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FERTILIZERS, 1913.

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Deputy Minister,  
Inland Revenue.

SIR,—I beg to hand you a report upon 431 samples of Fertilizers obtained by our inspectors during March and April of this year.

The analytical work upon these has been completed for some months past; and delay in presenting this Report is due to protracted correspondence with dealers and others, in an attempt to clear up difficulties of identification, arising mainly through carelessness on the part of dealers, but in some cases due to mistakes made by our own inspectors. I cannot say that all difficulties referred to have been satisfactorily solved, and from this fact arises some degree of uncertainty in pronouncing as to the results of analysis.

So far as information is available to me, the following synopsis represents these results:—

Samples meeting their guarantee.. . . .	358
“ nearly meeting their guarantee.. . . .	27
“ not registered, or not sufficiently identified.. . . .	25
“ showing deficiency.. . . .	21
Total.. . . .	431

When one considers the simplicity of our Fertilizers Act and the clearness with which its requirements are stated in the Act itself, together with the fact that it has now been three years in operation, it seems very strange that any difficulty should be found in carrying it quite definitely into effect. It may be well to state, in plain terms, the requirements of the Act and the conditions under which alone it can be made effective.