



Health Department

CITY HALL

VANCOUVER, B. C.

January 14th, 1912.

Dr. Underhill,

Medical Health Officer.

Sir:-

I beg to report that in accordance with a written request from Dr. Fagan, I left for Victoria last Thursday the 11th inst for the purpose of examination as a Dominion Analyst, and called upon Dr. Fagan on Friday morning. I was then instructed by him to call again at 2 P. M., when he would have the practical work ready to be proceeded with. Accordingly, I went to the Provincial Health Office at 2 P. M., and Dr. Fagan told me that the Laboratories had recently been moved from the front of the building to the rear, and consequently things were in a state of confusion and he did not himself see how the examination could be properly held under existing conditions, and asked me to look through the laboratories and see the condition of affairs for myself.

We then went to the laboratories and I found that things were (as he stated) in such bad condition that to proceed with the work would be practically impossible and that the necessary apparatus had not yet been installed. Dr. Fagan informed me that he did not quite see how a fair or satisfactory examination could be held at present, and it would be much more satisfactory to all concerned if the examination could be postponed.





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but that I could go ahead and make the best of things if I insisted.

On looking things over and considering all sides of the question, and the unsettled conditions of the laboratories. I did not see how an examination, which would be favorable to the City of Vancouver, or would do justice to myself, could be proceeded with, so I agreed to let the matter stand until it could be taken up with all fairness to those concerned. Dr. Fagan assured me that he would be willing and ready in the early Spring (not later than May at the outside) to come to Vancouver and hold the examination in our own laboratory.

I understand that Dr. Fagan has already written you in regard to this matter.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read 'John F. Fagan', is written over a horizontal line.

City Analyst.