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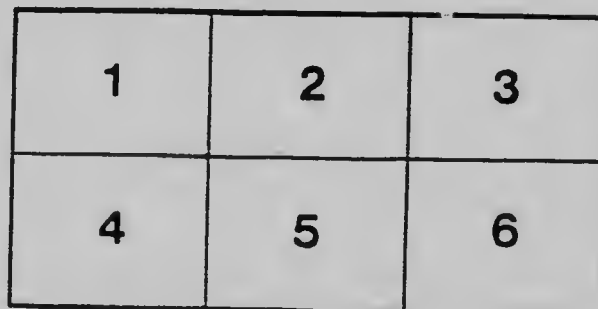
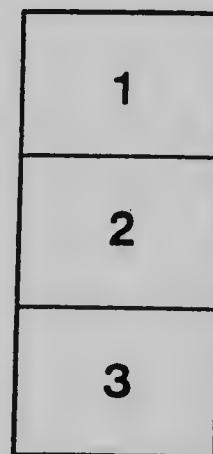
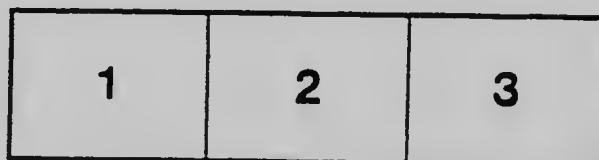
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W. J. Gerald
Deputy Minister.

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OTTAWA, October 10, 1908.

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

SIR,—I have the honour to report upon 76 samples of Canned Meats, collected throughout Canada in August last. These samples may be classified as follows:—

	Samples.
Boneless Chicken	4
“ Turkey	2
“	1
Brawn	11
Corned Beef	2
Devilled Chicken	6
“ Ham	1
Jellied Veal	1
Loaf Beef	3
“ Chicken	4
“ Ham	6
“ Veal	2
Lunch Ham	2
“ Tongue	1
Melrose Paste	1
Pork and Beans	1
Potted Beef	2
“ Chicken	1
“ Duck	2
“ Ham	3
“ Mixed Meats	1
“ Pheasant	1
“ Sausage	5
“ Tongue	5
“ Turkey	2
“ Veal	3
Roast Beef	2
“ Mutton	1
Smoked Beef	1
Total	76

With a single exception (No. 34328, Potted Pheasant) these have been found in perfect condition of preservation. The exceptional sample, being "game", may be in such condition as consumers of the article prefer.

Boracic acid is the only preservative found in any of the above; and it is present in 28 samples, or nearly 37 per cent. of the collection. In no case is the amount present above one-half of one per cent of the weight of the sample.

Canned Meats form the subject of Bulletin No. 85 (June, 1903), when 99 samples were reported; and of Bulletin No. 123 (July, 1906), when 323 samples were reported upon.

In this Bulletin, the late Chief Analyst suggested the possibility of cereal products being used in the potted or devilled meat preparations; and for the purpose of investigating this point, a further study of 90 samples of potted meats, selected from the same samples reported in Bulletin 123, together with 41 samples of sausages collected in July and August, 1906, was made, and reported in Bulletin No. 125 (September 1906).

All of the potted meats were found to give reactions for starch; and the inference was perhaps too hurriedly drawn, that these contained added cereals. In certain of these samples, the microscope proved maize and potato starches present; and this undoubtedly constitutes adulteration, when not acknowledged on the label. The mere finding of starch, in potted meat, is not, however, to be regarded as implying fraudulent addition of such. Many spices contain starch (pepper about 50 per cent); and these meat preparations are all highly spiced. The various cooking processes to which they are subjected result in such changes in the starch as to make it difficult, if not impossible, to identify the starches specifically.

The question, how much starch may legitimately be present in these articles is a difficult one to solve. In the present case, the starch has been quantitatively estimated in all samples, with the following results:—

	Samples.
No starch, or traces only.	46
Below 1 per cent of starch.	17
Between 1 and 2 per cent.	5
Above 2 per cent.	8

All of the samples containing above 2 per cent. of starch are sold as "loaf" meats; with exception of the sausage.

