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WHITE PEPPER

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Deputy Minister of Inland Revenue.

Sir,

I beg to hand you a report upon the results of examination of 207 samples, sold as White Pepper. These samples were purchased by our inspectors in April, May and June of the present year.

The following is a summary of results :

Found to be genuine.....	187	samples
Judged as doubtful, for reasons given below..	4	"
Found adulterated under the Act.....	16	"
Total.....	207	"

Two samples (5624 and 7341) contain wheat starch, in amount not exceeding about 5 per cent, and may be passed on the assumption that this foreign matter is present accidentally, and not with fraudulent intent.

No. 6873 contains excess of stone cells (Schlerenchyma), apparently, to some extent of foreign origin. These may have been added purposefully, but the sample has been granted the advantage of the doubt, as their specific nature has not been made out.

No. 77709 has an abnormally high ash for a white pepper. Legal limits for ash in pepper have not yet been established. Adulteration consists in the addition of foreign matter, thus reducing and injuriously affecting the quality and strength; and being an inferior or cheaper substance. Section 3, (a) and (b) of the Act.