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FERTILIZER INSPECTION 1912

OTTAWA, September 23, 1912.

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Acting Deputy Minister Inland Revenue.

SIR,—I have the honour to report to you, upon 324 samples of fertilizers collected by our inspectors in April and May of this year. This report should have been in your hands some months ago, and many inquiries have been made for it by interested parties. The delay has been quite unavoidable and is due to the fact that this laboratory is undermanned, and is quite unable to keep up with the demands made upon it.

One of the samples in question is not a fertilizer in the legal sense (No. 37457) so that the present report deals only with 323 samples.

Of this number 287 samples meet the guaranteed value of the brands which they represent, and for which they are sold. Twenty-six (26) other samples which were sold without registration numbers have been identified as to their registration by the records filed with the Department.

For purposes of such identification use has been made of the name of the brand and the name and the location of the manufacturer. The samples now referred to meet the requirements of the guaranteed value; and note of this is made in the report. Registration numbers supplied from Departmental records as just described, are printed in brackets, to distinguish them from registration numbers furnished by our inspectors, as found on the samples.

Strictly speaking the 26 samples in question are sold illegally (Section 7 of the Act) and the vendors are amenable to the penalties named in Section 15.

There is nothing to justify failure to observe the requirements of an Act which has been three years in existence; and it is my duty to recommend enforcement of legal penalties in these cases. There remain 10 samples to be specially considered as follows:—