The actual amounts of starch found in these samples (by hydrolysis and determination as dextrose) are as follows:—

No.	Name.	Manufacturer.	Starch.
31311.	Veal Loaf	Libby, McNeil & Libby.	2.79
31214.	Ham Loaf	" " "	4.90
31215.	Chicken Loaf.	G. H. Hammond & Co.	3.26
32620.	Ham Loaf	Libby, McNeil & Libby.	5.36
22665.	Veal Loaf	" " "	6.57
35297.	Sausage	W. Clark.	4.06
35319.	Beef Loaf.	Libby, McNeil & Libby.	2.05
35316.	Ham Loaf.	" " "	4.08

So far as taste is concerned, the devilled and potted meats appear to be more highly spiced than the so called "loaf" preparations. None of these yield more than two (2) per cent. of starch; the majority of them contain much less than 2 per cent. Hence it seems fair to infer that starch, in other forms than as spices has been introduced into the so called "loaf" meats. *Leach* (Food Inspection, &c., p. 185) says "One per cent, or more of starch present, may be due to the pepper and spices used in seasoning the sausage."

As already pointed out (Bull. 125, p. 6) it may be that the word "loaf" is intended to convey an implication of the use of cereals in their preparation. If such is the case, a clear definition of the term "meat loaf" is desirable. No objections, upon the ground of wholesomeness can be taken to the addition of small amounts of flour, and it may be that the consistency desired by the manufacturer requires the use of gelatinized starch to give necessary coherence to the product.

I beg to recommend the publication of this report as Bulletin No. 164.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

A. MCGILL,
Chief Analyst.

BULLETIN 164—CANNED MEATS

Date of Collection.	Nature of Sample.	No. of Sample.	Name and Address of Vendor.	Cost.		Name and Address of Manufacturer or Furnisher, as given by the Vendor.	Inspector's Report.	RESULTS OF ANALYSIS.		
				Quantity.	Cents.			Search.	Treatments.	Condition of Sample.

DISTRICT OF NOVA SCOTIA—R. J. WAUGH, INSPECTOR.

1908.	Aug.	6	Potted Ham.....	33531	Wentzells, Limited, Halifax, N.S.	3 tins...	15	W. Clark, Montreal, Can.	Sold as Potted Ham.....	Trace.	Boric acid.	Good.
"	"	7	Devilled Chicken.....	33532	Crey & Hodgson, Halifax, N.S.	3 " " "	24	Libby, McNeil & Libby, Chicago, Ill., U.S.	Sold as Devilled Chicken.	1.77	None.	"
"	"	7	Potted Turkey.....	33533	Jas. Hogan, Halifax, N.S.	3 " " "	30	W. Clark, Montreal, Can.	Sold as Potted Turkey...	Trace.	Boric acid.	"
"	"	7	" Tongue.....	33534	Rooney & Lovitt, Halifax, N.S.	3 " " "	25	Libby, McNeil & Libby, Chicago, Ill., U.S.	Sold as Potted Tongue...	0.12	None.	"
"	"	7	" Turkey.....	33535	Wm. Moore, Halifax, N.S.	3 " " "	15	Laing Packing Co., Montreal, Can.	Sold as Potted Turkey...	0.13	Boric acid.	"

DISTRICT OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND—T. MOORE, INSPECTOR.

July	28	28	Veal Loaf.....	31311	John McKenna, Charlottetown.	3 tins...	45	Libby, McNeil & Libby, Chicago.	The best veal loaf..	2.75	None.	Good.
"	"	28	Devilled Ham	31312	W. A. McLeod, Charlottetown.	3 " " "	45	W. Clark, Montreal.....	Devilled Ham.....	Trace.	Boric acid.	"
Aug.	3	3	".....	31213	A. Downes, Kensington.	3 " " "	45	Libby, McNeil & Libby, Chicago.	Devilled Ham. Highest award.	"	None.	"
"	"	4	Ham Loaf with Beef and Pork.....	31214	Wangh & Steeves, Summerside.	3 " " "	54	" " " "	Ham Loaf, with Beef and Pork.	4.90	"	"
"	"	5	Chicken Loaf.....	31215	Sandersen & Co., Charlottetown.	3 " " "	75	G. H. Hammond & Co., Chicago.	The contents of this package of superior quality. Carefully selected and inspected according to law.	3.25	"	"

DIRECTOR OF NEW BRUNSWICK—J. C. FERGUSON, INSPECTOR.

