

mercial tea, for purposes of the Act. These samples are sold at 12 cents per pound, retail; and this fact, together with the acknowledgment that they are *Tea Dust*, leads me to question whether they should be held to be adulterated under the Act.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS.

	Samples.
Total number of Teas examined.....	222
" " Black Teas	160
" " Green "	54
" " Mixed "	8
Below Standard } Black Teas.....	31
in Extractive } Green "	19
Yielding more than 8 per cent ash.....	2

Previous inspections of tea have included all grades of the article. On this occasion special instructions were given to inspectors to purchase the cheapest grades only. With very few exceptions, the teas herein reported are retailed at from 15 to 30 cents per pound. They may therefore be regarded as representing the lower qualities of this article. Most samples consist of large, coarse leaves, very much broken, and have a large porportion of leaf-stalks and bits of stem. The delicate aroma of good tea is notably absent, on infusing; but the teas are botanically true to name, and no admixture of foreign leaves occurs.

The results of this examination as submitted, will enable action to be taken with a view to defining methods of analysis; and particularly emphasize the necessity of altering the Order in Council of September 11, 1894, so as to include in it a description of the mode of making the extract of tea therein referred to.

It is also desirable to ascertain whether an article sold as *Tea Dust*, is to be regarded as *Tea* for purposes of the Act.

I beg to recommend publication of this report as Bulletin No. 183.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
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