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DEPARTMENT OF THE AGENT-GENERAL FOR THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.



OFFICE OF THE TRADES COMMISSIONER,

98, VICTORIA STREET,

WESTMINSTER, S.W.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED THUS:

"THE TRADES COMMISSIONER FOR  
THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE."

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS: "TRACOMMIS."  
TELEPHONE NO. 116 WESTMINSTER.

11th September, 1907.

Dear Mr Thompson,

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Very many thanks for your full and informative letter with regard to Castor Oil. This is just the information which our correspondent requires. Although I am no longer connected with my former position in Vincent Square, I shall at all times be happy to render you and Dr Wellcombe all the assistance I can in connection with your proposed Historical Medical Exhibition. I have an idea that you would be able to obtain the use of the Exhibition ground at the back of the great conservatory of the Royal Botanical Gardens at a comparatively low rate of rental, and I know that you could erect a temporary building on hire at a very low cost with lighting by headlights and this could be fitted with one of the new illuminants such as Kitson oil or Petrol Light at practically no cost to yourself as it would be an advertisement for the firm in question. There are, of course, many medicinal herbs and other plants in the Cape Colony which have not yet been in any way developed and if the Trades Commissioner, (Mr C du P Chiappini) or I can render you any assistance

in

in any investigations or in connection with any botanical mission which you may send out to the Cape, by introductions, or otherwise, we shall be very happy to do so on hearing from you.

Again thanking you, I am,

Yours faithfully,

*Thos. E. Layard*

C. J. Thompson Esq.,

Snow Hill Buildings,

London E.C.



September 9th, 1907.

Dear Mr. Sedgwick,

I regret that I was engaged when you called upon me the other day with reference to the enclosed queries from the Superintendent of the Agricultural Co-operation in Cape Town.

The following information may be of service to you in replying to him:-

Castor oil is chiefly manufactured in Italy and France, and only to a small extent in other countries. There are only one or two manufacturers in England, the leading one, I believe, being The Hull Oil Manufacturing Company, Hull, Yorkshire.

The bulk of the castor oil is exported to England from Italy, the leading manufacturers being Oleifici Veneti Riuniti, Verona and Pisneri & Mauro, Riviera San Giorgio, Padua. The following are some French manufacturers:- Blanc Fils aine & Cie, Rue de la Republique 11, Marseilles, Les Successeurs d'Emile Fourgogne & Cie, Rue des Heros, 10, Marseilles, Ernest Braun, St. Quentin, Aisne.

There was an English pressed castor oil put on the market a few years ago by a firm called The Mitchell Company, whose address you can probably get from the London Directory. I do not know if they are now in existence. The pale cold drawn oil manufactured in Italy brings the highest price on the market. The seeds at present used as far as I can gather are those from plants cultivated in Southern Europe and India.

Faithfully yours,

T. E. Sedgwick, Esq.,  
The Trades Commissioner,  
98, Victoria Street,



98 Victoria St. S.W.

5 Sept. 07.

Dear Mr. Thompson

You will remember seeing  
me frequently when I was at  
the R. Hort. Hall. I am now  
with the C. & G. at above  
address. I also helped your  
friend in his book on  
London Bot. Gardens.

Can you give me any  
notes useful in replying  
to the enclosed. The Govt.

have not sent us any  
samples, but the Castor  
Oil bean grows well  
with them

Yours sincerely &  
gratefully

Thos. E. Seagrove



# Castor Oil

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The seeds come from  
Southern Europe & India.

The oil is manufactured  
chiefly in Italy & France,  
but also in other countries.  
There is at least one English  
manufacturer viz the  
Messrs Oil Works Co.  
London.

The following are some of  
the Italian makers:

Oleifici Veneti Riuniti  
Verona

~~Barter & Meyer~~  
(? big dealers) Leghorn

~~Meyer & Weiler~~  
(big dealers) Leghorn

Pianeri & Mauro  
Piviera San Giorgio  
Padua.

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& some French names

Blanc fils aîné & Co.

Rue de la République 11  
Marseille

Les Successeurs d'Emile  
Bouygues & Co.

Rue de Véro 10  
Marseille

Ernest Braun  
St Quentin (France)

The 2 Marseille addresses  
are from an old Directory.

The Export Trade from  
Southern Europe is very  
large in the hands of  
big dealers.

I am not in a position  
to say certainly that  
any of the firms are  
actually manufacturers,  
but they are certainly  
said to be, except the  
2 Lehigh firms.  
W.C.S.T. *Pro*