Date	Description	No.	Origin	Quantity	Inspector	Remarks	Analysis	Grade
July 17	Devilled Ham	29743	Beird & Peters, St. John, N.B.	3 tins	18	W. Clark, Montreal	Labelled, Devilled Ham, Canada approved.	0.63 Boric acid.
" 24	Potted Tongue	29744	The F. E. Williams Co., Ltd., St. John, N.B.	3 "	30	The G. H. Hammond Co., Hammond, Indiana, U.S.	Labelled, The G. H. Hammond Co.'s Crown Special Potted Tongue, Guaranteed.	Trace. None.
" 6	Devilled Chicken	29745	C. G. Stables, Newcastle, N.B.	3 "	30	W. Clark, Montreal, Can.	Labelled, Devilled Chicken.	Boric acid.
" 7	Potted Turkey	29746	J. B. Snowball Co., Ltd., Chatham, N.B.	3 "	15	The Laing Packing Co., Prov. Can., Montreal, Can.	Labelled, Potted Turkey, Anchor Brand.	1.07 "
" 14	"	29747	W. A. Estabroton, N.B.	3 "	45	Libby, McNeill & Libby, Chicago, U.S.A.	Labelled, Libby's Premium Brand Potted Turkey. Contents of tin guaranteed.	1.25 None.

DISTRICT OF QUEBEC—E. BELAND, INSPECTOR.

Date	Description	No.	Origin	Quantity	Inspector	Remarks	Analysis	Grade
July 17	Lunch Tongue	26479	Philippe Gagnon, Baie St. Paul	3 bats	1 05	Whitehead & Turner, Quebec.		None.
" 17	Corned Beef	26480	"	3 "	48	"		"
" 17	Lunch Ham	26483	Urhaun Bolduc, Baie St. Paul	3 "	60	J. B. Redard & Freres, Quebec.		Boric acid.
" 17	Corned Beef	26484	"	3 "	40	"		None.
" 17	Prime Roast Beef	26485	F. Boivin, Baie St. Paul	3 "	75	N. Rioux & Cie, Quebec.		"

DISTRICT OF ST. HYACINTHE—J. C. ROULEAU, INSPECTOR.

Date	Description	No.	Origin	Quantity	Inspector	Remarks	Analysis	Grade
July 29	Roast Mutton	170	O. A. Jarry, St. Pie, Bagot, N.B.	3 boxes	60	Wm. Clark, Montreal		Boric acid. Good.
Aug. 3	Lunch Ham	171	N. Lindsay, Drummondville	3 "	75	"	Labelled 'Canada Approved'.	None.
" 4	Potted Veal	172	C. H. Dingman, Eastman, N.B.	3 "	35	"		Boric acid.
" 6	Tongue, Ham and Veal	173	M.G. Smith, Lac Megantic, N.B.	3 "	30	"		Boric acid.
" 11	Roast Beef	174	F. N. Chagnon, Sorel, N.B.	3 "	60	The Laing Packing Co., Montreal.		Boric acid.

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				Quantity.	Cents.			Starch.	Preservatives.	Condition of Sample.

DISTRICT OF MONTREAL—J. J. COSTIGAN, INSPECTOR.

1908.	July 14.	Boneless Chicken.	32616 P. Daoust, 146 St. Cather.	3 tins.	90	Sincox Canning Co.		None.	None.	Good.
	" 14.	Corned Beef	32617 The Laing Packing and Prov. Co., Montreal.	3 "	45	Vendors.		None.	None.	"
	" 14.	"	32618 W. Clark, Amherst St., Montreal.	3 "	40	Vendor	Sample taken from stock in warehouse.	None.	None.	"
	" 14.	Devilled Veal.	32619 " " "	3 "	25	"	"	Trace.	Boric acid.	"
	" 17.	Ham Loaf	32620 A. O. Galarneau, 624 Wellington St., Montreal.	3 "	45	Libby, McNeil & Libby, Chicago.		5.36	None.	"

DISTRICT OF OTTAWA—J. A. RICKEY, INSPECTOR.

