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INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT

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CANNED MEATS.

OTTAWA, June.10, 1903.

W. J. GERALD, Esq.,  
Deputy Minister of Inland Revenue.

SIR,—I have to transmit, herewith inclosed, a report by Mr. McGill on the samples of canned meats which were collected in accordance with your instructions of March 27 last. The report is accompanied by a table showing the source of the samples.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

THOMAS MACFARLANE,  
*Chief Analyst.*

LABORATORY OF THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT,  
OTTAWA, June 9, 1903.

THOS. MACFARLANE, Esq., F.R.S.C.,  
Chief Analyst, Inland Revenue Department.

SIR,—I beg to hand you herewith a report on 99 samples of canned meats.

In two (2) of these samples the meat was quite spoiled; in three (3) others it was slightly spoiled. The remaining ninety-four (94) samples were in good condition.

It is worthy of note that one of the slightly spoiled samples contained boric acid. This fact may imply that the meat was not in good condition when put up; but it would be going too far to hold this as proved.

With this exception, all samples containing preservatives, were found to be in good condition.

All samples have been examined for preservatives. The only preservative found is boric acid, probably added in part as borax.