

"The cane sugar and glucose were roughly determined, showing 23 per cent. of the former and 33 per cent. of the latter. I am doubtful if glucose would be considered an adulterant, as it harmless and generally used; there would be a percentage of glucose in jam made from pure fruit and cane sugar, as a portion of the cane sugar would be converted into glucose by the acids of the fruit; if starchy matter were added they would also be partly converted into glucose by the fruit acids.

"The sample may also contain gelatine, or some gelatinous matter.

"The above examination was only roughly made, as I was instructed that this was all that was necessary in the present case.

"Yours truly,
(Signed)

"HERBERT CARMICHAEL,
"Provincial Analyst."

"DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,

"VICTORIA, Dec. 19th, 1899.

"SIR,—I was some time ago placed on a committee of the Fruit Growers' Association, to ascertain whether the jams and preserves which are sold in this market are adulterated, and if so with what substances and to what extent.

"Acting on this, I obtained a pail of raspberry jam, bearing the name of T. A. Lytle & Co., Toronto, and placed it in the hands of Mr. H. Carmichael, Provincial Analyst, and asked him to make an examination of it. The results leads me to believe that the jams sold in the Province are largely adulterated with foreign, and probably often with deleterious, matter.

"In view of the result of the investigations as far as they have been carried, I am desirous of obtaining your advice as to further proceedings.

"As the Annual Meeting of the Fruit Growers' Association takes place on the 9th January, I would like to make a report at that time, and would therefore ask for an early reply.

"I have the honour to be,

"Sir,

"Your obedient servant,
(Signed)

"J. R. ANDERSON,
"Deputy Minister of Agriculture.

"Dr. C. J. Fagan,

"Dominion Analyst, Victoria, B. C."

"PROVINCIAL BOARD OF HEALTH,

"VICTORIA, Dec. 22nd, 1899.

"DEAR SIR,—I am in receipt of your letter of the 19th regarding the sale of jams and preserves suspected to be adulterated.

"I have forwarded a copy of your letter to the Chief Analyst of the Dominion at Ottawa, and it is more than probable he will order a collection of these articles throughout the Province for the purpose of analysis. I will let you know when action is taken.

"In the meantime I will be pleased to analyse any samples you may send to me.

"J. R. Anderson, Esq.,

"Deputy Minister of Agriculture,
"Victoria, B. C."

"Faithfully yours,

(Signed) "C. J. FAGAN.

Mr. Shutt, being asked to speak upon this subject, said that the question was a very interesting one, but did not come under his department, but under that of Inland Revenue. It would greatly depend upon how the package was labelled. Probably if the attention of that Department were called to the matter steps would be taken to find out from the different Provinces what proportion of gelatinous matter was commonly used.

Mr. Palmer thought that the packages in question were simply labelled "Strawberry Jam."

It was moved by Mr. Authier, seconded by H. Kipp:

That the Committee be given further time to take action in the matter. Carried.

Mr. Palmer presented the Auditor's report, which was adopted.

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