July 14.	Boned Turkey	22663 C. Whitney & Son, Prescott, Ont.	3 tins.	75	Van Camp Packing Co., Indianapolis Ind.	Labelled Boned Turkey.	Van Camp's	None.	None.	Good.
" 21.	Tongue, Ham and Veal	22664 McDonald Bros., 441 Gladstone Ave., Ottawa.	3 "	30	F. J. Castle Co., Ottawa, Ont.	Labelled Tongue, Ham and Veal Mfg. by Wm. Clark, Montreal.	0.73	Boric acid.	"	
" 22.	Veal Loaf	22665 T. R. Davies, 287 Rideau St., Ottawa.	3 "	60	Bate & Co., Ottawa, Ont.	Labelled Libby's Veal Loaf, The best Veal	6.57	None.	"	
" 23.	"	22666 R. Richardson, Carleton Place.	3 "	30	W. Clark, Montreal.	Labelled Clark's ready Lunch Veal Loaf.	1.53	None.	"	
" 24.	Wild Duck.	22667 A. P. Johnson, Bronson Ave., Ottawa.	3 "	15	"	Labelled Fotted Wild Duck.	Trace.	Boric acid.	"	

DISTRICT OF KINGSTON—J. HOGAN, INSPECTOR

Date	Item	Quantity	Brand/Source	Weight	Vendor	Remarks	P. C.	Acid	Quality
July 22	Corned Beef	3 tins	W. Davies, Belleville	45	Wm. Davies, Toronto			None	Good
"	Chicken	3 "	S. Fourt, Port Hope	15	W. Clark, Montreal			Trace	"
"	Sausage	3 "	" "	45	" "			4.06	"
"	Jellied Veal	3 "	G. Matthews, Peterboro	60	Vendor			None	"
"	Pork and Beans	3 "	" "	30	" "			None	"

DISTRICT OF TORONTO—H. J. DAGER, INSPECTOR

Date	Item	Quantity	Brand/Source	Weight	Vendor	Remarks	P. C.	Acid	Quality
July 25	Potted Tongue	3 tins	The Wm. Davies Co., Ltd., Toronto	15	Vendors	Labelled, Potted Tongue, containing Pork, Tongue and Cereal	0.13	None	Good
"	30 Ox Tongue	3 "	The Park Blackwell Co., Ltd., Toronto	1.95	" "	Labelled, Prime Ox Tongue, quality guaranteed.		"	"
"	31 Cooked Corn Beef	3 "	John Ross, St. Catherine's	45	Wm. Clark, Montreal, Can.	Labelled, Clark's Cooked Corned Beef. Warned to keep in any climate.		"	"
Aug. 5	Chicken Loaf	3 "	Jno. O. Carpenter, Hamilton	60	Armour & Co., Chicago	Labelled, Trade Mark. Veribest Chicken Loaf.	0.64	"	"
"	7 Boned Turkey	3 "	E. H. Purdy, Port Perry	1.05	Aylmer Canning Co., Ltd., Aylmer	Labelled, Boned Turkey, Extra Quality, A.C.Co.		None	"

DISTRICT OF LONDON—T. KIDD, INSPECTOR

Date	Item	Quantity	Brand/Source	Weight	Vendor	Remarks	P. C.	Acid	Quality
July 15	Boned Chicken	3 tins	Charles A. Nairn, Goderich	1.00	Aylmer Canning Co., Aylmer			None	Good
"	20 Veal Loaf	3 "	Richard Smyth, Seaforth	45	W. Clark, Montreal			0.88	"
"	20 Smoked Beef (aliced)	3 "	Cardin Bros., Seaforth	45	A. M. Smith & Co., London, Ont.			None	"
"	20 Potted Beef	3 "	Charles Andrews, Seaforth	30	W. Davies & Co., Toronto			0.88	"
"	21 Cooked Corned Beef	3 "	The Barnsdale Trading Co., Stratford, Ont.	45	W. Clark, Montreal			None	"
"	22 Ham, Tongue and Veal	3 "	W. C. Davis, Hensall	30	W. H. Gillard & Co., Hamilton, Ont.			0.63	"

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				Quantity.	Cents.			Starch.	Preservatives Present.	Condition of Sample.

DISTRICT OF WINDSOR—JOHN TALBOT, INSPECTOR

1908.	July 20	Canned Meat.....	34582	Wm. Davie Co., London.	3 tins..	90	Wm. Davies & Co., Toronto.	.....	None.	None.	Good.
"	"	Canned Beef.....	34583	Can. Packing Co., London.	3 "	45	Vendors.....	.....	"	Boric acid.	"
Aug. 13	"	".....	34589	O'Dwyer & Jay, Strathroy.	3 "	45	Clark Packing Co., Montreal.	.....	"	None.	"
"	"	Brawn.....	34600	Fenwick & Son, St. Mary's.	3 "	45	Can. Packing Co., London.	Labelled, Brawn.....	"	Boric acid.	"
"	"	Ham Leaf.....	34603	J. M. Adam, St. Mary's.	3 "	45	Wm. Clark, Montreal.	Labelled, 'Ham Leaf'.....	0.73	None.	"

