

July 17th, 1926.

John Fleming Cullen Brown Vance,
City Analyst, Corporation of the City of Vancouver, B.C.

Analyst for the Corporation of the City of Vancouver for nineteen years.
Public Analyst, appointed by the Government of British Columbia,
Analyst appointed by the Liquor Control Board, Province of British Columbia
British Columbia Government Assayer and Chemist.
Fellow of the Chemical Society, (Eng)
Fellow Canadian Institute of Chemistry.
Member Pharmaceutical Association, Province of British Columbia.
Registered Professional Engineer, Province of British Columbia
(Chemical & Metallurgical Engineer)
Member of the Board of Examiners Professional Engineers, (Chemical)
Member of different Technical Societies, some of which I am also Member
of Council and Board of Examiners.

*Analyst for Navy & Army Board - 204 Tower Bridge Road
London, S.E. 1. Eng. During the war. (Analyst - Grade Vancouver Water Board)*

Analyses have been undertaken, since 1910 for the different Branches
of the Federal Service without any remuneration whatsoever, and more
recently many examinations have been completed for the Customs Department
under the Opium Narcotic Drug Act, and also for the Inland Revenue Department.

In 1912 I presented myself for examination as a Dominion Analyst before
the late Dr. C. J. Fagan, in Victoria on two different occasions, and in
each case no examination was held, although requested to attend such
examinations by Dr. Fagan, he informed me in the first case after arriving
in Victoria that the Laboratory was not equipped for the examination,
and on the second occasion that the samples received by himself from
Ottawa for the proposed examination were not in order.

My duties as City Analyst are wide and varied including the analyses
of all food stuffs, drugs especially under the Opium Narcotic Drug Act,
and all examinations for the Coroner and Police Departments, including
human stomachs and contents, and other organs from the human body,
blood stains, suspect rape cases, liquor cases, murder cases, etc, also
inorganic examinations for the Engineering Departments.

The number of analyses conducted for the different departments
in 1925 is as follows,

Health	5432
Police	6885
Board of Works	174
Water Works	17
Coroner	149
Other Departments	223

I am also required to appear before the different Courts
to substantiate my findings.

The Government of British Columbia appointed me a Provincial
Analyst to facilitate the enforcement of the Opium Narcotic Drug Act,
this appointment was made in the interest of the Public.

In view of my qualifications and long years of experience, and
the high reputation which the laboratory has attained throughout Canada
and the United States, and the other matters which have already been
touched upon, I feel that there will be no question in the minds of those
in authority that I am entitled to be appointed a Dominion Analyst
without salary, in the interest of the Citizens of Vancouver in the
enforcement of the Adulteration Act, at the present time we have no
authority under the Adulteration of Foods Act, and the work of the Food
Inspectors and myself is seriously effected.

I am asking that an Order in Council be passed appointing me
as a Dominion Analyst without the formality of an examination, and
without salary, my qualifications, experience and my willingness to sit
for examination on two different occasions is more than sufficient to
justify this action. I am asking only the privilege of properly
performing my duties as Analyst for the Corporation of the City of
Vancouver, which privilege is denied me under the Adulteration Act which
states that only a Dominion Analyst is qualified to examine foods etc,
and proceed against the vendors of food stuffs which are adulterated.

*Original of this given to Dr. Strong to take
to Ottawa and by mail to Clark*

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A Dominion analyst is now stationed in Vancouver, and is directed by the chief analyst at Ottawa. His duties are really concerned with imports and exports, and the examination of foods and fertilizers from Municipalities near Vancouver. The situation in Vancouver today is no different from what it was in 1911.

The City of Vancouver, with a staff of four food inspectors, constantly at work, and a large laboratory, is absolutely helpless in the matter of enforcing the pure foods act. No attempt whatever is made by the Dominion analyst or inspector in Vancouver to do the work that the city is doing, and if it were attempted, a staff equally as large as our own would be required to carry on this work. The placing of a Dominion analyst in Vancouver, under Federal Control to do only such work as he is instructed to do from Ottawa, does not in the least effect our situation, what we require is authority to act (without salary) and proceed against those responsible for the adulteration of food stuffs.

May 26th, 1926.

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Dr. Underhill upon his return from Ottawa states regarding the appointment of J.F.C.B. Vance, as Dominion analyst that,

In mentioning the matter to Dr. Clark he was asked to hold his hand for the present, Dr. Clark admitted the justice of the matter, but stated that the Civil Service was so strong, he hesitated to make any move in the matter, as it means upsetting three different acts,

(To bad the Civil Service are allowed to interfere in a matter of such importance to the Citizens of Vancouver)

July 19th, 1926.

Upon enquiring I cannot find out the initials, or the official position of Dr. Clark, all that I can find out is that he is assistant to Dr. Amyot.

Many thanks for all the trouble that you are again going to on my behalf, and sorry that I will not be seeing you before you leave.

J. Vance