serious inroads on the work. As this would set a precedent of discrimination in favor of one division of the Health Department as against the others, the proposal to have the Police Department come up on their percentage of costs would overcome this difficulty as far as the Health Department is concerned.

It is also necessary for Dr. Strong to have an allowance for his car. This matter has been referred to the Transportation Committee.

After consultation with Mr. Vance, and subsequent due consideration, I concur in the above solution of the Questions at issue, if it can be consummated.

Yours respectfully,

MEDICAL HEALTH OFFICER.



ESTIMATE OF ADDITIONAL COSTS FOR CHEMICAL  
LABORATORY AND FOOD DEPARTMENT TO RELIEVE THE  
PRESSURE OF WORK ON THE CITY ANALYST, MR. VANCE.

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Considered Essential

Salary of Assistant - E. Rhodes -----	\$75.00
$\frac{1}{2}$ salary of Clerk - A. B. Cockle -----	46.57
Dr. Strong, per month, car allowance -----	<u>15.00</u>

\$136.57

Suggested:-

Place Staff of Food Division on full  
time - 4 days additional each for month

L. Robertson -----	20.64
V. Enman -----	20.64
J. K. Smith -----	20.64
R. Skinner -----	20.64
Z. Strong -----	<u>28.76</u>

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Per Month ----- 247.89