DISTRICT OF MANITOBA—A. C. LARIVIERE, INSPECTOR

Aug. 10	"	Veal Leaf.....	33197	J. G. McLean & Co., Pilot Mound.	3 cans..	1 30	W. Clark, Montreal.	Ready Lunch Veal Leaf.	1.30	Boric acid.	Good.
"	"	Boneless Chicken.....	33198	" " " "	3 "	1 05	The Manitoba Canning Co., Grand Point, Manitoba.	Boneless Chicken. Trade mark. Tricolor trade mark.	None.	None.	"
"	"	Potted Ham.....	33199	R. A. Garrett & Co., Manitou.	3 "	30	W. Clark, Montreal.	Potted Ham.....	Trace.	Boric acid.	"
"	"	Potted Turkey.....	33200	" " " "	3 "	30	" " " "	Potted Turkey.....	"	"	"
"	"	Veal Leaf.....	33701	Thos. Hartley, Winnipeg.	3 "	45	Libby, McNeil & Libby, Chicago, U.S.A.	Veal Leaf with Beef and Pork.	0.77	None.	"

DISTRICT OF CALGARY--R. W. FLETCHER, INSPECTOR.

Aug.	17	Canned Meats.....	35316	Spencer & Todd, Medicine Hat.	3 tins..	50	Libby, McNeil & Libby, Chicago.	Ham Loaf.....	P. c.	None.	Good.
"	19	"	35317	Hudson Bay Co., Lethbridge.	3 " ..	60	"	Chicken Loaf.....	0.73	None.	"
"	22	"	35318	Wilkin & Jones, Saskatchewan.	Fort 3 " ..	25	W. Clark, Montreal.....	Devilled Ham.....	Trace.	Boric acid.	"
"	25	"	35319	Hudson Bay Co., Edmonton.	3 " ..	50	Libby, McNeil & Libby, Chicago.	Beef Loaf.....	2.05	None.	"
"	25	"	35320	"	3 " ..	30	Manitoba, Canning Co., Grand Point.	Potted Chicken.....	0.36	None.	"

DISTRICT OF VANCOUVER--J. F. POWER, INSPECTOR.

July	31	Devilled Ham	34325	A. J. McFarlane, Vancouver.	Fairview, 3 tins..	45	W. Clark, Montreal.....	.....	0.40	Boric acid.	Good.
"	31	"	34326	S. Bell, Vancouver.....	3 " ..	40	W. Davies, Toronto.....	.....	0.73	None.	"
"	31	Melrose Paste	34327	W. H. Welsh, Vancouver.	3 " ..	45	Libby, McNeil & Libby, Chicago.	.....	0.98	None.	"
Aug.	1	Potted Pheasant.....	34328	J. McTaggart, Vancouver.	2 jars..	60	Peck, Snow Hill, London, Eng.	'Archer brand.'	Trace.	Boric acid.	Decomposed.
"	1	Potted Tongue.....	34329	S. Wright, Vancouver.....	3 tins..	60	Armour Packing Co., Kansas City, U. S.	'Helmet brand.'	Trace.	None.	Good.

DISTRICT OF VICTORIA--D. O. SULLIVAN, INSPECTOR.

July	21	Roast Beef	34940	Windsor Grocery Co.....	3 tins..	75	Clark, Montreal, P.Q....	Clark's Cooked English Roast Beef.	None.	Boric acid.	Good.
"	21	Corned Beef.....	34941	"	3 " ..	40	The Laing Packing & Prov. Co., Montreal, P.Q.	Laing's Compressed Cooked Corn Beef.	None.	Boric acid.	"
"	21	Roast Mutton	34942	"	3 " ..	75	The Union Canning Works, Sydney, N.S.	Union Brand Roast Mutton.	None.	None.	"
"	21	Lunch Tongue	34943	"	3 " ..	105	The Laing Packing & Prov. Co., Montreal, P.Q.	Laing's Lunch Tongue...	None.	None.	"
"	21	Boneless Chicken.....	34944	"	3 " ..	105	The Delhi Canning Co., Montreal, P.Q.	Boneless Chicken.....	None.	None.	"

